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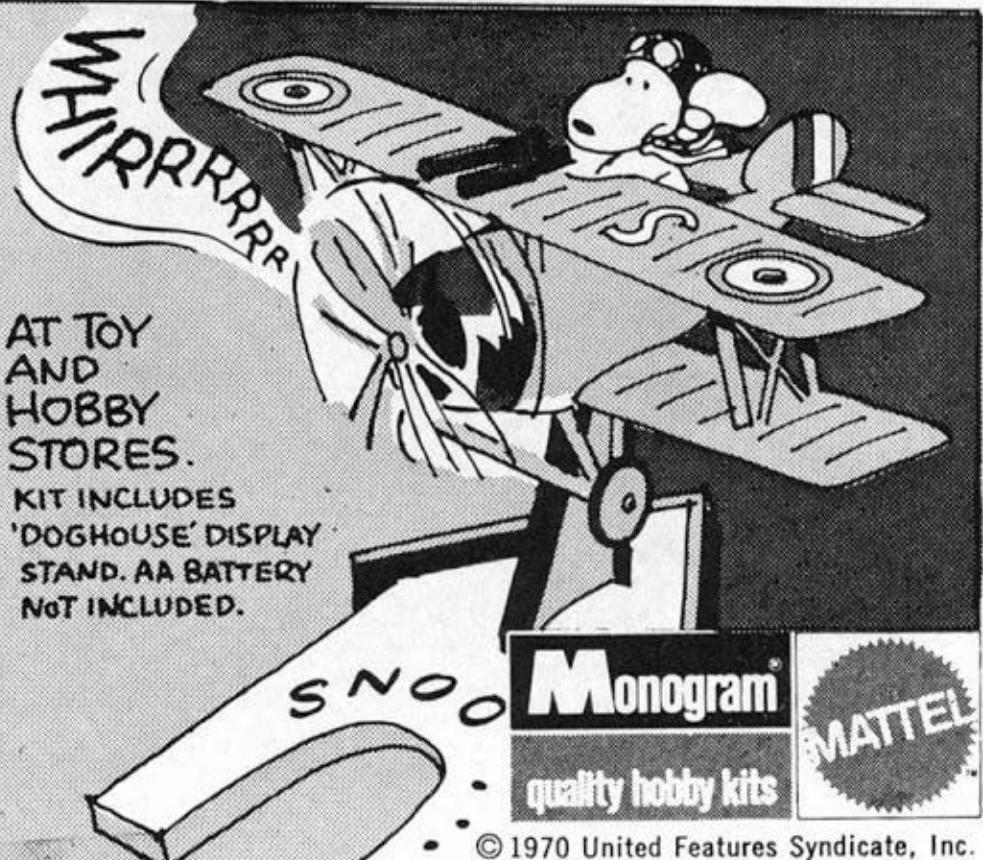
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SNOOPY'S COMMENTS. LIKE,  
"CURSE YOU, RED BARON".



# GIANT BAT-MAN

FEATURING  
DEADLY  
TRAPS

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# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

BOB  
KANE

I'M SURE YOU'LL  
ENJOY YOUR STAY  
IN OUR LITTLE TOWN,  
**BATMAN!** WE'VE  
GOT A NICE SPOT  
PICKED OUT FOR  
YOU -- THE  
CEMETERY!

MAYOR'S  
OFFICE.

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AROUND THE COUNTRY  
YOU HEAR ABOUT TOWNS THAT  
ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TOUGH--TOWNS WITH  
A HARDENED CRIMINAL ELEMENT--TOWNS NOTED FOR  
THEIR FLARING CRIME WARS. WELL, THE TOUGHEST OF THEM  
COULDN'T COMPARE WITH THE TOWN YOU'LL MEET IN OUR STORY--  
A TOWN UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME! THIS IS THE TOWN  
THAT MOCKS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! THIS IS THE TOWN THAT  
CHALLENGED THE VAULTED LAW MEN TO THE BATTLE OF THEIR  
LIVES! YES--THIS IS THE TOWN CALLED ...

"**OUTLAW  
TOWN,  
U.S.A.!**"

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OUT IN THE FAR WEST, IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR DEATH VALLEY, IS THE TOWN OF SILVER VEIN. IT HAS A NEWSPAPER-- LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT A TYPICAL PAGE...

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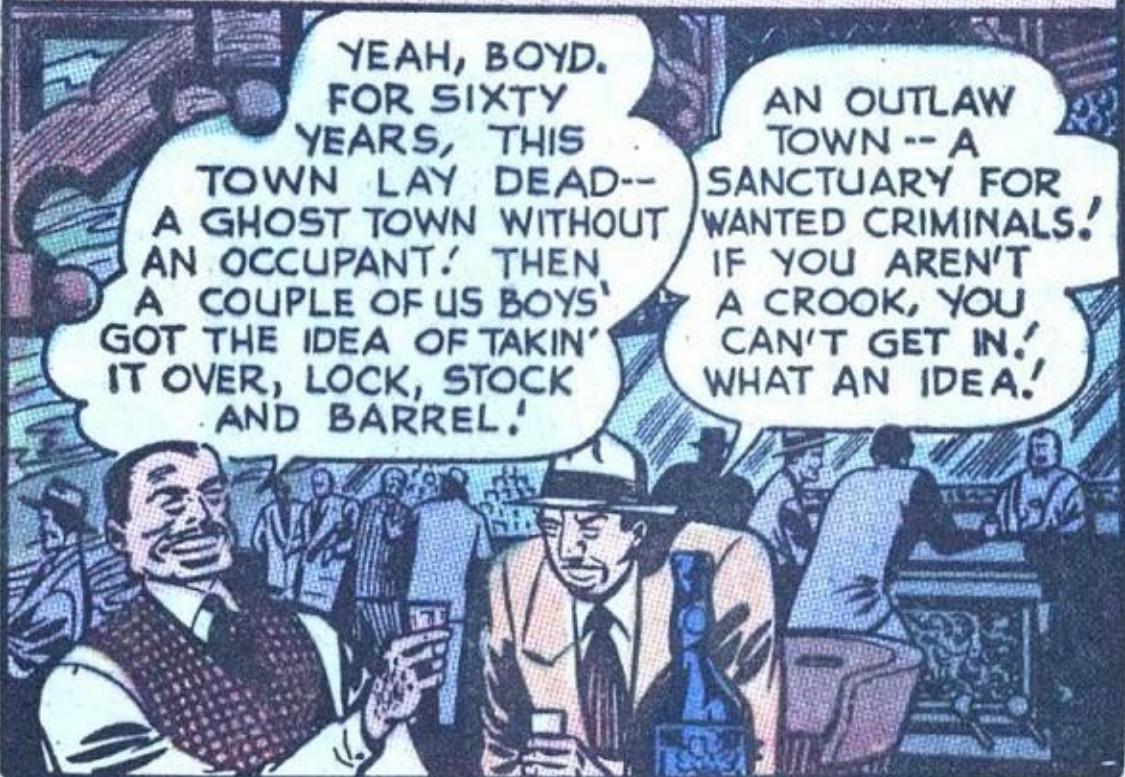
A STRANGE NEWSPAPER? THE CITIZENS OF SILVER VEIN DON'T THINK SO! THEY NUMBER 2,000-- AND ALL OF THEM ARE CRIMINALS!

HEY, BLINKERS. WHY SO BUSY? NEW CUSTOMERS COMIN'?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR? THE JENKO BROTHERS KNOCKED OFF TWO COPS IN GOTHAM CITY. THEY'RE GONNA HOLE OUT HERE TILL THE HEAT BLOWS OVER.



HOW COULD A TOWN LIKE THIS COME INTO BEING? COME DOWN TO THE SALOON, AND FIND OUT!





# BATMAN



MEANWHILE, BACK EAST IN GOTHAM CITY, IN THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

MMM--THAT HIT THE SPOT! NOW LET'S GET BACK DOWN TO THE **CRIME LAB**, DICK-- AND SEE HOW OUR EXPERIMENTS ARE COMING.'

RIGHT!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE TWO DESCEND A SECRET STAIRCASE THAT LEADS TO THE **BAT-CAVE**, HIDDEN LAIR OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER**!

THAT'S IT--THE IDENTIFICATION IS COMPLETE! THE HAIR WE FOUND UNDER THE DEAD POLICEMAN'S FINGER-NAILS DEFINITELY BELONGS TO **PHIL JENKO**!

THEN, THE ORDER OF THE DAY IS TO BRING IN THE **JENKO BROTHERS**-- AND BRING THEM IN FAST!

SUDDENLY A RED LAMP BLINKS--AN ELECTRONIC SIGNAL INDICATING THAT THE RAYS OF THE **BAT-SIGNAL** ARE PIERCING THE SKIES!

THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! HURRY INTO YOUR **ROBIN** UNIFORM, DICK! COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS US-- MAYBE HE'S LEARNED SOMETHING.

A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB--A WILD DASH IN THE **BATMOBILE**, AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARRIVE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

WHAT IS IT, COMMISSIONER? ANYTHING BREAK?

PLENTY, **BATMAN**! I RECEIVED A TIP ON THE JENKO BROTHERS TEN MINUTES AGO! THEY'RE HEADED FOR **OUTLAW TOWN**!

I KNOW I'M SENDING YOU INTO A **LION'S DEN**, **BATMAN**--BUT I WANT THOSE **COP-KILLERS** BADLY! AND YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN FOR THE JOB!

OUTLAW TOWN, EH? I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT PLACE!

YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN, **BATMAN**! EVERY PERSON IN THAT TOWN IS A SWORN ENEMY. YOU'LL BE A MARKED MAN THE MOMENT YOU ENTER THE PLACE! BUT I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

DON'T WORRY, COMMISSIONER. **ROBIN** AND I WILL BRING THOSE **JENKO BROTHERS** BACK!



# GIANT BATMAN



THAT NIGHT, IN OUTLAW TOWN, AS MATT, PHIL AND CARL JENKO FACE A CITIZENRY SUDDENLY TURNED HOSTILE...

MATT JENKO, WE GOTTA ASK YOU BOYS TO LEAVE! ORDINARILY WE GOT NO RESTRICTIONS HERE--BUT YOU'VE INVOLVED US WITH **BATMAN**!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE HEAR FROM THE GRAPEVINE THAT **BATMAN'S** TRAILIN' YOU HERE! THAT PUTS **ALL OF US** ON THE SPOT!

YOU FOOLS! DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT WE'VE GOT **BATMAN** ON THE SPOT! IF HE COMES INTO THIS TOWN, HE'S A **GONER**! THIS IS OUR **BIG BREAK**!

THIS IS **OUR** TOWN! WE CAN **RIG IT** AGAINST **BATMAN** EVERY INCH OF THE WAY! WE CAN **TRAP HIM** HERE, EASIER THAN ANY OTHER PLACE--  
**AND THEN WE'LL BE RID OF HIM FOR GOOD!** LISTEN--I HAVE PLANS...

SAY! THAT MAKES SENSE.

SURE! **BATMAN** WON'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST **ALL** OF US!

AND AS WORD SPREADS AROUND TOWN...

HERE YA ARE, PETE -- A FIFTY DOLLAR TIP! EASY COME -- EASY GO, I ALWAYS SAY!

THANKS, KANSAS-- YOU SURE ARE A BIG SPENDER! OH, I ALMOST FORGOT. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT **BATMAN**!

OKAY, GENTS-- LET'S SEE THE BETS! AND REMEMBER--NO "QUEER" DOUGH-- WE'RE PLAYIN' FOR THE **REAL THING**!

DID YOU ALL HEAR THE NEWS ABOUT **BATMAN**?

HEY--DID YOU HEAR ABOUT **BATMAN**?

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A FEW DAYS LATER...



AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE WESTERN MUSEUM THAT FORMS PART OF THE SILVER VEIN NEWSPAPER BUILDING ...

SUDDENLY, AS THE **BATMOBILE** MAKES A TURN...

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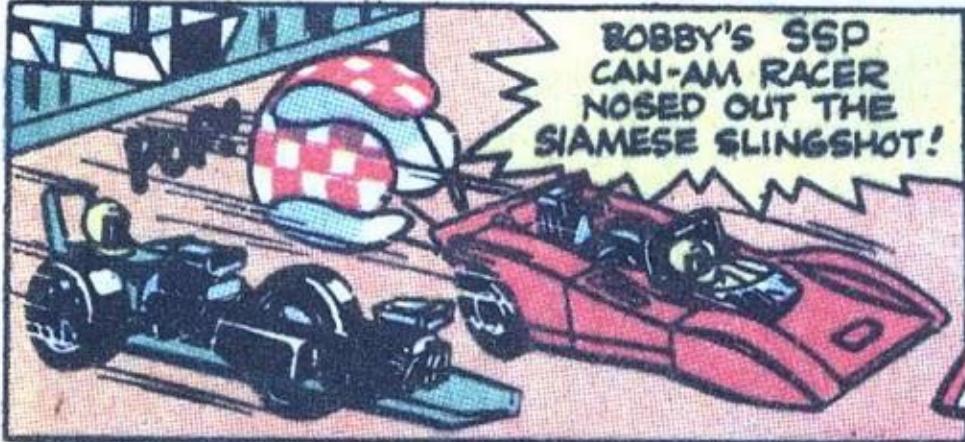
TOMMY'S SSP SIDEWINDER TOOK HIM ON THE JUMP!



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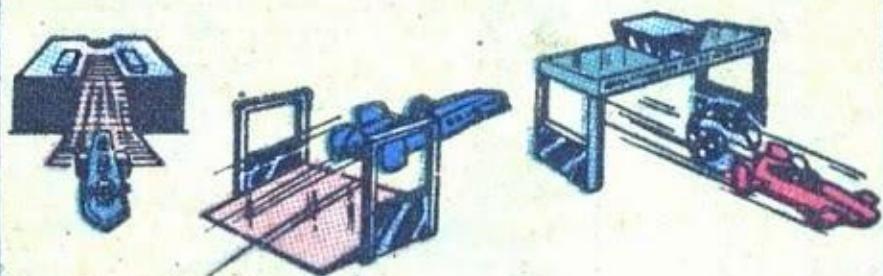
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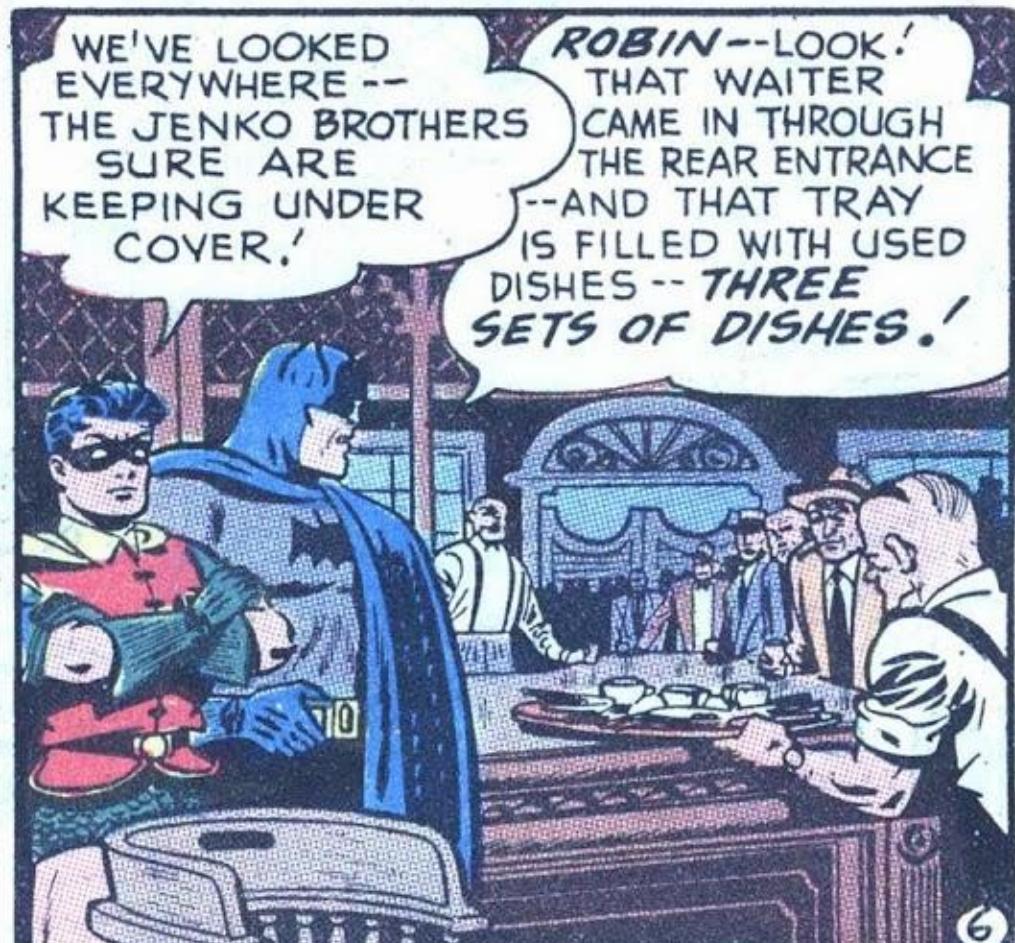
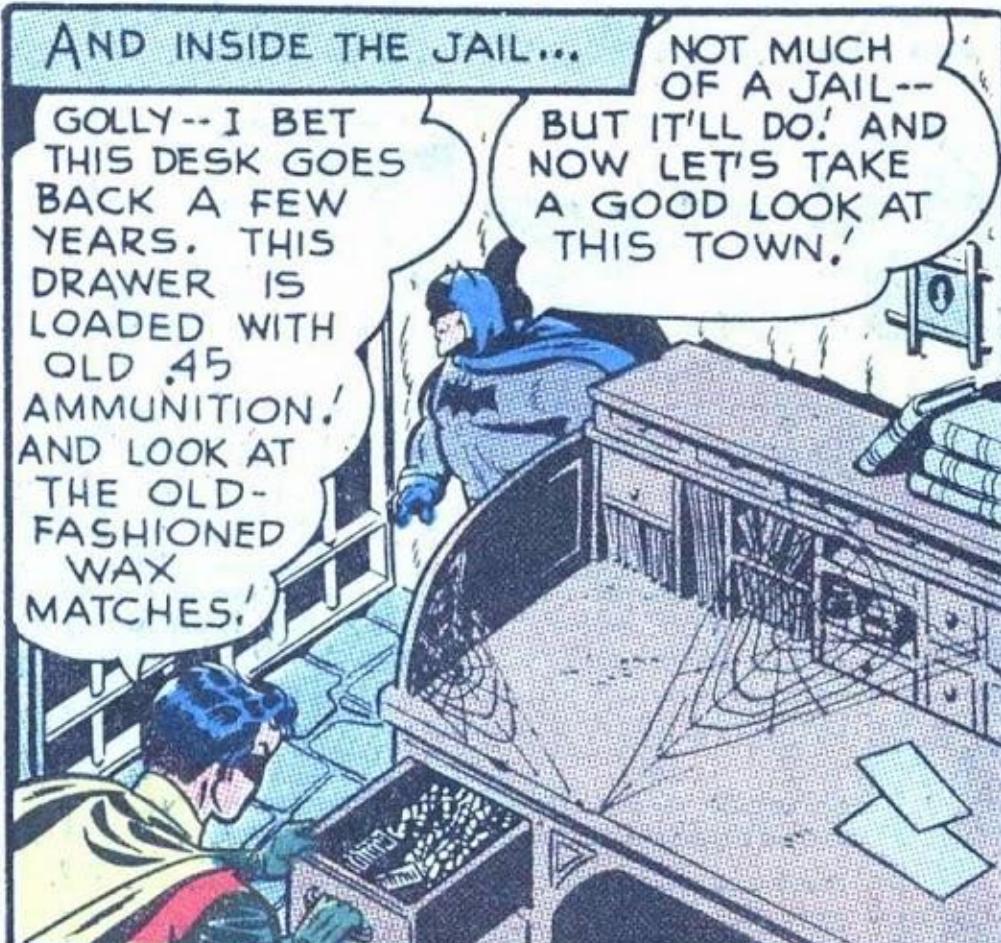
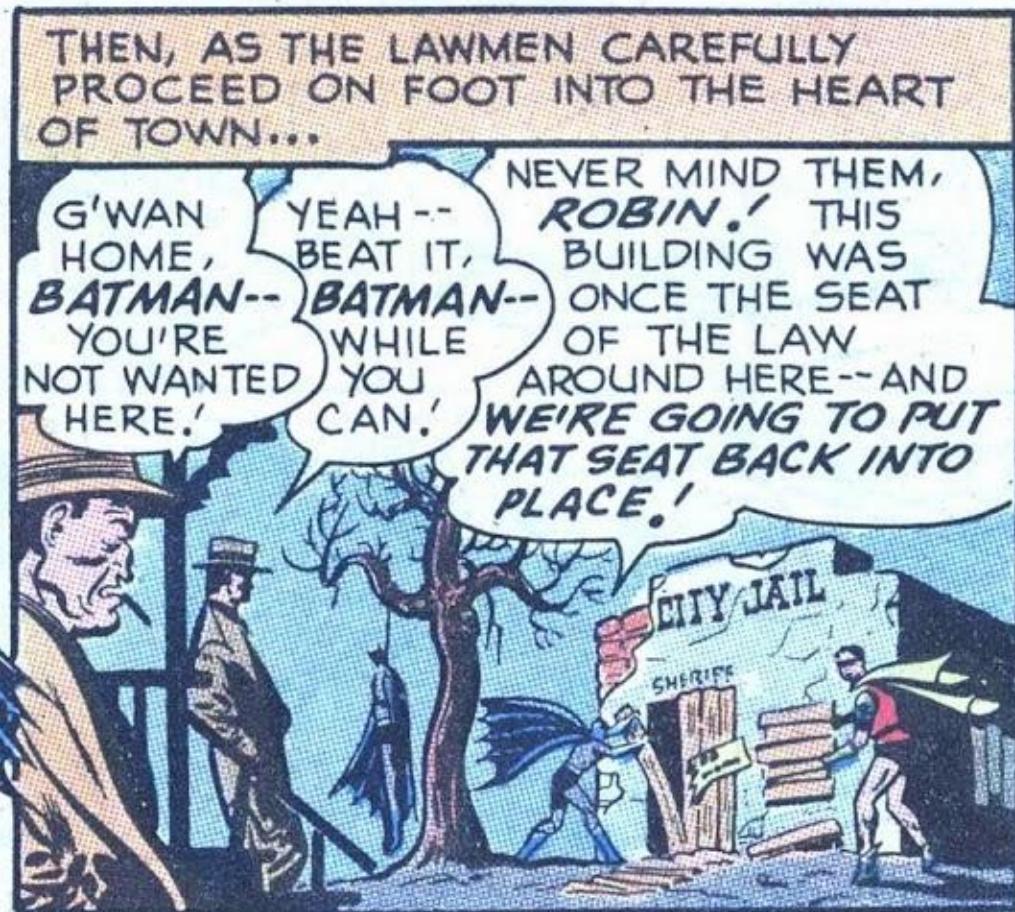
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AND BEFORE **BATMAN** CAN RESCUE THE HELPLESS **ROBIN**...

WE GOT 'EM.' GO TELL MATT JENKO!

C'MON--WE'RE TO TAKE 'EM TO JAIL. AND NOBODY LIFTS **BATMAN'S** MASK! IF HIS IDENTITY IS DISCOVERED, HE'S NO GOOD AS A HOSTAGE!

SOON AFTER...

YOU WON'T NEED THESE **UTILITY BELTS**! YOU'RE HERE FOR A LONG SPELL! WE'LL DROP BACK NOW AND THEN TO CHECK ON YOU! HA-HA!

C'MON, BOYS, LET'S PICK UP OUR STUFF AND MOVE BACK TO THE HOTEL, WHERE WE CAN LIVE IN STYLE AGAIN!

LATER, WHEN THE CROOKS HAVE DEPARTED...

IF WE COULD ONLY GET TO THAT DRAWER IN THE DESK! THERE'S ENOUGH POWDER IN THAT .45 AMMUNITION TO BLOW THIS CELL LOCK TO PIECES!

I'M AFRAID IT'S WISHFUL THINKING, **BATMAN**--WE'D NEED ARMS **TEN FEET LONG** TO REACH THAT DRAWER!

BUT THEN, AS THE EVER-RESOURCEFUL **BATMAN** SEIZES UPON AN IDEA...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT SPRING?

UNRAVELING IT INTO ONE LONG PIECE OF THIN STEEL! THIS COULD BE OUR **TEN FOOT ARM, ROBIN**! COME ON--HELP ME!

AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

IT REACHES! NOW IT WILL BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO PULL THE DRAWER OUT OF THE DESK AND THEN DRAG IT ACROSS THE FLOOR TO US.

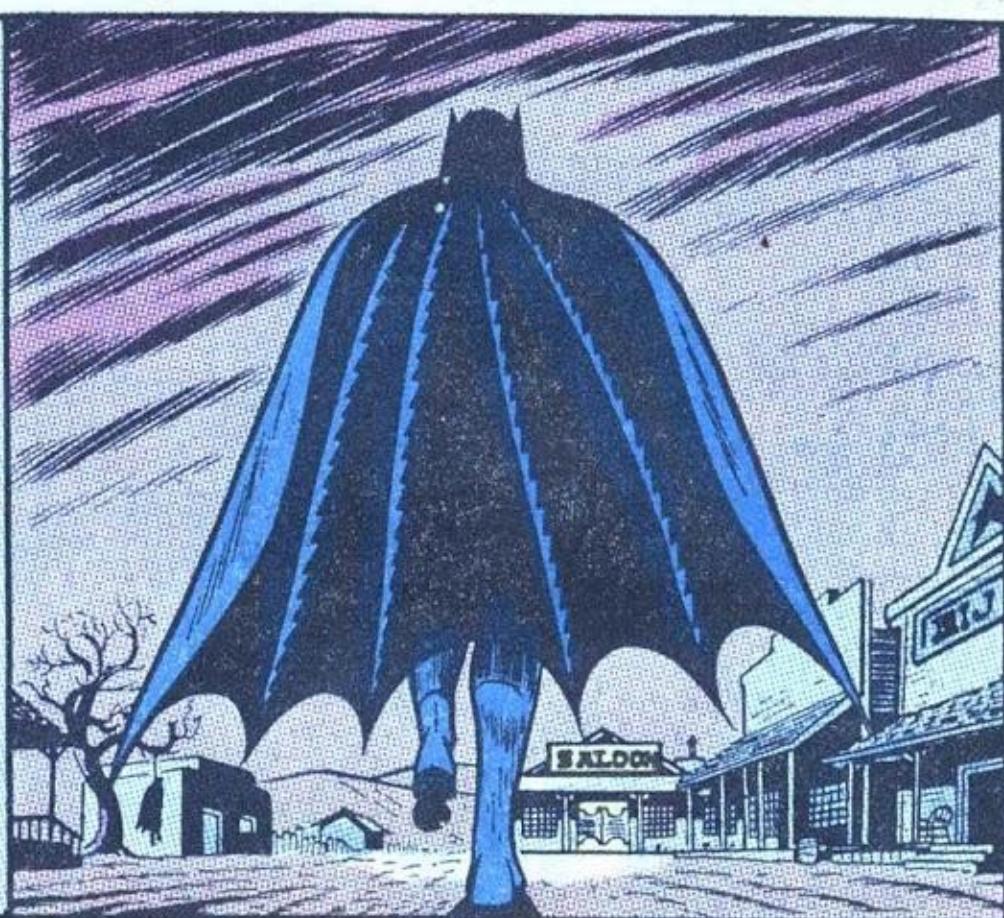
BRAVO!

QUICKLY, THE LAWMEN GET TO WORK! THE DRAWER IS DRAGGED TO THEIR CELL--THE AMMUNITION IS TORN APART TO PROVIDE A CHARGE OF POWDER--AND THEN...

THAT DOES IT! COME ON--I THINK WE'LL STILL FIND OUR PREY GATHERING THEIR THINGS AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE!

## GIANT BATMAN

SCANT MINUTES LATER...

**BATMAN AND ROBIN!**  
BUT-- HOW?**BATMAN!**MATT JENKO'S  
ESCAPING.'NO  
MATTER!  
WE'LL  
TAKE  
THEM  
ONE. AT  
A TIME.AND AS THE **RUGGED LAW MEN** QUICKLY SUBDUE THEIR ADVERSARIES...MATT JENKO SENT ME, **BATMAN!** HE SAID HE'S WAITING FOR YOU AT THE SALOON.THEN I WON'T KEEP HIM WAITING! **ROBIN**--STAY HERE AND TIE UP THESE TWO! I'M GOING AFTER **MATT JENKO!**THE TIME-HONORED CHALLENGE -- AND **BATMAN ACCEPTS!** BUT THIS DUEL IS DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF THE PAST. FOR WHILE A KILLER WAITS WITH LOADED PISTOLS -- **BATMAN STALKS HIM UNARMED.**TENSION HANGS HEAVY OVER THE TOWN! SLOWLY AND RELENTLESSLY, **BATMAN** NEARS HIS FOE. AND THEN SUDDENLY, THE SHOWDOWN COMES!

I'M COMING IN, JENKO! THROW AWAY YOUR GUNS.

SO YOU CAME! I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T-- CHUMP!

ALL AT ONCE, JENKO WHIRLS, FLAME SPITTING FROM THE GUNS IN HIS HANDS. BULLETS SPLINTER THE SWINGING DOORS-- AND BEHIND THEM, **BATMAN CRUMPLES!**

TAKE THAT, CHUMP! AND THAT! AND THAT! HA-HA! ONLY A FOOL WOULD TAKE ME ON WITHOUT A GUN!



BUT THEN, A SUDDEN SURPRISE ATTACK!

WHAT'S THIS!?  
WHAT HAPPENED??  
WHO ARE YOU??

WHY--IT'S ME,  
JENKO--BATMAN!  
I TOLD YOU I  
WAS COMING IN!

BUT I KILLED  
YOU--WITH MY  
BULLETS!!  
I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!

NO, MATT! THAT WAS  
THE EFFIGY OF ME--  
THE DUMMY--THAT  
YOU SHOT! I CONTROLLED  
IT WITH STRING TIED  
TO ITS HEAD--WHICH I  
CARRIED OVER THE  
ROOF AND TO THE  
BACK DOOR  
OF THE  
SALOON!  
VENTRILOQUISM  
DID THE  
REST!

SOON AFTER...

DON'T WORRY, ROBIN--  
WE WON'T BE MOLESTED.  
CROOKS ARE THE MOST  
**UN-NOBLE** PEOPLE IN  
THE WORLD--AS LONG AS  
THEY FEEL SAFE, THEY'LL  
FORGET THEIR  
FRIENDS!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.  
THEY'RE  
HIDING  
BEHIND CLOSED  
DOORS, JUST  
WAITING  
FOR US TO  
LEAVE.

AND A FEW DAYS LATER, IN GOTHAM  
CITY...

WHAT A SHAME,  
**BATMAN!** JUST  
TWO DAYS AGO  
A LAW WAS  
PASSED ENABLING  
THE NATIONAL GUARD  
TO CLEAN OUT  
**OUTLAW TOWN**.  
TO THINK OF THE  
DANGERS. I EX-  
POSED YOU TO.

NO MATTER,  
COMMISSIONER! IT  
WAS A JOB WE  
**WANTED** TO DO. AND  
I'M GLAD THE ARMY'S  
TAKING OVER.  
BECAUSE **ROBIN**  
AND I WERE GOING  
BACK TO DO THAT  
JOB--AND IT WOULD  
HAVE TAKEN US A  
LITTLE LONGER!

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AS FAMOUS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THEMSELVES ARE THE DARK-WINGED BAT-PLANE AND THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE, IN WHICH THE DYNAMIC DETECTIVE DUO STRIKES AT CRIME FROM THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND! BUT A FATEFUL CHAIN OF EVENTS CONVERTS THE BAT-PLANE INTO A MONSTER THAT HELPS CRIME-- AND THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS FACE A TERRIBLE MENACE IN THEIR OWN CREATION OF...

"**THE LIVING BAT-PLANE!**"

BOB KANE  
LOOK! THE BAT-PLANE! NOBODY'S IN IT, BUT IT'S TRYING TO KILL BATMAN AND ROBIN!

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BUT WAIT... NEITHER BATMAN NOR ROBIN IS DRIVING THE POWERFUL MACHINES-- NOR ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING!

OUT OF THE SECRET BAT-CAVE INTO THE NIGHT SPEED THE BAT-PLANE AND BATMOBILE, ON AN UNPRECEDENTED MISSION...

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

## GIANT BATMAN

THE ANSWER LIES IN THE **BAT-CAVE** WHERE THE TWO CRIME-CRUSHERS EAGERLY WATCH THROUGH TELEVISION "EYES," AS THEY OPERATE COMPLEX CONTROLS...

THE RADIO REMOTE-CONTROL IN THE **BATMOBILE**, WORKS PERFECTLY-- AND THROUGH ITS TELEVISION HEAD-LIGHT CAMERAS, I CAN GUIDE IT EASILY!

THE **BAT-PLANE'S** CONTROL WORKS 100 PERCENT, TOO! WE'LL BRING THEM BACK NOW!

OBEIDIENTLY, THE DISTANT MACHINES TURN BACK TOWARD THEIR HIDDEN HANGAR...

WE CAN REPORT TOMORROW TO DR. WINTERS THAT WE TESTED HIS REMOTE-CONTROL UNITS AND THAT THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL!

I CAN SEE WHY HE WANTED US TO TEST THEM SECRETLY! IN THE WRONG HANDS, HIS INVENTION COULD BE DANGEROUS!

IRONIC WORDS, ROBIN-- FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE LABORATORY OF DR. PHILIP WINTERS...

WHO-- WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

THE NAME IS "SLANT" STAFFORD, WINTERS! THAT ASSISTANT YOU FIRED TOLD US ALL ABOUT YOUR INVENTION-- AND WE'RE TAKING IT OVER! GRAB HIM, BOYS!

SOON, IN THEIR HIDEOUT, CRIMINALS TAKE OVER A MASTER INVENTION...

THIS IS THE BIGGER RADIO-CONTROL SWITCHBOARD HIS ASSISTANT TOLD US ABOUT... IT'S MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SMALL, MOBILE ONE HE LENT **BATMAN**! I'LL TURN THIS ONE ON!

NEXT MOMENT...

LOOK! **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** INSIDE THE **BAT-CAVE**! THIS MEANS THEY'RE TESTING THE CONTROL ON THE **BAT-PLANE** AND **BATMOBILE**!

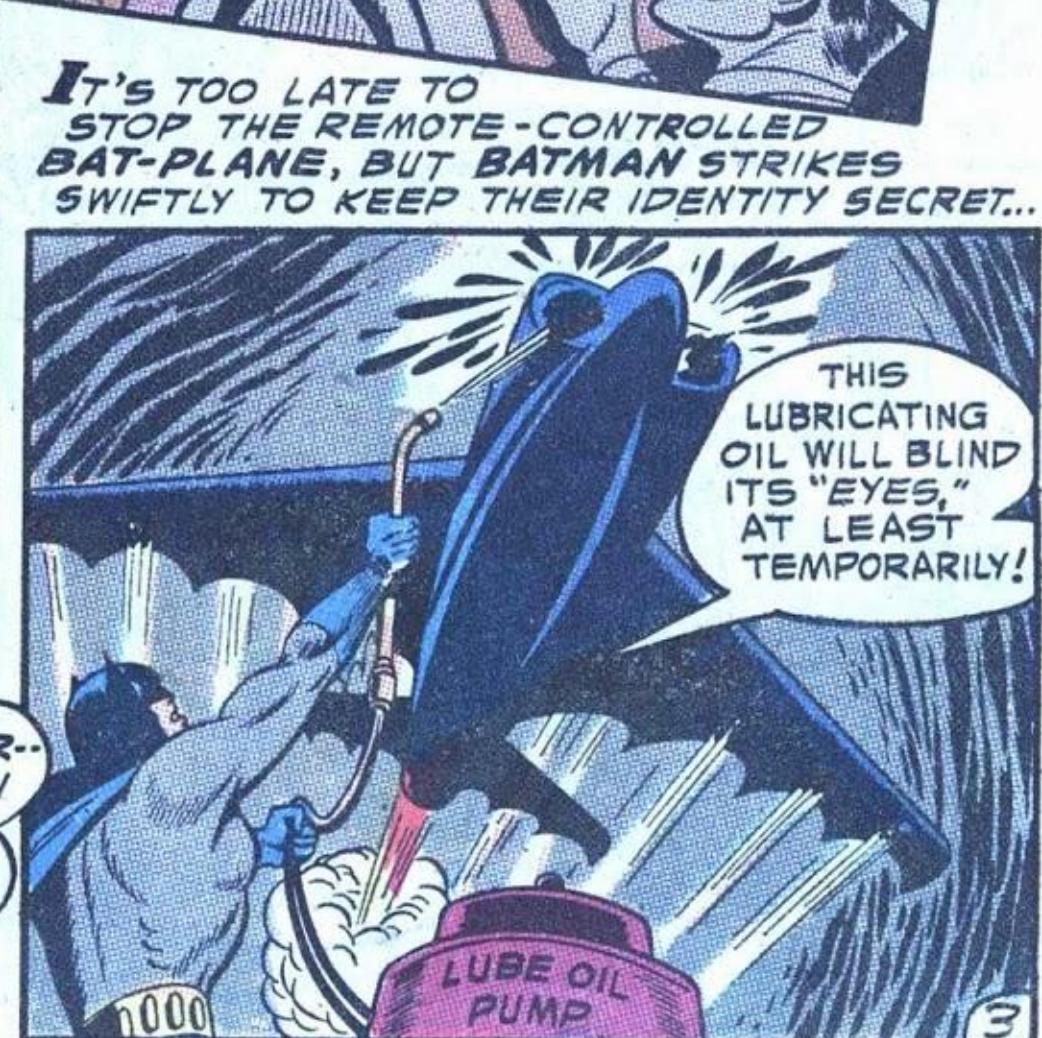
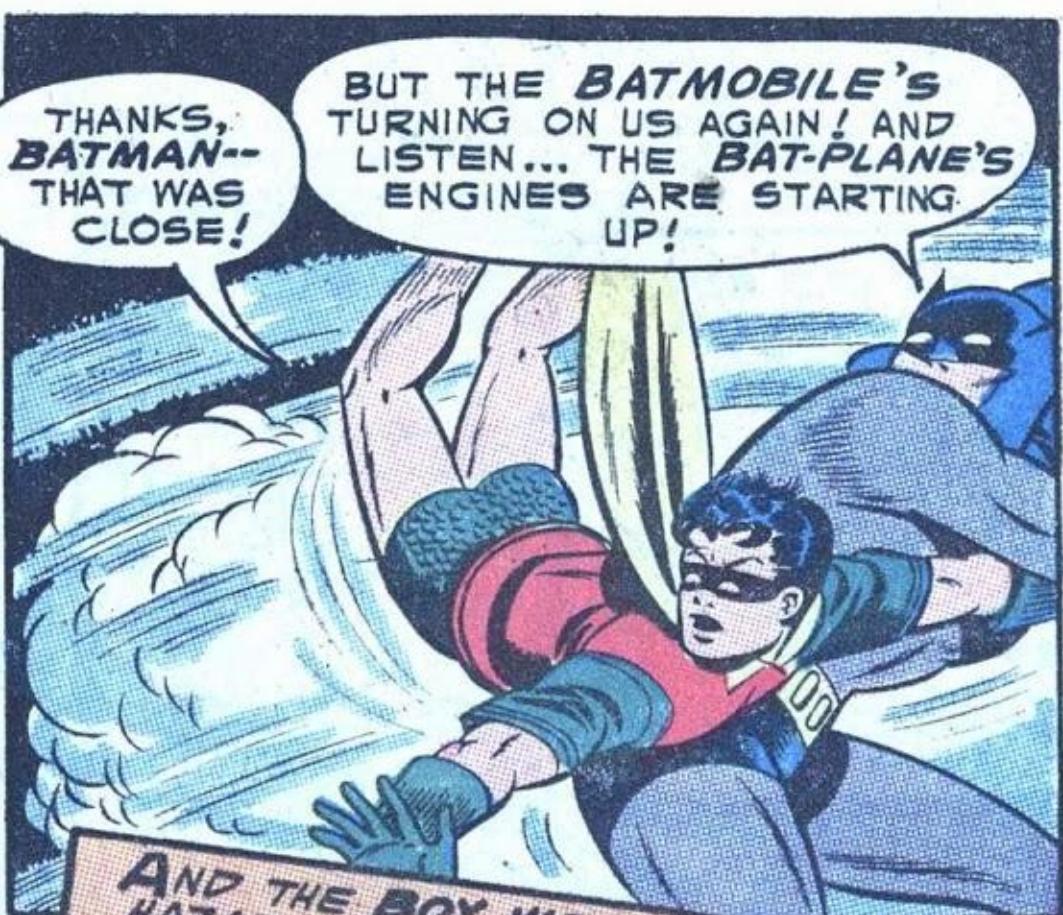
BUT OUR MORE POWERFUL MACHINE CAN TAKE CONTROL AWAY FROM THEM! -- AND NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

THUS, AS A SUPER-POWERED RADIO WAVE STREAKS ACROSS THE CITY...

THE **BAT-PLANE** AND **BATMOBILE**-- THEY'VE GONE OUT OF OUR CONTROL! MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH--

*Look out!*  
**BATMAN!** LOOK OUT!

## GIANT BATMAN



OUT INTO THE NIGHT SOARS THE BAT-PLANE, BLINDED BY BATMAN'S STRATAGEM...

THEY CUT OUR CONTROL OF THE BATMOBILE, BUT WE'VE STILL GOT THE BAT-PLANE! BUT ITS "EYES" ARE BLINDED SO WE CAN'T SEE THROUGH THEM!

THERE'S A THUNDERSTORM NEAR HERE! I'LL STEER THE BAT-PLANE THROUGH IT! THEN WE'LL BRING IT HERE!

AND WHEN IT LANDS NEAR "SLANT" STAFFORD'S HIDEOUT, CROOKS POSSESS ONE OF THE GREATEST CRIME-WEAPONS IN HISTORY!

THE BAT-PLANE... OURS TO USE FOR ANY PURPOSE! WITH IT, WE'LL HIT GOTHAM CITY IN A WAY IT'LL NEVER FORGET!

FIRST WE'LL ALTER ITS CONTROL-WAVE SETTING SO NOBODY BUT US CAN CONTROL IT!

OMINOUS, ALONE, UNMANNED... THE BAT-PLANE SCREAMS THROUGH A STORM THAT WASHES ITS LENS "EYES" CLEAN...

THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, MEANWHILE, BATMAN AND ROBIN LABOR DESPERATELY TO BUILD A SUPER-POWERED MECHANISM THAT WILL REGAIN THE BAT-PLANE, ONLY TO FIND...

IT DOESN'T WORK!

THE CROOKS WHO SEIZED CONTROL OF THE BAT-PLANE HAVE CHANGED ITS WAVE-SETTING! WE'LL HAVE TO ADOPT A DIFFERENT STRATEGY!

SO THE BATMOBILE, WITH ITS REMOTE-CONTROL UNIT REMOVED, BEARS THE TWO SWIFTLY TOWARD THEIR STRANGEST STRUGGLE...

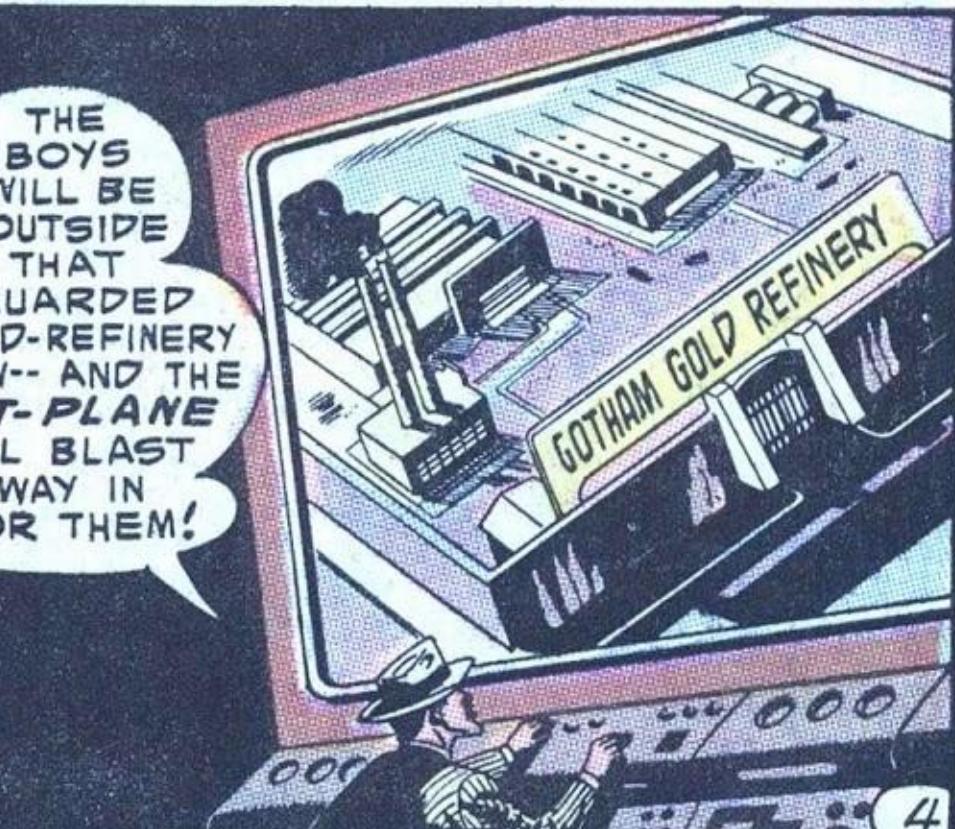
THE BAT-PLANE IN CROOKED HANDS... THEY'LL USE IT AS A GUIDED MISSILE OF CRIME!

AND REMEMBER WHAT'S IN THE PLANE'S SECRET FLOOR-COMPARTMENT! IF THE CROOKS FIND THAT, THEY'LL USE US FOR CRIME, TOO!

THE BOYS WILL BE OUTSIDE THAT GUARDED GOLD-REFINERY NOW-- AND THE BAT-PLANE WILL BLAST A WAY IN FOR THEM!

IN THE MEANTIME, THE BAT-PLANE HAS BEGIN ITS FIRST CRIME JOURNEY...

WHAT SECRET OF THE BAT-PLANE, THAT ONLY THE DUO KNOWS, COULD DO THAT?





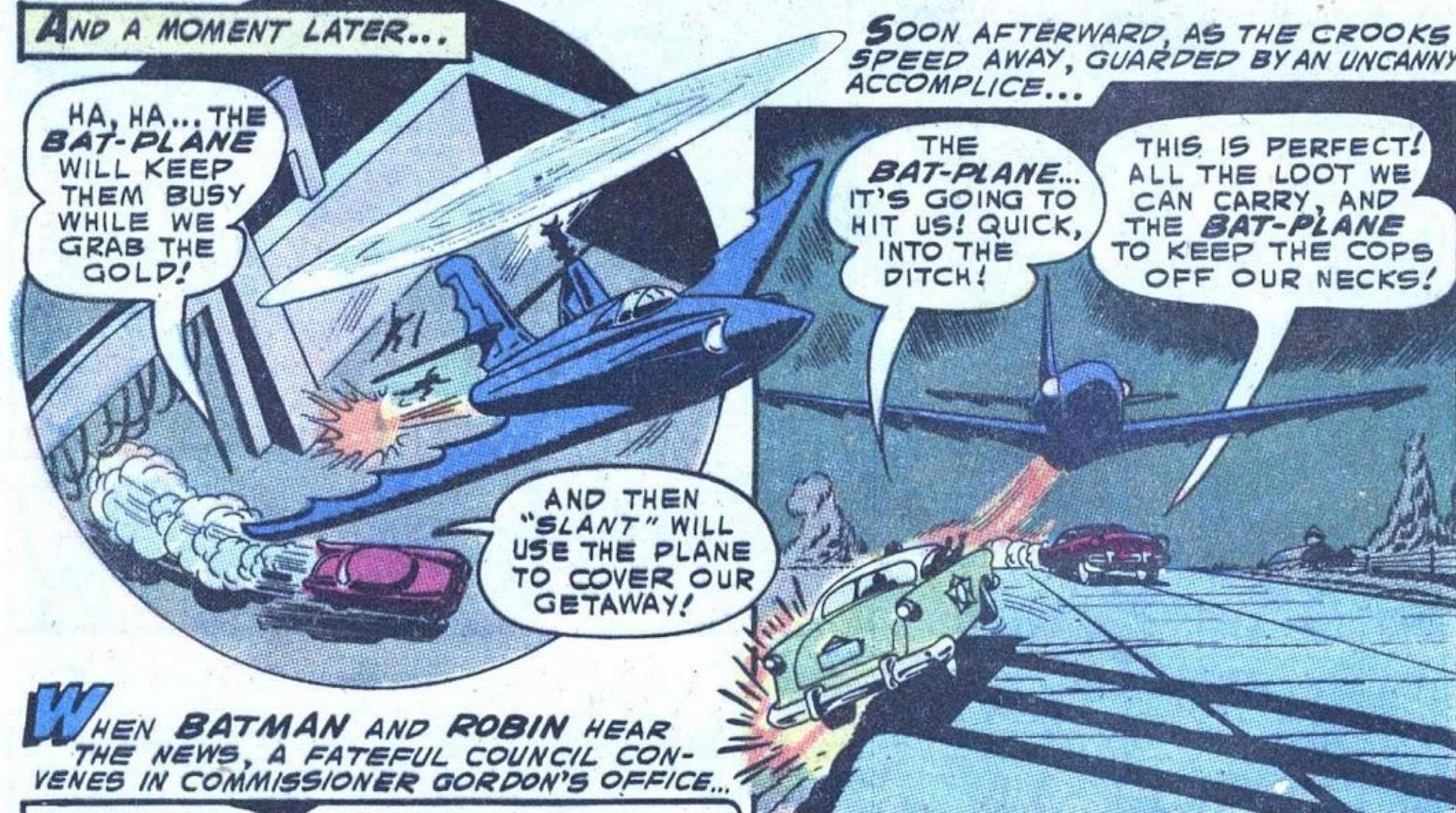
# GIANT BATMAN



AND AS THE SLEEK VEHICLE ALIGHTS...



AND A MOMENT LATER...



WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR THE NEWS, A FATEFUL COUNCIL CONVENES IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

THE GOTHAM AIR POLICE WILL COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY, BATMAN!

GOOD! WE MUST LOCATE THE BAT-PLANE AT ONCE, BEFORE IT CAN BE USED FOR ANOTHER CRIME-- AND BEFORE THEY FIND THAT SECRET COMPARTMENT!



WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO WHEN WE FIND IT, BATMAN?

GIVE US A CHANCE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF IT... WE HAVE A PLAN! BUT IF WE FAIL-- SHOOT IT DOWN!





# GIANT BATMAN



AND SO BEGINS THE MOST MASSIVE AIR DRAGNET OF ALL TIMES, AS HUNDREDS OF POLICE PLANES TAKE TO THE SKY...

THE TRICK IS TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY'LL STRIKE NEXT WITH THE BAT-PLANE!

THEY CAN ONLY USE IT ON OPEN-AIR LOCATIONS! WHAT PLACE IN THE OPEN AIR WOULD HAVE A BIG AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND TODAY?

WHY, THE GOTHAM BASEBALL STADIUM, OF COURSE! THE ALL-STAR GAME IS ON TODAY, AND THE BOX-OFFICE WILL BE LOADED! EXACTLY...

SO WE'RE GOING TO BE HIGH OVER THE STADIUM! WE CAN STAY IN THE CLOUDS UNSEEN!

SOME TIME LATER, AT GOTHAM STADIUM...

WHAT A GAME!

YES--BUT LOOK UP THERE! IT'S THE BAT-PLANE GONE BERSERK!

IT'S GOING TO CRASH INTO US!  
RUN! RUN!

YEAH--AND WHILE EVERYBODY RUNS AWAY, WE RUN IN AND GRAB THE GATE RECEIPTS! WHAT A SOFT RACKET!

BUT IN THAT VERY SAME INSTANT, FROM A POLICE PLANE HIGH ABOVE...

MADE IT!

IF WE MISSED, THE CHUTES WOULD HAVE SAVED US!

CUT AWAY YOUR CHUTE QUICK NOW, OR THEY'LL DRAG US OFF THE PLANE!

THAT DOES IT... BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GET IN AND WORK FAST! THEY'LL KNOW BY THE TV "EYES" THAT WE'RE ON THE BAT-PLANE!

## GIANT BATMAN

I CAN'T GET THE COWLING OPEN... ITS LOCK IS REMOTE-CONTROLLED, TOO!

AND THEY'VE UNFOLDED THE HELICOPTER-BLADES AND STARTED THEM UP, TO SWEEP US OFF!

QUICK--PASS THE END OF MY ROPE AROUND THE PROPELLER AXLE! I'VE TIED THE OTHER END TO THE COWLING!

WHAT NOW? IF WE STRAIGHTEN UP, THE BLADES WILL SLICE US-- AND WE CAN'T GET INTO THE CABIN!

NEXT MOMENT...

IT WORKED! THE ROPE WOUND TIGHT ON THE AXLE AND PULLED THE COWLING OPEN!

OKAY-- INTO THE CABIN! BUT DON'T RAISE YOUR HEAD AN INCH, OR IT'S SURE DEATH!

SECONDS LATER, INSIDE...

GET TO THE SECRET COMPARTMENT FIRST! WHAT'S IN IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CONTROLS!

THEY'RE LOOPING THE BAT-PLANE TO THROW US OUT BEFORE WE CAN CUT OFF THE CONTROLS!

BUT, ABRUPTLY, BEFORE THE HORRIFIED EYES OF THOUSANDS BELOW...

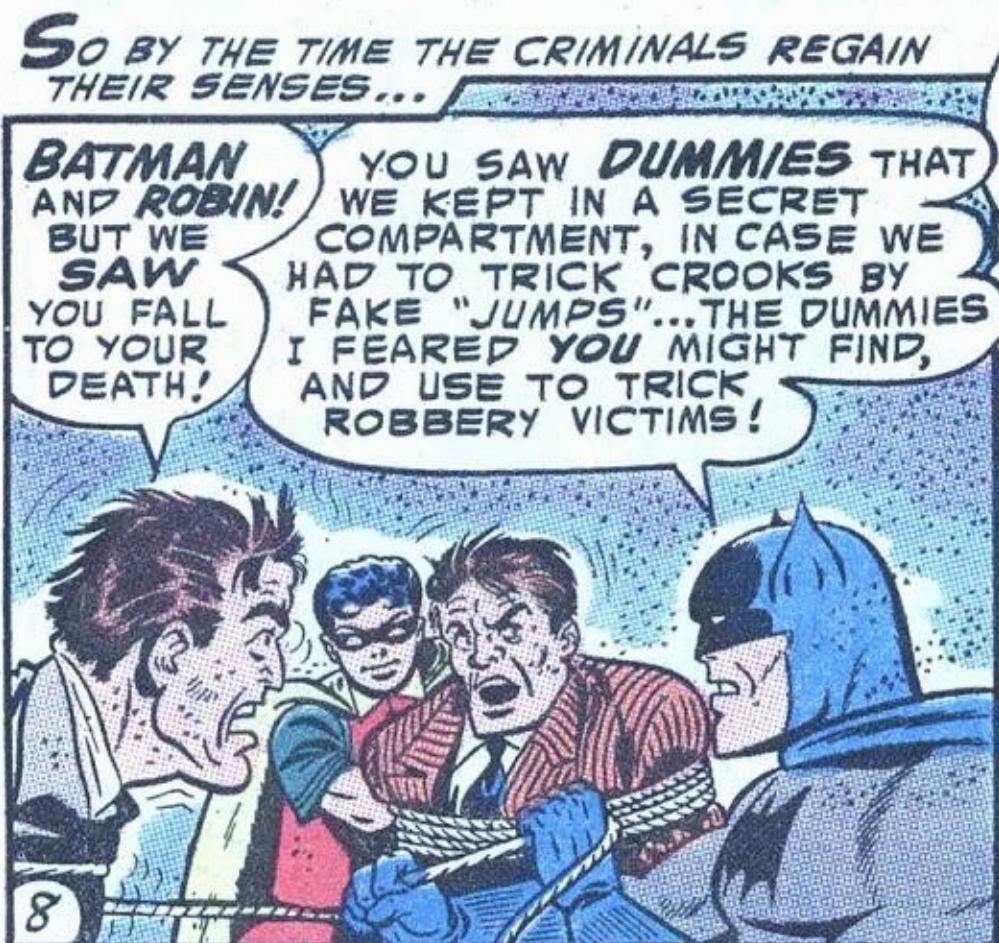
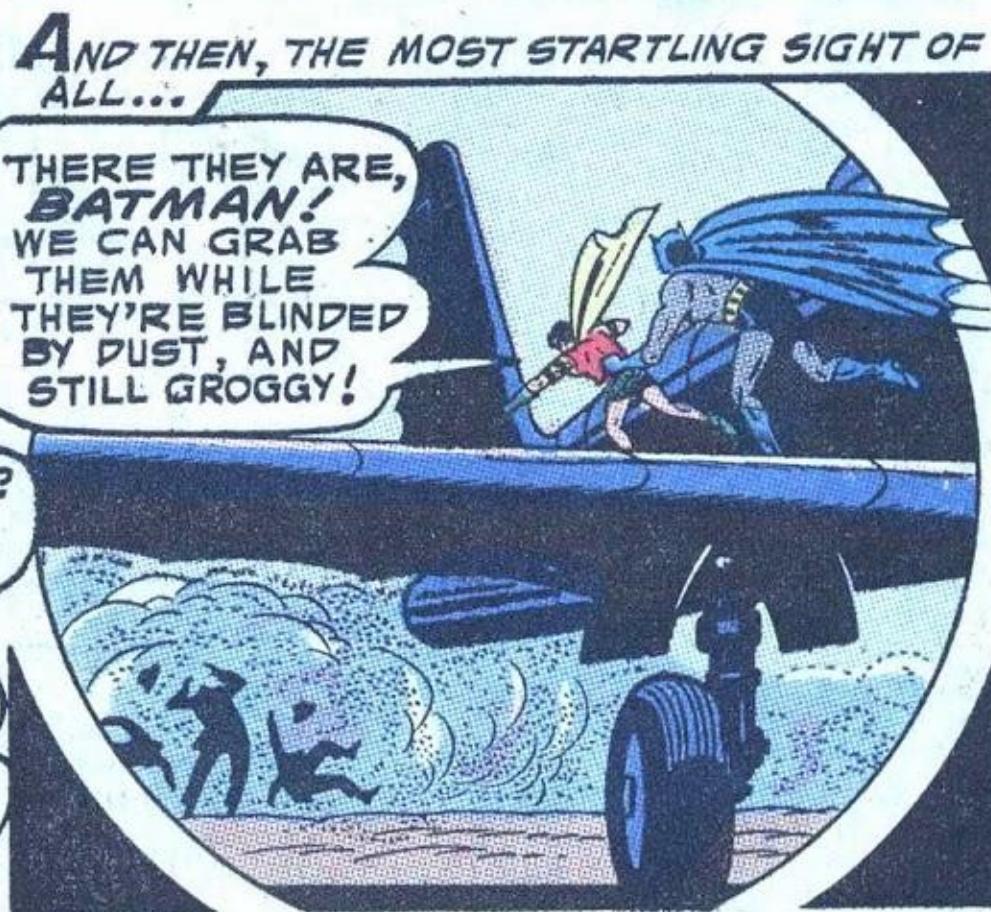
LOOK! THE PLANE THREW THEM OUT-- AND THEY HAVE NO PARACHUTES NOW!

THAT SECRET IN THE BAT-PLANE... WHATEVER IT WAS, BATMAN RISKED EVERYTHING TO RECOVER IT-- AND HE LOST!

NO--NO!  
I CAN'T LOOK!

IS IT POSSIBLE? IS THIS THE END OF THE GREATEST CRIME-FIGHTERS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN?

## GIANT BATMAN





# GIANT BATMAN



# BAT MAN

AND  
ROBIN

COULD ROBIN, LIFE-LONG FRIEND OF BATMAN, BE TAKEN IN BY AN IMPOSTOR? WOULD THE BOY WONDER ACCEPT SOMEONE ELSE IN THE ROLE OF THE FAMED LAWMAN— AND EVEN REVEAL THE INNERMOST SECRETS OF THE BAT-CAVE TO THIS OUTSIDER? STARTLING AS IT SEEMS, THESE ARE THE INCREDIBLE EVENTS THAT DEVELOP IN THIS FANTASTIC, FATE-WOVEN TALE OF...

## The **DUPLICATE BATMAN!**

IT'S  
BATMAN,  
ROBIN--  
HELP ME!  
THE HEAT'S  
UNBEARABLE!

???

HE'S AN  
IMPOSTOR!  
I'M THE REAL  
BATMAN!

MAIN  
STREET



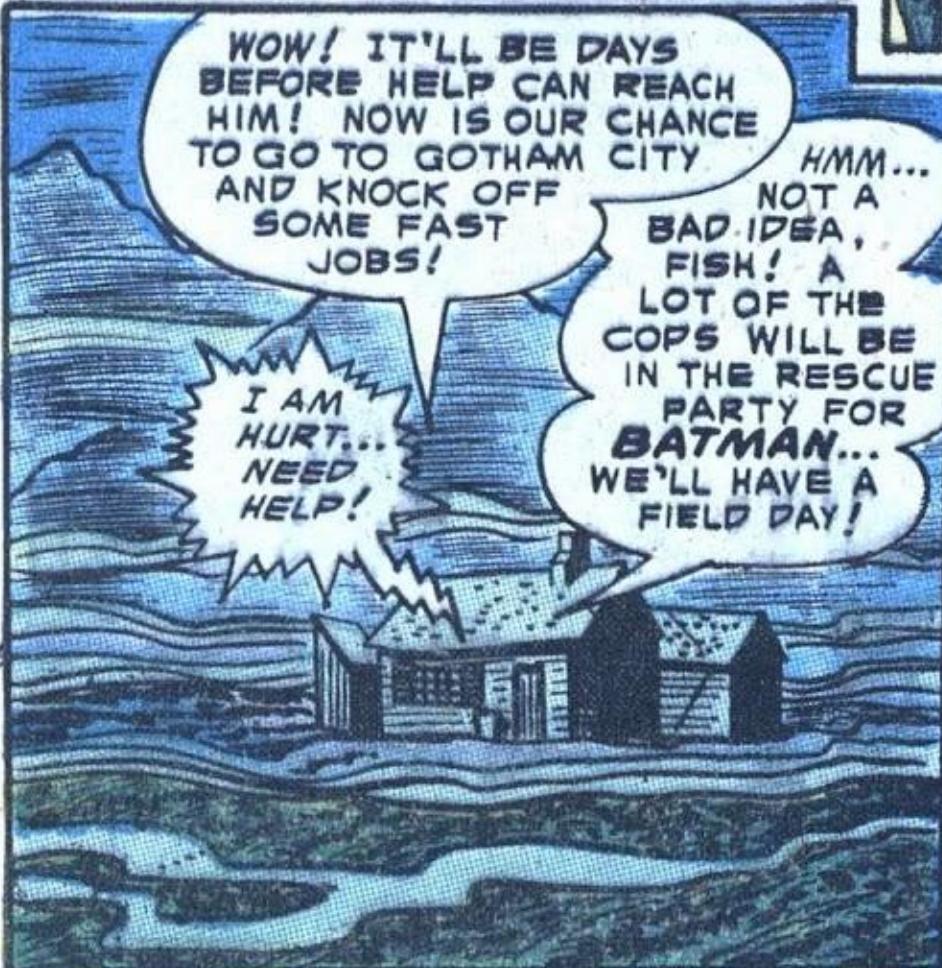
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## GIANT BATMAN

FOG SMOOTHERS THE COUNTRYSIDE AS THE BAT-PLANE WINGS ITS FAMED PASSENGER, BATMAN, TOWARD GOTHAM CITY AFTER A FARAWAY MISSION...





# GIANT BATMAN



REMEMBER HOW WEAK  
BATMAN'S DISTRESS  
SIGNAL WAS? AND WE  
WEREN'T SO FAR FROM  
WHERE HE CRASHED!  
I FIGURE HIS SIGNAL  
NEVER REACHED FURTHER...  
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES  
WHO HEARD IT!

THEN ONLY  
WE KNOW  
BATMAN'S  
HURT AND  
MAROONED  
ON A  
MOUNTAIN!

THINK OF IT... NO  
MORE BATMAN!  
WHAT JOBS WE  
CAN PULL! WHEN  
DO WE START?

TAKE IT EASY, GIMLET!  
BATMAN WILL BE MISSED  
SOONER OR LATER, AND  
THEN THE COPS WILL TAKE  
DOUBLE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST  
CRIME! IF ONLY THERE  
WERE SOME WAY TO... WAIT!  
I'VE GOT IT! IF ONE OF  
US TOOK BATMAN'S  
PLACE, THE COPS  
WOULD NEVER MISS  
HIM!



BUT WHEN GANG CHIEF "FISH" FRYE  
ATTEMPTS TO CARRY OUT HIS PLAN...

BAH! NOT ONE  
OF YOU GUYS FITS  
BATMAN'S  
MEASUREMENTS!  
AND YOU CERTAINLY  
DON'T, GIMLET! GET  
OUT OF THERE!

LISTEN, FISH--  
I JUST THOUGHT  
OF THE GUY  
FOR THIS  
JOB! HE'S  
THE EXACT  
BUILD OF  
BATMAN...  
LET'S GO LOOK  
HIM UP RIGHT  
AWAY!

PRESENTLY...  
THERE HE  
IS, FISH...  
HARRY LARSON!  
HE SERVED TIME  
WITH ME AT THE  
STATE PEN!

HMM... HE'S  
GOT BATMAN'S  
BUILD ALL  
RIGHT!  
FUNNY  
THOUGH...  
HIS FACE  
REMINDS ME  
OF SOMEONE,  
TOO!

OH, SURE... NOW  
I REMEMBER!  
YOUR PALLARSON'S  
A DEAD RINGER  
FOR BRUCE  
WAYNE, THE  
WEALTHY SOCIETY  
PLAYBOY! HA, HA,  
OF ALL THE PEOPLE  
TO BE BUILT LIKE  
BATMAN!  
C'MON... WE'LL  
GO HAVE A  
TALK WITH  
HIM!



YES, DESTINY  
CONTINUES  
TO PLAY  
TRICKS  
ON  
THE  
CAPE  
CRIME-BUSTER..  
TRICKS  
BOUND  
TO LEAD  
HIM  
INTO ONE  
OF THE  
GREATEST  
COMPLICATIONS  
OF HIS  
CAREER...

I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU  
GOIN' STRAIGHT NOW,  
HARRY, BUT YOU'D  
BETTER DO AS WE SAY,  
OR WE'LL SEE THAT  
YOUR BOSS AND ALL  
YOUR NEW FRIENDS  
KNOW YOU'RE AN  
EX-CON!

I'VE WORKED  
SO HARD TO  
BUILD A NEW  
LIFE--AND  
NOW YOU'LL  
DESTROY  
IT! VERY  
WELL, FRYE--  
I'LL GO  
ALONG WITH  
YOU... BUT  
JUST THIS  
ONCE!

LATER, IN THE CRIMINAL HIDEOUT, A  
STRANGE SCENE TAKES PLACE...

PERFECT!  
PERFECT! YOU'D  
PASS FOR  
BATMAN  
ANYWHERE,  
HARRY!

YEAH! HE'S  
ALMOST TOO  
REALISTIC!  
MAKES ME  
NERVOUS JUST  
BEING AROUND  
HIM!



## GIANT BATMAN

AND THAT NIGHT...

WE WANT THE COPS TO KNOW THAT "BATMAN'S" ON THE JOB-- AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE CAN GET RID OF MY ENEMIES, THE CARTER GANG! THEY'RE PULLIN' A JOB NOW, HARRY... GO GET 'EM!

I SEE THEM... AND FROM WHAT I'VE READ, THE REAL BATMAN WOULD PROBABLY SWING DOWN ON THIS CABLE! HERE GOES!

BUT IT TAKES MORE THAN A COSTUME TO IMITATE THE GREAT LAWMAN-- FOR AS THE IMPOSTOR HURTLES DOWN...

IT'S BATMAN!

HE MISJUDGED HIS DISTANCE AND CRASHED! BUT I'M TAKING NO CHANCES... I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE ANYHOW!



AFTERWARD, AS A PAIR OF POWERFUL HEADLIGHTS PROBES THE WATERFRONT'S DARKNESS...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, ALFRED... BATMAN WAS DUE BACK YESTERDAY, AND THERE'S STILL NO WORD FROM HIM!

DON'T WORRY, MASTER, ROBIN... IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE BEEN HIS BUTLER, HE'S NEVER... OH! STOP THE CAR, MASTER ROBIN! THERE'S A BODY LYING ON THE DOCK!



IT'S BATMAN! HE MUST HAVE BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS WHILE ENGAGING SOME UNDERWORLD SCOUNDRELS!

RIGHT WITH YOU, ALFRED! WE'LL CARRY HIM TO THE BATMOBILE AND DRIVE HIM HOME!



AWHILE LATER, IN THE GREAT MANSION WHICH IS THE HOME OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

I'LL REMOVE THE MASK SO HE CAN BREATH EASIER AND... HE'S OPENING HIS EYES!

MASTER BRUCE! HOW DO YOU FEEL?

WHERE... AM I? WHO ARE YOU TWO?

THE BLOW ON THE HEAD MUST'VE CAUSED TEMPORARY LOSS OF MEMORY! WE MUST HELP HIM REGAIN IT, ALFRED! IT'S ME, YOUR WARD, DICK GRAYSON, BRUCE! AND YOUR BUTLER ALFRED!





# GIANT BATMAN



JUST SAY YOUR NAME, "BRUCE WAYNE," OVER A COUPLE OF TIMES, AND EVERYTHING WILL COME BACK TO YOU!

I'LL TAKE HIM TO THE BAT-CAVE TROPHY ROOM... THE FAMILIAR SIGHTS WILL HELP!

I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!

BUT THE BUTLER AND THE BOY RECOGNIZE ME! I MUST BE WHO THEY SAY... BRUCE WAYNE!

HERE ARE THE TROPHIES WE'VE COLLECTED AS BATMAN AND ROBIN! REMEMBER THE GIANT PENNY? ONLY LAST WEEK IT HAD TO BE MOVED, AND YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WITH ENOUGH STRENGTH TO DO IT!

IT SEEMS I'M A BRUCE WAYNE AND ALSO A PERSON CALLED BATMAN! WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL ACCEPT MYSELF!

ER... YES -- I REMEMBER... AH... ROBIN!

GOOD! I KNEW YOU'D RECALL THINGS WHEN YOU WERE IN THE BAT-CAVE! AND SPEAKING OF REMEMBERING-- WHEN YOU LEFT LAST WEEK, YOU FLEW THE BAT-PLANE! BUT WHERE IS... OH, OH---A POLICE CALL! LET'S GO!

ALL CARS! GO TO GOTHAM AUDITORIUM!

MINUTES LATER, AT GOTHAM AUDITORIUM...

SOMEONE SPOTTED US AND TURNED IN AN ALARM. FISH! MAYBE BATMAN WILL ANSWER IT! HA, HA!

QUIT KIDDIN' AROUND AND THROW THE SWITCH! THIS POWERFUL ELECTRO-MAGNET WILL DRAW ALL THE VALUABLE ANCIENT IRON COINS INTO OUR LAPHS!



AND AS THE CURRENT IS TURNED ON...

MY PRICELESS PIECES! THEY'RE FLYING RIGHT INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE CROOKS!

MINE TOO! BUT THEY WON'T HAVE THEM LONG... HERE COMES BATMAN!



NEXT INSTANT...

BATMAN STILL SEEMS A BIT SHAKY! BUT CAPTURING THOSE CROOKS BY HIMSELF SHOULD RESTORE HIS CONFIDENCE! I'LL JUST KEEP AN EYE ON HIM FROM HERE!





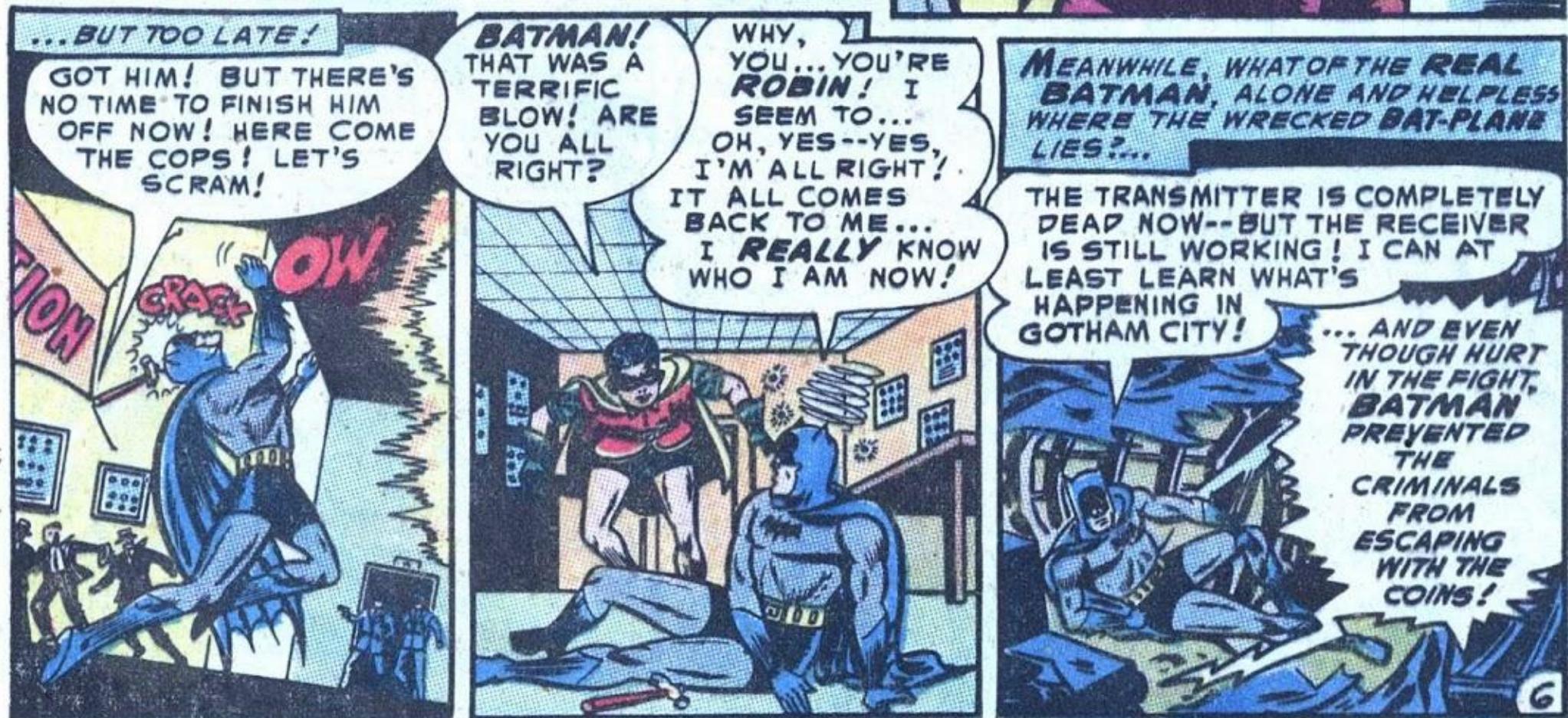
# GIANT BATMAN

THAT'S RIGHT, HARRY... MAKE IT LOOK GOOD! WE WANT EVERYONE TO THINK YOU'RE BATMAN SO... UGH!

HEY! HE REALLY SOCKED FISH! TAKE IT EASY. HARRY... DON'T OVERACT YOUR PART!

HARRY! IT'S ME-- GIMLET! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

ALL RIGHT, WISE GUY! YOU THINK YOU'LL DOUBLE-CROSS US AND TAKE THE LOOT FOR YOURSELF, EH? WELL, NOBODY DOUBLE-CROSSES FISH FRYE!





# GIANT BATMAN



THE BIZARRE ATTEMPT TO ROB THE...

BATMAN STOPPED CRIMINALS? THIS MEANS AN IMPOSTOR HAS TAKEN MY PLACE! I MUST GET BACK... BUT HOW? MY LEG'S TOO BADLY HURT FOR ME TO CLIMB DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!

ONLY ONE CHANCE... THE BAT-PLANE'S GAS TANK WAS RIPPED OPEN IN THE CRASH--SO I CAN CLIMB INTO IT! WITH A BIT OF LUCK, I CAN USE IT AS A SLED TO GET TO A LOWER ALTITUDE!

WHILE BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE WE'VE HAD TO FINISH CATALOGUING THESE TROPHIES SINCE YOU RETURNED! GOSH, BATMAN-- REMEMBER THIS LEATHER THONG? IT STILL HAS YOUR TEETH MARKS IN IT!

"YOU USED IT TO SWING ON WHEN THE MAD CLOWN TIED UP YOUR HANDS..."



YEAH... ER... SURE, I REMEMBER, ROBIN! NOW YOU SAID THE GIANT PENNY HAD TO BE MOVED BACK! UMPH... I CAN'T DO IT ALONE! BETTER GIVE ME A HAND!

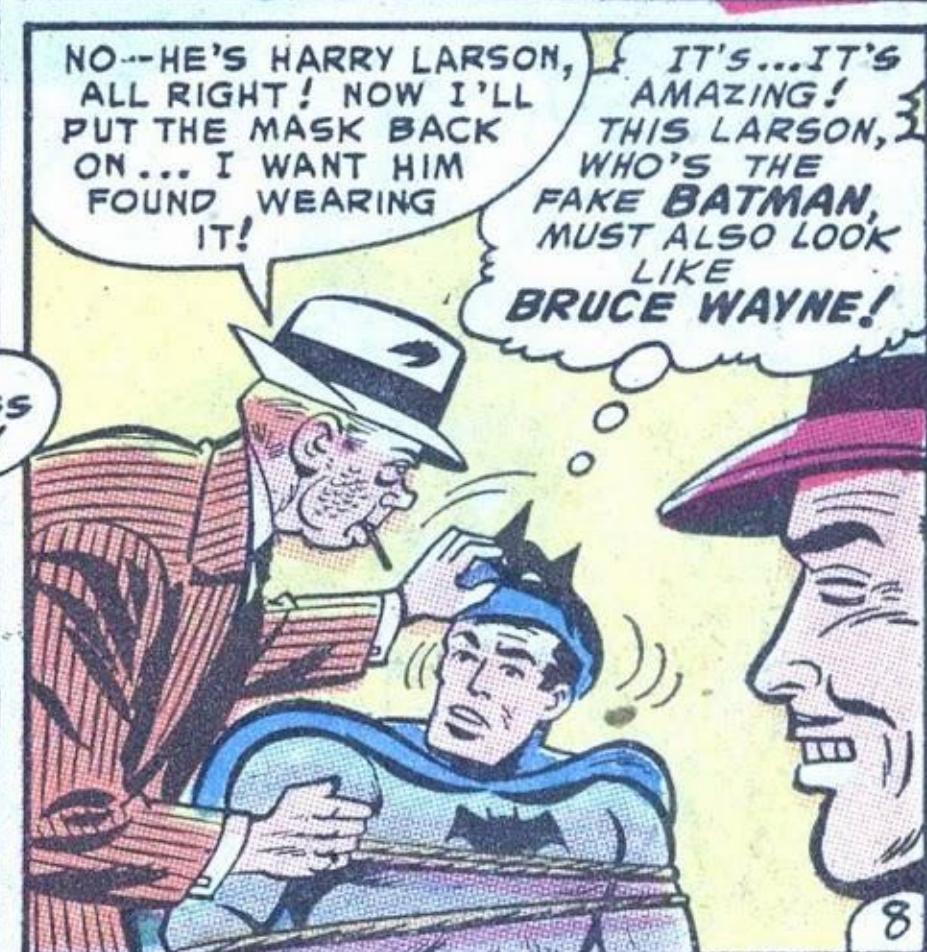
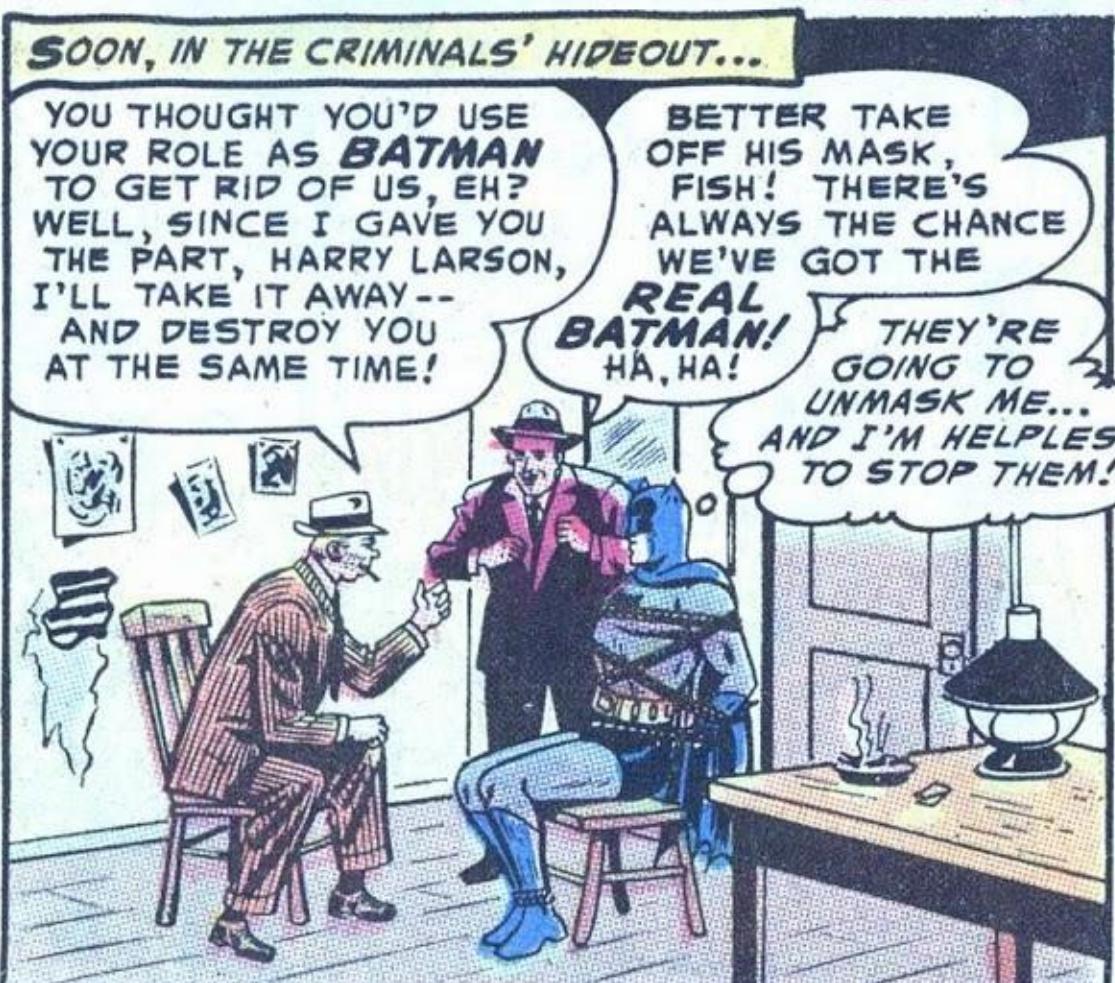
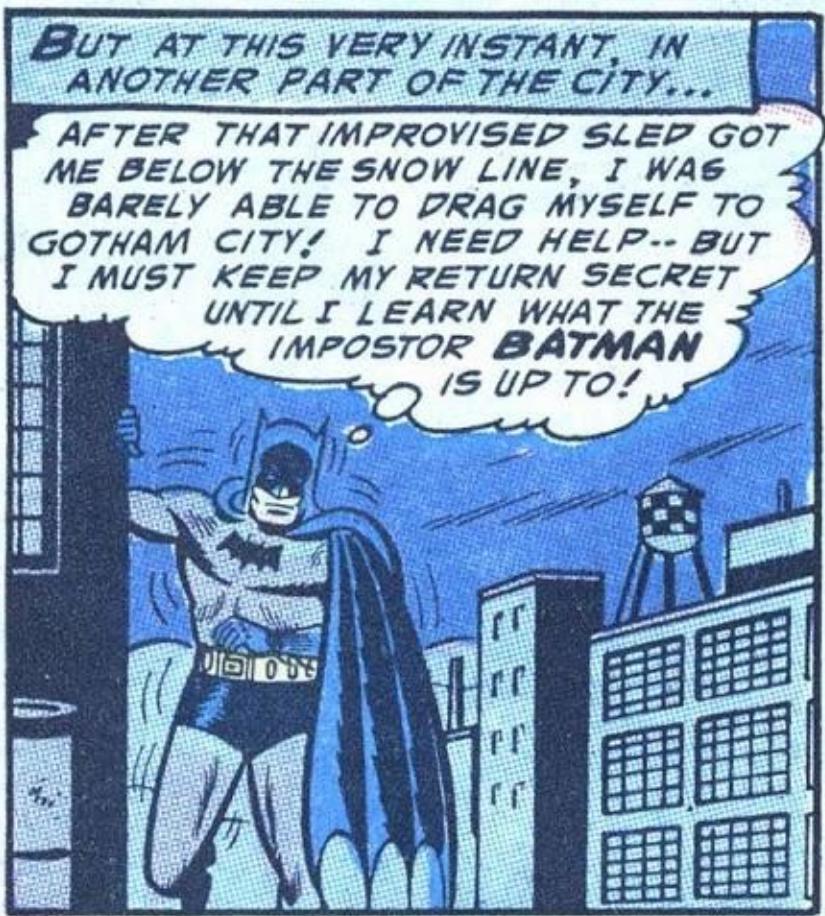
STRANGE... BATMAN MOVED IT WITH EASE BEFORE HE WENT AWAY! HIS MEMORY IS STILL A BIT WEAK, BUT THERE'S NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD'VE LOST HIS STRENGTH!



LATER... IT'S RIDICULOUS, OF COURSE, BUT I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING ABOUT HIM! TOO BAD THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF BATMAN'S FINGERPRINTS -- BUT THERE'S ANOTHER METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION... BITE MARKS LEFT BY TEETH!



## GIANT BATMAN



## GIANT BATMAN

SHORTLY AFTER...

WHEN WE TURN ON THIS GIANT SEARCHLIGHT, THE TREMENDOUS HEAT WILL BURN UP THE ROPES-- SO IT'LL APPEAR AS IF HE FELL FROM THAT BUILDING AND LANDED ON IT!

I GET IT, FISH! AND THE HEAT WILL ALSO DESTROY HARRY'S FACE-- SO WHEN HE'S FOUND, PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE THE REAL BATMAN IS DEAD!

OKEY, GIMLET! THROW THE SWITCH!

HMPH! I CAN ALREADY FEEL THE HEAT FROM THIS 100,000 CANDLE POWER LIGHT! I CAN'T SURVIVE MORE THAN A FEW MOMENTS--BUT IF I CAN JUST SPREAD MY ARMS A BIT...AH-- NOW I FORM A SILHOUETTE THAT MAY SAVE ME!

SECONDS LATER...

HA, HA... HARRY LARSON SURE DID A GREAT JOB OF PLAYING BATMAN, EH, FISH?

I SAW THE BAT-SIGNAL AND... WAIT! THAT'S FISH FRYE AND GIMLET HAWKINS-- TALKING ABOUT A HARRY LARSON! THEN MY SUSPICIONS WERE RIGHT... THERE IS A FAKE BATMAN!

ROBIN! THANK GOODNESS YOU ANSWERED THE BAT-SIGNAL! NOW WE CAN... ROBIN! WH-WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU FOOLED ME FOR A TIME--BUT NOW I KNOW YOU, HARRY LARSON! THIS IS PROBABLY SOME TRICK TO PUT ME IN THE HANDS OF YOUR PALS!

ROBIN!  
ROBIN!  
DON'T GO!

HE'S TURNED HIS BACK ON ME! HE THINKS I'M THE FAKE BATMAN... AND THIS HEAT... CAN'T SURVIVE IT MUCH LONGER!

JUST THEN...

WAIT--! THAT FIGURE SWOOPING DOWN ON ME... IT'S THE PHONY! NOW I'M REALLY FINISHED... HE HAS A DRAWN KNIFE, AND I'M HELPLESS!

BUT SURPRISINGLY...

HUH--? HE CUT MY BONDS!  
I'M FREE! NOW I CAN...  
BUT WAIT! HE'S LOST  
HIS BALANCE AND FALLEN  
ON THE HIGH-TENSION  
WIRES!



MOMENTS AFTER...

I SAW WHAT  
HAPPENED! BUT...  
BUT I'M MIXED  
UP! ARE YOU  
REALLY BATMAN,  
OR ...

YES, ROBIN-- AND  
WHEN WE RETURN  
TO THE BAT-CAVE,  
I'LL PROVE IT! BUT  
THE FAKE BATMAN...  
HE WAS BURNED TO  
DEATH BY THOSE  
WIRES -- HIS FACE  
COMPLETELY  
UNRECOGNIZABLE! HE  
GAVE HIS LIFE TO  
SAVE MINE!



AND SO, SOME TIME LATER, IN THE  
BAT-CAVE...

FISH AND HIS GANG ARE IN THE HANDS OF  
THE POLICE NOW! FUNNY... THEY KEPT  
SAYING THAT HARRY LARSON TURNED ON  
THEM--ATTACKED THEM IN THE ROLE  
OF BATMAN! DO YOU SUPPOSE HE  
REALLY THOUGHT HE WAS BATMAN?



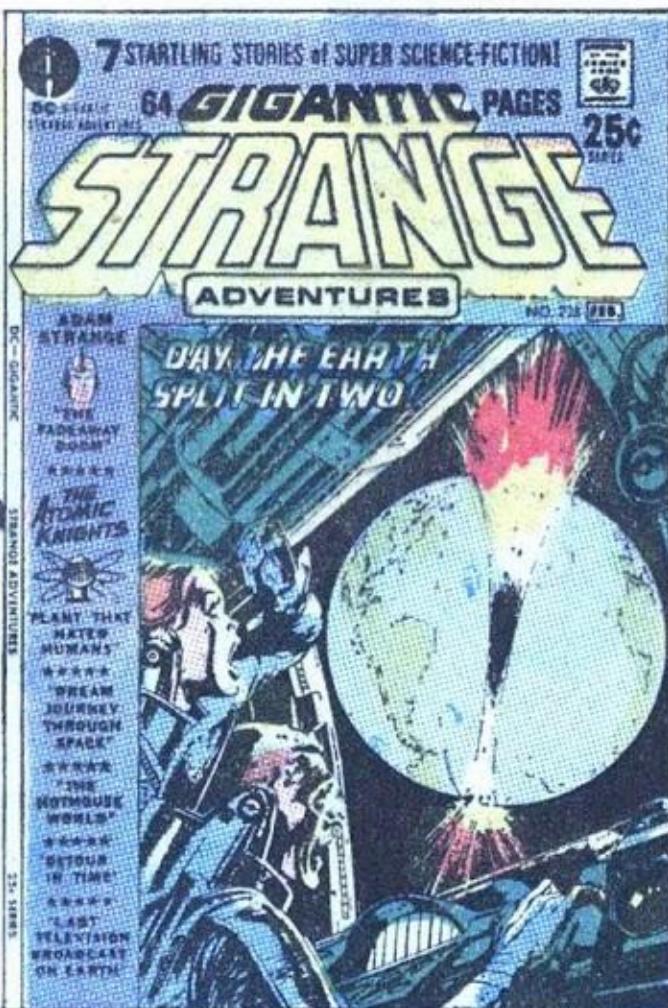
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WE'LL NEVER BE  
SURE, BATMAN!  
BUT I REMEMBER,  
AFTER HE WAS HIT  
ON THE HEAD-- HE SAID,  
"I REALLY KNOW WHO  
I AM NOW!"

THEN HE MUST'VE  
TAKEN ADVANTAGE  
OF THIS CHANCE  
WHICH FATE GAVE  
HIM TO FIGHT ON THE  
SIDE OF JUSTICE!



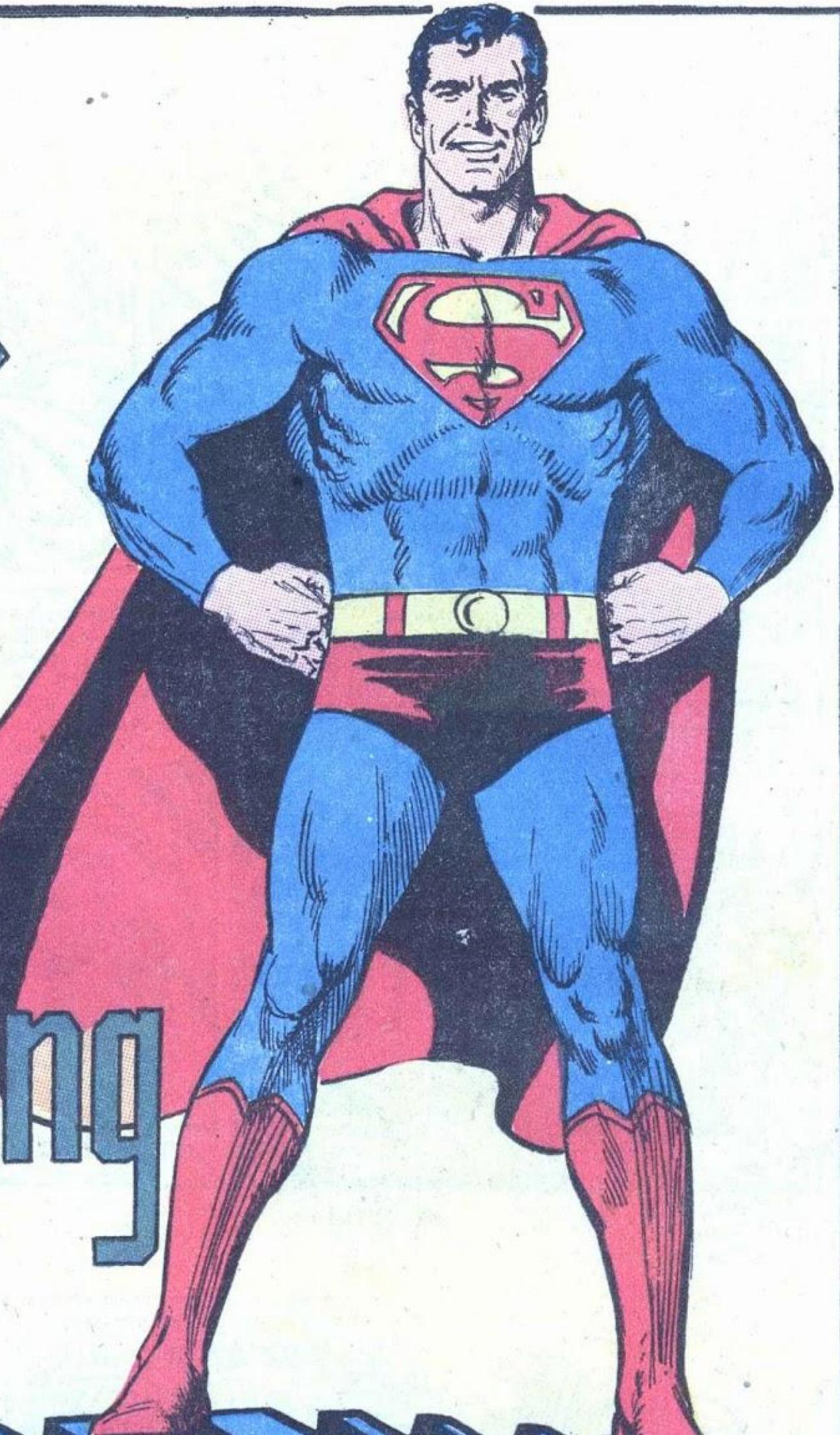
**MORE  
FOR YOUR  
MONEY...**



**...AND  
BETTER.**

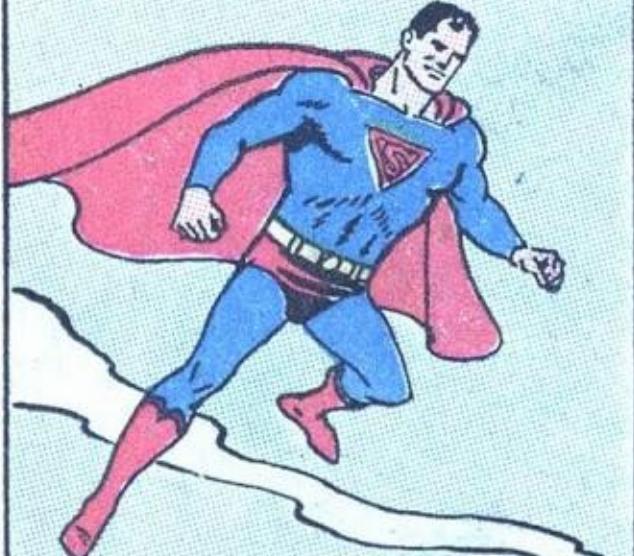
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**1971**

THIS WAS SUPERMAN WHEN HE FIRST APPEARED! "HE COULD HURDLE SKYSCRAPERS... LEAP AN EIGHTH OF A MILE... RAISE TREMENDOUS WEIGHTS... RUN FASTER THAN A STREAM-LINE TRAIN--AND NOTHING LESS THAN A BURSTING SHELL COULD PENETRATE HIS SKIN!"\*

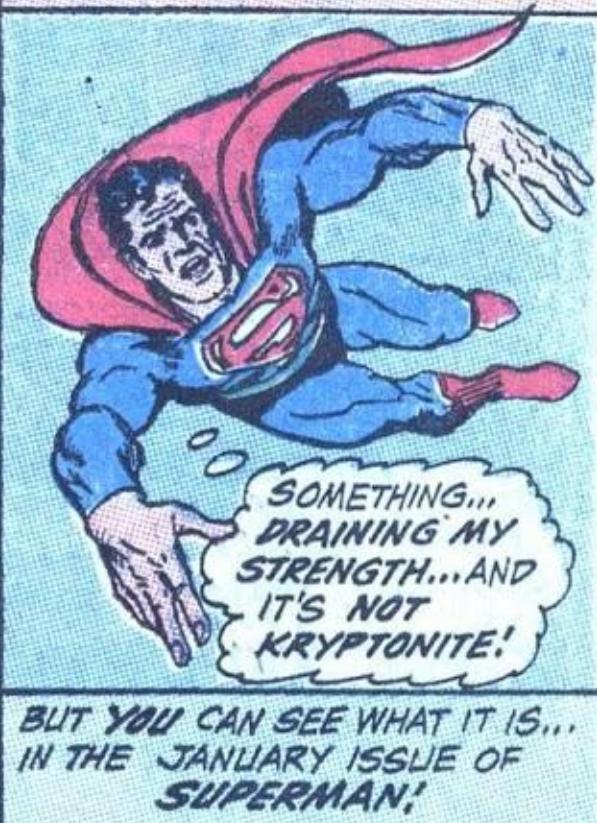


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IN TIME, SUPERMAN'S POWERS INCREASED. HE COULD FLY TO OTHER WORLDS AT ULTRA-LIGHT SPEED... MOVE THE EARTH ITSELF... AND SHRUG OFF H-BOMB BLASTS. HIS GREAT WEAKNESS WAS GREEN KRYPTONITE, WHICH COULD KILL HIM!



THIS IS SUPERMAN, 1971! A STRANGE EXPERIMENT HAS CHANGED ALL GREEN K ON EARTH TO HARMLESS IRON! BUT IT ALSO CREATED A NEW WEAKNESS, THE EXACT NATURE OF WHICH EVEN SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW!



BUT YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT IS... IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF SUPERMAN!

THIS WAS CLARK KENT WHEN HE ORIGINALLY STARTED... WORKING FOR GEORGE TAYLOR, EDITOR OF THE DAILY STAR!



TIME PASSED... AND NOW CLARK WAS WORKING FOR PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE DAILY PLANET!



THIS IS CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT, 1971... WORKING FOR MORGAN EDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE GALAXY BROADCASTING SYSTEM!



AND THESE ARE OTHER CHANGES IN THE SUPERMAN FAMILY OF MAGAZINES...



JIMMY OLSEN AND THE NEW NEWSBOY LEGION... WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY JACK KIRBY!



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# GIANT BATMAN



# BATMAN

WITH ROBIN

FROM MEXICO TO AFRICA--FROM AFRICA  
TO INDIA--FROM INDIA TO MALAYA--  
**BATMAN AND ROBIN WENT ON A  
DANGEROUS MANHUNT AND MADE THE TREK  
IN JUST ONE SHORT HOUR!** IMPOSSIBLE?  
BUT IT REALLY HAPPENED--FOR NOTHING  
WAS IMPOSSIBLE IN THE FANTASTIC  
CASE OF...

## THE GOTHAM CITY SAFARI



HA, HA...  
YOU'VE LOST THE  
HUNT, **BATMAN!**  
NOW IT'S THE  
TRAPPER WHO  
IS TRAPPED!

BOB  
KANE

FROM: BATMAN NO. III (OCT., 1957).

AT THE MANSION OF MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN ALEC JUDSON,  
TWO HONORED GUESTS ARRIVE...

NICE OF YOU TO MAKE **ROBIN**  
AND ME HONORARY MEMBERS  
OF YOUR **SAFARI CLUB**,  
MR. JUDSON!

WE OF THE **SAFARI CLUB**  
HUNT BIG GAME, **BATMAN**,  
BUT YOU HUNT A QUARRY FAR  
MORE DANGEROUS...  
**CRIMINALS!**

FIRST, MEET THE OTHER MEMBERS OF  
THE **CLUB**--BRAD JONES, ED YANCEY,  
AND WILL TYLER--THEN I'LL TAKE  
YOU ON A TOUR OF MY HUNTING  
GROUNDS!



## GIANT BATMAN

LATER, IN A HELICOPTER, JUDSON SHOWS OFF HIS FABULOUS ESTATE, EACH SECTION LANDSCAPED LIKE THE HABITAT OF BIG GAME...

HERE IS "INDIA"-- WHERE A RHINO AND WATER BUFFALO ROAM FREELY! NATURALLY, THEY CAN'T ESCAPE, BECAUSE MY ENTIRE ESTATE IS RINGED BY A HIGH WIRE FENCE!

HERE'S A BIT OF "AFRICA"-- BOTH DESERT AND JUNGLE-- WHERE LION, ELEPHANT AND OTHER BIG GAME WANDER ABOUT!



I EVEN HAVE MY OWN "MEXICAN" JUNGLE, WITH A FEROIOUS JAGUAR PROWLING ON THE STEPS OF A MOCK MAYAN TEMPLE!



LATER, WITH THE TOUR COMPLETED... NOW FOR OUR ANNUAL CONTEST! EACH HUNTER, EQUIPPED WITH A RIFLE--FOR PROTECTION ONLY-- WILL ENTER A DIFFERENT LOCALE! THE FIRST HUNTER TO TRAP AN ANIMAL WINS THIS SILVER TROPHY!



BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE COMPETITION BEGIN THAN...

IT CAME FROM THE "MALAY" SECTION, WHERE ED YANCEY IS HUNTING! HE WOULDN'T SHOOT UNLESS HE WAS IN TROUBLE! COME ON, ROBIN...



BY THE TIME THE OTHERS REACH THE "MALAY" JUNGLE...

YANCEY HAS BEEN MURDERED! AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT-- BUT HIS OWN RIFLE HASN'T BEEN FIRED! HE'S BEEN SHOT BY SOMEONE ELSE-- ONE OF YOU!



## GIANT BATMAN

EXTRACTING THE MURDER BULLET, **BATMAN** COMPARES IT WITH THE OTHER RIFLES, BUT...

ALL YOUR WEAPONS ARE OF A DIFFERENT CALIBRE! HE'S BEEN SHOT BY SOMEONE ELSE... BUT WHO?

LOOK! A WATCH FOB! IT MUST'VE BEEN DROPPED BY THE KILLER WHEN HE STRUGGLED WITH YANCEY!

WHY... IT'S MARKHAM'S GOOD LUCK PIECE! HE WAS TERRIBLY SUPERSTITIOUS...

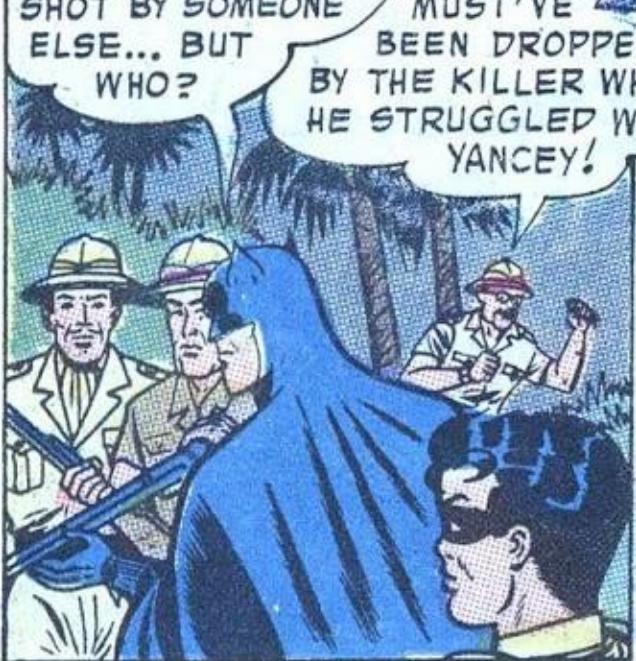
NEVER WENT HUNTING WITHOUT THIS!

WHO'S MARKHAM?

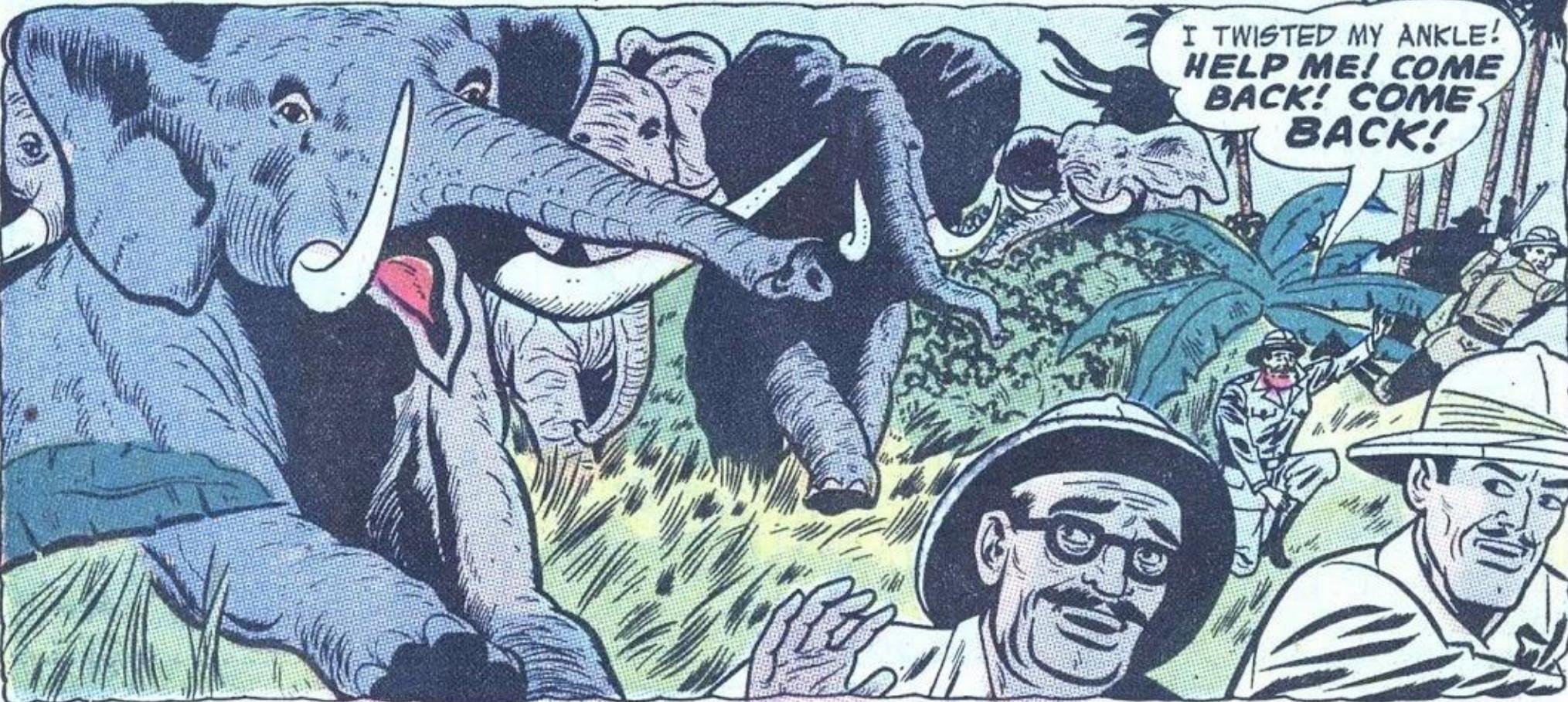
BACK AT HIS MANSION, A WORRIED JUDSON EXPLAINS...

THAT'S HIM--THE ENGLISH MEMBER OF OUR CLUB!

TWO YEARS AGO, ALL OF US WERE ON A SAFARI IN AFRICA, WHEN SUDDENLY WE WERE CHARGED BY A MADDENED HERD OF ELEPHANTS...



"WHEN ELEPHANTS ARE ON THE RAMPAGE, THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT RUN FOR YOUR LIFE..."



TO TURN BACK WOULD HAVE MEANT SACRIFICING OUR OWN LIVES NEEDLESSLY! LATER, WE DOCTORED MARKHAM AS BEST WE COULD, AND GOT HIM TO A HOSPITAL-- BUT HE'S NEVER FORGIVEN US!

DON'T YOU SEE?... MARKHAM WANTS REVENGE! HE INTENDS TO KILL US, ONE BY ONE, BECAUSE HE THINKS WE DESERTED HIM!

I SUGGEST YOU ALL STAY HERE... THIS IS A MURDER CASE NOW! **ROBIN** AND I WILL BRING IN THE KILLER!



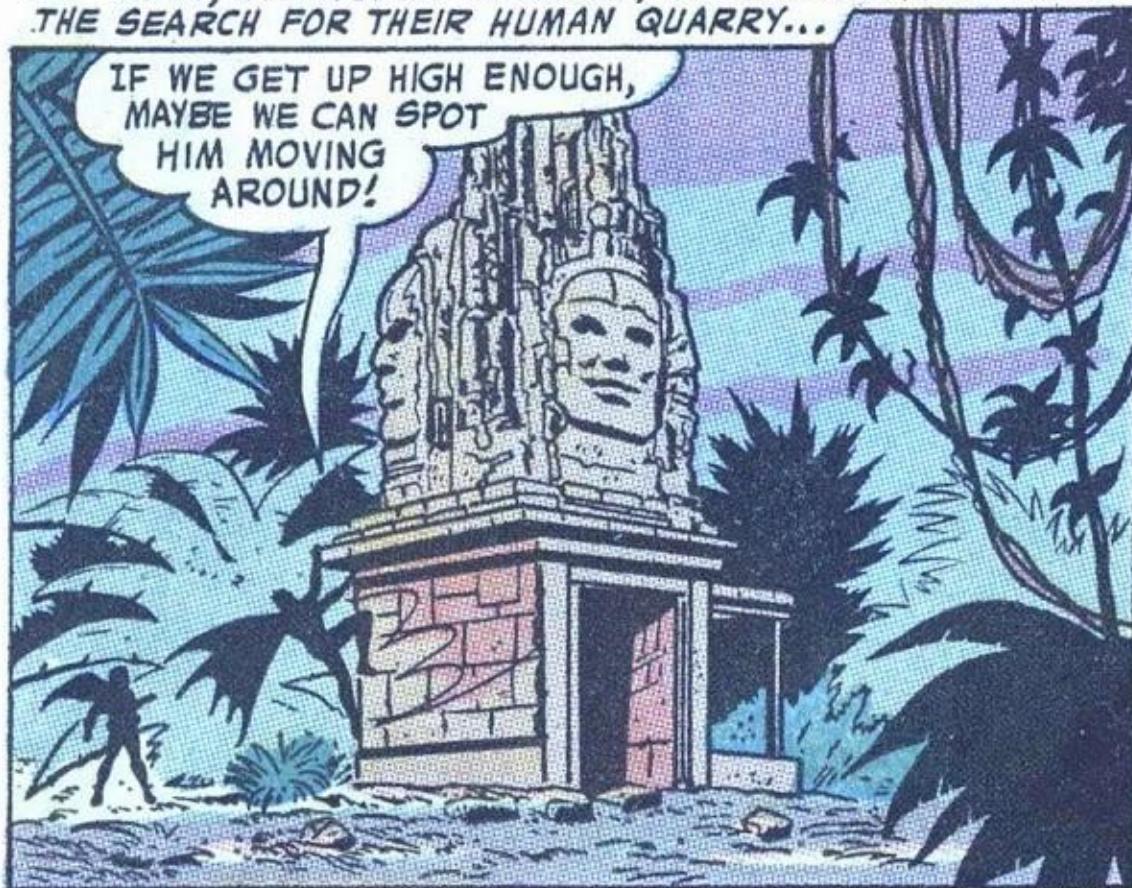


# GIANT BATMAN



IN "INDIA," SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE MANHUNTERS BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR THEIR HUMAN QUARRY...

IF WE GET UP HIGH ENOUGH, MAYBE WE CAN SPOT HIM MOVING AROUND!



SUDDENLY...

WHAT--? AN AMBUSH!

HE HIT YOUR PERCH!

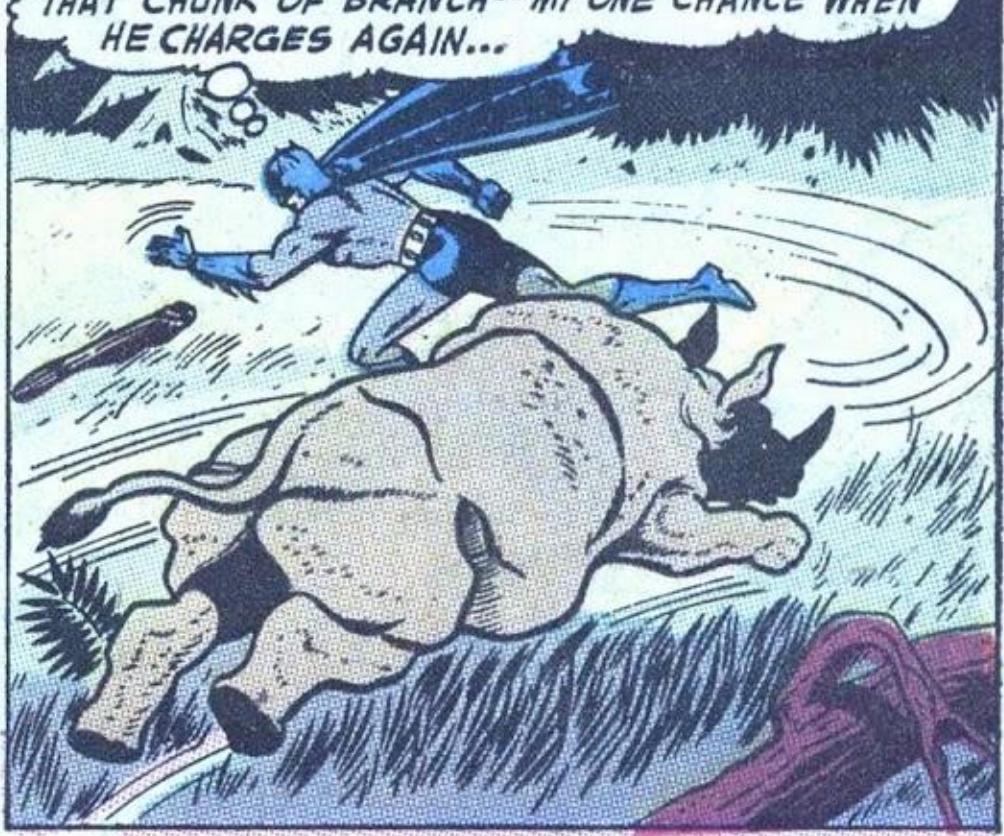


TWISTING HIS SUPERBLY TRAINED BODY IN MID-AIR, BATMAN MANAGES TO LAND ON HIS FEET--ONLY TO FACE A NEW DANGER...

A RHINO--MADDENED BY THE SOUND OF THE RIFLE!



DEFTLY, HE SIDESTEPS THE CHARGING BEAST, AND... THAT CHUNK OF BRANCH--MY ONE CHANCE WHEN HE CHARGES AGAIN...



AND AS THE ENRAGED ANIMAL MAKES ANOTHER LUNGE...

THAT DID IT! A SHARP, VIOLENT BLOW ON THE TIP OF A RHINO'S HORN WILL KNOCK HIM OUT MOMENTARILY!



JUST THEN... HA, HA... YOU'RE A CLEVER CHAP, BATMAN! THIS SHOULD BE A JOLLY GOOD HUNT NOW! BUT THE QUESTION IS-- WHO'S HUNTING WHOM?

MARKHAM!



# GIANT BATMAN



STARTLED BY THE MAD LAUGHTER, A BLACK PANTHER LEAPS OUT FROM THICK BRUSH, INTENT ON ESCAPE...

EH--? A BLACK CAT! CAN'T LET IT CROSS MY PATH... MEANS BAD LUCK! MUST GET AWAY!



HE'S SUPERSTITIOUS... THAT'S HIS WEAK POINT! WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE IT AGAINST HIM!

MAYBE WE CAN... BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT A LITTLE SWIMMING TO DO!



MID-WAY ACROSS THE STREAM, HOWEVER, AN UGLY SNOUT SUDDENLY VEERS UP... /

**BATMAN!**

LOOK OUT... A CROCODILE COMING AT YOU!



BEFORE THE GIANT REPTILE CAN OPEN ITS HUGE JAWS, STURDY HANDS CLAMP ON THEM-- AND MAN AND BEAST THRASH IN THE WATER...



AS THE THRASHING BRINGS THEM CLOSE TO SHORE, BATMAN RELEASES HIS HOLD AND, IN ONE SPURT, WADES TO SAFETY...

GOSH-- YOU JUST HELD... MUSCLES WHICH OPEN HIS JAWS TOGETHER! A CROC'S JAWS ARE WEAK! IT'S HIS OTHER SET OF MUSCLES-- THE ONES THAT CLOSE HIS JAWS-- THAT ARE POWERFUL!



AT THAT MOMENT...

HA, HA... STILL THE CUNNING ONE, EH, **BATMAN?**

MARKHAM! WE'VE GOT TO CAPTURE THAT RAVING MADMAN!



## GIANT BATMAN

BUT, AS BATMAN RUSHES FORWARD...

HA, HA... YOU WALKED  
RIGHT INTO MY BUGANDA  
LION TRAP! NOW THE FUN  
BEGINS... HA, HA, HA!

BEFORE ROBIN CAN MOVE, THE HUNTER STUNS HIM WITH HIS  
RIFLE BUTT, AND...

I'VE WON THE HUNT! I'VE  
TRAPPED BOTH BATMAN  
AND ROBIN... HA, HA, HA!

MUST GET OUT OF THIS NET--  
FAST... BEFORE HE HARMS  
ROBIN!



THE ROPE'S TOO THICK TO BREAK,  
UNLESS-- WAIT! A LION... MAYBE  
HE'LL HELP ME GET OUT!



REMOVING HIS CAPE, BATMAN  
POKES IT THROUGH THE NET AND  
WAVES WILDLY...

A LION GETS  
FURIOUS AT THE SIGHT OF ANY  
DARK, FLAPPING CLOTH... AND  
THIS ONE BELOW IS HOPPING  
MAD!

THE LION SPRINGS-- HIS RAZOR-  
SHARP TALONS RAKING THE  
ROPES...

SLIPPING OUT THROUGH THE  
GASHED NET, BATMAN LEAPS  
TO A TREE-- AND TO FREEDOM...



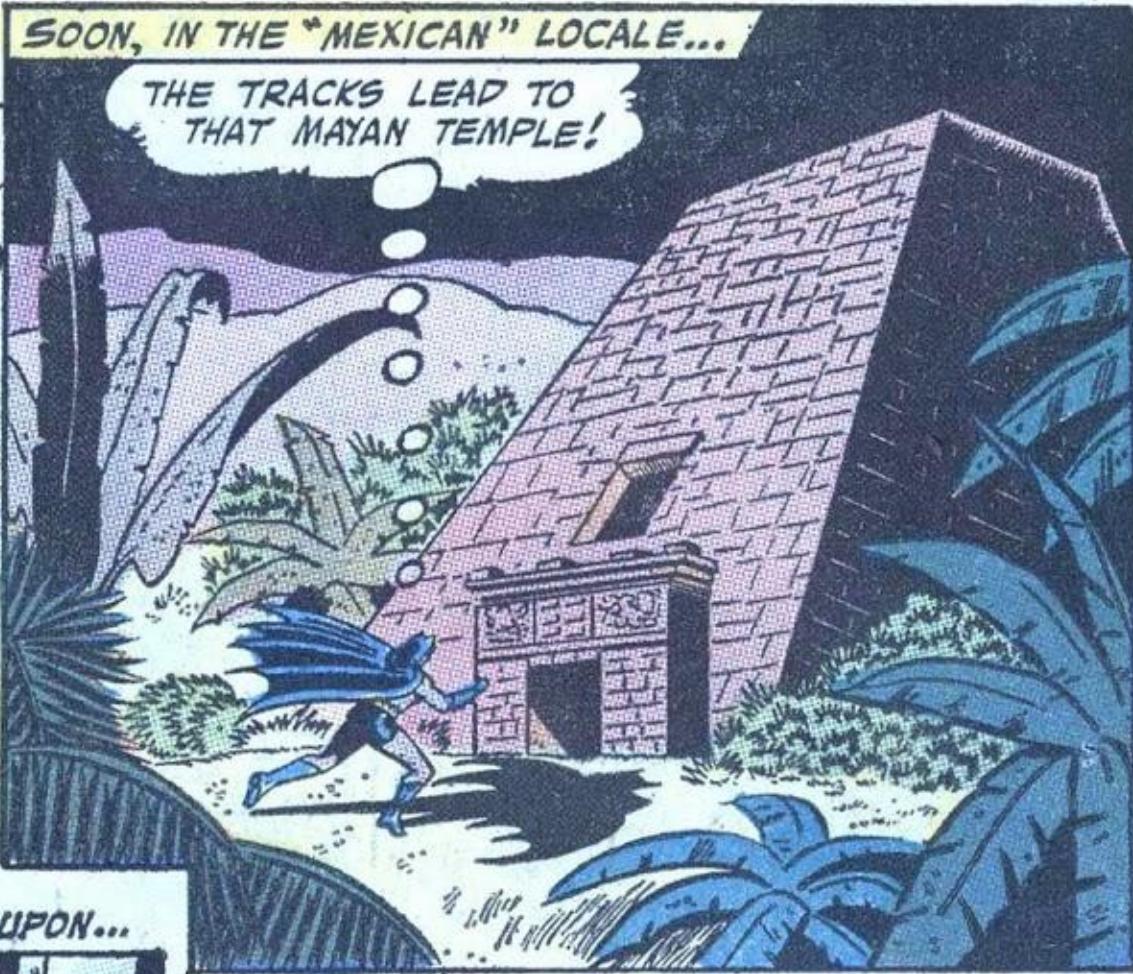
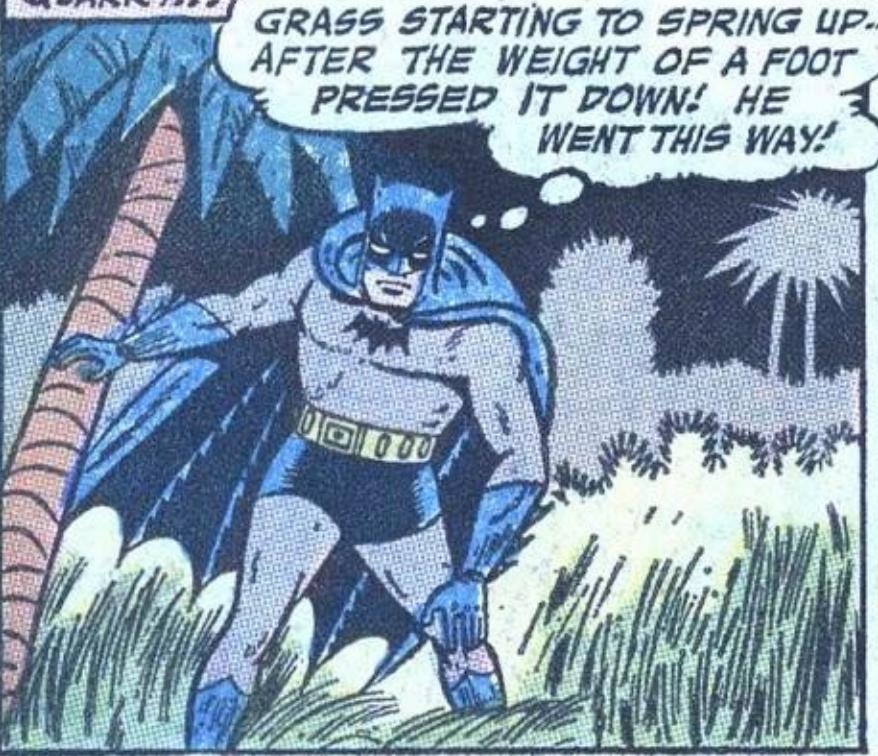
THANKS,  
FELLA! I'LL  
SEE THAT YOU  
GET A GOOD  
STEAK FOR  
YOUR ASSIST!

LATER, A GRIM MANHUNTER SCANS THE GROUND FOR THE SPOOR OF HIS HUMAN QUARRY...

GRASS STARTING TO SPRING UP... AFTER THE WEIGHT OF A FOOT PRESSED IT DOWN! HE WENT THIS WAY!

SOON, IN THE "MEXICAN" LOCALE...

THE TRACKS LEAD TO THAT MAYAN TEMPLE!



WARIALLY, HE ENTERS THE STRUCTURE; TO COME UPON...

ROBIN AND MARKHAM!



UPON FREEING THE PRISONERS... I'M THE REAL MARKHAM... JUDSON IS IMPERSONATING ME! YOU SEE, I SPENT SO MUCH MONEY ON HOSPITAL BILLS, THAT I CAME TO AMERICA TO ASK JUDSON FOR A LOAN! INSTEAD, JUDSON TOOK ME PRISONER-- BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY!



WELL, BATMAN-- I INTENDED TO DROP THE BODIES OF ROBIN AND MARKHAM FROM THE TEMPLE ROOF, MAKING IT SEEM AS THOUGH BOTH FELL TO THEIR DEATH WHILE STRUGGLING! BUT NOW, I MUST REVISE MY PLANS...

NOW I'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU AND ROBIN WITH THE RIFLE THAT KILLED YANCEY-- THEN I'LL SHOOT MARKHAM WITH MINE, SAYING I SHOT IN SELF-DEFENSE! SMART, EH?

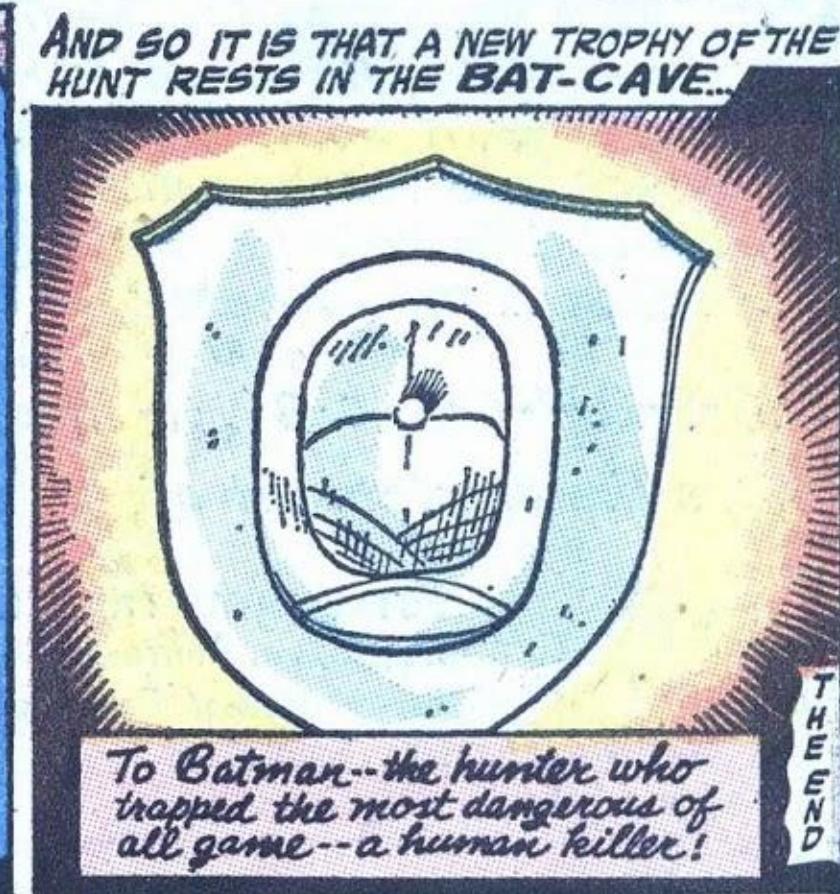
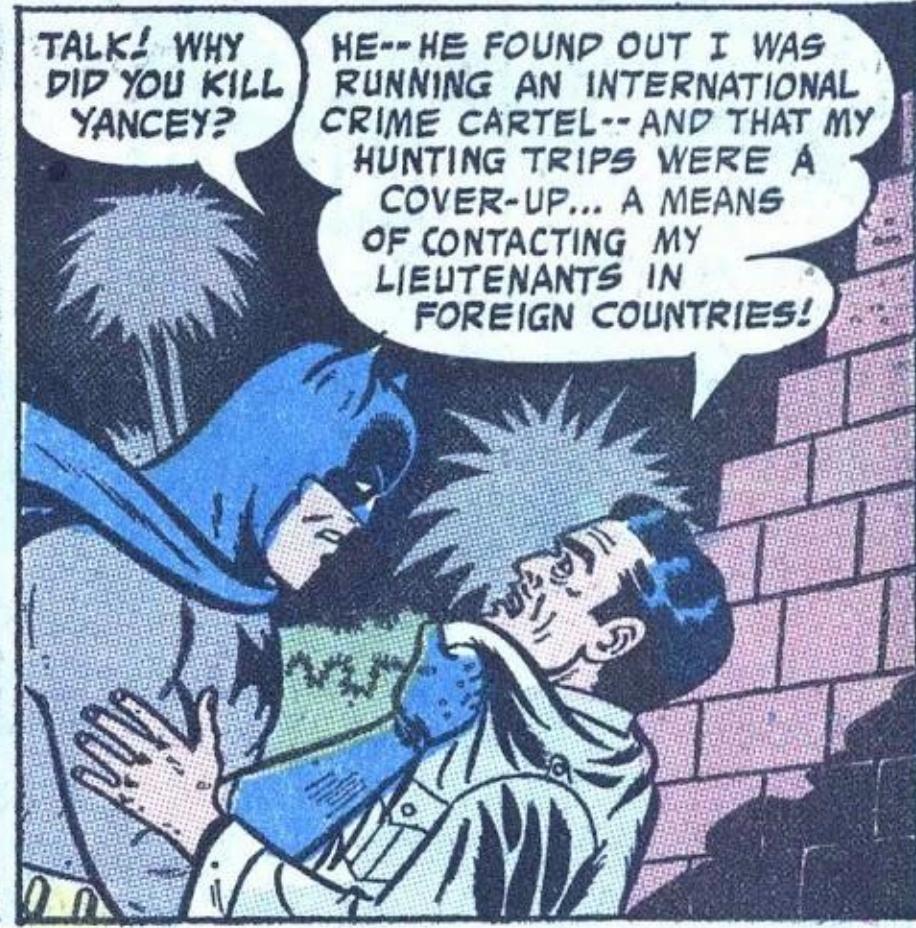
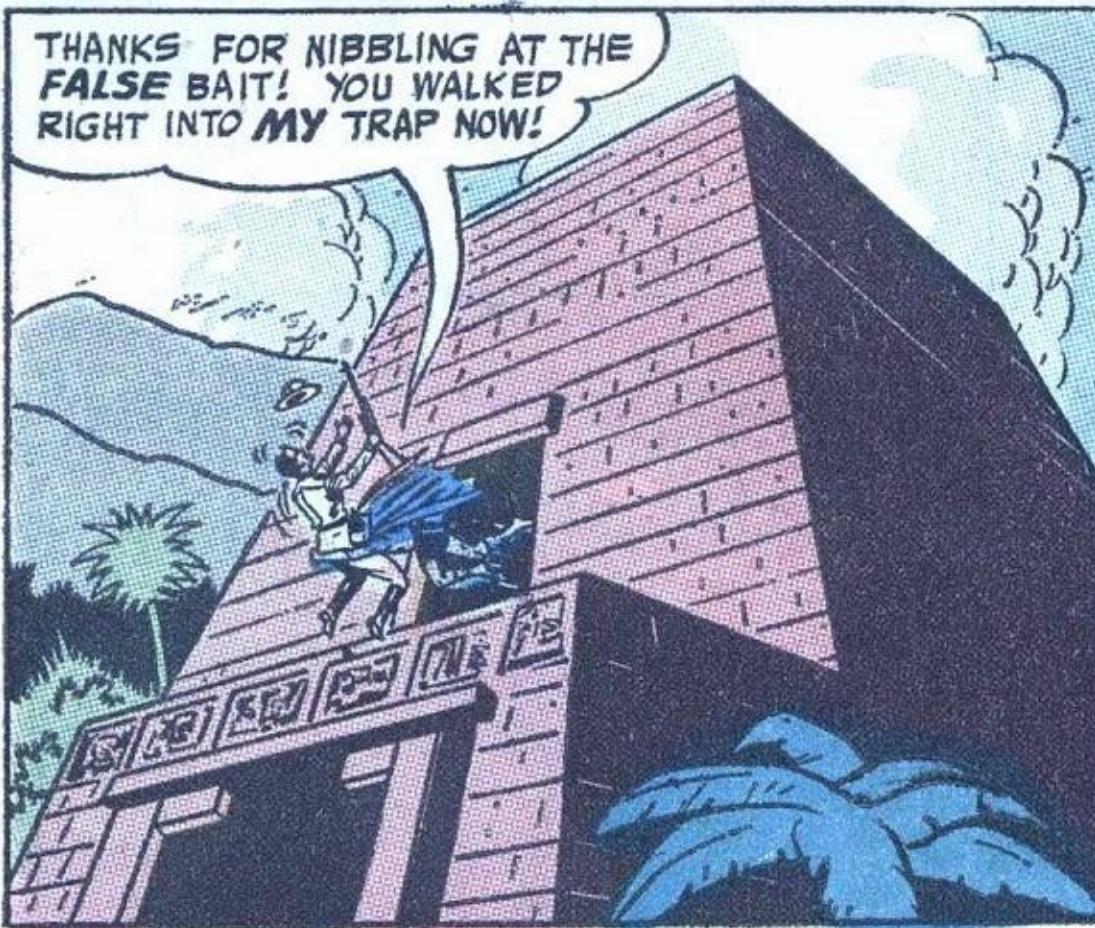
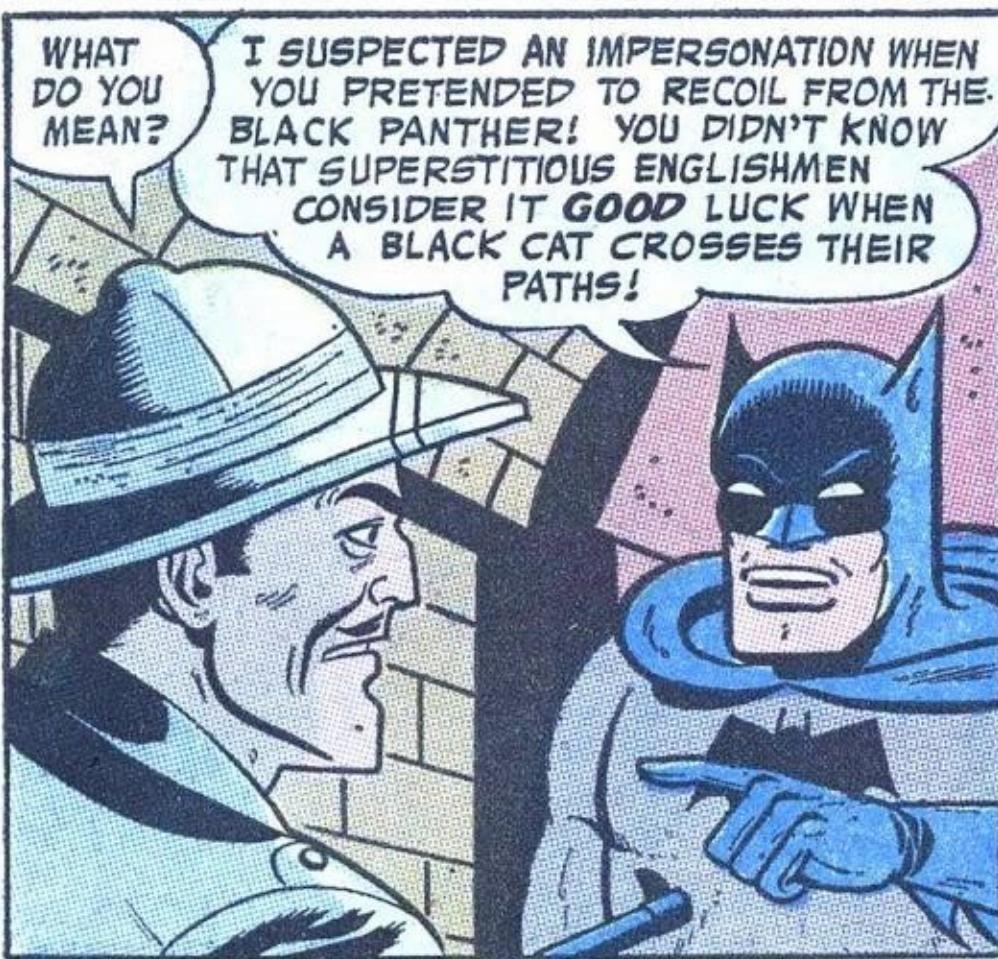
I'VE GOT TO STALL HIM-- GET HIM OFF BALANCE...

NOT SO SMART, JUDSON! YOU MADE ONE MISTAKE IN YOUR IMPERSONATION OF MARKHAM...





# GIANT BATMAN



# picture MATH

THIS IS THE LAST NAME OF A FORMER PRESIDENT!



ADD AND SUBTRACT THE LETTERS AND THE LETTERS OF THE NAMES OF THINGS PICTURED, AS DIRECTED. THEN REARRANGE THE REMAINING LETTERS TO SPELL A 6 LETTER WORD. THE CARTOON WILL GIVE YOU A CLUE TO THE ANSWER!

SINK	CHOW	PADLOCK
+ +	-	-
		-
+ +	- -	= ?
SINK CHOW		WILSON
<b>The ANSWER</b> →		
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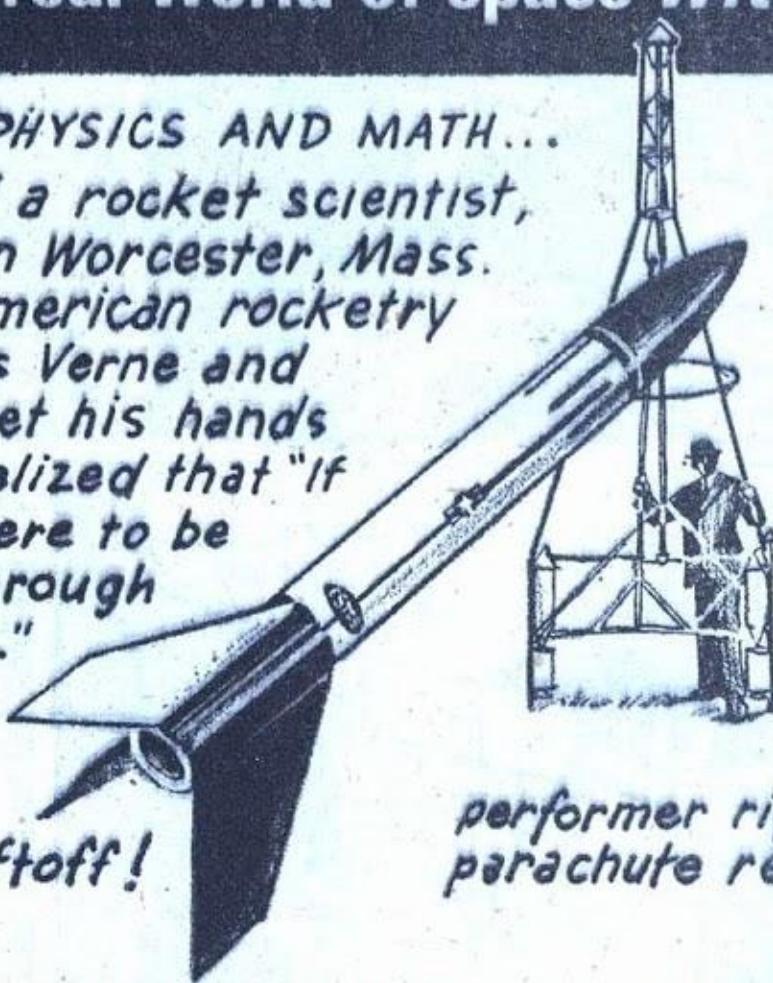


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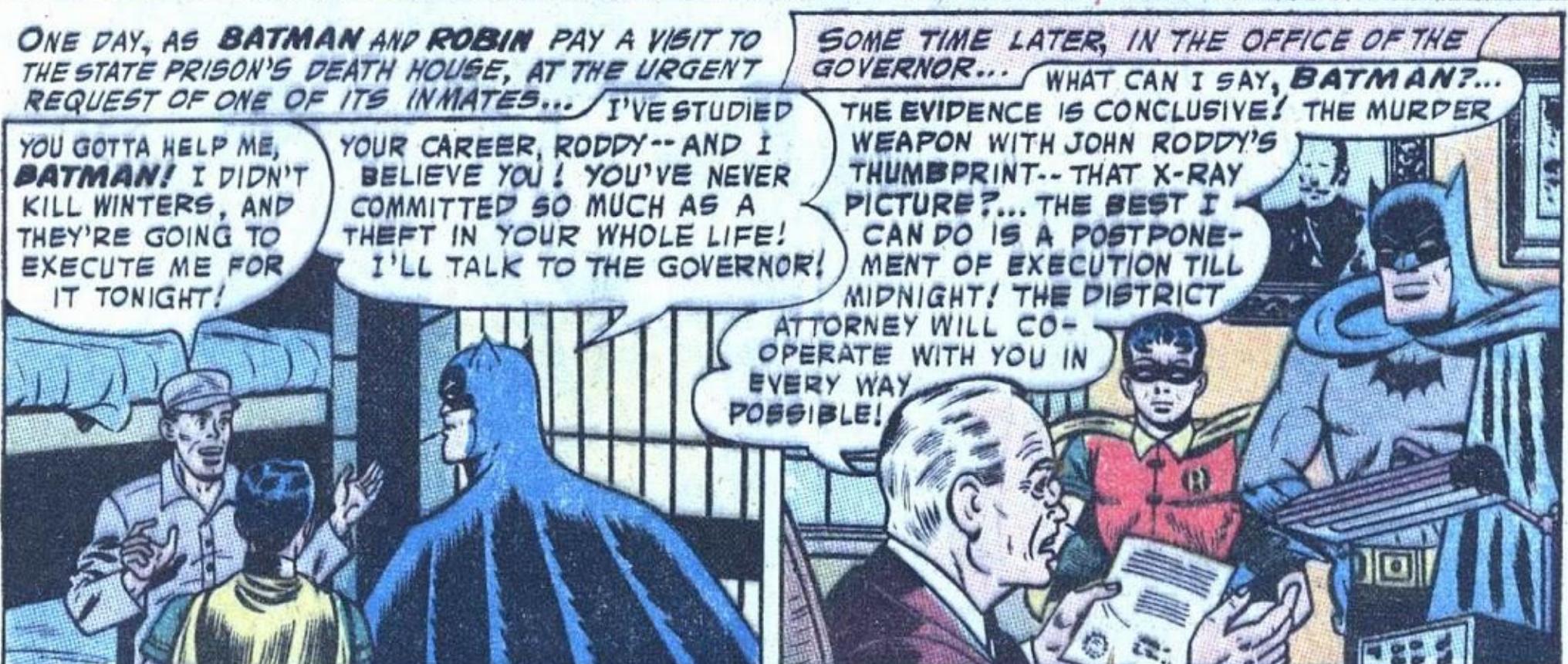
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CAN THE LENGTH OF A MAN'S THUMB BE A NOOSE AROUND HIS NECK? CAN A CROOK'S FACE BE CREATED FROM A BROKEN KNUCKLE-BONE? STRANGE QUESTIONS -- YET A LIFE DEPENDS ON THE ANSWERS, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST SAVE A DOOMED MAN WHILE THEY THEMSELVES ARE HOPELESS...

## PRISONERS OF THE BAT-CAVE



## GIANT BATMAN

SO, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

...AND THE GOVERNOR HAS ASKED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO LEND BATMAN AND ROBIN ALL EVIDENCE USED AT THE TRIAL!

IT'LL TAKE TWO HOURS FOR US TO REACH THE D.A.'S OFFICE--LEAVING VERY LITTLE TIME TO CRACK THE CASE...BUT WE MUST!

PRESENTLY...

HERE'S THE EVIDENCE--AND ALSO THIS PACKAGE I RECEIVED A FEW MINUTES AGO BY SPECIAL MESSENGER, SENT FOR YOU! LOOKS HOPELESS TO ME--BUT I WISH YOU LUCK!

THANKS,  
D.A.!



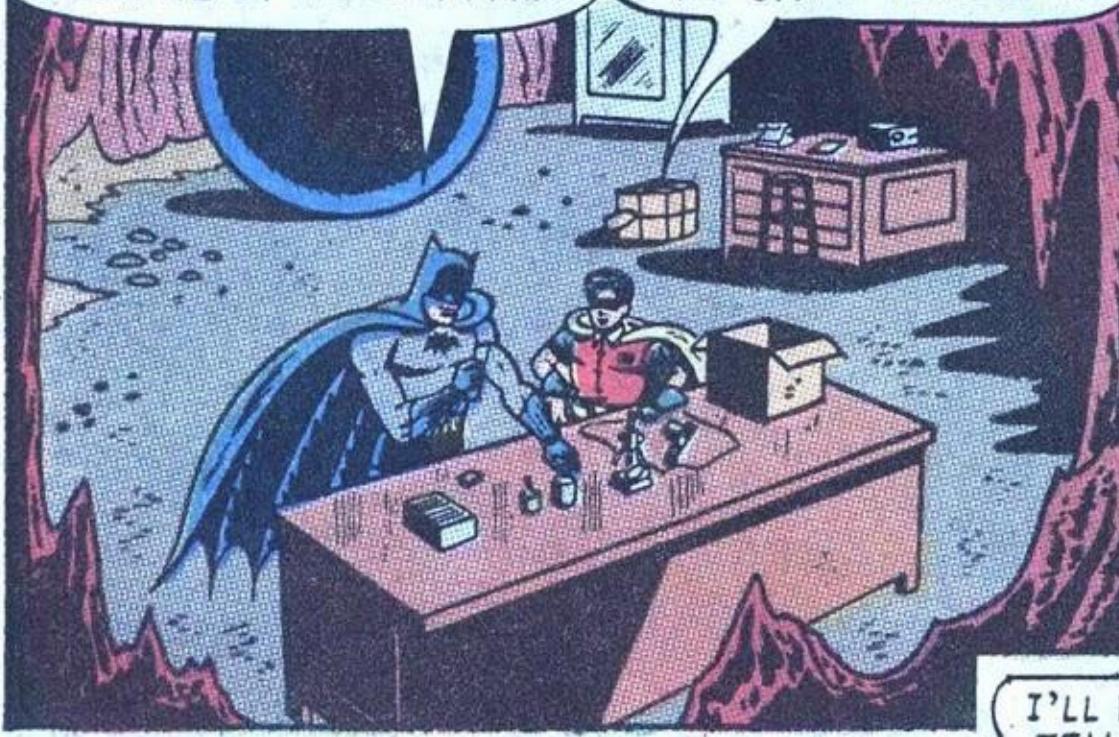
A LITTLE LATER, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE...

WHEN DOCTOR WINTERS WAS KILLED, THE MURDERER ACCIDENTALLY THREW THE SWITCH ON HIS X-RAY MACHINE, AND TOOK THIS NEGATIVE OF HIS OWN HAND!

YES--SHOWING A PECULIAR RING ON THE INDEX FINGER OF THE RIGHT HAND...A RING STILL ON RODDY'S FINGER, SO TIGHT THAT HE CAN'T REMOVE IT!

SUDDENLY...

GREAT SCOTT! THE GENERATOR THAT GOVERNS THE NEW TIME LOCK WE PUT ON BOTH DOORS...IT--IT FAILED! UNLESS A STRONG CURRENT RUNS THROUGH THE KEY WHEN IT TURNS, THE DOOR WON'T OPEN!



WE CAN RECHARGE IT--AND WHEN THE CURRENT IS STRONG ENOUGH, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT!

YES--BUT THAT WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR HOURS! WE'LL GET OUT AFTER RODDY IS EXECUTED!

I'LL PHONE THE GOVERNOR--TELL HIM WHAT'S HAPPENED! HE MUST GRANT ANOTHER DELAY!

BATMAN! LOOK OUT! THAT PACKAGE A BOOBY-TRAP, BURSTING INTO FLAMES!



## GIANT BATMAN

MUST BE A FIRE BOMB! IN A FEW SECONDS, THE HEAT WILL BE SO INTENSE, NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE US! QUICK, ROBIN-- HOIST ME UP ON THAT PULLEY!

NEXT INSTANT...

SWING ME RIGHT OVER THAT BUST OF TWO-FACE... I CAN GET A GRIP ON THE EARS! I-- I JUST HOPE I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO LIFT IT, WITH YOUR HELP!

AND WHILE THE DEADLY FLAMES GROW HIGHER AND HOTTER...

LOWER, LOWER! I-- I CAN STAND THE HEAT... I HAVE TO! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT THE HOLLOW BUST WILL SNUFF OUT THE FLAME, BY CUTTING OFF THE OXYGEN!



TENSE MOMENTS FOLLOW AS THE FLAMES DIE DOWN INSIDE THE GLASS BUST-- THEIR HEAT WARPING IT TO EVEN STRANGER EXPRESSIONS...

NOW, IF ONLY THE OXYGEN GIVES OUT BEFORE THE GLASS MELTS COMPLETELY-- WE'RE SAVED!

MINUTES LATER... THAT PRACTICALLY PROVES RODDY'S INNOCENT! THE REAL MURDERER, HEARING OVER THE RADIO THAT WE WERE GETTING THE EVIDENCE, SENT THAT BOMB TO DESTROY US!

WHEN THE GOVERNOR HEARS... OH, NO! BATMAN-- LOOK!



OUR PHONE AND RADIO TRANSMITTER-- DESTROYED BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FLAMES! WE-- WE'RE ISOLATED FROM THE OUTER WORLD! INNOCENT OR GUILTY, RODDY IS DOOMED NOW!

IT LOOKS BAD, ROBIN-- BUT WE STILL HAVE ONE SLIM CHANCE...





# GIANT BATMAN



WE MUST FIND THE IDENTITY OF THE REAL MURDERER, USING ONLY OUR BRAINS, OUR FILES, AND THE CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS WE HAVE HERE! AFTERWARD-- WELL... MAYBE ONE OF US WILL GET AN INSPIRATION ABOUT THAT LOCK!

WE'LL START BY ASSUMING THAT RODDY IS INNOCENT-- BUT SOMEONE FRAMED HIM BY GETTING HIS THUMBPRINT ON THE MURDER WEAPON! IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M SURE WE CAN FIND OUT! LOOK AT THE SCREEN AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN...

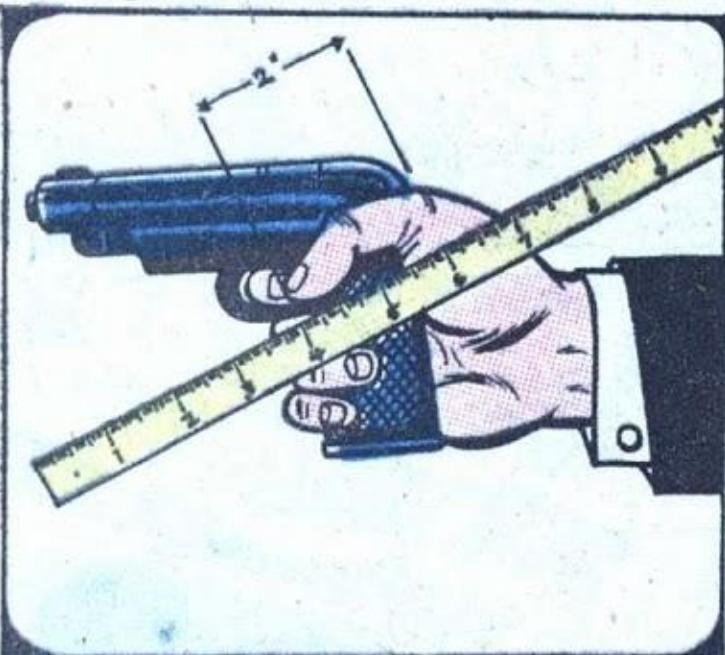


"WHEN A GUN IS HELD NATURALLY, THE THUMBPRINT ENDS THE SAME NUMBER OF INCHES FROM THE BUTT AS THE LENGTH OF THE MAN'S THUMB..."

LET'S SEE, NOW... THE MAN WHO FIRED THIS GUN HAD A THUMB TWO AND 3/4 INCHES LONG-- UNUSUALLY LONG!

THAT'S TERRIFIC! I JUST LOOKED UP RODDY'S RECORD... HIS THUMB IS BARELY TWO INCHES LONG! HE WAS FRAMED!

AND THIS IS HOW IT WAS DONE! THE KILLER GOT AN IMPRESSION OF RODDY'S THUMB, TRANSFERRED IT TO A RUBBER FINGER LIKE THIS-- AND WORE IT WHEN HE DID THE KILLING, NOT THINKING THAT HIS OWN THUMB WAS LONGER THAN RODDY'S!



NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PUT A FACE TO THAT THUMB-- AND THEN WORRY ABOUT GETTING OUT OF HERE, IMPOSSIBLE AS IT SEEMS! I'LL PROJECT AN ENLARGEMENT OF THAT X-RAY-- AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND THERE!



HMM-- THAT DIVING SUIT... SEEMS TO SUGGEST SOMETHING. BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT! WELL-- MAYBE IT'LL COME TO ME LATER!



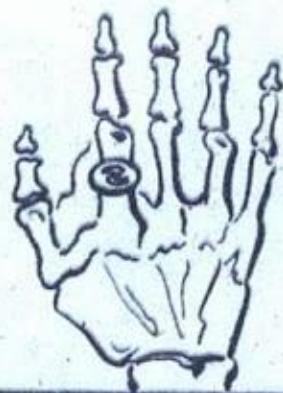


# GIANT BATMAN



SOON... THERE'S THAT INCRIMINATING RING AND--AND... LOOK! FRACTURED BONES IN THE SECOND AND THIRD KNUCKLES-- VERY RECENTLY BROKEN, IF I RECALL MY ANATOMY!

THAT SHOULD MAKE OUR TASK EASIER!



ALL WE NEED NOW IS SOME HARD WORK WITH OUR FILES--AND A LITTLE DEDUCTION!

I GET IT... OUR FIRST JOB IS TO EXAMINE ALL CRIMINAL FILES--AND PULL OUT THOSE WITH 2 3/4-INCH THUMBS!



PRECIOUS MINUTES LATER... JUST A HALF-DOZEN! IT WASN'T SMITHERS--HE WAS 3,000 MILES AWAY AT THE TIME--AND WREN WAS IN JAIL...

AND KENYON NEVER USES GUNS... SO THAT NARROWS IT DOWN TO THREE!

MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT WHICH ONE OF THOSE THREE IT IS--BY CONSULTING OUR NEWSPAPER FILES!

THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD... WE'LL JUST GO THROUGH EVERY PAPER FOR THE WEEK BEFORE THE KILLING--WHEN THE MURDERER BROKE THOSE BONES IN HIS HAND!



FINALLY, AFTER AN ARDUOUS AND PAINSTAKING SEARCH... LOOK AT THIS! JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE KILLING--HE'S WHACKING HIM ON THE POINT OF THE JAW WITH JUST THE FINGERS THAT WERE BROKEN IN THE X-RAY!

AND LEN PAUL WAS ONE OF THE THREE WHOSE THUMBS WERE 2 3/4 INCHES LONG! THAT SHOULD CLINCH IT!

BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT? EVEN THOUGH WE'VE DISCOVERED THE MURDERER RIGHT HERE IN THE BAT-CAVE...

SHHH--LET ME CONCENTRATE! I HAD A GHOST OF AN IDEA BEFORE, GLANCING AT THIS DIVING SUIT--BUT I WAS CONCENTRATING SO ON WHAT WE WERE DOING, I LOST IT!





# GIANT BATMAN



HMM... DIVING SUIT... WATER... PRESSURE... NO,  
NOT THAT! HELMET-- RUBBER... **OF COURSE!**  
**THAT'S IT!** TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS,  
**ROBIN**-- THE MASTER SWITCH! THEN--  
TIE BARE WIRES TO EVERY OUTLET  
AND SOCKET!

AS ROBIN FOLLOWS BATMAN'S INSTRUCTIONS...

FINE! NOW CONNECT ALL THE  
LOOSE ENDS TO ANOTHER WIRE--  
WHICH YOU'LL WRAP AROUND THE  
KEY... THEN PUT THE MASTER  
SWITCH BACK ON!

I--I SEE WHAT  
YOU'RE DRIVING AT...  
BUT DON'T YOU THINK  
IT-- IT'S TOO  
DANGEROUS?



MAYBE... BUT AN INNOCENT MAN'S LIFE IS AT STAKE!  
WE CAN JUST HOPE THAT THE INSULATION PROVIDED  
BY THIS RUBBER DIVING SUIT IS HEAVY ENOUGH  
TO PREVENT MY GETTING A SHOCK! THE AUTO-  
MATIC MECHANISM USUALLY TURNS THE KEY  
WITH A POWERFUL CURRENT OF ELECTRICITY...

... BUT NOW, I'LL TAKE THE  
PLACE OF THE MECHANISM-- IT-- IT'S  
WORKING!  
AND HOPE THOSE SOCKETS, I HEARD THE  
TOGETHER, CAN PROVIDE  
ENOUGH ELECTRICITY!  
LOCK TURN!



AND SO, AFTER A FURIOUS TRIP, AT BREAKNECK  
SPEED, TO THE REAL KILLER'S HIDEOUT...

THUS, IN THE DAWN HOURS OF AN EXCITING NIGHT...

TEN MINUTES TO  
GO-- AND NO WORD  
YET FROM **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**!

THEY'LL HEAR  
FROM US SOON  
ENOUGH!

THAT X-RAY OF PAUL'S HAND  
JUST CAME THROUGH-- SHOWING  
A HEALED FRACTURE JUST  
WHERE THE FRACTURE WAS  
ON THE ORIGINAL X-RAY!  
AMAZING WORK,  
**BATMAN**!

NOTHING TO IT,  
GOVERNOR! WE  
JUST--ER-- FOUND  
A QUIET PLACE WHERE  
WE COULD CONCENTRATE,  
AND... UH... LOCKED OURSELVES  
UP WITH OUR THOUGHTS!



# GIANT BATMAIL

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## Dear Editor:

Having just completed GIANT BATMAN #223, I must congratulate you on your choice of stories. Each one was excellent. In particular, "Batman of the Mounties" was outstanding.

The reproduction of the newspaper syndicate story ("The Mardi Gras Mystery") was surprisingly different, but not entirely to my liking. The feeling of really reading an old newspaper strip is lost when it is presented in this manner. This seems a shame, as many readers, myself included, were not born soon enough to read stories of this quality in a newspaper's comic section.

In a future GIANT, perhaps a few pages could be devoted to old covers. Villains, too, could be given a short feature. Not the well-known ones, but villains who are seldom, if ever, seen between the GIANT BATMAN covers (i.e., Signalman, Two-Face, etc.).

Lynsey Guerrero, Redondo Beach, Calif.  
*(We're glad you, at least, dug "Batman of the Mounties," because we sure got a load of complaints about that tale—some of which follow.—E.N.B.)*

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## Dear Editor:

Being a reader for only a few years, I had not previously seen the stories featured in the current GIANT BATMAN; yet I must point out some of the mistakes you have made.

In "Batman of the Mounties," the R.C.M.P. post Batman and Robin visit is in northern Canada. From the mountains depicted on page 2, it would appear to be in the west, near the Rockies, and thus wouldn't be notified of a Quebec jailbreak. Other detachments in Quebec would handle the matter.

Second, the entire story shows the Mounties in their red tunics, but that is dress uniform, and not worn for regular duty. Speaking of uniforms, on the splash page, you show a Mountie on snowshoes with stripes on his left arm, when they are worn on the right arm. Also, the chevrons are placed on the wrist of the minor officers and in an inverted "vee" position.

One other point is that when Jason was found, he was still in a red tunic instead of the heavy, blue parka they wear in the north. And on page 5, the shot of the camp makes it look as if the R.C.M.P. treated criminals like P.O.W.'s.

Seven points in one story! You should represent the R.C.M.P. as the fine force it is in the future, because at present your batting average is so bad I was afraid to examine the other stories for errors!

Barry Kimuck, Ottawa, Canada

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## Dear Editor:

In your story of "Batman of the Mounties," you goofed. The R.C.M.P. only wear their red tunics on ceremonial occasions, and the horses are used only on special occasions, too. The working uniform is dark brown pants with yellow stripes down the sides,

light brown shirts and dark brown jackets.

Also, when patrolling, the R.C.M.P. uses police cruisers, motorcycles, airplanes, boats, etc.—not horses. As I am a Canadian, I hate to see these errors made.

Ron Sherred, Keewatin, Ont., Canada

*(Okay—you got your man . . . namely, the author of that 1953 story. Not to mention your editor, who didn't know all the errors in it when he reprinted it.—E.N.B.)*

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## Dear Editor:

GIANT BATMAN #223 was a smash! But . . . in "City without Guns," Inspector Deggers states that Sherlock Holmes never used a gun. Evidently, the writer never read any Sherlock Holmes stories. Many times, when Holmes and Watson went out to make a "catch," he advised Watson to arm himself. And on occasion, Holmes remarked that he was armed.

Another thing, his picture was shown among other great crime-fighters. Sherlock Holmes was a fictional character. Next time you are in London, go to 221 Baker Street, and you will find it is a loan company. Hmm . . . maybe, while you're there, you should take out a loan, buy a book, and read up on Sherlock Holmes.

Mark Swain, Dayton, Ohio

*(As long-time devotees of A. Conan Doyle's detective, we knew the goofs were there, but decided to let them go through in the reprint, to see how many readers would spot them. Several of you did.—E.N.B.)*

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## Dear Editor:

I liked GIANT BATMAN #223. But in two stories, Robin had bare legs in the snow. How do you explain this?

Rob Logan, Westwin, Manitoba, Canada  
*(Would you believe—flesh-colored tights?—E.N.B.)*

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## Dear Editor:

Congratulations on BATMAN 223. This GIANT surpassed all past collections, even BATMAN 208 (which I considered the best up to now). You should be proud of your work.

Taking the Dynamic Duo out of Gotham City for an issue was a great idea. The cover by Murphy Anderson was the perfect icing for the cake. I especially liked the Mardi Gras story from the newspapers.

For the next GIANT BATMAN, I'd like to see the Time-Ray series reprinted; a famous firsts giant; or a Batwoman giant.

Jerry Wilson, Omaha, Neb.

*(We'll keep your suggestions in mind, Jer. But Murphy only inked that cover, which Curt Swan pencilled. And now we'll sign off with this reminder: the address for all comments about this mag is: GIANT BATMAIL, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.—E.N.B.)*



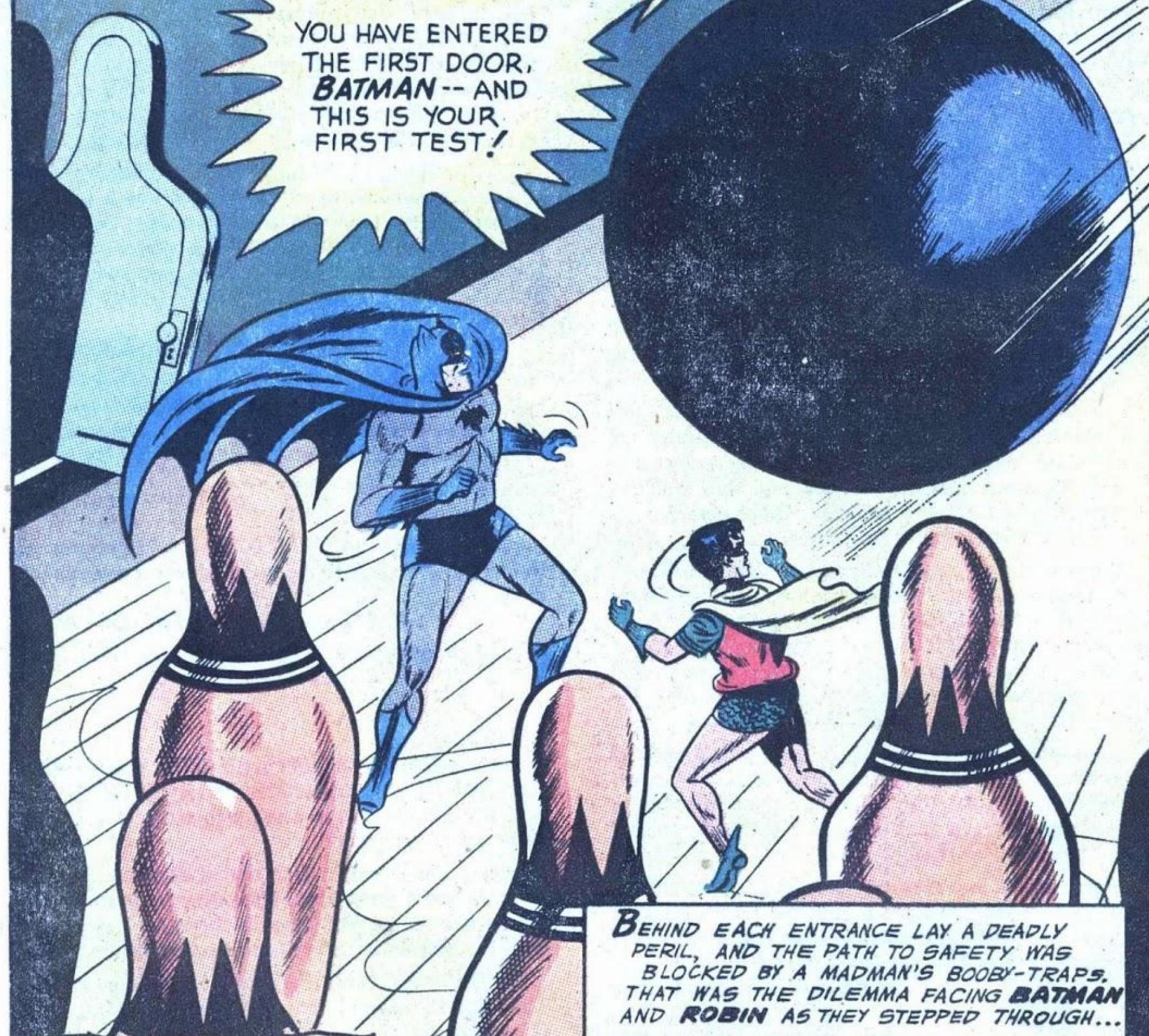
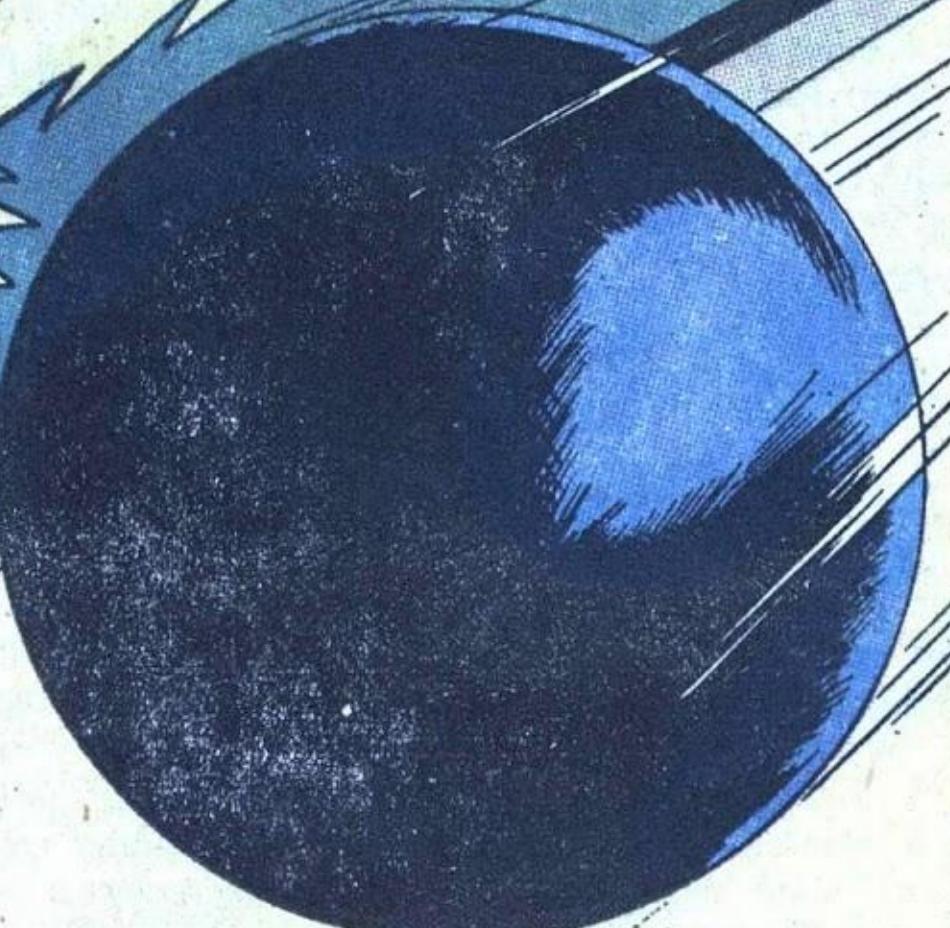
# GIANT BATMAN



# BATMAN

With  
**ROBIN**  
THE BOY WONDER

YOU HAVE ENTERED  
THE FIRST DOOR,  
**BATMAN**-- AND  
THIS IS YOUR  
FIRST TEST!



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BOB KANE

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BEHIND EACH ENTRANCE LAY A DEADLY  
PERIL, AND THE PATH TO SAFETY WAS  
BLOCKED BY A MADMAN'S BOOBY-TRAPS.  
THAT WAS THE DILEMMA FACING **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN** AS THEY STEPPED THROUGH...

## THE DOORS THAT HID DISASTER



# GIANT BATMAN



IN A FAMOUS DOCTOR'S OFFICE,  
A STRANGE PATIENT AWAITS THE  
RESULTS OF AN EXAMINATION...

WELL, DOCTOR,  
NOW THAT I'VE  
HAD A COMPLETE  
CHECK-UP, WHAT'S  
CAUSING MY PAIN? WHY  
DO I SUFFER ODD,  
TINGLING SENSATIONS?

MR. JONES,  
PLEASE BRACE  
YOURSELF...  
YOUR ENTIRE  
BODY IS  
**RADIO-**  
**ACTIVE!**

**RADIO-**  
**ACTIVE?**  
WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?  
GIVE IT  
TO ME  
STRAIGHT!

SOMEHOW,  
YOU'VE BEEN  
EXPOSED TO  
THE PENETRATING  
RAYS OF RADIUM!  
IT'S JUST A  
MATTER OF  
TIME... THREE,  
FOUR WEEKS!  
HOW DID IT  
HAPPEN?

WAIT! I MUST  
HAVE YOUR FULL  
NAME AND  
ADDRESS!  
I'VE GOT  
TO REPORT  
THIS!

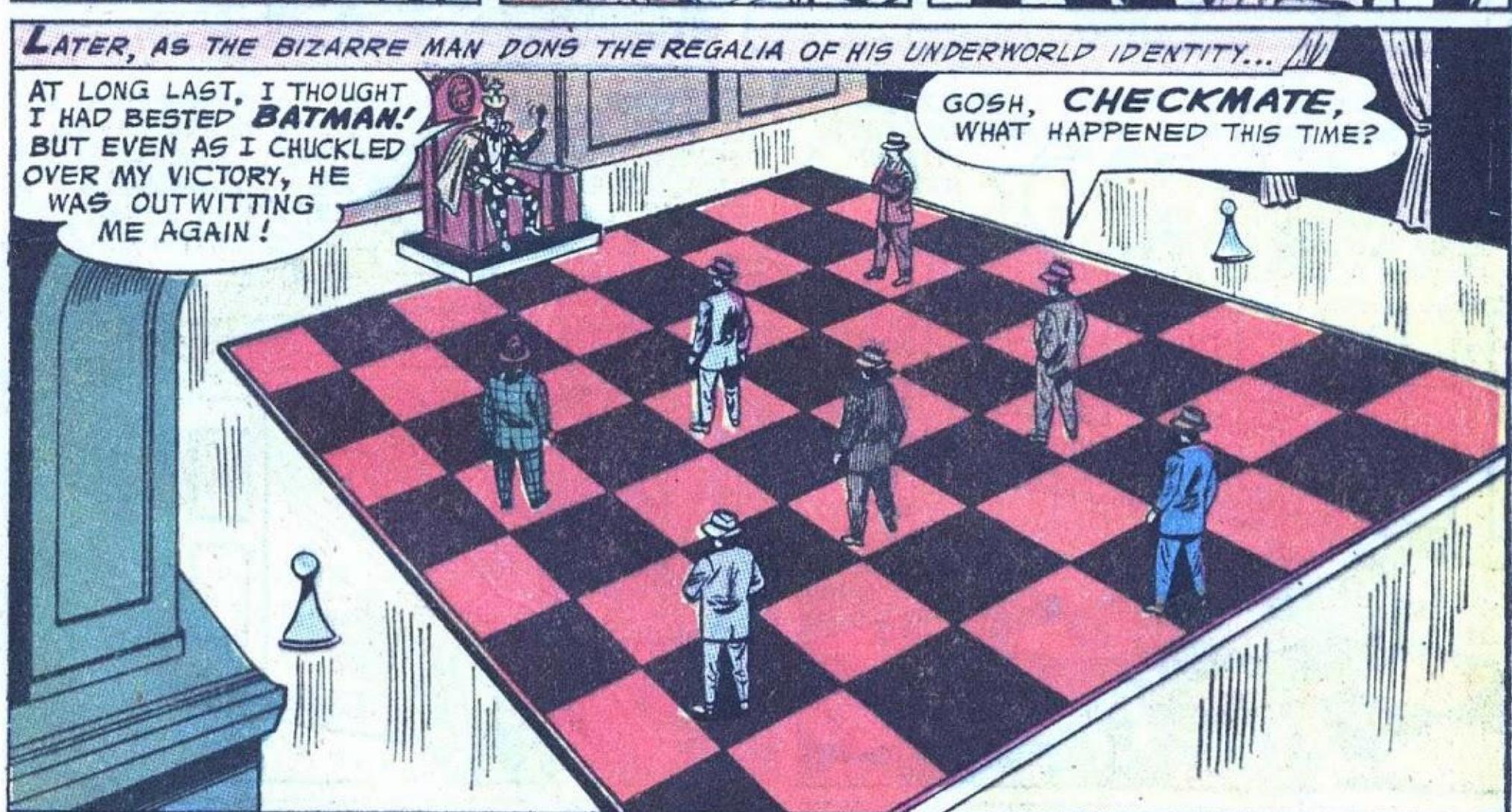
IT'S ALL **BATMAN'S**  
DOING! HE'S  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THIS!



LATER, AS THE BIZARRE MAN DONS THE REGALIA OF HIS UNDERWORLD IDENTITY...

AT LONG LAST, I THOUGHT  
I HAD BESTED **BATMAN**!  
BUT EVEN AS I CHUCKLED  
OVER MY VICTORY, HE  
WAS OUTWITTING  
ME AGAIN!

GOSH, **CHECKMATE**,  
WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME?



"IT ALL BEGAN WHEN I THOUGHT I'D  
COMMITTED A SUCCESSFUL CRIME,  
LAST WEEK..."

**BATMAN!**

HE MUSTN'T THWART ME  
AGAIN! I'LL KEEP THESE  
GEMS OUT OF HIS HANDS...  
GOT TO **CHECKMATE**  
HIM!

IT'S **CHECKMATE**  
AGAIN, ROBIN...

"AT ONCE, I SAW AN ESCAPE ENTRANCE THAT  
WAS CERTAIN TO FOOL **BATMAN**..."

HE'LL NEVER DREAM I GOT IN HERE...  
NO ONE COULD WITHOUT MY SPECIAL  
**MINIATURE POWER-JACK!** HA, HA...  
LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT **BATMAN**  
**CHECKMATED THIS TIME!**



## GIANT BATMAN

EVEN IF **CHECKMATE** COULD HAVE OPENED THAT HEAVY LEAD DOOR, WE'D NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM IF HE WENT IN THERE, **ROBIN!** LET'S SEARCH THE GROUNDS...

RIGHT,  
**BATMAN...**

"RETURNING TO MY HIDEOUT, I SAT BEFORE THE CHESSBOARD, UNAWARE OF THE MEANING OF **BATMAN'S** REMARK..."

AS IN THE GAME OF CHESS, I HAVE OUT-MANEUVERED AND **CHECKMATED** MY OPPONENT! MY SUPERIOR "PLAY" HAS WON ME THE MATCH... HA, HA, HA!



I WAS WRONG... **BATMAN** WON! THAT HIDING SPOT WAS A LEAD-LINED CONTAINER FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS! **BATMAN** DIDN'T ENTER IT BECAUSE HE **KNEW** IT WAS A DEADLY PLACE!

D-DOESN'T  
RADIOACTIVITY  
POISON  
PEOPLE?

PRECISELY... I AM DOOMED  
TO DIE! THAT'S WHY I'M  
DESTROYING MY SECRET CRIME  
FILES! THERE'LL NEVER BE  
ANOTHER CRIMINAL AS CLEVER  
AS **CHECKMATE!**

BUT YOUR BIGGEST  
AMBITION -- TO  
CHECKMATE  
**BATMAN**--  
WILL NEVER  
COME TRUE!



WRONG! I'LL REAP MY VENGEANCE AND CHECKMATE **BATMAN** FOR KEEPS-- **AFTER** I'M GONE! AS I STEPPED THROUGH A DOORWAY TO MY END, SO WILL HE!



WHAT DOES **CHECKMATE** MEAN? HOW CAN A MAN, SOON TO DIE, SEAL **BATMAN'S** DOOM?

THREE WEEKS LATER, AS WEALTHY PLAY-BOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, LOOK OUT THEIR MANSION WINDOW...

THE  
**BAT-SIGNAL,**  
DICK!

A CALL FROM HEAD-QUARTERS... LET'S GO, BRUCE!





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DOWN IN THE SECRET **BAT-CAVE**, MOMENTS LATER...

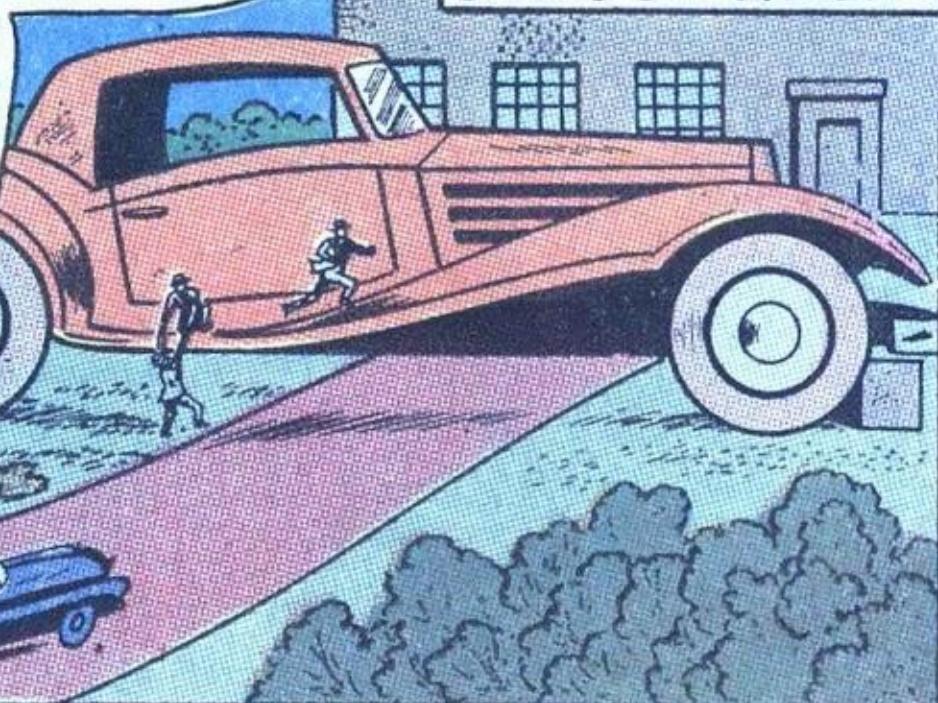
LISTEN -- COMMISSIONER GORDON'S CONTACTING US OVER THE **BATMOBILE'S** AUTOMATIC RADIO...

...TWO MASKED MEN, REPORTED LURKING ABOUT SPORTS CAR EXHIBIT AT GOTHAM MALL...

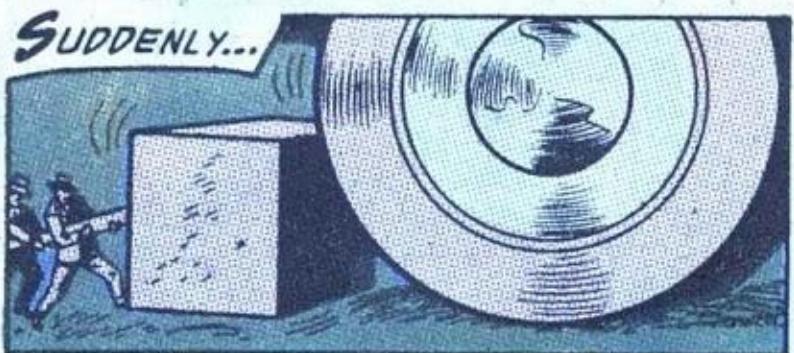
SWIFTLY, THE SLEEK **BATMOBILE** RACES TO THE SCENE...  
THERE THEY GO, **BATMAN**, CLIMBING UP THAT HUGE MODEL CAR BY THE TICKET WINDOW!

HMM... THAT'S A STRANGE ESCAPE ROUTE, **ROBIN**!

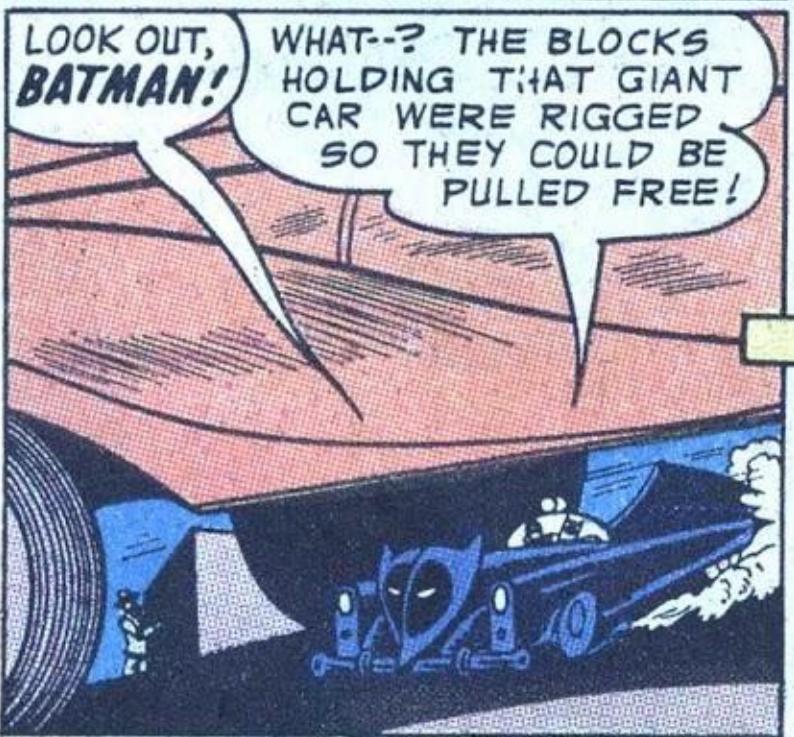
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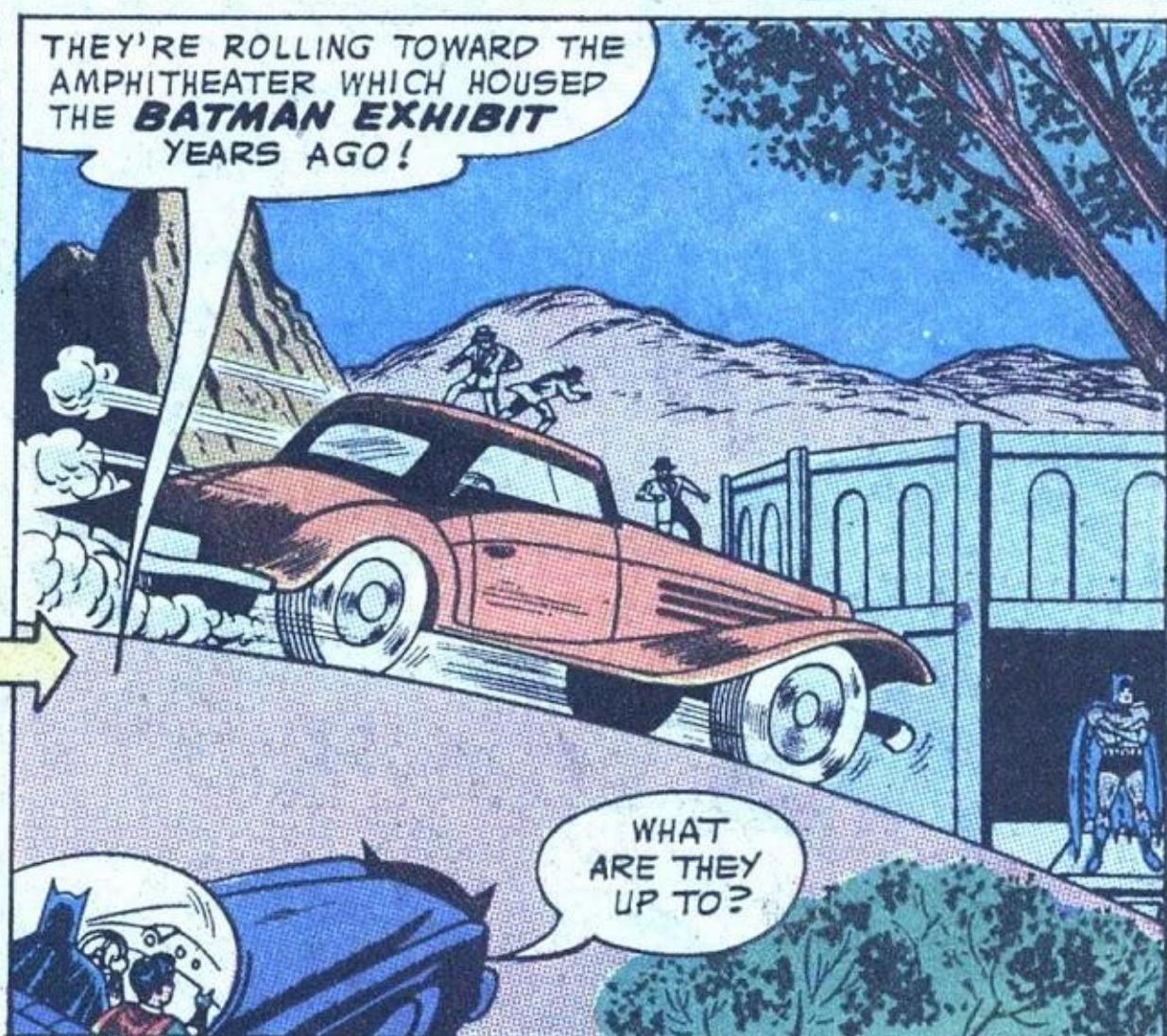
SUDDENLY...



THEY'RE ROLLING TOWARD THE AMPHITHEATER WHICH HOUSED THE **BATMAN EXHIBIT** YEARS AGO!



LOOK OUT, **BATMAN**! WHAT--? THE BLOCKS HOLDING THAT GIANT CAR WERE RIGGED SO THEY COULD BE PULLED FREE!



WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

THIS PLACE HASN'T BEEN OPEN FOR YEARS... COULD THEY HAVE BEEN USING IT AS A HIDEOUT?

PERHAPS, **ROBIN**! AS I RECALL IT, THE HUGE ROOMS INSIDE CONTAINED MODELS OF OUR MOST FAMOUS BATTLE SCENES WITH CRIMINALS! DOOR'S OPEN... LET'S GO!

BUT AS THE PAIR BURSTS INSIDE...

THE DOOR... SOMEBODY SLAMMED IT BEHIND US!

IT'S A TRAP!





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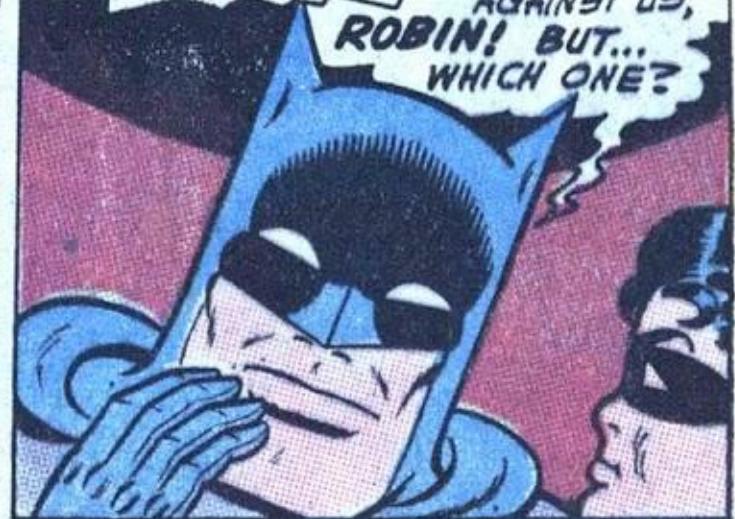


DROP YOUR UTILITY BELT OR FACE INSTANT DEATH, **BATMAN!** 50,000 VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY BLOCK YOUR ESCAPE!

**BATMAN...**  
WHAT CAN WE DO?

GOT TO PLAY ALONG FOR NOW, **ROBIN!** THEY'RE NOT KIDDING ABOUT THAT VOLTAGE... IT'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO KILL!

BEHIND THOSE DOORS IS A CHALLENGE TO YOUR PROWESS, **BATMAN!** YOU CAN DIE--OR LIVE! BUT YOU MUST BE CLEVER... CLEVERER THAN YOU EVER WERE! THIS MUST BE NOW, THE FIRST DOOR WILL OPEN... YOU MUST ENTER OR FACE DESTRUCTION WHERE YOU STAND! ONE OF OUR ARCH ENEMIES SEEKING VENGEANCE AGAINST US, ROBIN! BUT... WHICH ONE?



ENTER! ENTER! STEADY... WE HAVE NO CHOICE!

ABRUPTLY, AS THEY PASS THROUGH THE GRIM PORTALS...

HOW IS YOUR MEMORY, **BATMAN!** IF IT'S GOOD, YOU CAN ESCAPE!

**ROBIN** ... WHEN WE BATTLED **THE BOWLER**, HE HAD US TRAPPED IN THE PIT OF A GIANT BOWLING ALLEY, REMEMBER?

YES... AND WE AVOIDED HIS BULLETS BY CLINGING TO THE AUTOMATIC PIN SETTER! LET'S CLIMB THIS PIN AS WE DID BEFORE, **ROBIN...**



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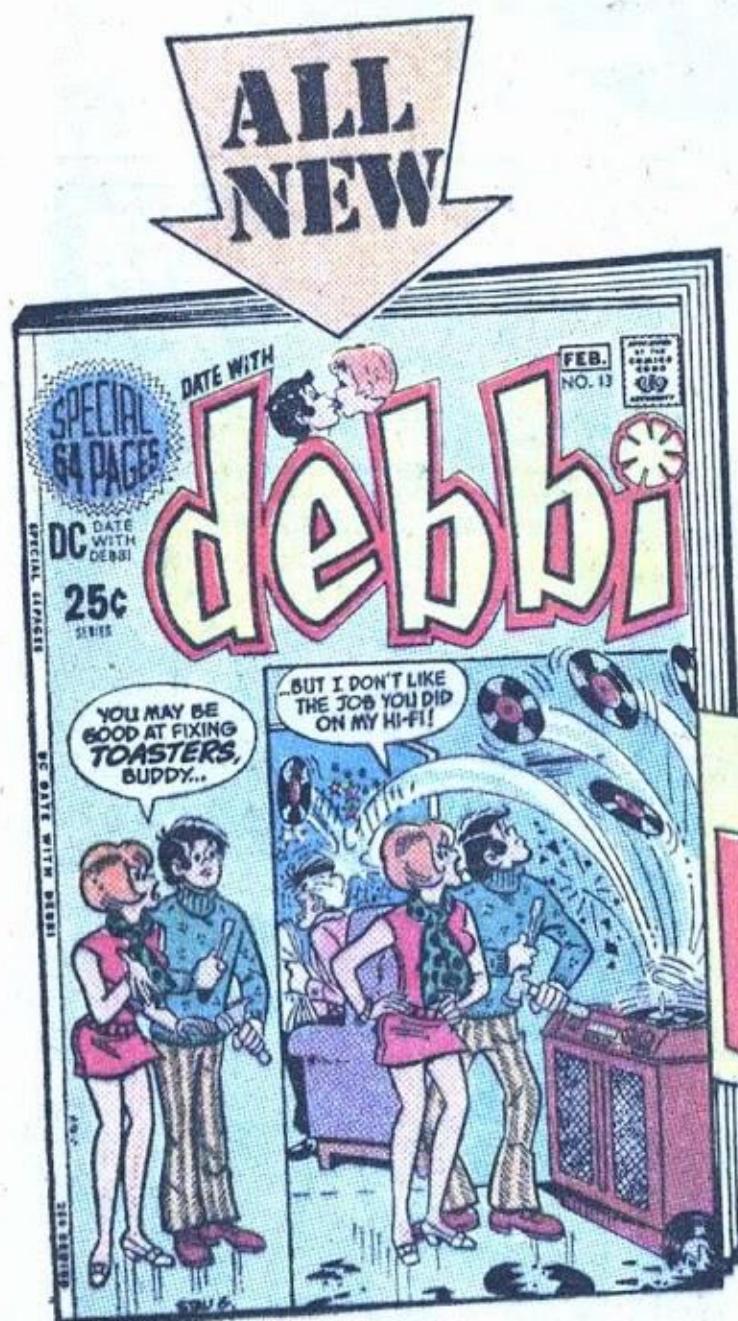
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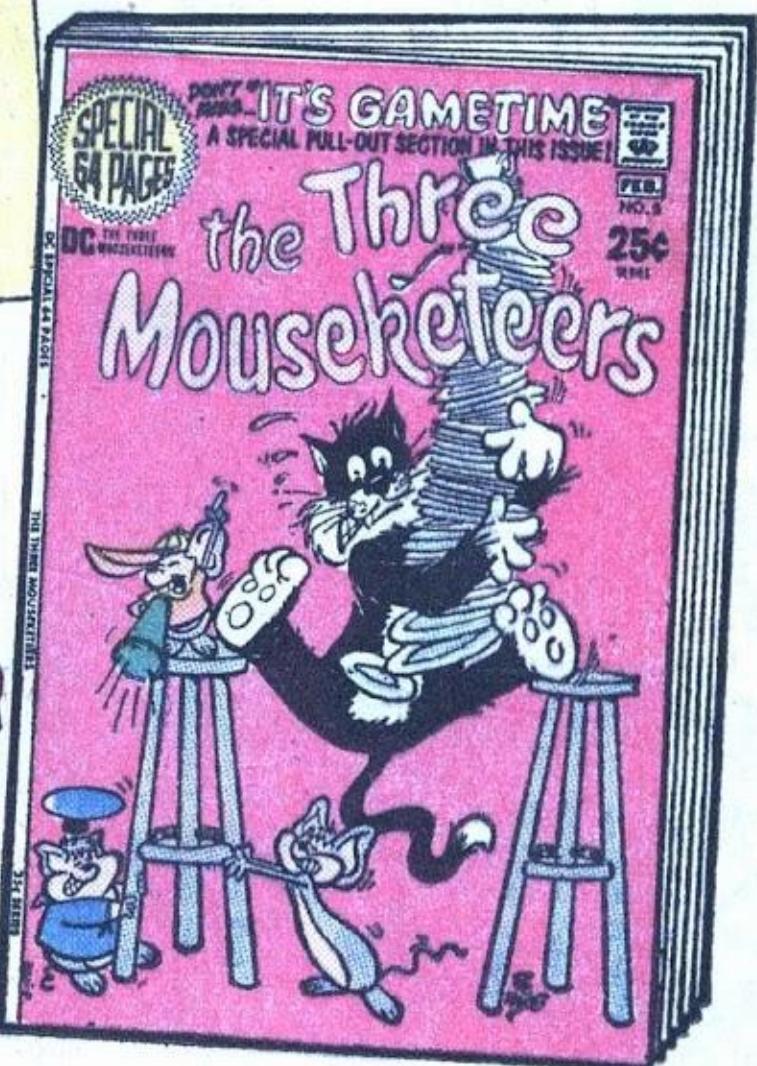
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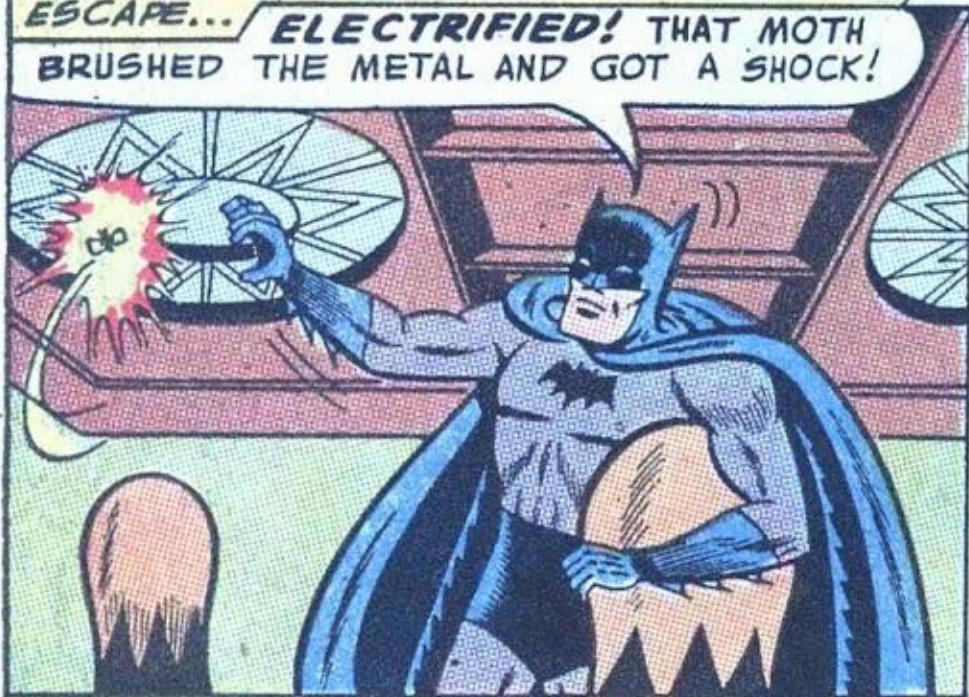




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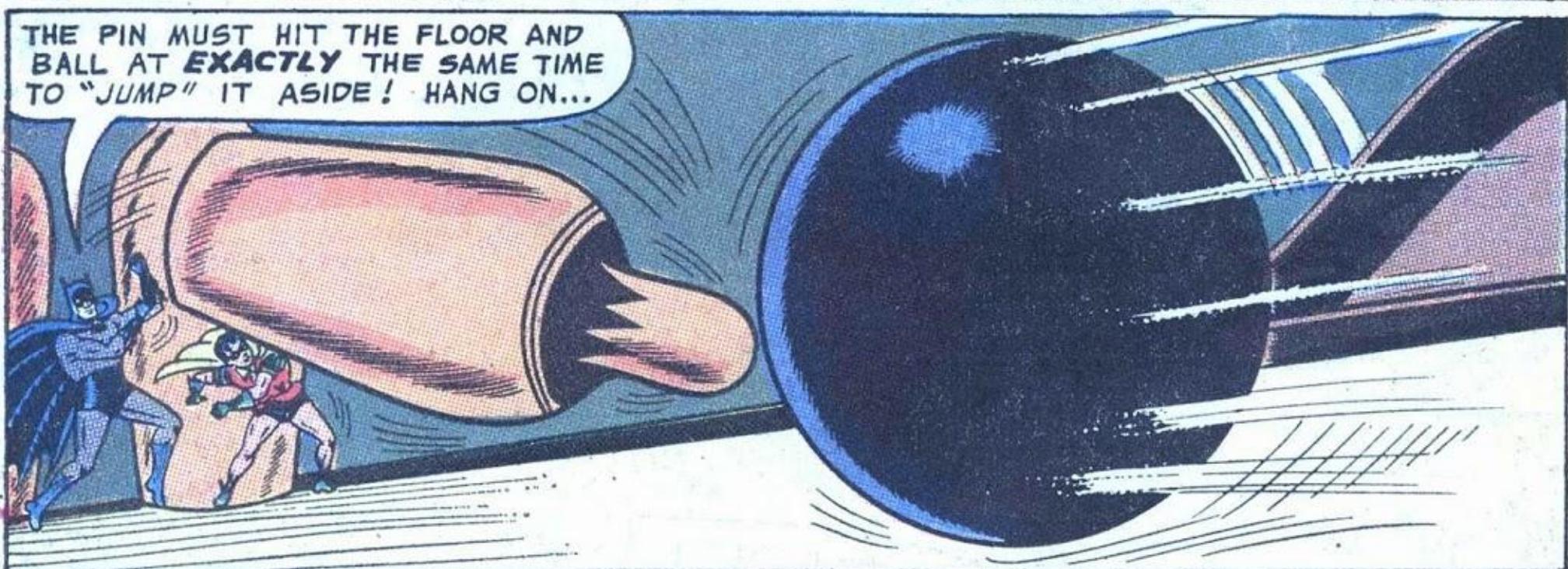
BUT SECONDS LATER, AS BATMAN'S HAND REACHES OUT TO DUPLICATE THEIR PREVIOUS ESCAPE... / **ELECTRIFIED!** THAT MOTH BRUSHED THE METAL AND GOT A SHOCK!



WITH LIGHTNING-LIKE SPEED, HE SPRINGS BACK TO THE ALLEY, AND... / **QUICK, ROBIN...** OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO "PINCH" THAT GIANT BALL OUT OF ITS PATH WITH THIS PIN! / LEND A HAND...



THE PIN MUST HIT THE FLOOR AND BALL AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME TO "JUMP" IT ASIDE! HANG ON...



AND WE CAN ESCAPE THROUGH THAT HOLE IT MADE IN THE WALL!



WHILE UP ABOVE, AS THE NEXT DEADLY BALL HURLES HARMLESSLY BY... / THIS SURE

HUH--! LEAVE IT TO BATMAN TO PULL A STUNT LIKE THAT! WELL, LET'S PLAY THE NEXT RECORD!

WAS SMART OF CHECKMATE-- HAVING HIS VOICE RECORDED BEFORE HE DIED! HE'S REALLY

DIRECTING BATMAN'S DOWNFALL!

YOU HAVE ESCAPED THE FIRST DOOR! NOW GO TO THE ENTRANCE CHAMBER AND FACE YOUR SECOND TEST!

BATMAN... WHAT HAVE WE GOTTEN INTO? WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO TEST US LIKE THIS?



## GIANT BATMAN

SHORTLY, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ONCE AGAIN FACE THE OMINOUS DOORS... **ENTER!**

THE **FISH** DOOR! WHAT SIGNIFICANCE COULD THAT HAVE?

WATER! WE'RE PLUMMETING INTO A GIANT FISHBOWL!

**ROBIN**--OUR BATTLE WITH THE **HARBOR PIRATE**... THAT MUST BE THE CONNECTION WITH THIS TRAP!

NEXT MOMENT... **MACHINE-GUN FIRE!** THAT'S HOW THE **HARBOR PIRATE** TRIED TO KEEP US UNDER THE SURFACE!

RAT-TAT-TAT  
-TAT-TAT-

THE DIVER... DOES NICE GOING, **ROBIN**... YOU RECALL HOW WE BREATHED AIR THE **HARBOR PIRATE**? FROM THE DIVER'S OXYGEN RELEASE AND SURVIVED! I'LL LET YOU GO FIRST!

BUT AS **ROBIN** MOVES TOWARD THE AIR BUBBLES...

WE WERE FORCED TO STAY UNDER WATER UNTIL ONE FULL BELT FROM THE MACHINE-GUN WAS FIRED! EVERYTHING'S IDENTICAL--EXCEPT... WAIT! SOMETHING'S WRONG!



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## GIANT BATMAN



WITH THEIR LUNGS AT BURSTING POINT,  
BATMAN RESORTS TO A DARING STRATEGY...

NO...NO, BATMAN! THE  
MACHINE-GUN BULLETS ARE  
STILL FIRING!

BUT ONLY BATMAN'S HANDS  
SURFACE AS...

TWO GLOVES FULL OF  
FRESH AIR...THAT

MIGHT HOLD US UNTIL THE  
MACHINE-GUN BELT IS EMPTY!



JUST IN TIME...THE  
MACHINE-GUN'S  
ALMOST EMPTY!

COULD'NT HAVE LASTED  
ANOTHER SECOND!





# GIANT BATMAN



THUS, WHEN THE GUN HAS FIRED ITS LAST ROUND...

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG WE CAN KEEP OUTGUESSING OUR MYSTERIOUS CAPTOR, ROBIN! IF WE ONLY KNEW HIS IDENTITY, IT MIGHT FOREWARN US OF DANGERS TO COME!

YOUR ALERTNESS HAS ONCE AGAIN SAVED YOUR LIFE, BATMAN! RETURN TO THE MAIN CHAMBER FOR THE NEXT TEST!

SOON...

ENTER...OR FORFEIT YOUR LIVES!

HMM... A DOOR SYMBOLIC OF A SPOKED WHEEL, ROBIN! I WONDER WHAT LOCALE HE'S DECIDED TO DUPLICATE THIS TIME!



BATMAN! THIS IS AN EXACT MODEL OF THE HUGE BARREL IN WHICH WHEELO, THE CRIMINAL CYCLE RIDER, TRAPPED US!

YES ROBIN... AND IF EVERYTHING IS DUPLICATED TO PERFECTION, THAT GRILL WE'RE ABOUT TO FALL ON WILL BE HEATED!

WOW! I'LL SAY IT IS... AND GETTING HOTTER BY THE SECOND! SHALL WE UTILIZE THE CYCLES THE WAY WE DID TO ESCAPE WHEELO'S TRAP?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE... KICK THOSE MOTORS OVER!



WITHIN SECONDS...

BUILD UP PLENTY OF SPEED, ROBIN... WE'VE GOT TO DEPEND ON CENTRIFUGAL FORCE TO SUPPORT US AROUND THE BARREL WALL!

THAT'S RIGHT... THE ACTION DIRECTED AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF THE BARREL WILL KEEP US FROM FALLING!

WITH MOTORS OPEN AT FULL THROTTLE, THE DYNAMIC DUO ZOOMS DIZZILY ABOUT THE BARREL WALL...

IN OUR ESCAPE AGAINST WHEELO, WE RODE THE WALL OF THE BARREL TO THE TOP... BUT WE CAN'T HERE! LOOK ABOVE...

A RING OF OIL! IF OUR TIRES HIT THAT, WE'LL SKID TO DESTRUCTION!





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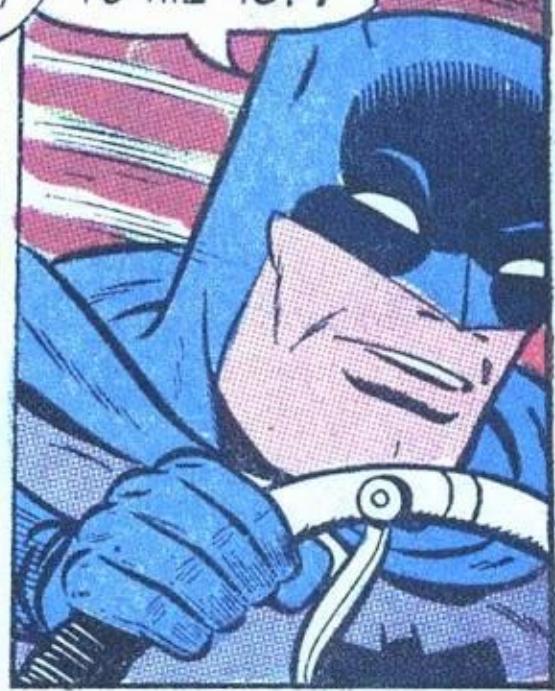
THEN...WE CAN'T GO UP OR DOWN! AND WE CAN'T KEEP CIRCLING THIS BARREL FOREVER...OUR MOTORS WILL STOP ONCE WE'RE OUT OF GAS!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE ROBIN--KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED...

BY GUNNING THE THROTTLE ABRUPTLY, THE UNEVEN FLOW OF GAS TO THE MOTOR CREATES A BACKFIRE THROUGH THE EXHAUST!

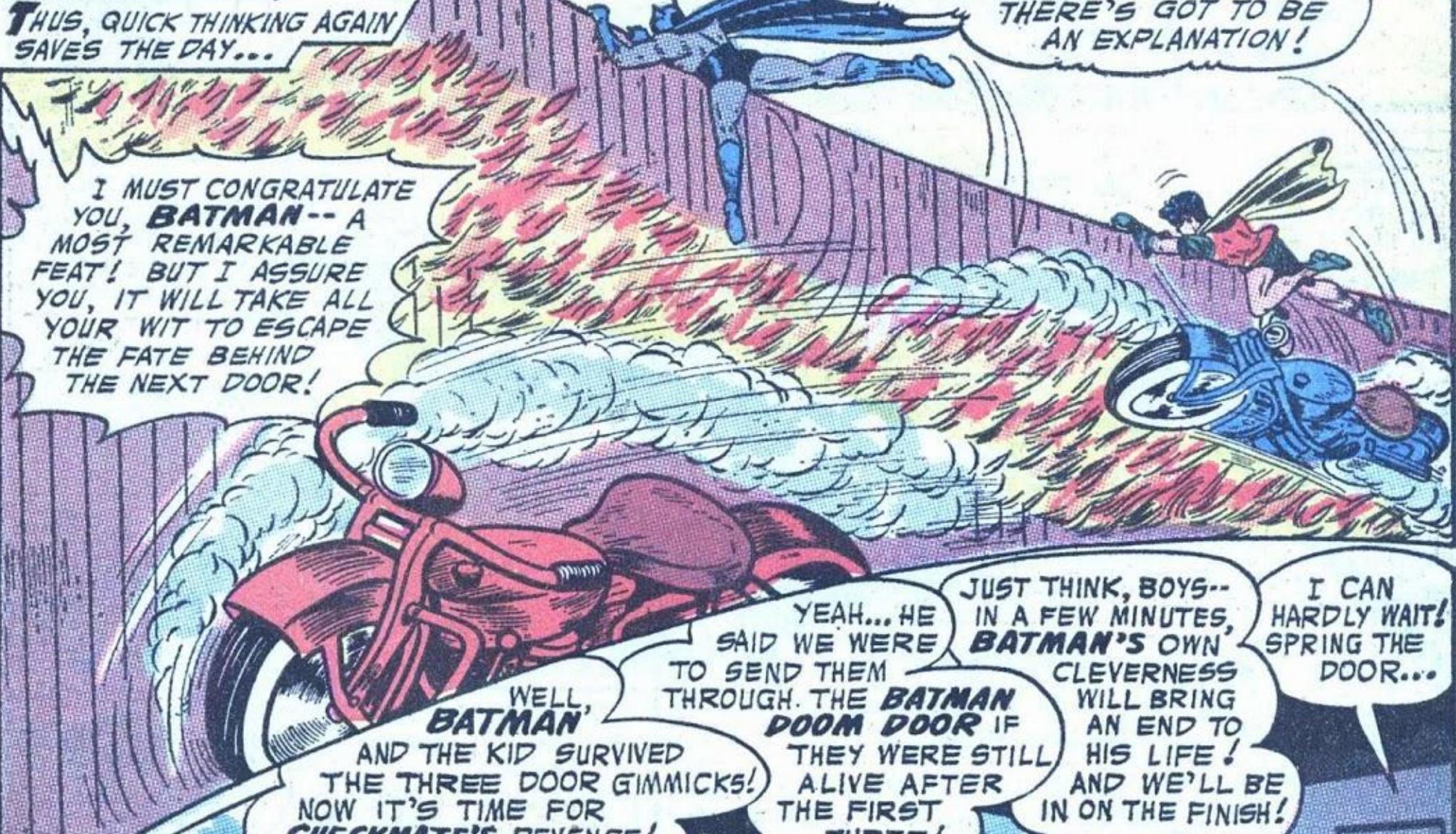
THE SPARKS FROM YOUR EXHAUST... THEY'VE IGNITED THE OIL RING, BATMAN! WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

THE FLAME WILL SOON EVAPORATE THE SLIPPERY OIL, ROBIN...THEN WE CAN POWER THROUGH THE RING TO THE TOP!



THUS, QUICK THINKING AGAIN SAVES THE DAY...

WHAT POSSIBLE REASON COULD THIS MADMAN HAVE FOR PUTTING ROBIN AND ME THROUGH ALL THIS? THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EXPLANATION!



I MUST CONGRATULATE YOU, BATMAN--A MOST REMARKABLE FEAT! BUT I ASSURE YOU, IT WILL TAKE ALL YOUR WIT TO ESCAPE THE FATE BEHIND THE NEXT DOOR!

WELL, BATMAN  
AND THE KID SURVIVED  
THE THREE DOOR GIMMICKS!  
NOW IT'S TIME FOR  
CHECKMATE'S REVENGE!

YEAH...HE  
SAID WE WERE  
TO SEND THEM  
THROUGH THE BATMAN  
DOOM DOOR IF  
THEY WERE STILL  
ALIVE AFTER  
THE FIRST  
THREE!

JUST THINK, BOYS--  
IN A FEW MINUTES,  
BATMAN'S OWN  
CLEVERNESS  
WILL BRING  
AN END TO  
HIS LIFE!  
AND WE'LL BE  
IN ON THE FINISH!

I CAN  
HARDLY WAIT!  
SPRING THE  
DOOR...





# GIANT BATMAN



LOOK, BATMAN... THAT DOOR, SHAPED IN THE FORM OF A LARGE BAT WING, IS SWINGING OPEN! WHAT COULD BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT THRESHOLD?

AS THEY ENTER, THE FANTASTIC DOOR LOCKS SHUT, AND... WHY--THIS IS A REPLICA OF THE EGYPTIAN LOCATION WHERE WE MADE THAT HOLLYWOOD MOVIE!

YES... AND ROBOT MASTER, ONE OF OUR ARCH ENEMIES, DEVISED A FLYING BAT MECHANISM THAT ATTACKED US THERE! DOWN, ROBIN! HERE COMES A REPLICA OF IT NOW!



WOW! THAT MECHANICAL CREATURE ALMOST SNARED BOTH OF US IN ITS FIRST PASS!

HMM... THAT DRESSING ROOM TRAILER'S RIDING MIGHTY LOW ON THE SPRINGS! AND THAT DOOR... OF COURSE!

C'MON, ROBIN... LET'S MAN THAT WIND MACHINE! WE USED IT TO "BLIND" THE ROBOT MASTER'S DEVICE IN EGYPT! BUT, BATMAN... IT'S PROBABLY GIMMICKED TO DESTROY US, LIKE ALL THE OTHER PROPS!



WE'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT... AT LEAST, IT'S WORKING!

I SURE HOPE THE WIND'S STRONG ENOUGH TO KICK UP A SAND-STORM!



IT IS! THE ROBOT BAT'S TOTTERING IN THE AIR!

YES--THE SAND OBSTRUCTS ITS BUILT-IN RADAR MECHANISM! IT CAN'T LOCATE US...



## GIANT BATMAN

BUT ALL AT ONCE...

OH, NO! THE MOTOR'S CUT OUT!

PROBABLY OUR CAPTOR PLANNED IT, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE REFUGE FROM THE BAT IN THAT TRAILER... IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

AS CHECKMATE'S GANG OBSERVES THE TENSE SCENE FROM ABOVE...

BATMAN DID JUST WHAT CHECKMATE FIGURED! HA, HA... WHEN HE AND THE KID ENTERED THAT TRAILER, THEY SEALED THEIR DOOM!

C'MON--LET'S GET DOWN THERE AND PLAY THE CHIEF'S REVENGE RECORD TO THEM!



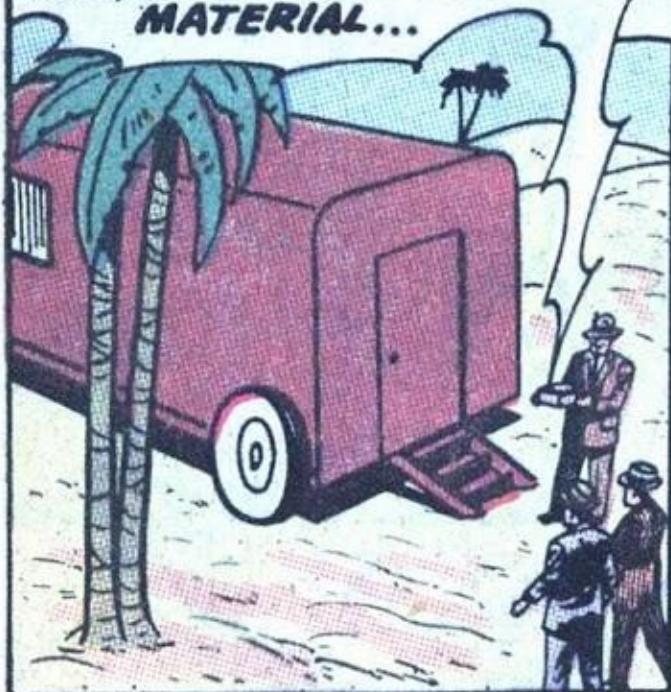
PRESENTLY... HA-HA... I HAVE CHECKMATED YOU THIS TIME, BATMAN-- FROM THE GRAVE! THE TRAILER YOU ENTERED, SEEKING SAFETY, CONTAINS DEADLY RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL...

...AND THE TRAILER DOOR YOU PASSED THROUGH IS THE SAME ONE I OPENED TO DOOM MYSELF, WHEN I SOUGHT TO ESCAPE YOU!

AT THAT MOMENT...

B-BATMAN!

RIGHT! WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SANDSTORM TO MAKE IT APPEAR WE ENTERED THE TRAILER-- THEN BURIED OURSELVES!



I MIGHT HAVE FALLEN INTO YOUR DEATH TRAP IF I HADN'T NOTICED THAT TRAILER DOOR HAD NO KEYHOLE!

AND SO, AFTER TAKING THE GANG INTO TOW...

THAT WAS KEEN THINKING, BATMAN, WHEN YOU NOTICED THE HEAVY WEIGHT OF THE TRAILER AND, SEEING NO KEYHOLE, REALIZED IT WAS ACTUALLY A SEALED ROOM!

ONCE AWARE OF THAT, I RECALLED CHASING CHECKMATE AND REALIZED HE MUST HAVE DUCKED INTO THAT RADIOACTIVE CHAMBER AT THE LAB TO ESCAPE US! THIS SCHEME WAS HIS VENGEANCE AGAINST US!



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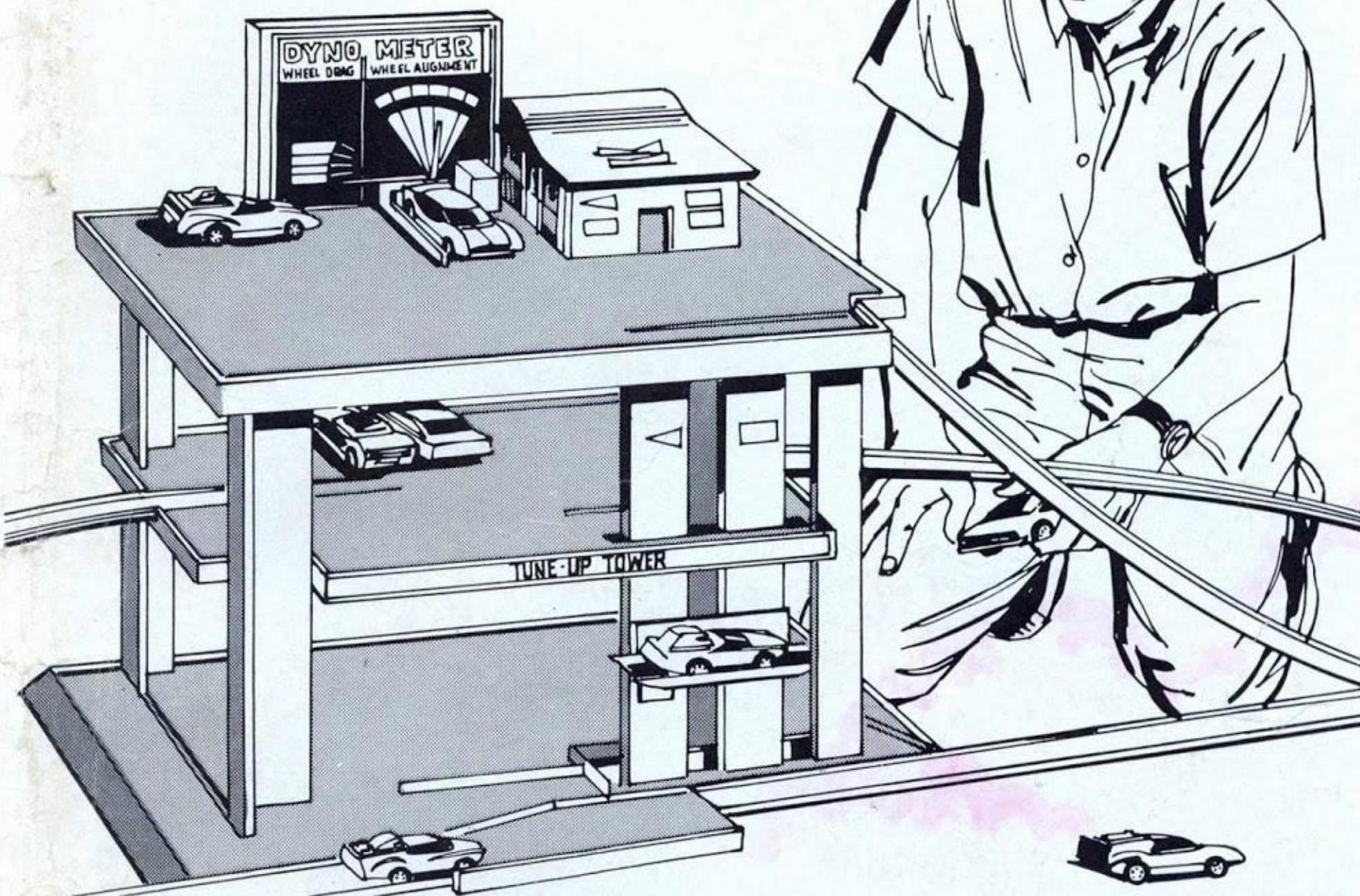


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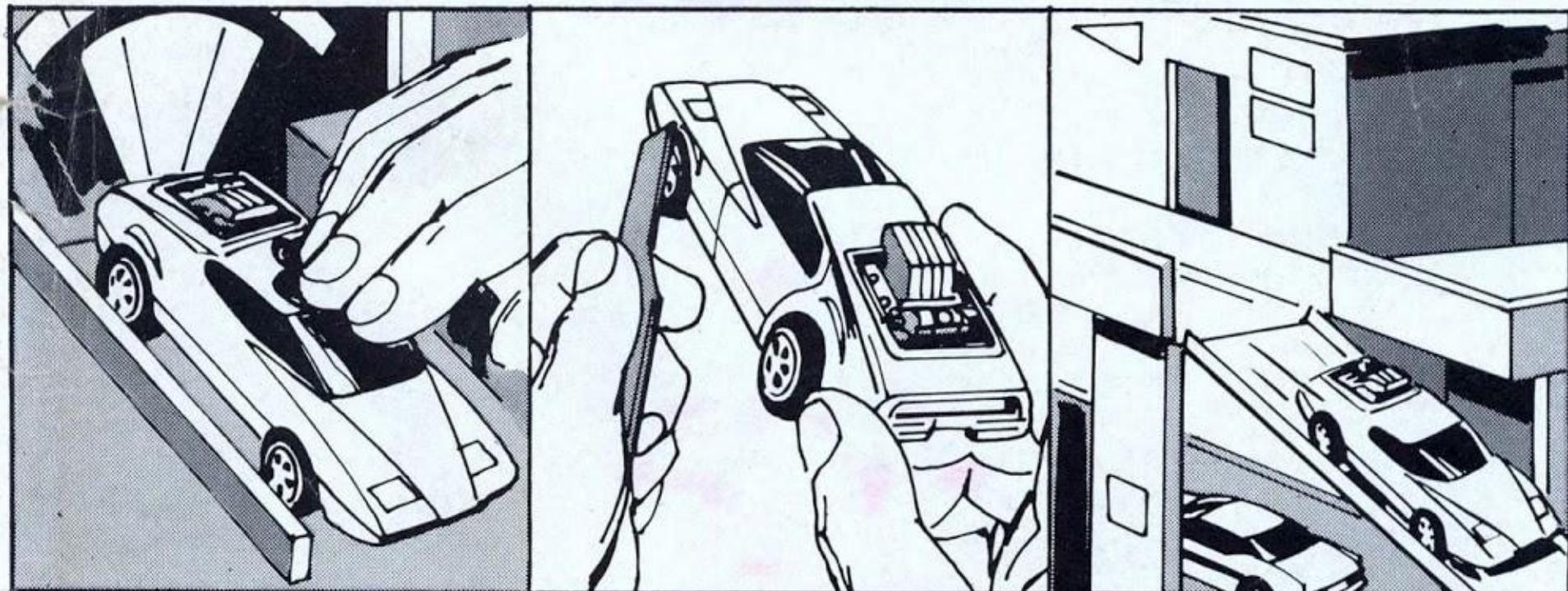
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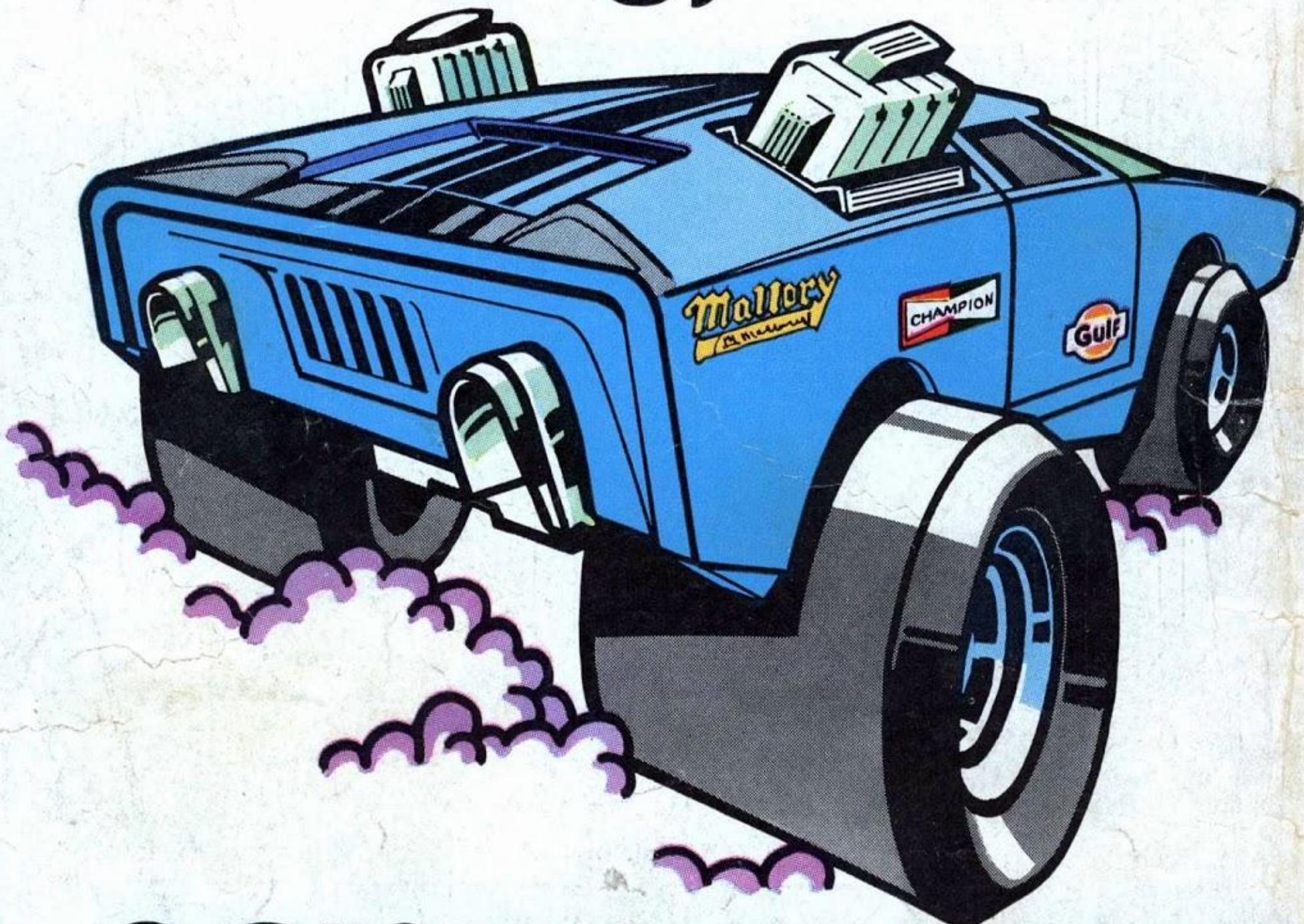


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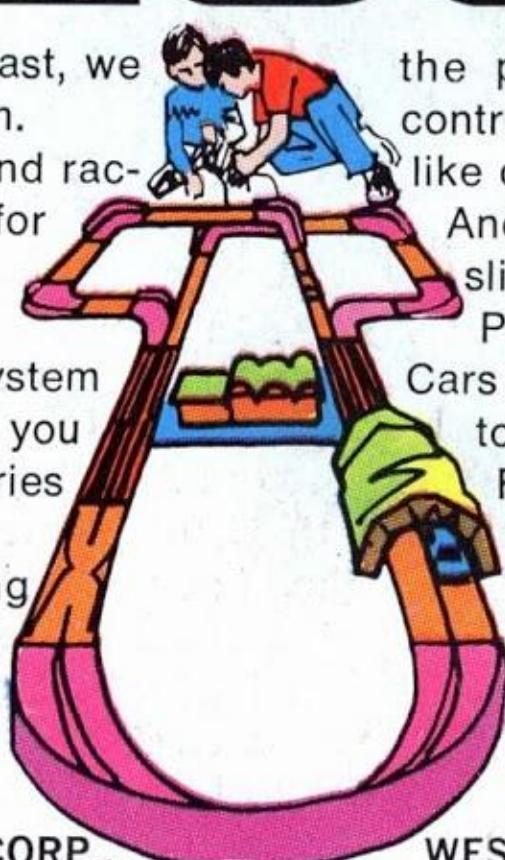
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