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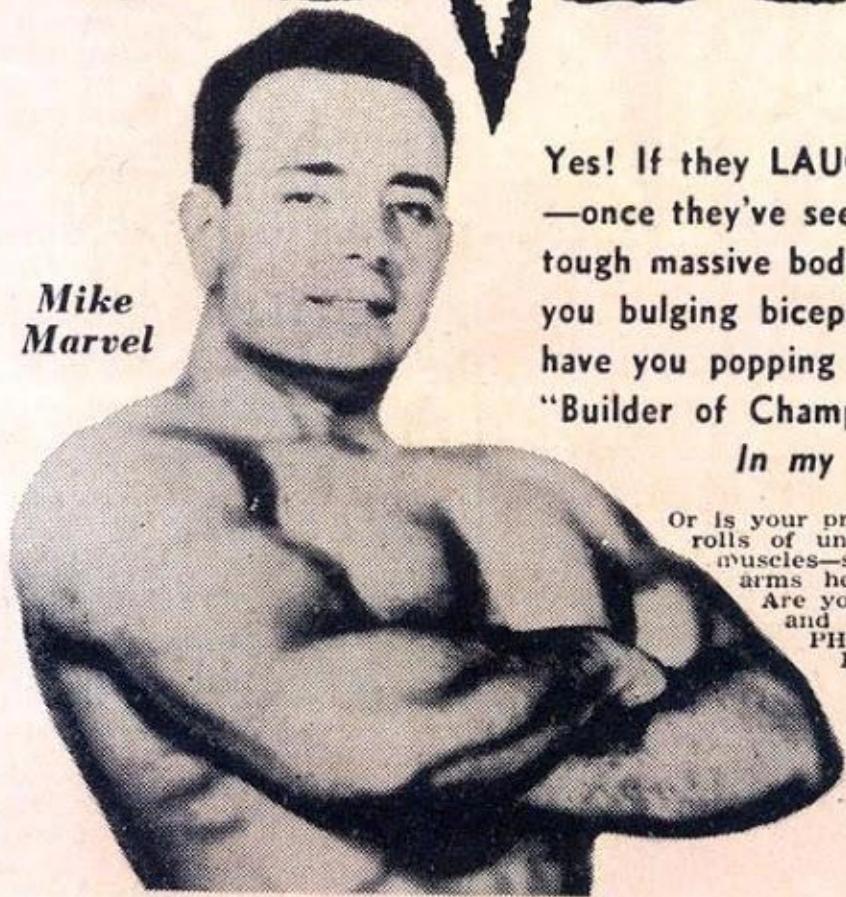
"*The Batman
Creature!*"

STOP
SHOOTING!
THAT
CREATURE IS--
BATMAN!



BOYS! MEN!

Mike
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ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat — my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-fisted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

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IT WAS, INDEED, A GRIM DAY FOR THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM! FOR THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING HERO HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A FANTASTIC MENACE! HOW WAS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE, YOU ASK? IT BEGAN WHEN CRIMINALS WITH ANIMAL-LIKE POWERS STALKED THE STREETS OF THE CITY SEEKING RICHES! AND IT CAME TO A CLIMAX WITH BATWOMAN IN TEARS... AND ROBIN IN A DILEMMA OVER THE CREATION OF...

The **BATMAN CREATURE!**

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

B-BACK,
BATWOMAN--
HE MAY
ATTACK YOU!

PLEASE... PLEASE,
BATMAN-- YOU MUST
RECOGNIZE ME! DO
SOMETHING... SAY
SOMETHING BEFORE
THEY... SHOOT YOU
DOWN!

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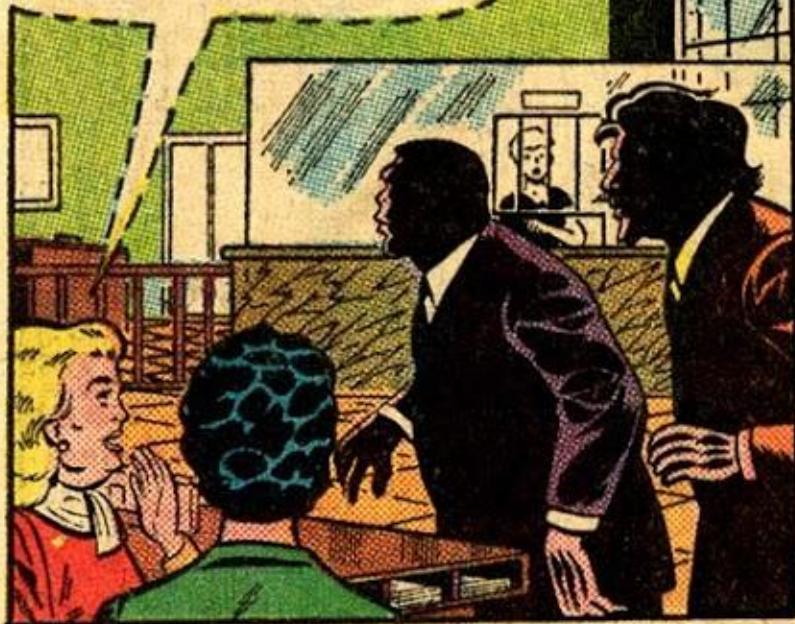


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TWO ODD FIGURES QUIETLY ENTER GOTHAM CITY BANK, ONE DAY...

THERE'S SOMETHING... ANIMAL-LIKE ABOUT THOSE TWO MEN, DON'T YOU THINK?

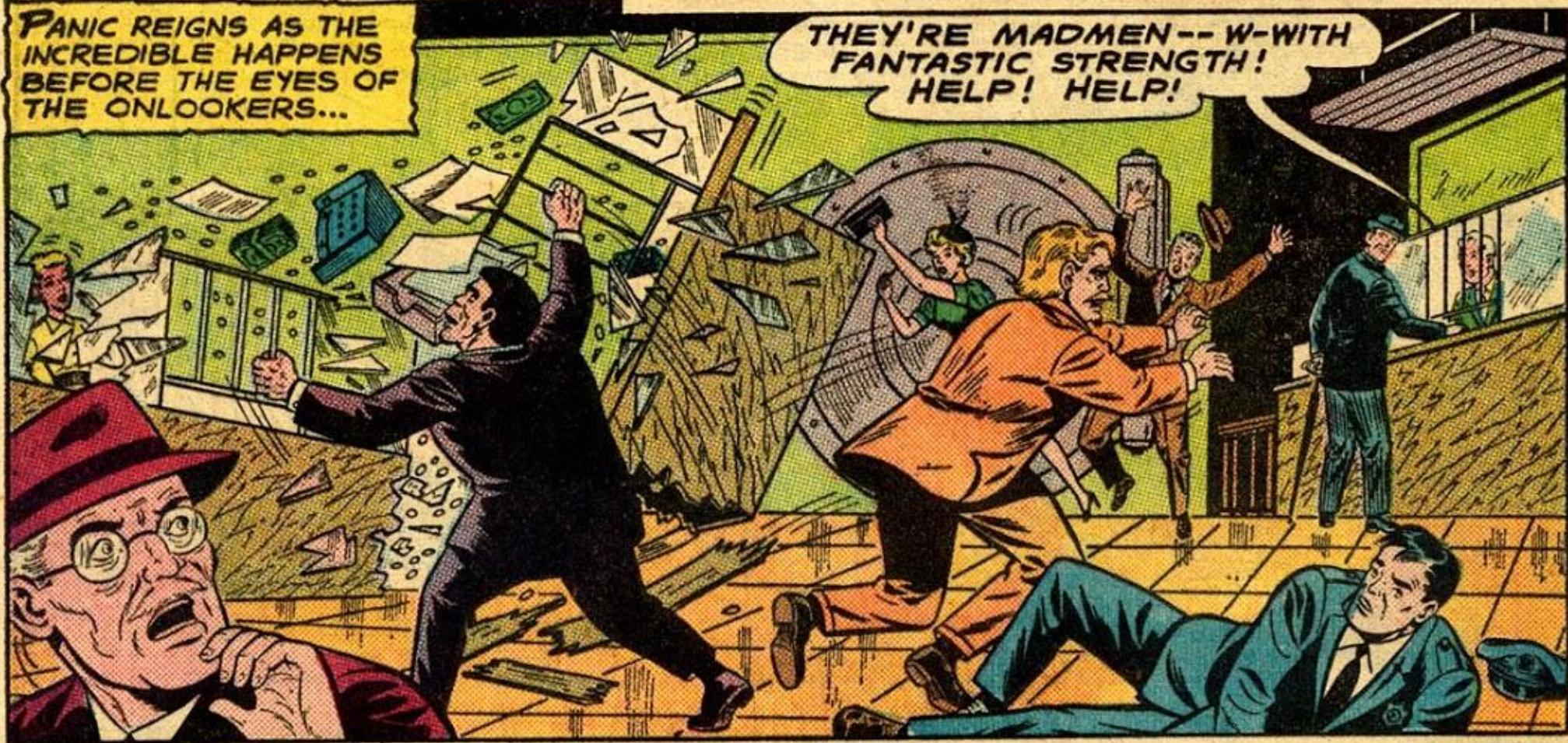


SUDDENLY, CUSTOMERS FALL BACK IN AWE, AS...



PANIC REIGNS AS THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS BEFORE THE EYES OF THE ONLOOKERS...

THEY'RE MADMEN -- W-WITH FANTASTIC STRENGTH! HELP! HELP!



JUST TWO MEN... WITHOUT GUNS... THEY'VE OVERPOWERED THE GUARDS... RIPPED THE BANK APART! HURRY! HURRY!



MOMENTS LATER, A POLICE RADIO BULLETIN BLARES AS BATMAN AND ROBIN LEAVE THE GOTHAM DETECTIVE SOCIETY...

GREAT ALL CARS--ALL CARS-- TWO MADMEN WITH INCREDIBLE STRENGTH LOOTING CITY BANK...

GOSH! I FINISHED MY ADDRESS JUST IN TIME, ROBIN! LET'S GO!



AND SCANT SECONDS AFTERWARD...

BATMAN! L-LOOK AT THOSE ROBBERS... THEY'RE BRUTES!

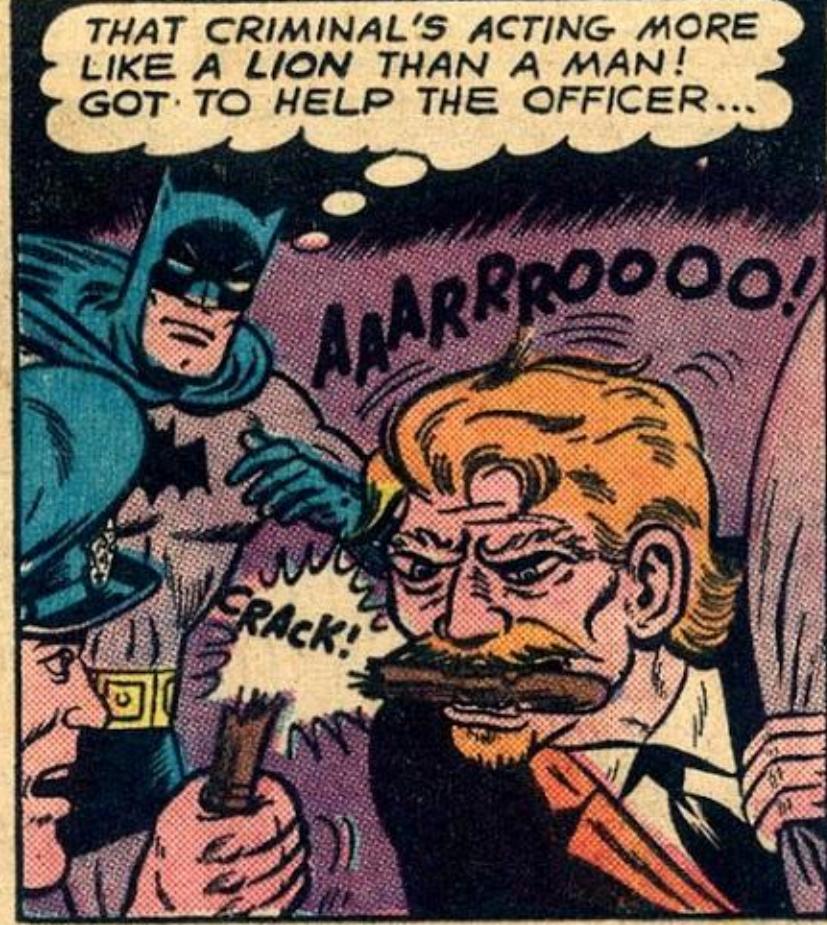
Whew!... I'LL SAY--HIT 'EM HARD, ROBIN!



THAT CRIMINAL'S ACTING MORE LIKE A LION THAN A MAN! GOT TO HELP THE OFFICER...

AAARRRDOOO!

CRACK!



SUDDENLY, A CRY RINGS FROM ROBIN'S LIPS AS...

B-BATMAN! THE OTHER CRIMINAL... HE UPROOTED THE LAMPPOST WITH THE STRENGTH OF A-A GORILLA!

THESE TWO ARE BEASTS, ROBIN-- ANIMAL-LIKE CREATURES WHO HAVE SOMEHOW TAKEN HUMAN FORM! WE'VE... GOT TO STOP THEM...



BUT BEFORE THE DYNAMIC DUO CAN ACT...

HE'S... IT'S RINGED US WITH THE TWISTED LAMPPOST...



THEN, AS THE HELPLESS PAIR ATTEMPTS TO WRIGGLE FREE...

LOOK AT HIM NOW... BEATING A TATTOO ON HIS CHEST LIKE A JUNGLE BEAST!

THEY'RE BOUNDING INTO THAT GETAWAY CAR... ESCAPED US! WE'RE GOING ON TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PATROL, ROBIN! I'M SURE THOSE ANIMAL-MEN WILL STRIKE AGAIN... AND SOON!





BATMAN



LATER, A STRANGE FOURSOME ARRIVES AT A CAMOUFLAGED LOCALE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM...



SHORTLY...

I'VE BEDDED THEM DOWN FOR THE NIGHT, BOSS! WHAT'S NEXT ON YOUR CRIME LIST?

TORO THE BULL AND SPEEDY THE JAGUAR WILL BE OUR NEXT ANIMAL-HUMANS, ROSCOE! HA, HA! FETCH THEM!



MY VENTURE HAS PROVEN ITSELF! SOON THE WORLD WILL TREMBLE AT THE NAME OF ERIC BARROC... MAKER OF THE TRAINED BEAST-HUMANS!



BARROC PRESSES A BUTTON--AN ELECTRONIC RAY SHOOTS FROM HIS MACHINE, AND...





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SHORTLY... NOW, MY ANIMAL HENCHMEN, I HAVE JUST THE JOB TO SUIT YOUR -- SHALL WE SAY, SPECIAL TALENTS? HA, HA!



AND LATER, AT AN EXCLUSIVE RECEPTION FOR A WORLD DIGNITARY IN TALDORF TOWERS...

HUH? WHAT'RE THOSE ODD-LOOKING CHARACTERS DOING...?



EEEEE!

OH-H!

R-ROBBERY! BOLT THE DOORS!
SOUND THE ALARM!



AND MOMENTS LATER, AS THE FAMED LAWMEN RESPOND TO THE ALARM...

TWO MORE BEAST HUMANS!
ONE OF THEM IS LIKE A BULL!



AND THE OTHER IS LIKE A JAGUAR!

QUICKLY, THE AGILE CRIME-FIGHTER UNFURLS HIS BAT-ROPE AND...

CAUGHT ONE OF THEM!



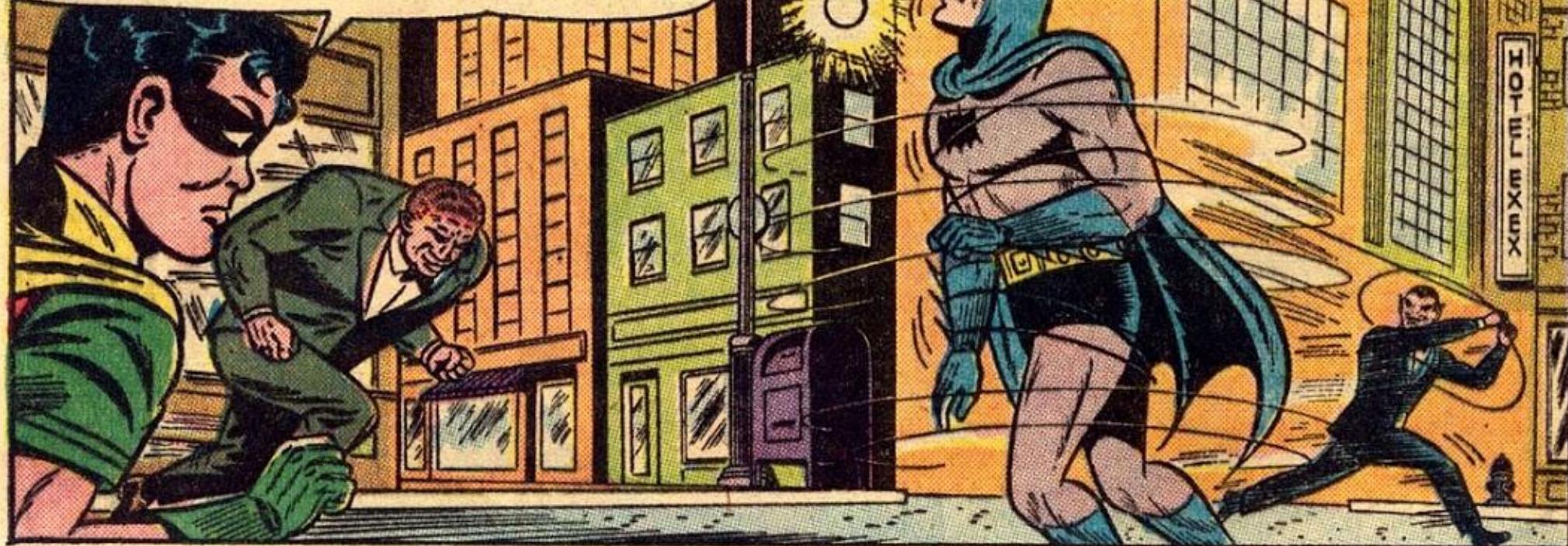


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BUT THEN, TO BATMAN'S AMAZEMENT, THE JAGUAR-MAN STARTS RACING AROUND HIM AT TERRIFIC SPEED...

THE JAGUAR-MAN...ENTWINING BATMAN WITH HIS OWN BAT-ROPE! AND... THE BULL-MAN'S ABOUT TO CHARGE HIM...



BOLDLY, THE BOY WONDER STEPS BEFORE THE CHARGING MENACE AND...

JUST AS I FIGURED--HE'S ATTRACTED BY THE MOVEMENT OF MY CAPE...LIKE A REAL BULL!

QUICK THINKING, ROBIN! IT GIVES ME TIME TO USE MY UTILITY-BELT KNIFE!



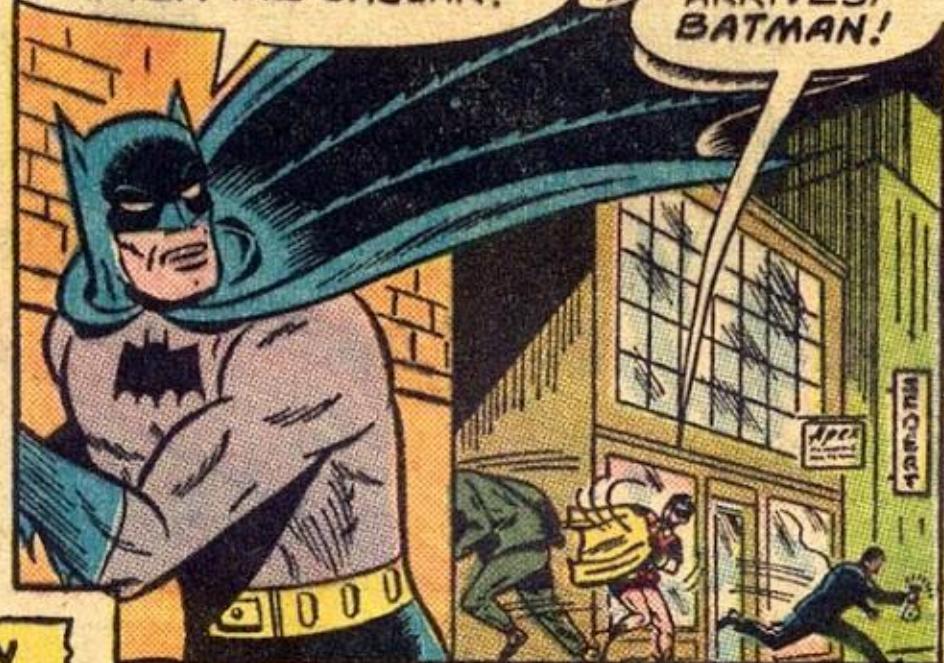
FOR LONG MINUTES, ROBIN "PLAYS" THE BULL-MAN WITH HIS CAPE, UNTIL...



THEN, AS BATMAN UNSNARLS HIMSELF...

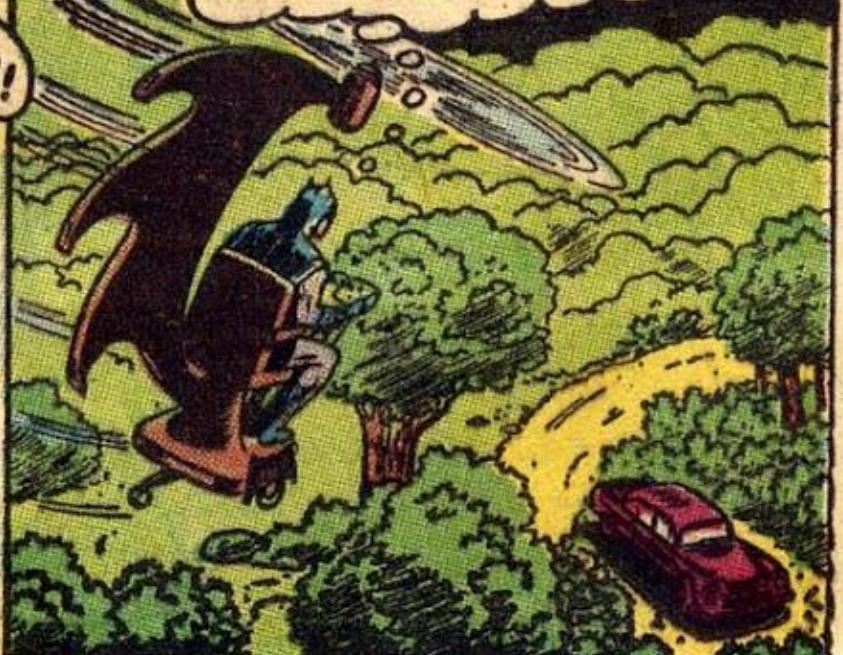
TRY TO HOLD THAT BULL-MAN AT BAY WHILE I GET THE WHIRLY-BAT FROM THE BATMOBILE AND GO AFTER THE JAGUAR!

I'LL BOTTLE HIM UP IN THIS ALLEY UNTIL HELP ARRIVES, BATMAN!

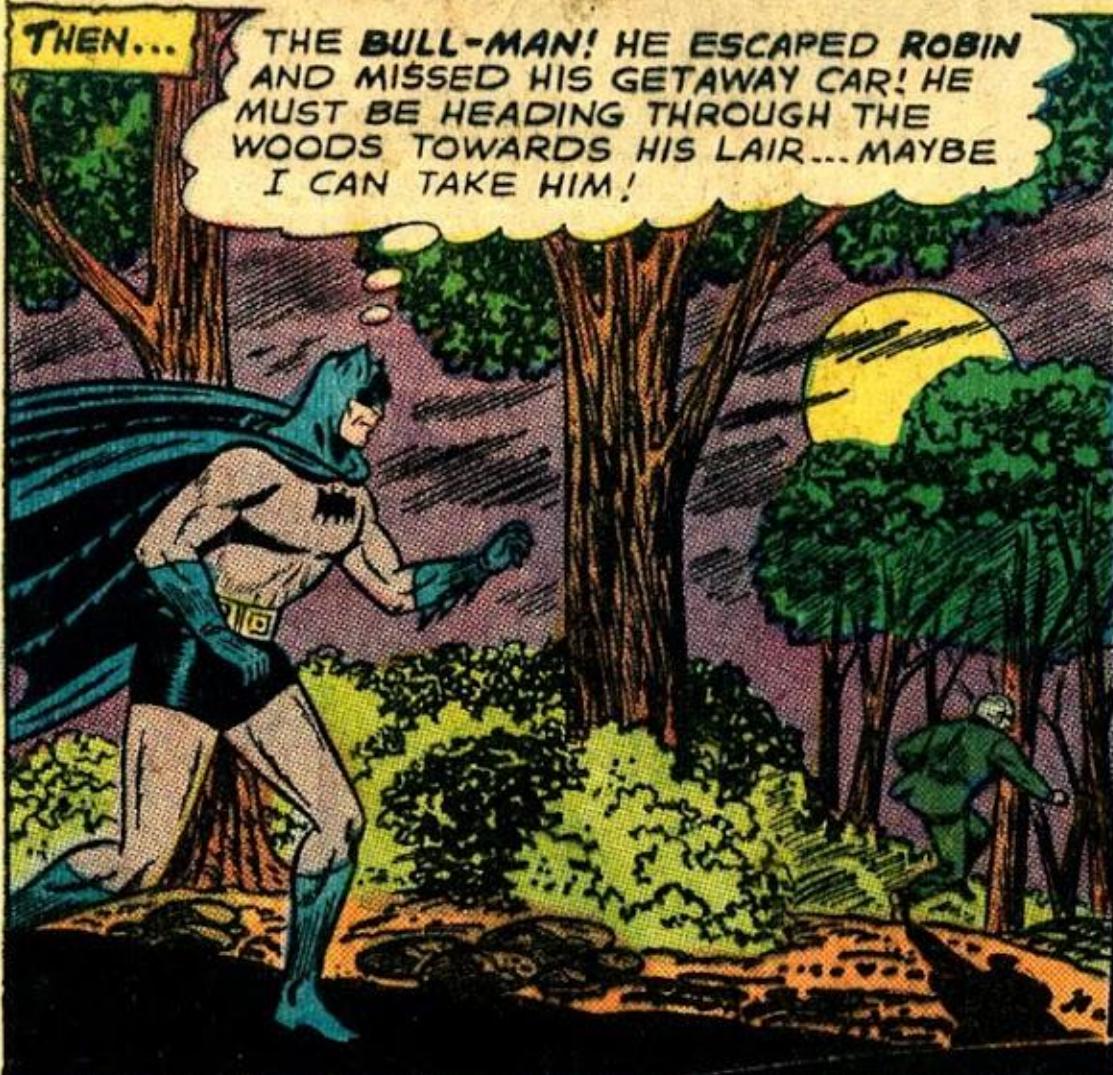
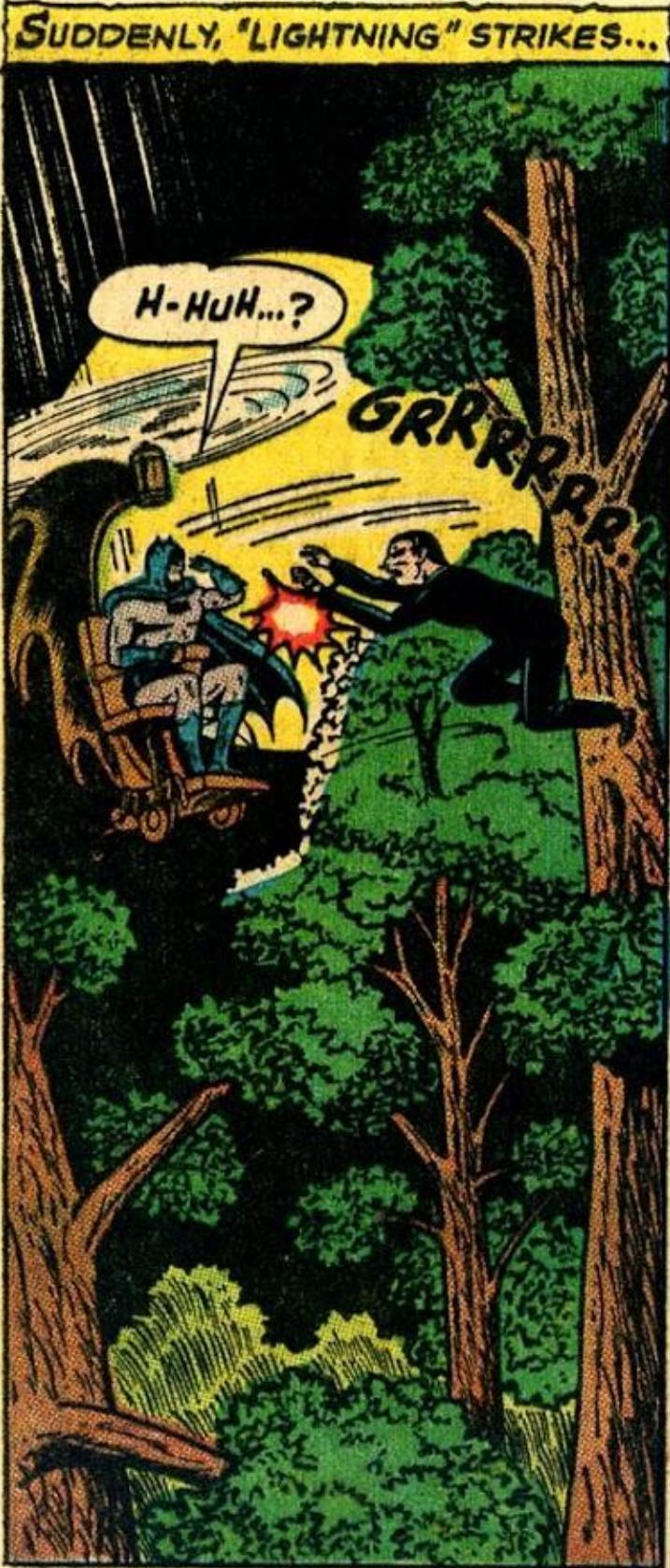


MEANWHILE, IN A WOODED AREA...

THE JAGUAR RACED INTO THE FOLIAGE HERE...AND THERE'S THE SAME GETAWAY CAR WAITING...I'LL TAIL THEM...



BATMAN





BATMAN



AND SOON AFTER, THE STUNNED BATMAN VIEWS A FANTASTIC SIGHT AS...

G-GREAT GOSH! AN ANIMAL HIDEOUT LAIR IN REMOTE BOX CANYON! I'LL BUZZ ROBIN... HAVE A CORDON THROWN AROUND THE CANYON...



BUT SUDDENLY, KEEN ANIMAL SENSES DETECT AN INTRUDER'S PRESENCE AND...



BATMAN! MUST FREE ONE OF MY ANIMALS... TO COMBAT HIM...

I'LL SPEAK TO ROBIN LATER! CAN'T LET HIM OPEN THAT CAGE...



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PULL ONE OF YOUR ANIMAL ACTS ON ME, MISTER!

I'M... AT BATMAN'S MERCY NOW... UNLESS...

IN DESPERATION, THE CRIMINAL SUDDENLY BOUNDS TO HIS INCREDIBLE MACHINE AND...



B-BATMAN... BEING BLASTED BY THE TRANSFORMATION RAY! GOSH... HOW WILL IT AFFECT HIM...?

I-I DON'T KNOW, ROSCOE! I'VE NEVER TRIED IT ON A HUMAN BEFORE! BUT... WE'LL SOON FIND OUT...

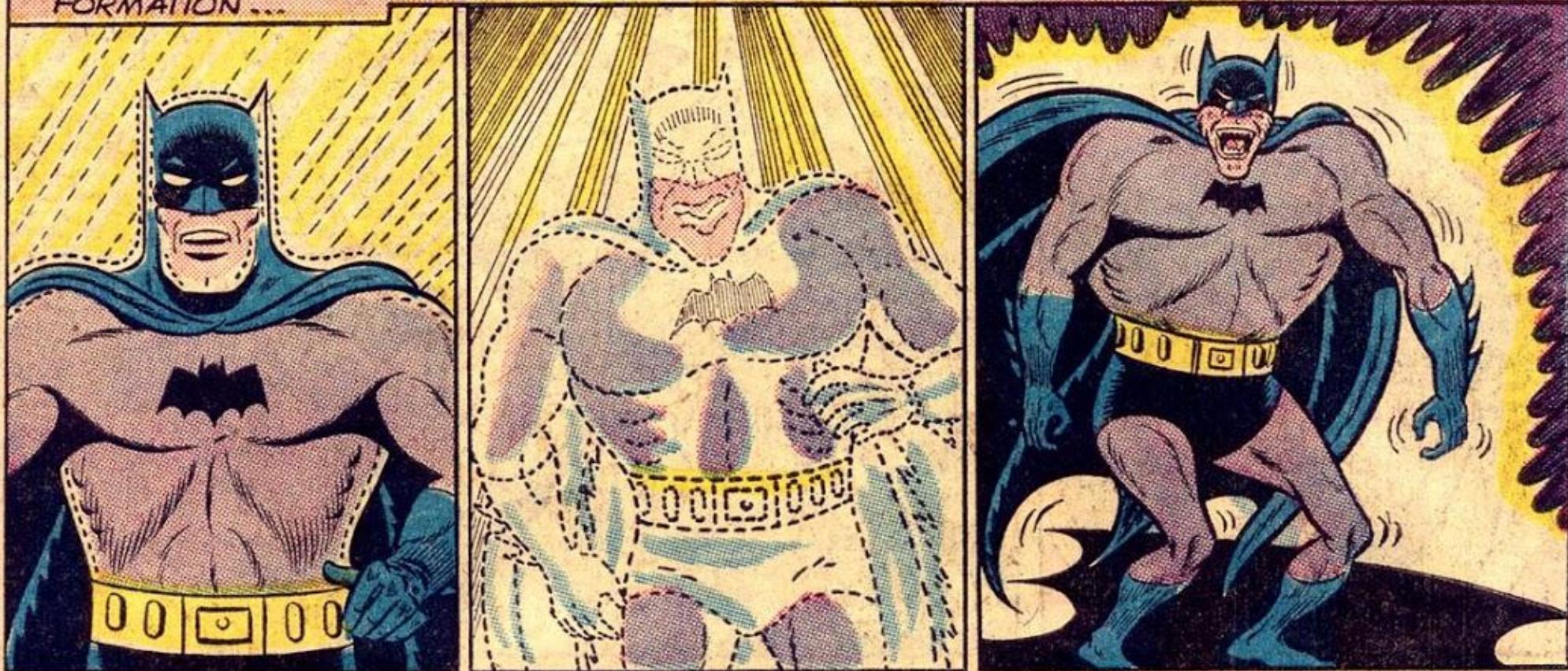




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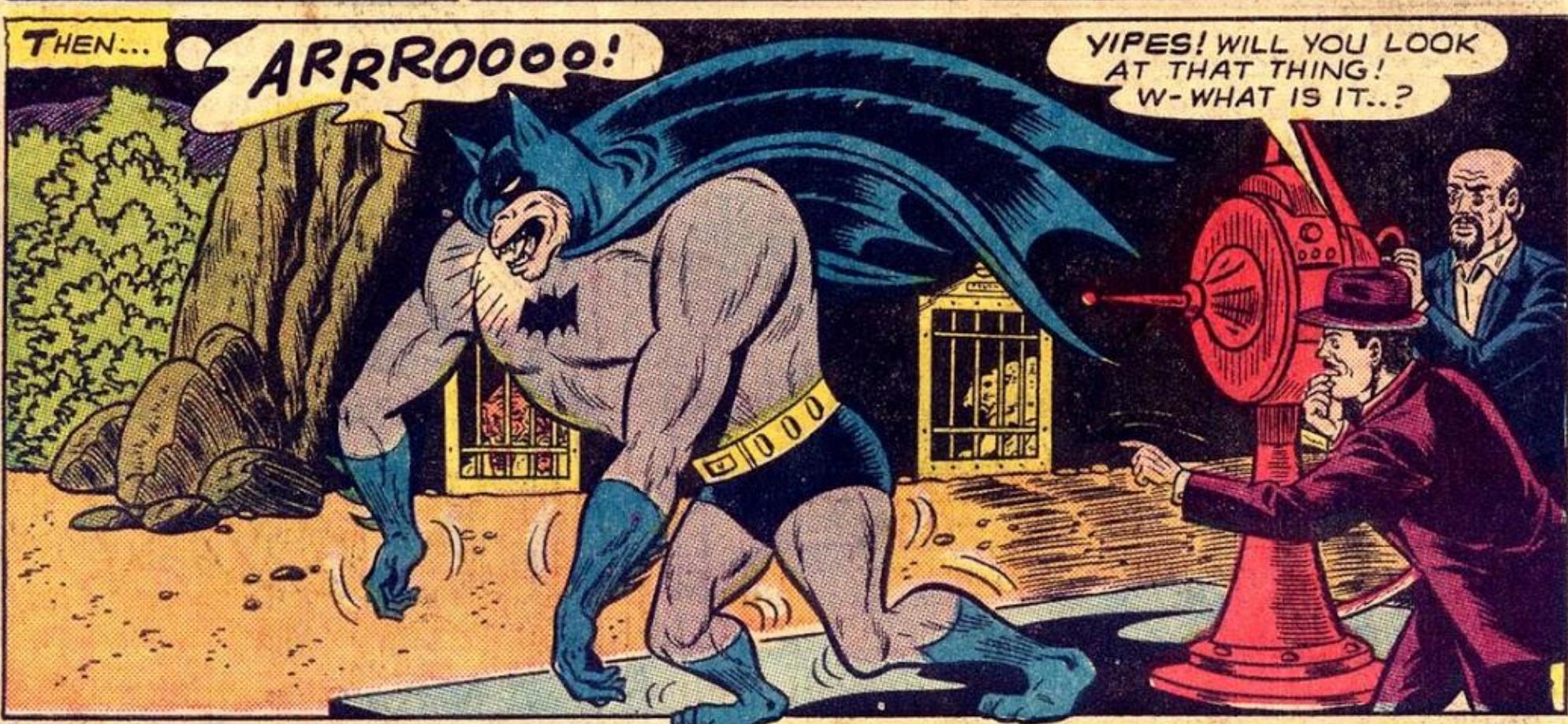
IN AN INSTANT, THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER'S BODY EXPERIENCES AN AWESOME TRANSFORMATION...



THEN...

ARRROOOO!

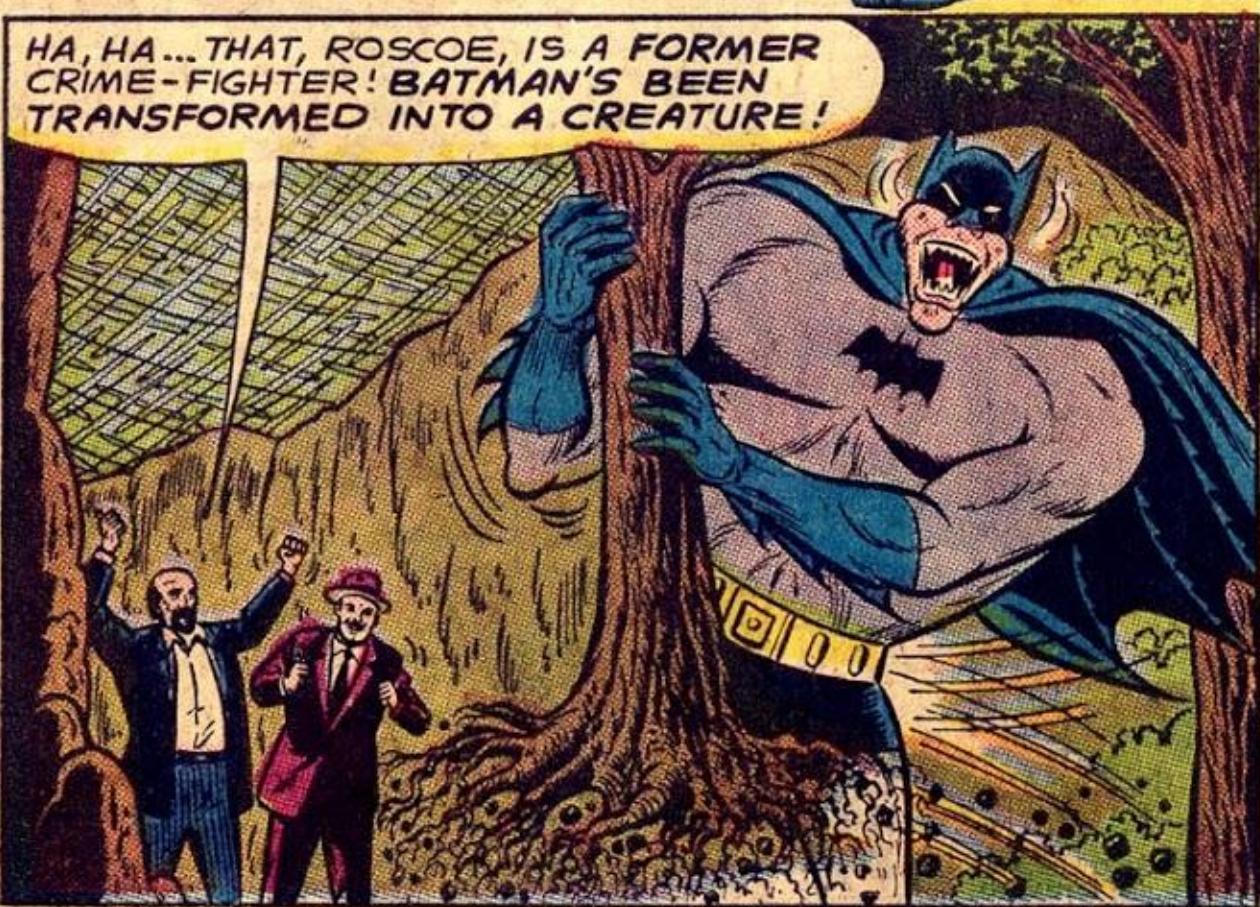
YIPES! WILL YOU LOOK
AT THAT THING!
W-WHAT IS IT...?



HA, HA... THAT, ROSCOE, IS A FORMER
CRIME-FIGHTER! BATMAN'S BEEN
TRANSFORMED INTO A CREATURE!

AS THE CRIMINAL'S WORDS OF
GLEE BOOM FORTH, THEY ARE
PICKED UP BY ROBIN'S OPEN BELT-
RADIO RECEIVER AND...

...BATMAN'S BEEN H-HUH..
TRANSFORMED A VOICE
INTO A CREATURE! COMING IN
OVER THE
BELT-RADIO!
BUT...IT ISN'T
BATMAN'S





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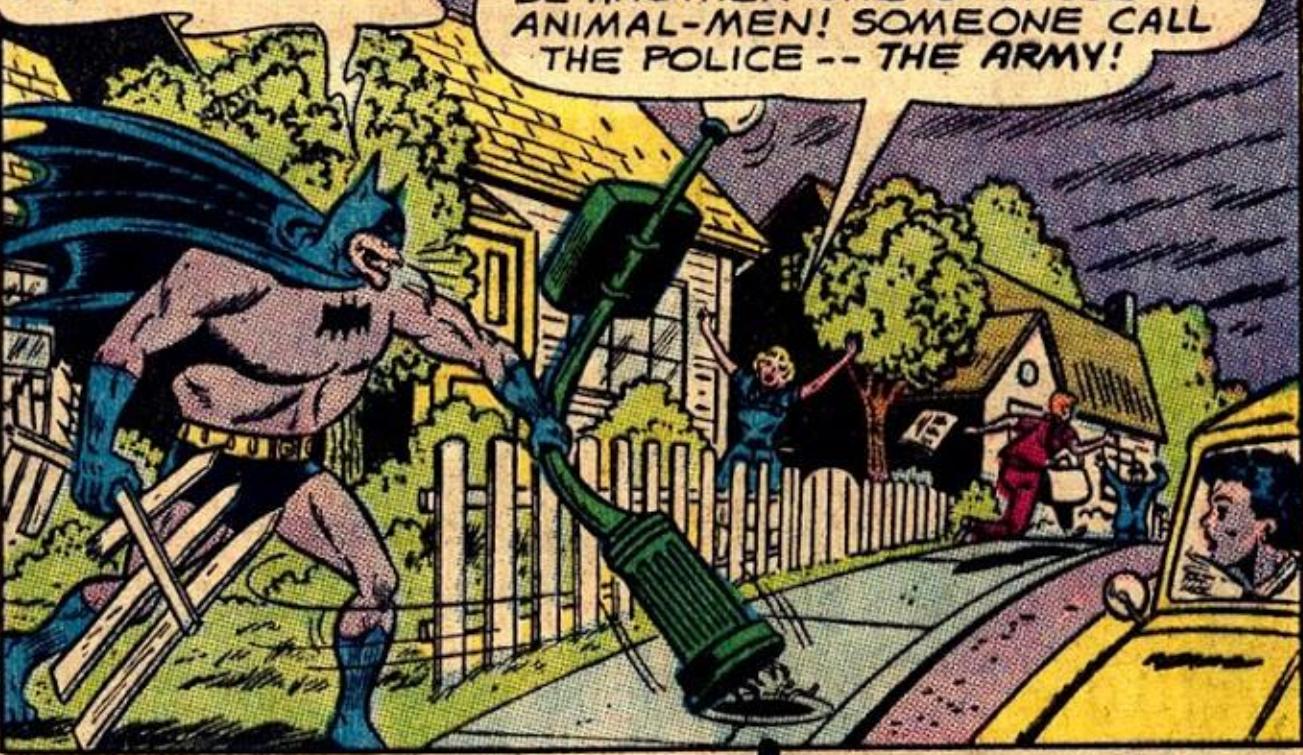


BATMAN...DO YOU READ ME? GOSH...NO REPLY! SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG-- THAT VOICE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT BATMAN BECOMING A CREATURE! BETTER HURRY TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



SHORTLY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM...

AAAROOOO!



AND SOON AFTER, AS ROBIN SPEEDS TOWARDS HEADQUARTERS...

AND, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, GOSH...THAT BELT-RADIO PICK-UP WAS FOR REAL! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE AT ONCE!



TENSE MINUTES LATER, THE GOTHAM STATE BUILDING...

WAIT!
DON'T SHOOT--THAT
CREATURE IS REALLY
BATMAN TRANSFORMED...

ROBIN--I HEARD THE NEWS REPORT AND HURRIED OVER HERE! IS BATMAN REALLY THAT CREATURE?



A-A BATMAN CREATURE! MUST BE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ANIMAL-MEN! SOMEONE CALL THE POLICE -- THE ARMY!



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This is **SGT. ROCK**
bringin' you DC's **First**
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THAT KEEP THE ENEMY
FROM SLEEPIN'!

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ZEROED IN ON YOUR
HEART! ONCE YOU
READ 'EM--YOU'LL
NEVER FORGET 'EM!

DON'T SAY I
DIDN'T WARN
YOU ABOUT...



SGT. ROCK'S
PRIZE BATTLE TALES

ON SALE
EVERWHERE
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STRANGE OLD LAWS

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EXTRA.



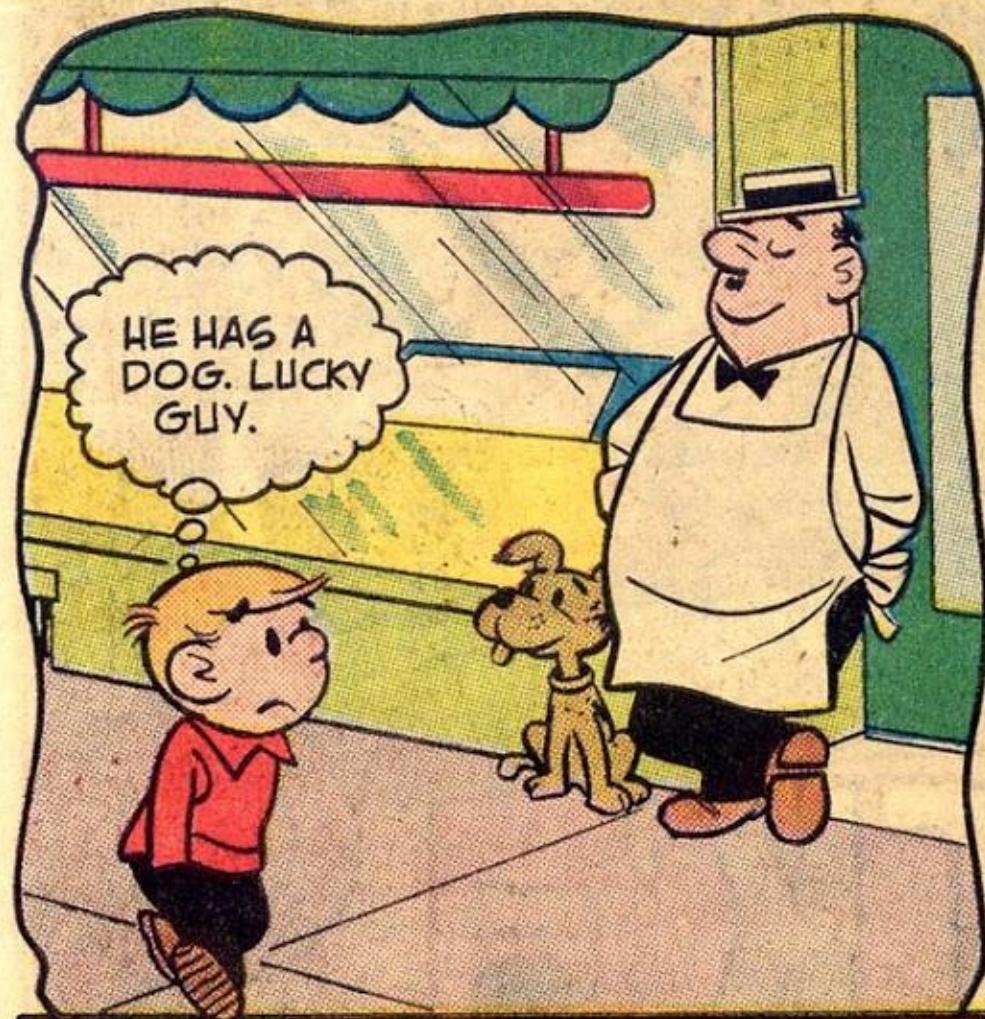
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, PROHIBITS
NEWSBOYS FROM CRYING 'EXTRA'
ON THE STREETS.

PLEASE, NOT
WITH THE
FRESH DOUGH!



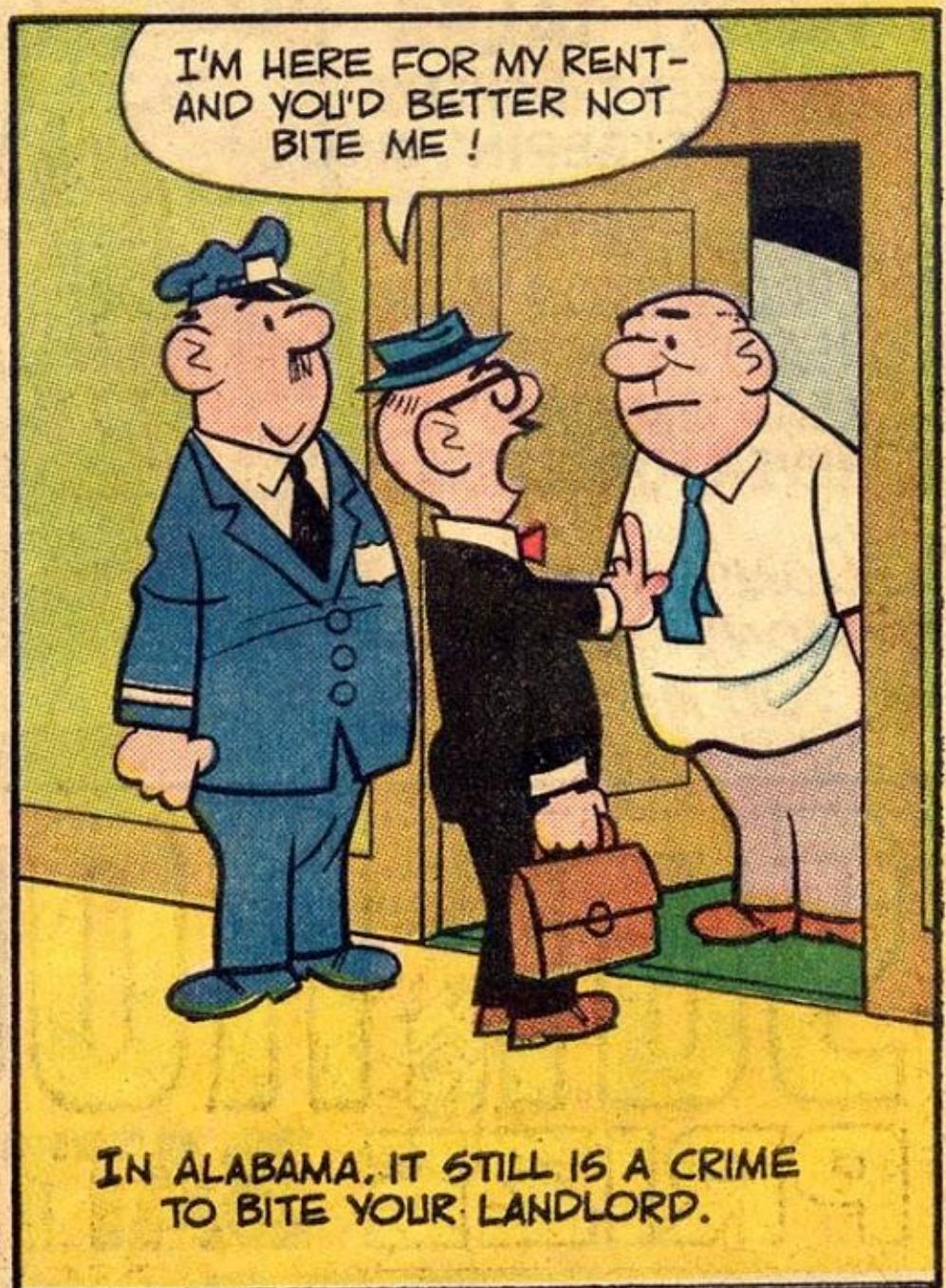
MASSACHUSETTS HAD A LAW MAKING
IT A CRIME TO LOUNGE ON THE SHELVES
OF A BAKERY.

I'M HERE FOR MY RENT-
AND YOU'D BETTER NOT
BITE ME !



PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, PROHIBITED
ANY CITIZEN FROM KEEPING A
DOG, EXCEPT BUTCHERS.

IN ALABAMA, IT STILL IS A CRIME
TO BITE YOUR LANDLORD.



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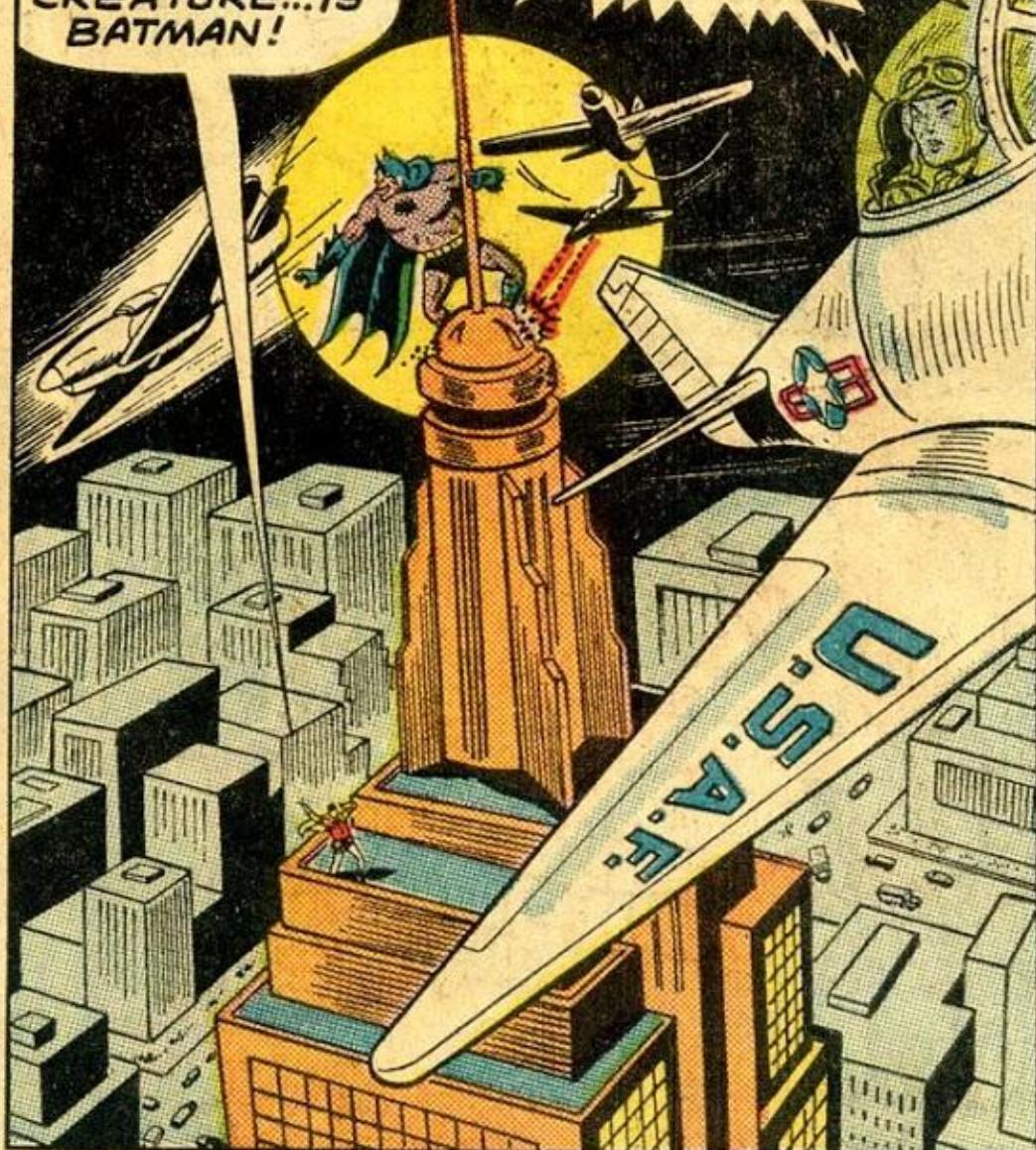
AND AFTER A SWIFT ELEVATOR ZIPS ROBIN TO THE TOP OF THE TOWERING BUILDING...

BRATA-BRATA!

MACHINE-GUN FIRE! WHO'S SHOOTING AT HIM?

ARMY JETS... TRYING TO PICK BATMAN OFF! WAIT--DON'T SHOOT! THAT CREATURE...IS BATMAN!

IT'S ROBIN...BATMAN'S PARTNER! HE MUST KNOW WHAT HE'S SAYING--CEASE FIRE!



THEN, AS THE EYES OF GOTHAM LOOK TO THE GREAT DOME...

B-BATMAN...
IT'S ME...ROBIN!
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE
ME..?

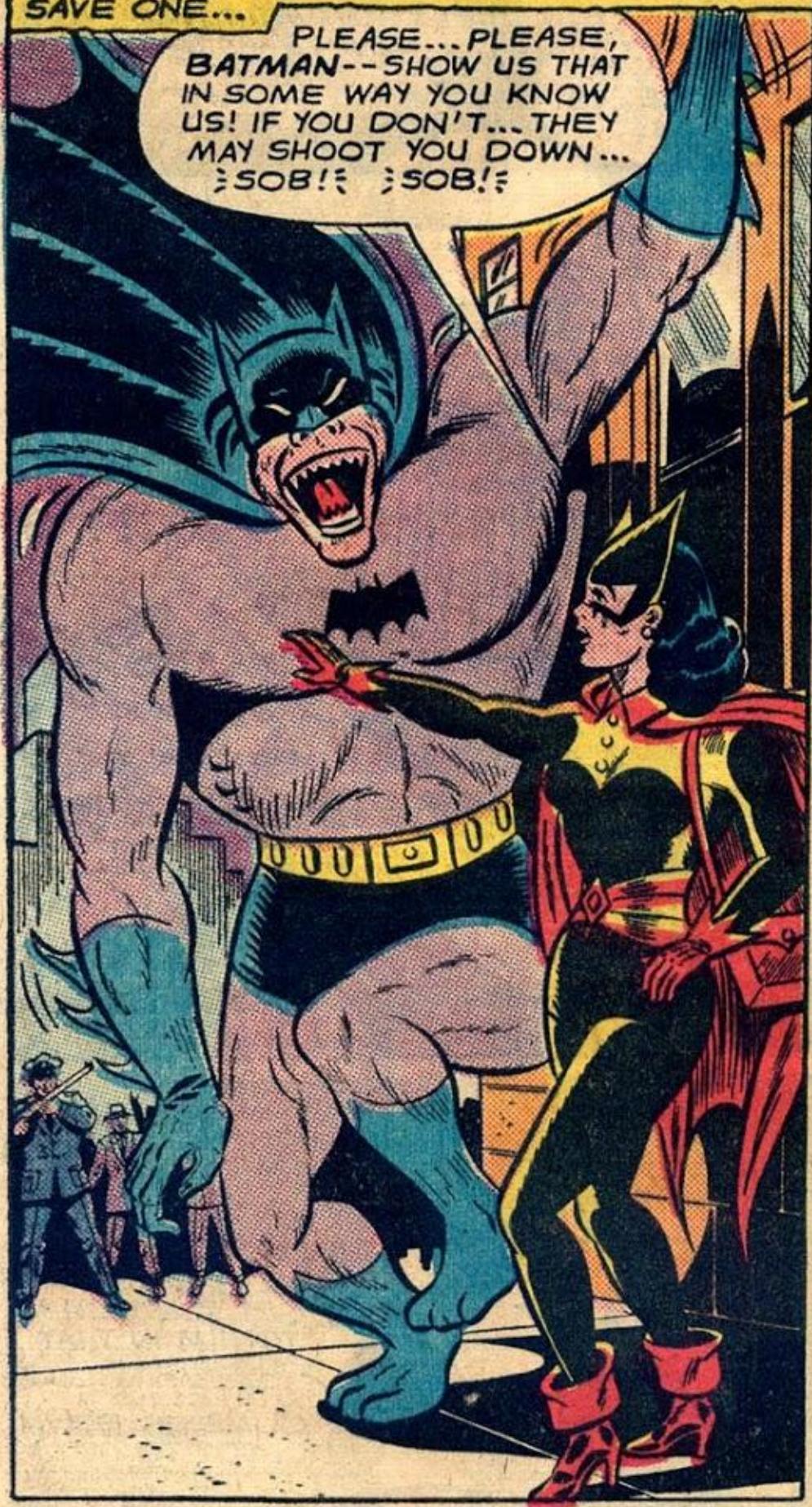
GRRROOOOW!



BATMAN

AS THE GREAT HULK BOUNDS TO THE SIDEWALK, ONLOOKERS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES -- ALL, SAVE ONE...

PLEASE... PLEASE,
BATMAN-- SHOW US THAT
IN SOME WAY YOU KNOW
US! IF YOU DON'T... THEY
MAY SHOOT YOU DOWN...
;SOB! ;SOB!



THEN, AS THE BATMAN CREATURE HESITATES...

HEY! THE BATMAN CREATURE
ISN'T ATTACKING BATWOMAN!
HER TEARS SEEMED TO
HAVE MADE HIM DOCILE...

I'LL SHOW
YOU WE'RE
YOUR
FRIENDS,
BATMAN! YOU
MUST BE HUNGRY...
I'LL BORROW
SOME FOOD...



A MOMENT LATER, THE TENSENESS IS BROKEN
AS...

YOU DID IT,
BATWOMAN-- YOU'VE
WON HIS CONFIDENCE!

YES, ROBIN... HE'S
MUNCHING AWAY
AT THAT FRUIT LIKE
A TRAINED PET!
BUT... WHERE DO
WE GO FROM
HERE...?



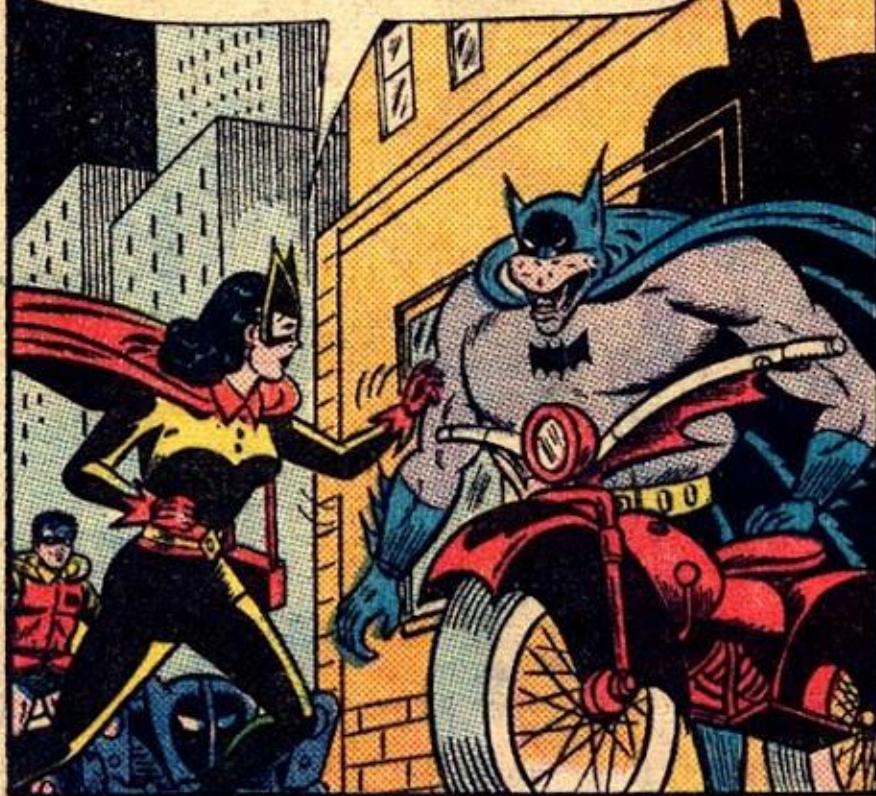
BUT BEFORE ROBIN CAN REPLY...

WE JUST RECEIVED A RADIO BULLETIN
-- TWO ANIMAL-LIKE CHARACTERS
ARE ROBBING TRANS-OCEAN LINES!

"ANIMAL-LIKE"! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT
ANOTHER CRIMINAL BEAST TEAM TO COPE
WITH, BATWOMAN! AND WE'VE LOST THE
SERVICES OF BATMAN!



PERHAPS NOT, ROBIN! BATMAN! CAN YOU HEAR ME? TRY TO UNDERSTAND... FOLLOW US... FOLLOW US!



MINUTES LATER, THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM OBSERVE AN AWESOME SIGHT AS...



SHORTLY...

TRANS-OCEAN Liners

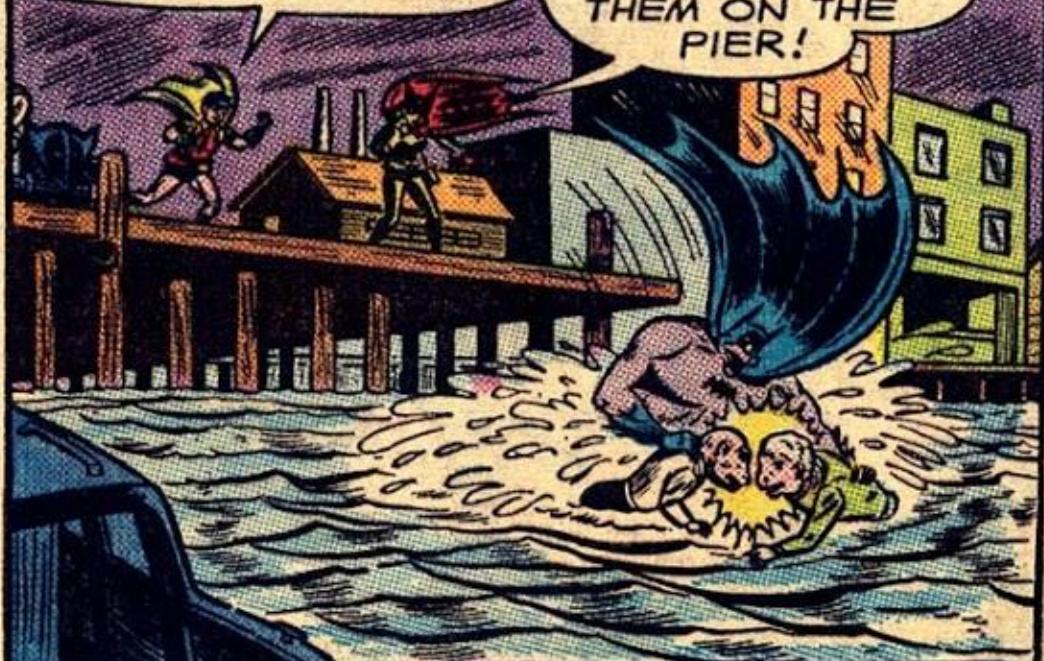
TWO CHARACTERS... LOOKING LIKE AN ALLIGATOR AND POLAR BEAR... LEAPING OFF THE WHARF!



BATWOMAN FRANTICALLY ISSUES A COMMAND-- POINTS TO THE ESCAPING CRIMINALS AND...

WOW! HE'S KNOCKED BOTH OF THEM COLD!

NOW, I'LL DIRECT HIM TO LEAVE THEM ON THE PIER!



BUT AFTER THE BATMAN CREATURE OBLIGES...

BATMAN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? OH, DEAR... HE'S RUNNING OFF!

STEADY, BATWOMAN... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING THAT TO HAPPEN! THE POLICE HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE SITUATION ...





BATMAN



RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE THE CRIMINAL HIDEOUT AND HOPE THERE'S A MEANS OF CHANGING BATMAN BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA...

ROBIN'S ABOUT TO CALL BAT-HOUND VIA THE SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL DEVICE SECRETED IN THE HEEL OF HIS BOOT! I WONDER WHAT HE HAS IN MIND?



THE ANSWER COMES SHORTLY AS...

HERE'S BAT-HOUND... RESPONDING TO MY CALL! NOW, I'LL RELEASE THIS POLAR BEAR CHARACTER AND PUT THE DOG ON HIS SCENT!

AND HOPE THAT THE ANIMAL-MAN WILL RETURN TO HIS LAIR...AND LEAD US THERE!



FOLLOWING THE POLAR BEAR'S SCENT, BAT-HOUND LEADS THE PAIR THROUGH A THICK WOOD... AND EVENTUALLY INTO A NARROW CANYON OPENING WHERE...

THE CRIMINAL LAIR! AND THAT DEVICE MUST BE THE TRANSFORMATION MACHINE, BATWOMAN!

ROBIN AND BATWOMAN! QUICK, ROSCOE--OPEN THE ANIMAL CAGES!



WITHIN SECONDS, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTING AWE-SOME ENEMIES AS...

A-A RHINO AND TIGER... CHARGING US! RUN, BATWOMAN--RUN!

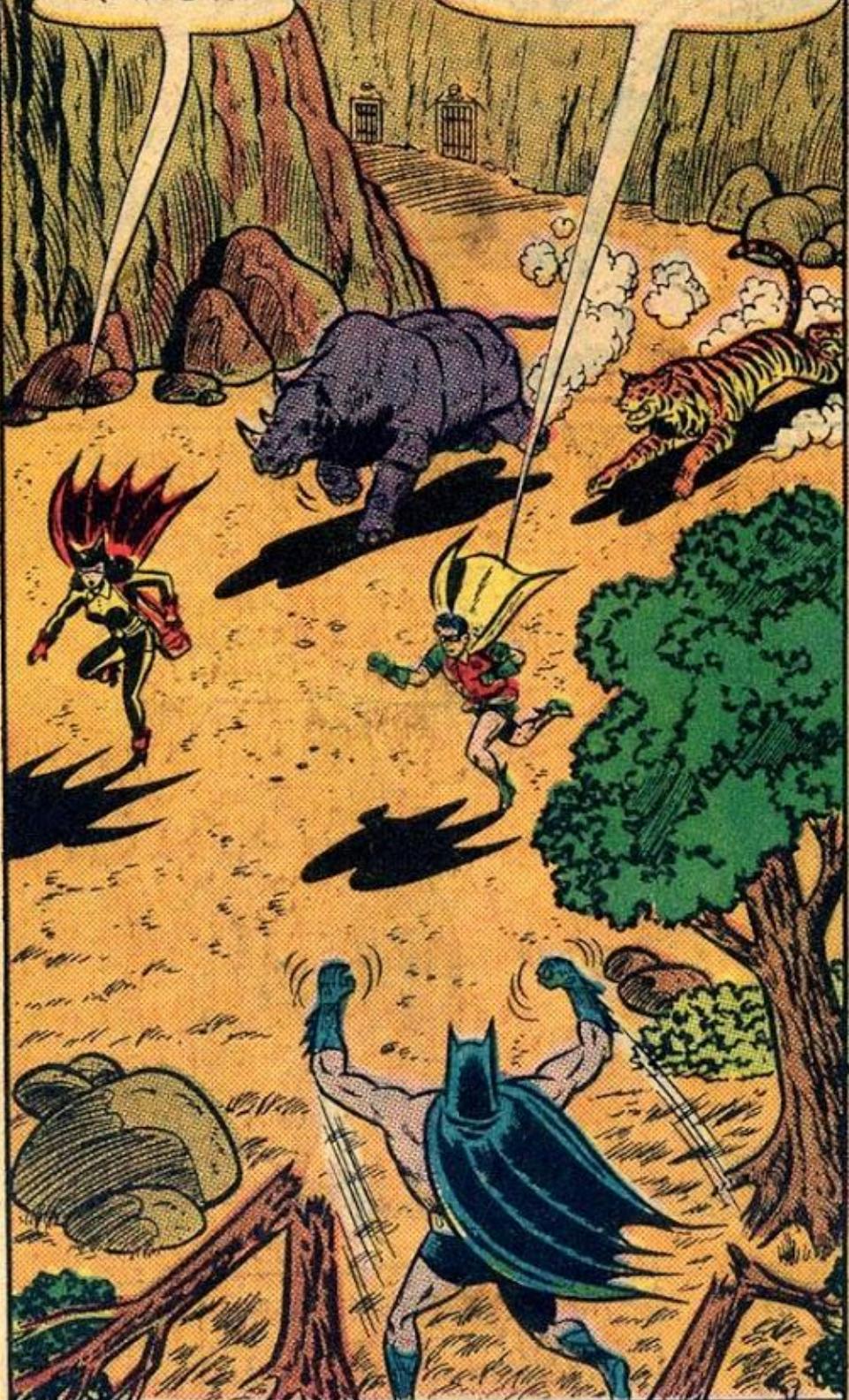


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THEN, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RACE FOR THEIR LIVES...

IT'S... NO USE, ROBIN! I CAN'T OUTRUN THIS RHINO...

BATWOMAN-- IT'S BATMAN! HE INSTINCTIVELY CAME BACK HERE!



THEN, AS THE BATMAN CREATURE GLARES DOWN...

GOSH... HE'S SPOTTED THE DANGER TO BATWOMAN-- AND HE DOESN'T LIKE IT!

AAAARRRROOO!

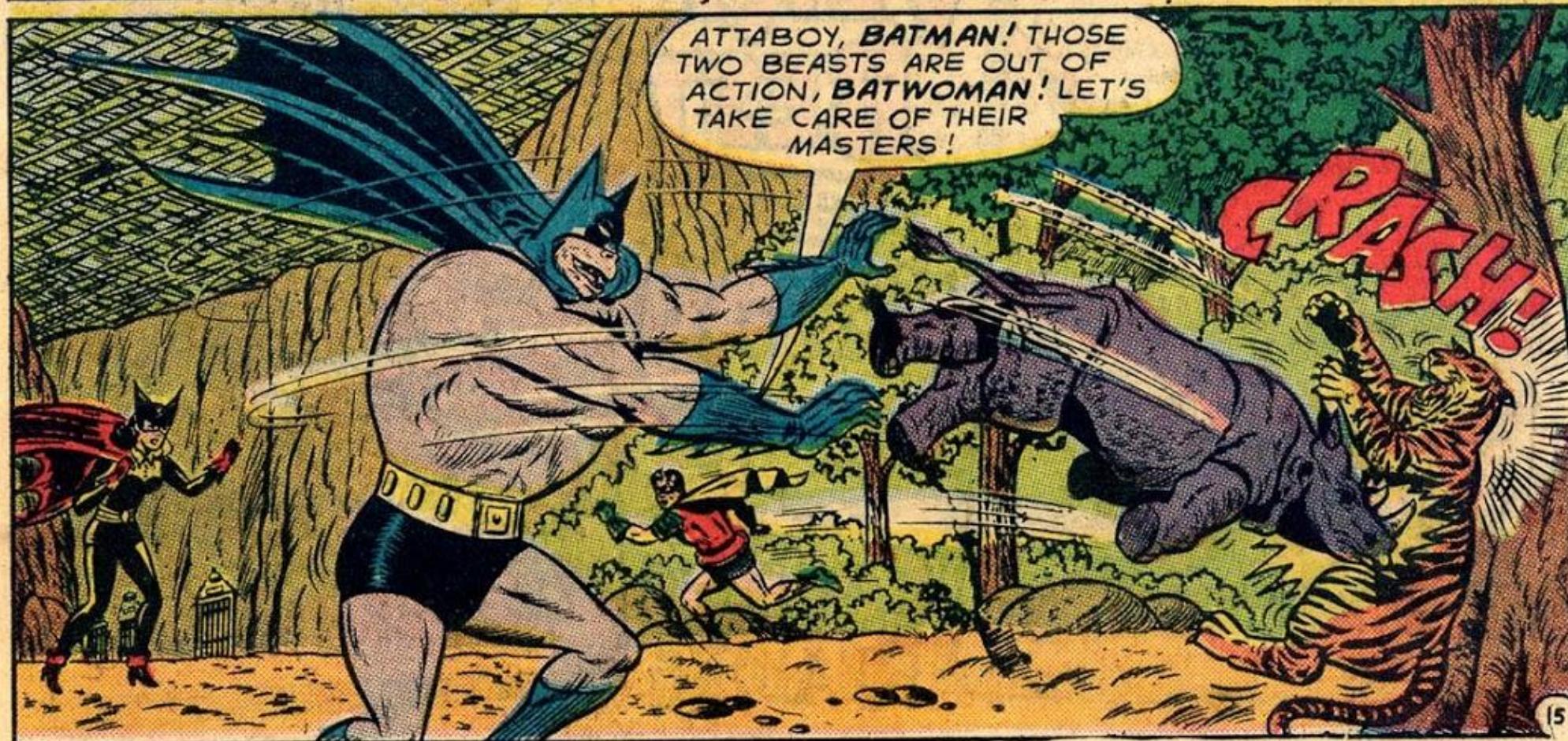


A MOMENT LATER, THE RHINO IS SEIZED IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP AND...



ATTABOY, BATMAN! THOSE TWO BEASTS ARE OUT OF ACTION, BATWOMAN! LET'S TAKE CARE OF THEIR MASTERS!

CRASH!



SECONDS LATER, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN SPRING INTO ACTION...

I'VE SNARED ONE OF THE CRIMINALS WITH MY HAIR NET...

AND I'VE DOWNED THE OTHER, BATWOMAN! NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT GETTING POOR BATMAN BACK TO NORMAL!



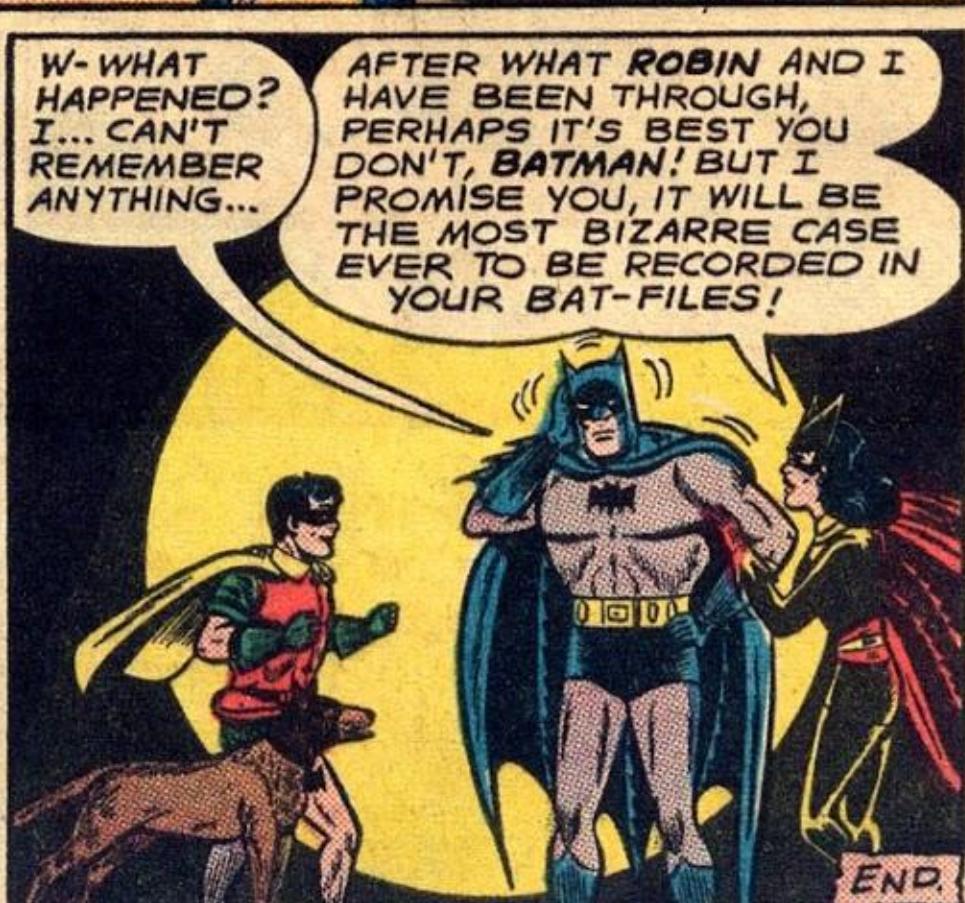
SHORTLY, A STRANGE RAY IS PLAYED ON THE BATMAN CREATURE, AND...

HE'S CHANGING... BECOMING NORMAL, THANK HEAVEN!

AND ONCE WE RESTORE THOSE ANIMAL-MEN BACK TO ANIMALS, THE CASE WILL BE WRAPPED UP!

W-WHAT HAPPENED? I... CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING...

AFTER WHAT ROBIN AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH, PERHAPS IT'S BEST YOU DON'T, BATMAN! BUT I PROMISE YOU, IT WILL BE THE MOST BIZARRE CASE EVER TO BE RECORDED IN YOUR BAT-FILES!



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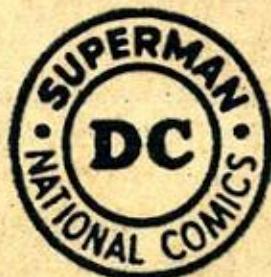
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Letters to the BAT-CAVE



Dear Editor: I have just finished reading the latest BATMAN ("The Great Clayface-Joker Feud"), and I think it was the best one I have ever read. The idea of having Batman's two worst enemies in a feud was a great idea. It was a great title, to begin with, and having the picture of the Joker turning into Clayface made it even more interesting. One of the best parts, I thought, was the way Clayface and Joker planned their crimes to duplicate each other.

Barry Smith, Tarzana, Calif.

Dear Editor: The November issue of BATMAN was half sensational and half failure. "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud" was one of the greatest stories ever printed. It was natural to have four of the Batman team battle two of the greatest criminals that have rampaged through the pages of BATMAN COMICS. I would like to see more stories of this kind.

Not so for the second story. "Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." was a pain to read. I had to force myself through it. But of course, the first story made up for it. "The Clayface-Joker Feud" will go into the Hall of Fame alongside "Rip Van Batman" and "Batman, Robot."

L. A. Phillips, Torrance, Calif.

(*Every man to his taste, but from the mail we've received, you would be very much in the minority about the second story, as the following letters, typical of many we've received, would indicate.—Ed.*)

Dear Editor: Recently you have been coming up with some pretty good Batman stories, and "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud" is no exception. And I don't know if it's possible, but Bob Kane's artwork is getting better. Also, typical of your many Alfred human interest tales, "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." is an outstanding example. I'm sure you know how popular this series is, and that you should definitely keep it up. Thanks for the improvements on Batman, and for again making him one of my all-time favorites.

Edward Simpson III, Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Editor: I've just finished reading "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud"—it was great. I especially liked "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." It was a heart-warming story.

Melvin Gionson, Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii

Dear Editor: "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." turned out to be my third favorite Batman story by far! Every page of it was like being in a wonderful, humorous Garden of Eden. As for the artwork, it was brilliantly and uniquely excellent in every way. This was a pleasure to read. As for the other story in this issue, "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud," this rated as my

first favorite Batman story. Every page was hauntingly gripping with suspense and action. And the artwork was a masterpiece; every page was fully detailed with not only excellent front-ground, but marvelous back-ground, too. I predict this story will be a collector's item and published in a BATMAN ANNUAL, as well!

Michael E. Colby, Hewlett Bay Park, L.I.

Dear Editor: Once again, I've read the newest edition of BATMAN, and, as usual, I have little to offer but a bunch of roses—complete with thorns. To start with, the cover was unique, and although I personally find the idea of a thinking blob of clay able to manifest itself in any form it chooses revolting, I certainly admit it makes for an attractive comic cover.

The story with which the cover was concerned, "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud," was exciting, to say the least, and although my ideas of Clayface are such as I laid down in the preceding paragraph, he certainly makes a great villain and a great opponent for the Joker. I was particularly intrigued by the way the author handled the ending—it certainly had me fooled.

I haven't any complaints on the second story, and although it wasn't spectacular, I enjoyed the human interest angle.

Ian Poupard, North Surrey, B.C.

Dear Editor: I just finished "Superman's Secret Master" and thought it was great. The story was exciting and kept you guessing. As for art work, it was the best you've done on WORLD'S FINEST, so keep up the good work.

Wayne Trowbridge, Topeka, Kansas

Dear Editor: So far you've featured a second Batman and Robin team, so why can't you print a story where Bat-Girl grows up to be the second Batwoman?

Howard Reiss, New Haven, Conn.

(*We have one coming up in the next BATMAN issue. It's another Alfred tale—"Bat-Girl, Bat-woman II," and we promise you a real treat. Featured in the May issue, also, will be another tremendous Joker story, "The Joker Jury." Right now, in the Mar. WORLD'S FINEST, you'll find another great Clayface story, "The Clayface Superman." And in DETECTIVE, Batman duels with still another spectacular rival in "The Strange Lives of the Cat-Man!"—Ed.*)

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BATMAN



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

MOST OF US ENVY DICK GRAYSON, WHO LIVES AN EXCITING DOUBLE LIFE AS WARD TO WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER! BUT THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER IN THE OTHER FELLOW'S YARD--FOR YOUNG DICK IS JUST AS ENVIOUS OF THE ORDINARY BOY! AND WHEN HIS DESIRE TO BE "JUST ONE OF THE GANG" BECOMES TOO GREAT, HE SEEKS AN OUTLET IN...

ROBIN'S **NEW** SECRET IDENTITY!

WHAT AN AMAZING RESCUE! THAT BOY'S AS GOOD AS ROBIN!

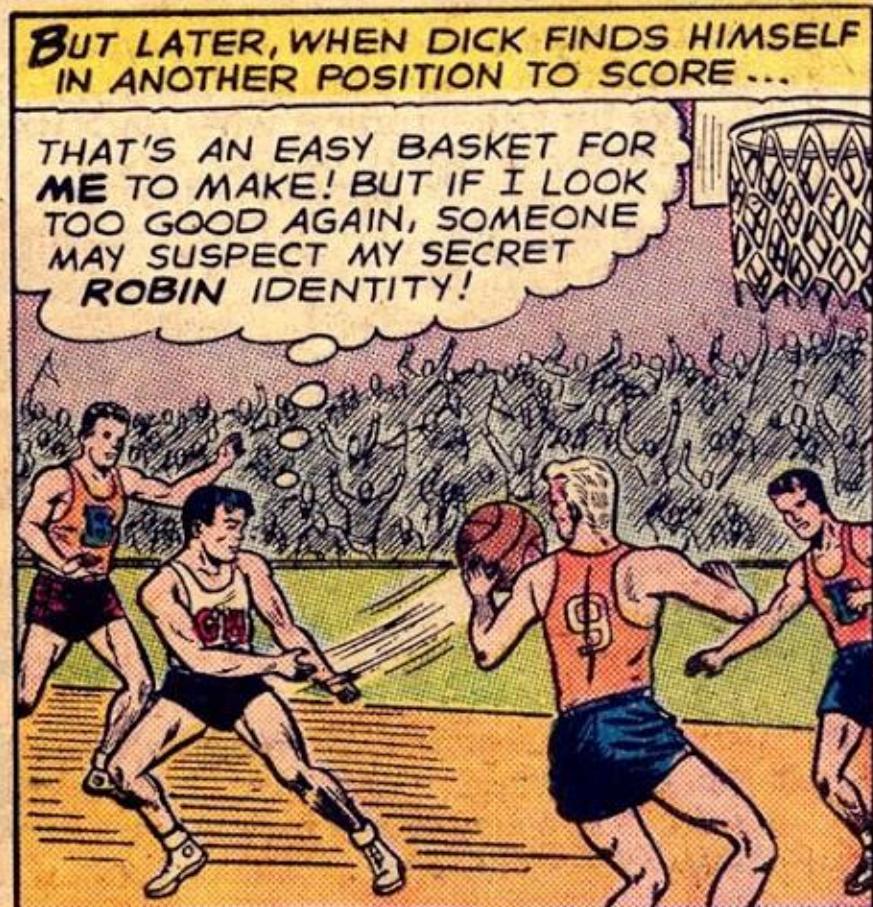
I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT LAD IS-- BUT HE'S A HERO!

IT'S THE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FINALS! YOUNG DICK GRAYSON WEAVES THROUGH THE OPPosition, AND...

WHAT A BASKET! THANKS TO DICK--WE'RE AHEAD!

BUT LATER, WHEN DICK FINDS HIMSELF IN ANOTHER POSITION TO SCORE...

THAT'S AN EASY BASKET FOR ME TO MAKE! BUT IF I LOOK TOO GOOD AGAIN, SOMEONE MAY SUSPECT MY SECRET ROBIN IDENTITY!





BATMAN



WELL, WE WON! BUT GOSH, I HATE HOLDING MYSELF BACK LIKE THAT-- NOT BEING ABLE TO DO MY BEST!

BASKET! AND THE GAME'S OVER!

GH

BUT I GUESS THAT'S ONE OF THE DRAWBACKS OF BEING A SECRET CRIME-FIGHTER! ORDINARY KIDS HAVE ALL THE FUN... THEY CAN BE THEMSELVES!

LATER, AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

JUST IN TIME, DICK--WE'VE GOT TO CHECK OUT A ROBBERY TIP! C'MON... LET'S GET INTO OUR CRIME-FIGHTING TOGS!

S-SURE, BRUCE...



AFTER A QUICK COSTUME CHANGE, THE BATMOBILE SPEEDS THE DYNAMIC DUO TO THE THEATER DISTRICT, WHERE...

TWO SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS... BOUNDING UP THAT FIRE ESCAPE, BATMAN!

AND CARRYING A MONEY BAG! LOOKS LIKE MY LEAD WAS A GOOD ONE, ROBIN-- LET'S RUN THEM DOWN!



TENSE SECONDS LATER, AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS GAIN THE ROOFTOP...

THERE THEY ARE--GETTING INTO THE BASKET OF THAT PROP ADVERTISING BALLOON!

SEE
THE GREAT BALLOON TRIP

BUT IT'S NO PROP-- THAT BALLOON'S FILLED WITH HELIUM! THOSE HOODS PLAN AN AIRBORNE ESCAPE! C'MON...



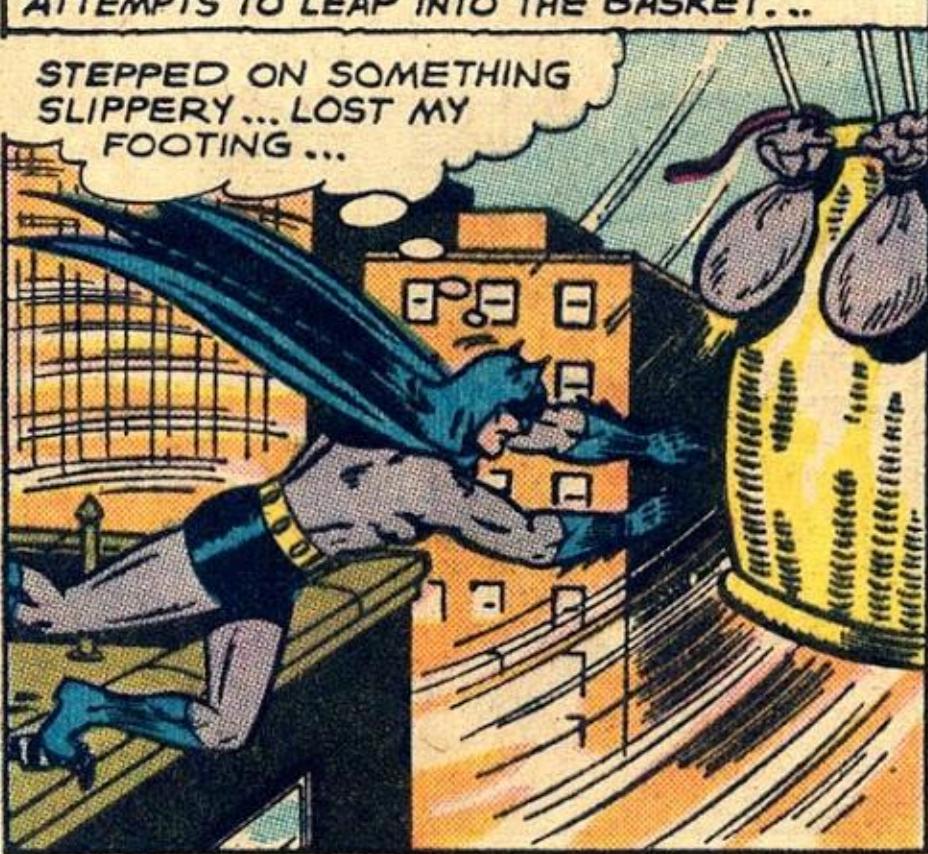


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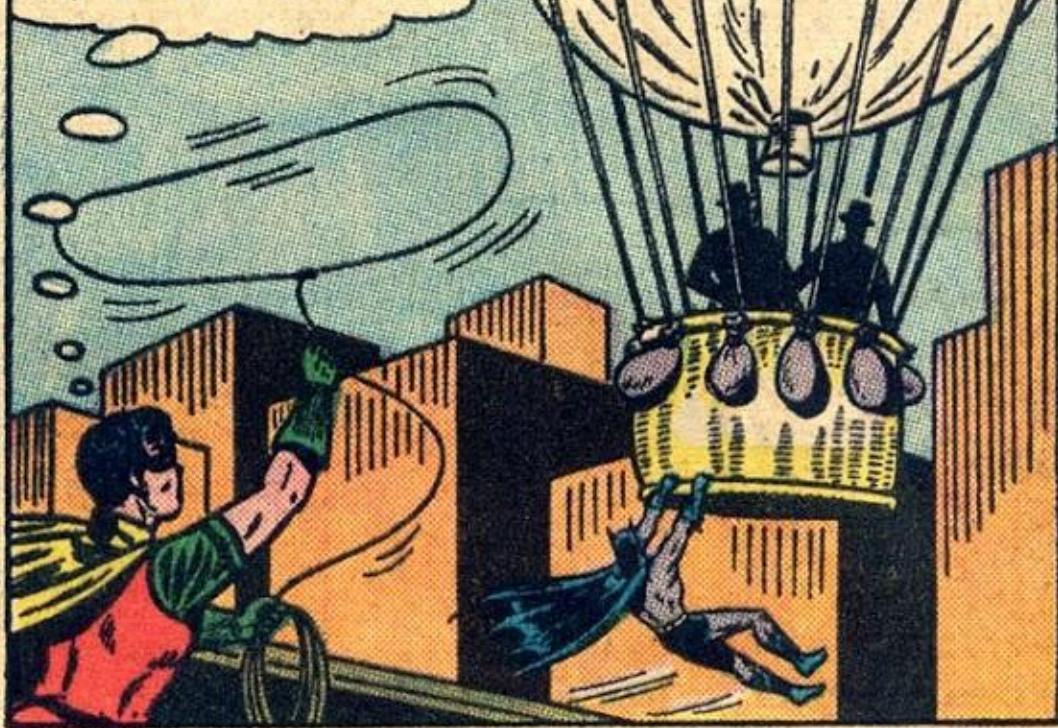


BATMAN BOUNDS FORWARD--BUT AS HE ATTEMPTS TO LEAP INTO THE BASKET...

STEPPED ON SOMETHING SLIPPERY... LOST MY FOOTING...



BATMAN WILL BE AT THE CRIMINALS' MERCY... DANGLING FROM THAT SOARING BASKET! I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM... AND THE BAT-ROPE'S MY ONLY HOPE!



THEN, AS THE BOY WONDER'S EXPERT TOSS FINDS ITS TARGET...

HEY, BATMAN'S HITCHING A RIDE! LET'S DUMP HIM!

GOT TO SNAP MY BODY AT THE END OF THIS SWING!



IN PRECISE ACROBATIC FASHION, THE BOY WONDER FLIPS HIS BODY, AND...

THIS IS IT, BATMAN--YOU'RE HEADING FOR A FALL!

OOOF!

WHO'S HEADED FOR A FALL?



AND AFTER BATMAN BOUNDS INTO THE BASKET...

GREAT WORK, ROBIN--THAT TOOK REAL SKILL! WELL, LET'S LEAK GAS OUT OF THE BALLOON AND DROP THESE CHARACTERS OFF AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS!



SHORTLY, AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT-- SEE YOU BOTH AT DINNER TIME!

MR. WAYNE TELLS ME THE BOY WONDER WAS REALLY SPECTACULAR TODAY! CONGRATULATIONS, MASTER DICK!

THANKS, ALFRED! BUT I WISH I COULD BE AS SPECTACULAR JUST AS AN ORDINARY KID, SOMETIMES...

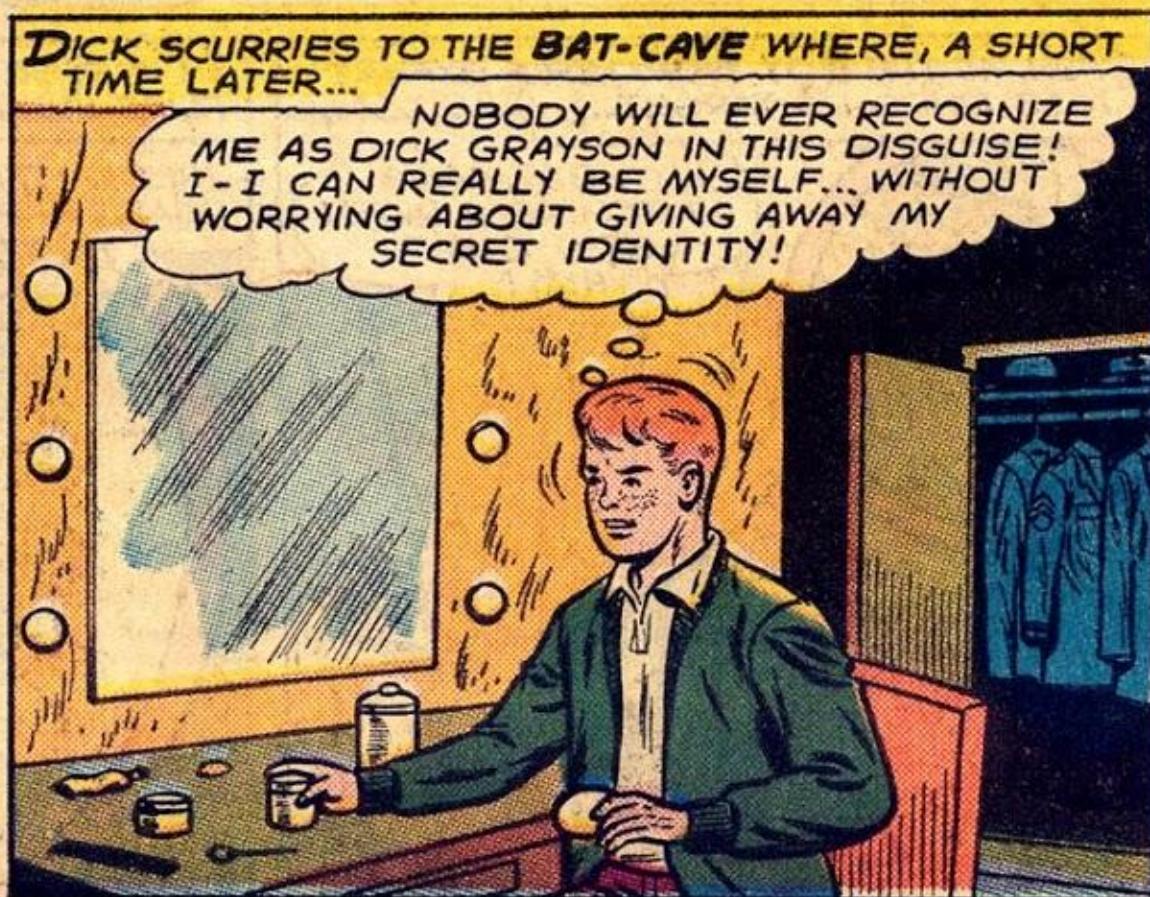
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SAY, WAIT A MINUTE! THERE IS A WAY I CAN BE JUST LIKE OTHER KIDS! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?

DICK SCURRIES TO THE BAT-CAVE WHERE, A SHORT TIME LATER...

NOBODY WILL EVER RECOGNIZE ME AS DICK GRAYSON IN THIS DISGUISE! I-I CAN REALLY BE MYSELF... WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT GIVING AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY!



LATER THAT AFTERNOON, THE DISGUISED DICK ARRIVES AT THE DOWNTOWN RECREATION CENTER WHERE...

BUT HOW CAN WE START TO PLAY? WE'RE A MAN SHY!

I FIGURED THEY'D BE GETTING UP A GAME DOWN HERE! AND THEY'RE A PLAYER SHORT... WHAT LUCK!



HOW ABOUT ME FILLING IN FOR YOU? I CAN PLAY BASKETBALL! MY NAME'S DANNY...

DANNY-- YOU'RE TOO SMALL FOR OUR CROWD! WHY, YOU'D BE RUN OVER! HA, HA!





BATMAN

C'MON, DANNY--
YOU CAN PLAY
FOR US! AT LEAST
WE'LL GET A
GAME GOING!

IT'LL BE A SLAUGHTER!
JUST REMEMBER--
YOU ASKED FOR IT!

BUT NO SOONER DOES THE GAME START
THAN...

H-HEY! WHAT
HAPPENED...?

HE STOLE THE BALL
FROM YOU, PHIL!
HA, HA...



HAPPINESS SURGES THROUGH "DANNY'S" HEART AS HE DAZZLES HIS OPPONENTS WITH
BRILLIANT PLAY...

I'M HAVING FUN...
JUST LIKE ANY KID...

WOW! LOOK AT THAT
DANNY GO!

NOW, I CAN DO MY BEST... WITHOUT
FEAR OF REVEALING MY SECRET
IDENTITY!



JUST AS THE FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS, DANNY
IS SCRAMBLING FOR THE BALL WHEN...



AND AS THE CONCERNED PLAYERS GATHER
ABOUT THE DAZED DANNY...

GOSH, I HOPE YOU'RE NOT
HURT, DANNY! WE'D HATE
TO LOSE A STAR PLAYER
LIKE YOU!

THANKS!
I GUESS
I'M OKAY!



BATMAN

SWELL! THEN, WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW! WE'D BETTER GET HOME-- IT'S NEARLY SUPPER TIME!

HOME? GOSH... I CAN'T REMEMBER MY HOME! THAT ACCIDENT I JUST HAD... MUST HAVE JARRED MY MEMORY!

MAYBE IF I WALK AROUND AWHILE, I'LL SPOT SOMETHING FAMILIAR AND GET MY MEMORY BACK! GOLLY... SURE HOPE SO...



THAT EVENING, AS BRUCE WAYNE DINES ALONE...

I KNOW MASTER DICK IS RARELY LATE FOR DINNER, SIR-- I EXPECT HE'LL BE ARRIVING SOON!

WELL, ALFRED, I'LL HAVE TO GO ON EVENING PATROL ALONE TONIGHT!



SUDDENLY...

EEEK! MY CHILD... THERE IN THE BEDROOM WINDOW! I-I THOUGHT HE WAS OUT PLAYING!

GREAT GRIEF!
BY THE TIME I
BRING THIS WOMAN
TO SAFETY, IT MAY
BE TOO LATE TO
RESCUE HER SON!



LATER THAT EVENING, SMOKE AND FLAME ATTRACT THE WANDERING DANNY TO A BLAZING FIRE SCENE, WHERE...

THE FIRE ENGINES HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET! BUT BATMAN'S ON THE JOB... MAKING A RESCUE!





BATMAN



BUT THEN, A YOUTHFUL FIGURE BOUNDS FORWARD AND...

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE BOY! I'LL... BE RIGHT WITH YOU...



A MOMENT LATER, THE DARING YOUNG MAN MAKES A SKILLFUL BODY MANEUVER AND...

M-MADE IT! GLAD THIS IS A BEDROOM WINDOW... I CAN MAKE THE DESCENT ON A "ROPE" OF KNOTTED SHEETS!



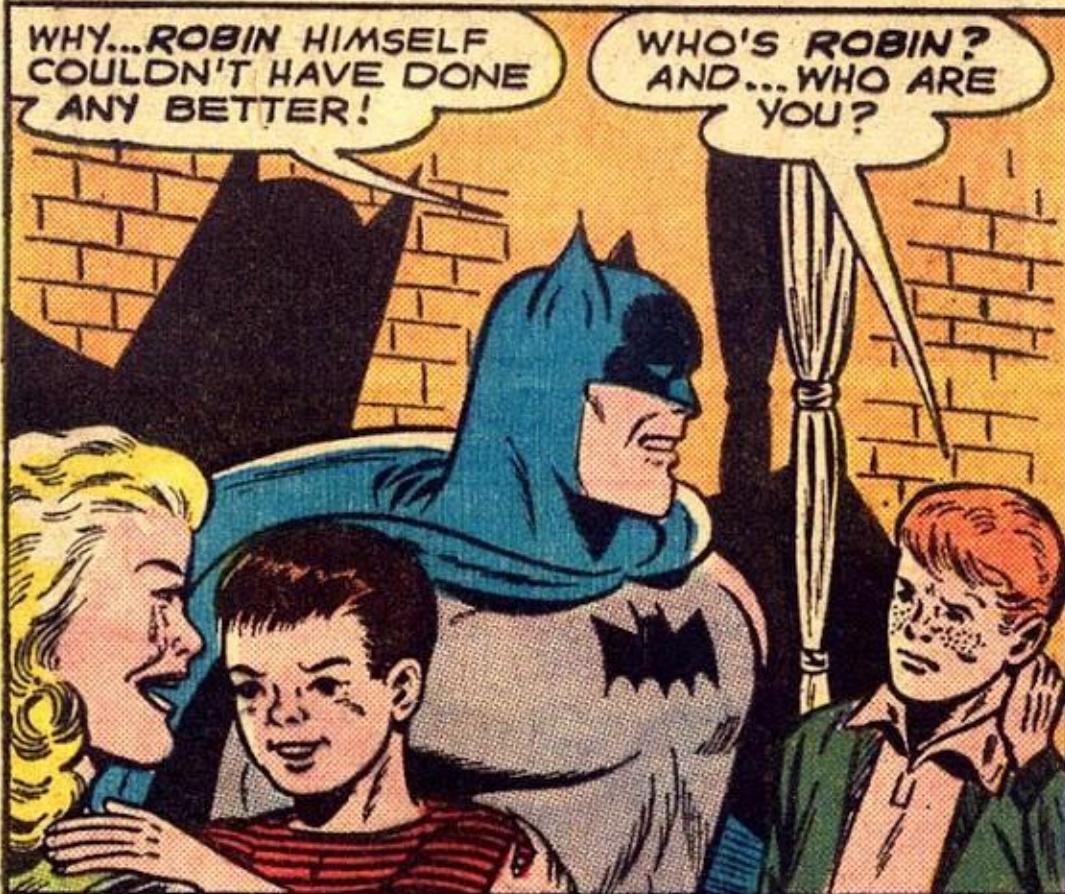
THEN, TO THE CHEERS OF THE CROWD... AND BATMAN...

LOOK! THE KID DID IT-- HE RESCUED THAT CHILD!



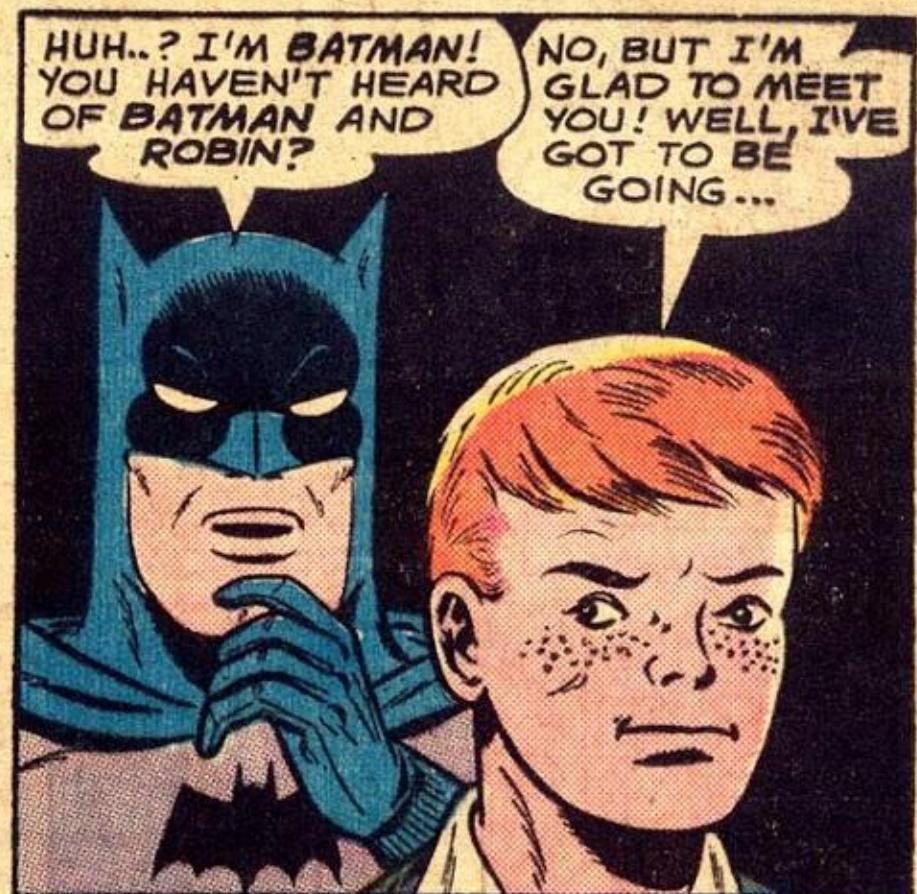
WHY... ROBIN HIMSELF COULDN'T HAVE DONE ANY BETTER!

WHO'S ROBIN? AND... WHO ARE YOU?



HUH..? I'M BATMAN! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF BATMAN AND ROBIN?

NO, BUT I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU! WELL, I'VE GOT TO BE GOING...



HE MUST BE KIDDING ME!



LATER, WHEN THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE...

MASTER DICK ISN'T HOME YET! I'M WORRIED... YOU KNOW, HE WASN'T QUITE HIMSELF TODAY! HE SAID SOMETHING TO ME ABOUT WANTING TO BE JUST AN ORDINARY BOY!

WHAT?... WAIT A MINUTE! THAT RED-HEADED BOY... NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, HIS VOICE SOUNDED FAMILIAR!

ALFRED -- DICK HAS ASSUMED A NEW IDENTITY! HE WAS THE BOY I JUST MET AT THE FIRE-- BUT HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME! HE MUST HAVE AMNESIA!

MY WORD! IF HE TAKES OFF HIS DISGUISE, AND HE'S IDENTIFIED AS DICK GRAYSON, SOMEBODY MIGHT SUSPECT HIM OF BEING ROBIN! YOU MUST FIND HIM!

BATMAN AND ALFRED AREN'T THE ONLY ONES TO EXPERIENCE A SHOCK THAT NIGHT! FOR AS DANNY CLEANS UP BEFORE EATING...

HUH..? A WIG-- I'M WEARING A RED WIG AND I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE IT!



THEN, ALARM GRIPS THE YOUTH AS HIS HANDS FALL TO HIS FACE...

AND FACE MAKE-UP! G-GOSH... MAYBE I WAS IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE BEFORE I LOST MY MEMORY! ONLY ONE THING TO DO... GO STRAIGHT TO THE POLICE AND REPORT MYSELF...



THEN, AS DANNY STEPS FROM THE RESTAURANT...

GOSH... I MAY EVEN BE A CRIMINAL...

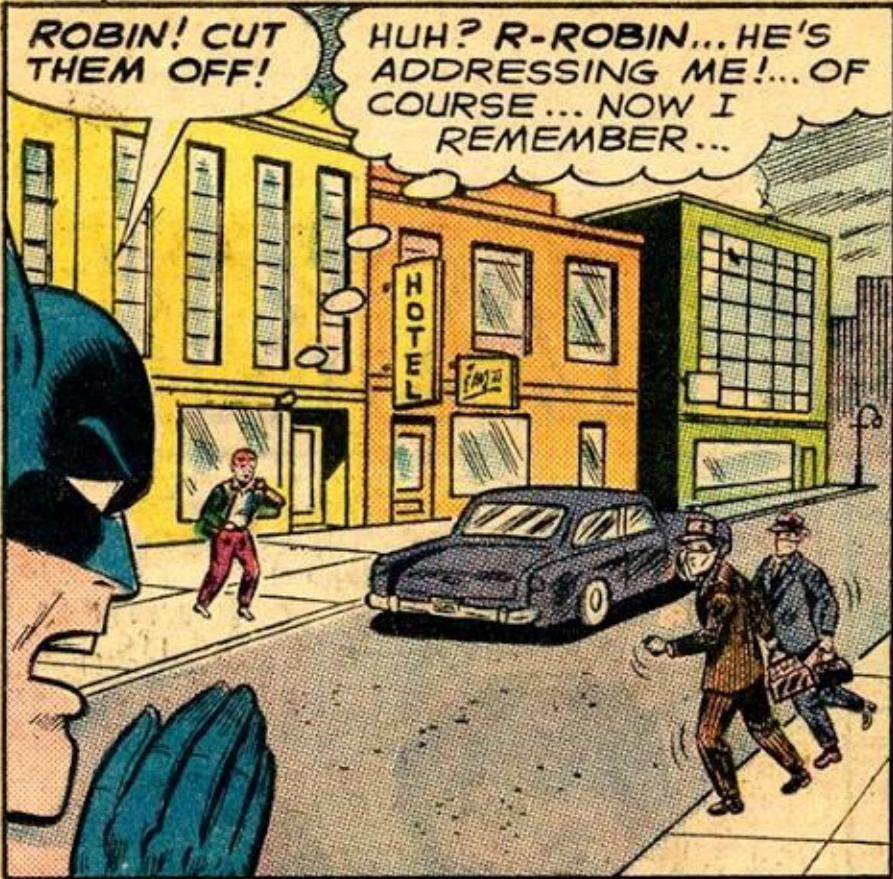
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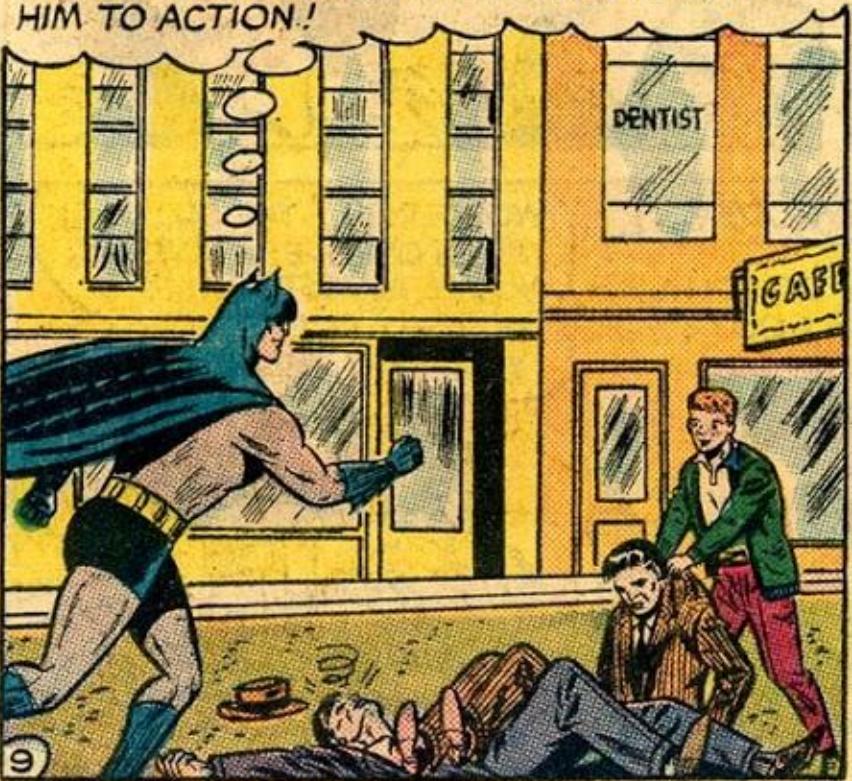
BUT AS BATMAN RUNS DOWN THE STREET TOWARDS HIS YOUNG PARTNER...

OH, OH... HOLDUP MEN... BOLTING FROM THAT JEWELRY STORE TO THEIR GETAWAY CAR! I HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF REACHING THEM IN TIME-- BUT MAYBE I CAN KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!





IT WORKED--HIS MEMORY WAS JOGGED BACK TO NORMAL WHEN HE HEARD HIS CRIME-FIGHTING NAME SUMMONING HIM TO ACTION!



AND SHORTLY, AS THE POLICE HAUL OFF THE TWO THIEVES...

WELL, YOU'VE SPENT MOST OF THE DAY BEING JUST AN ORDINARY BOY, ROBIN! HOW DID YOU LIKE IT?

GOSH, BATMAN-- IT NEARLY COST ME MY CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER! I THINK TWO IDENTITIES ARE ENOUGH FOR ANYONE!



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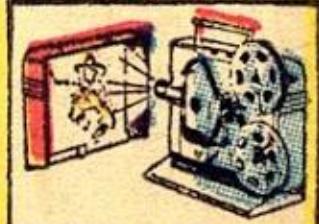
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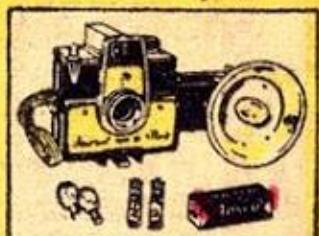
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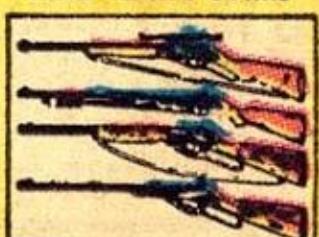
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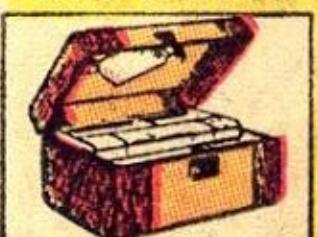
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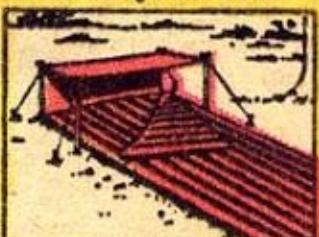
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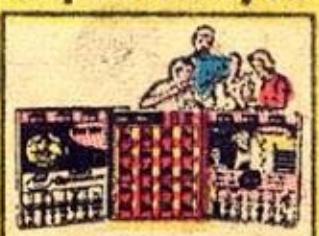
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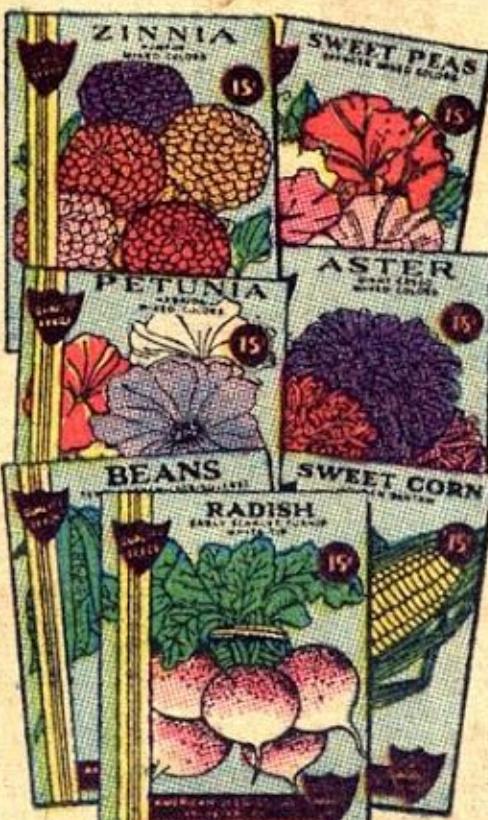
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