

BATMAN
No. 27

BACK THE 6TH WAR LOAN!

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BATMAN

Season's
Greetings
from
**BATMAN
AND ROBIN**



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

BOB
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A GOOD BOOK, SAID JOHN MILTON, "IS THE PRECIOUS LIFE-BLOOD OF A MASTER-SPRIT, EMBALMED AND TREASURED UP ON PURPOSE TO A LIFE BEYOND LIFE." BUT WHEN THE PENGUIN DECIDES TO SEEK IMMORTALITY THROUGH LITERATURE, IT TAKES ALL OF THE BATMAN'S FISTIC ARTFULNESS AND CREATIVE CUNNING TO KEEP THE VAINGLORIOUS VANDAL'S VENTURE INTO "BELLES LETTRES" WITHIN THE LETTER OF THE LAW, AND TO WIN TALENT FOR THE YOUTH WHO WAS...

"THE PENGUIN'S APPRENTICE!"

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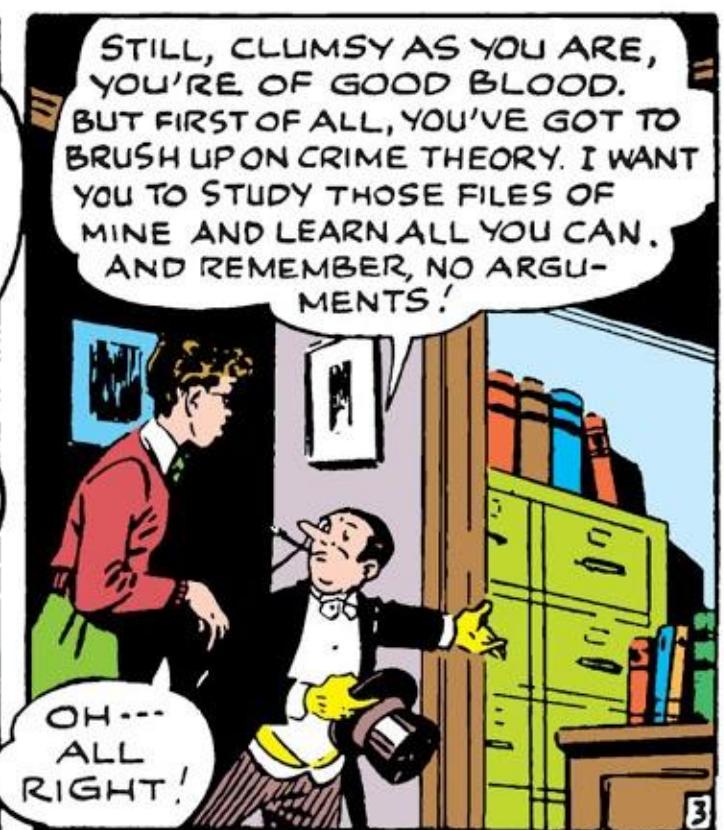
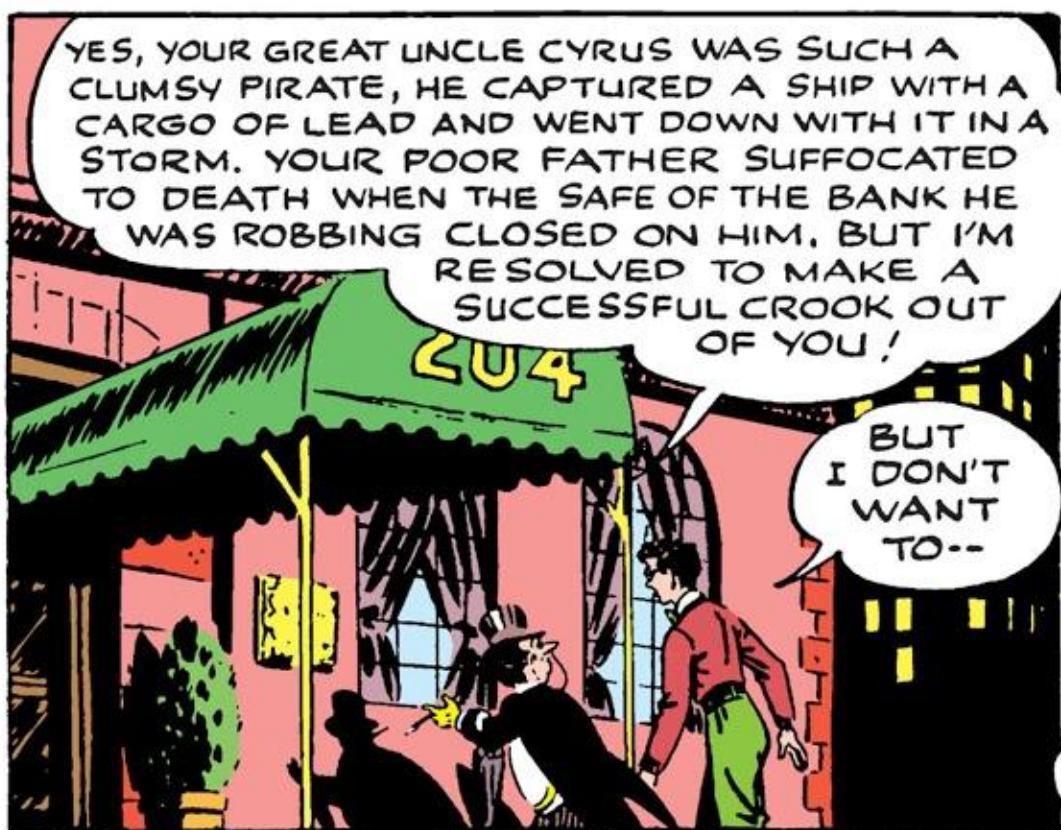
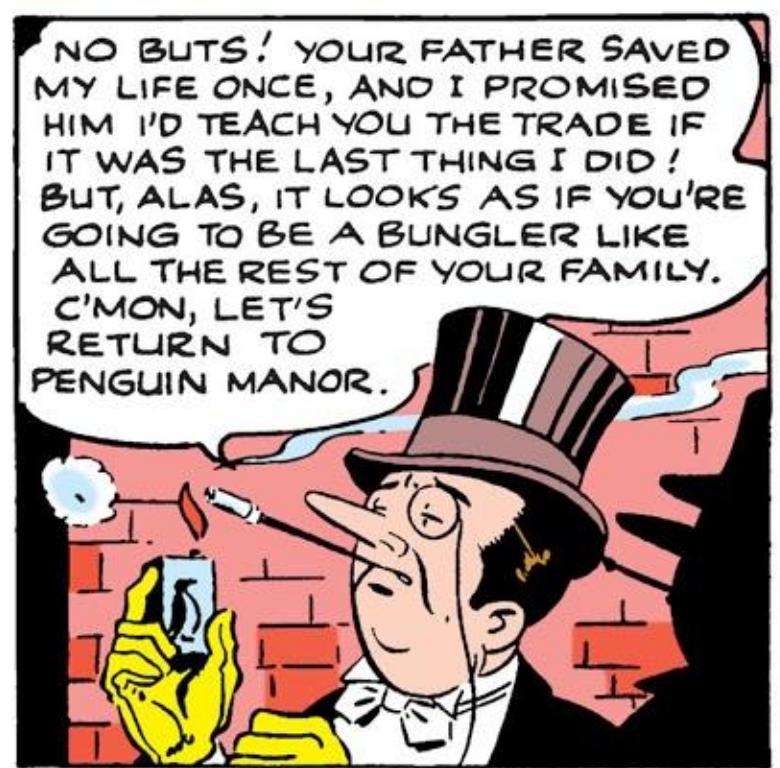
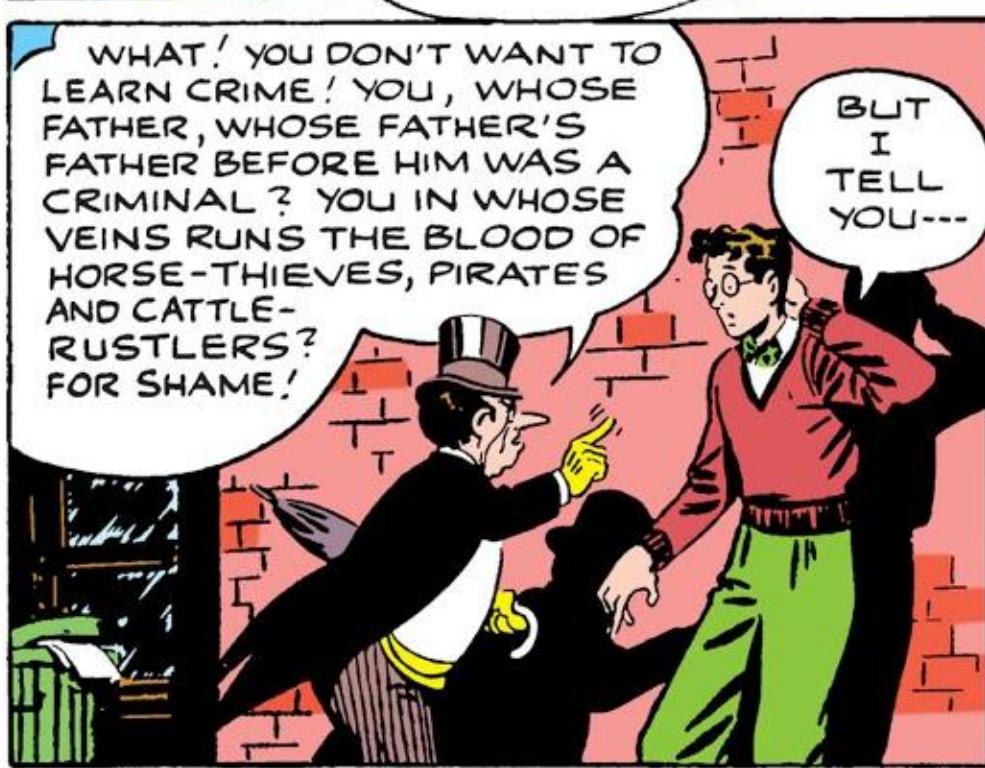
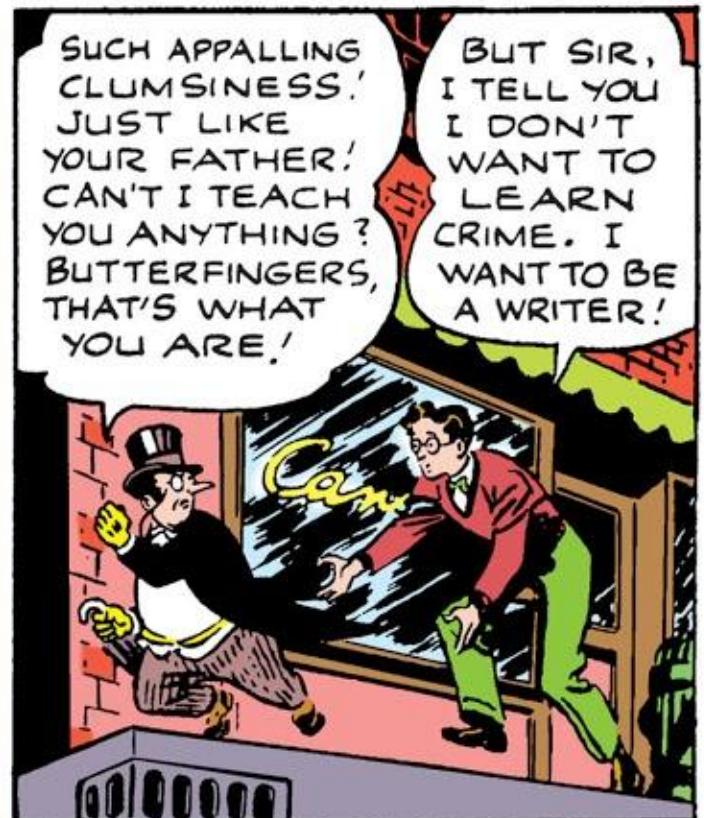
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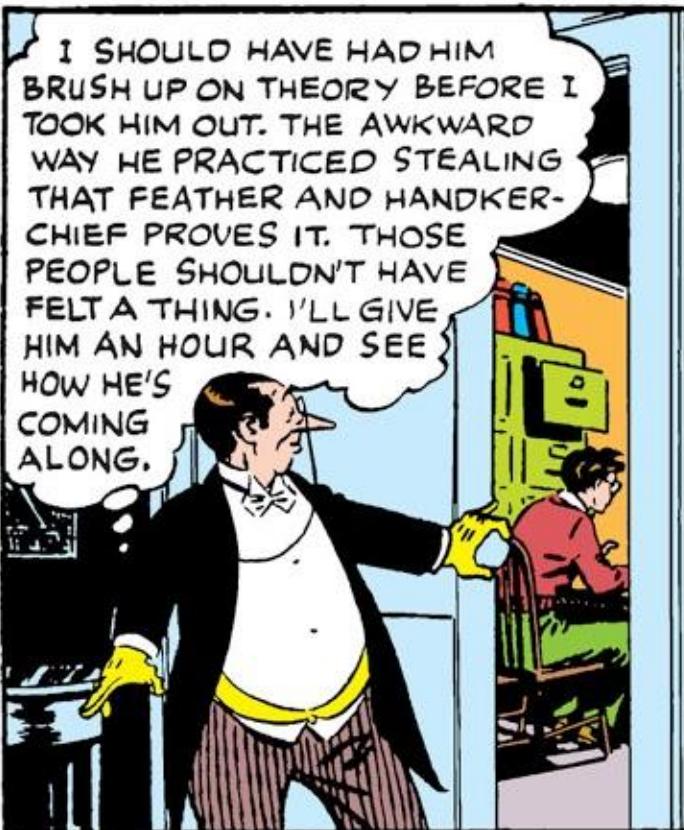




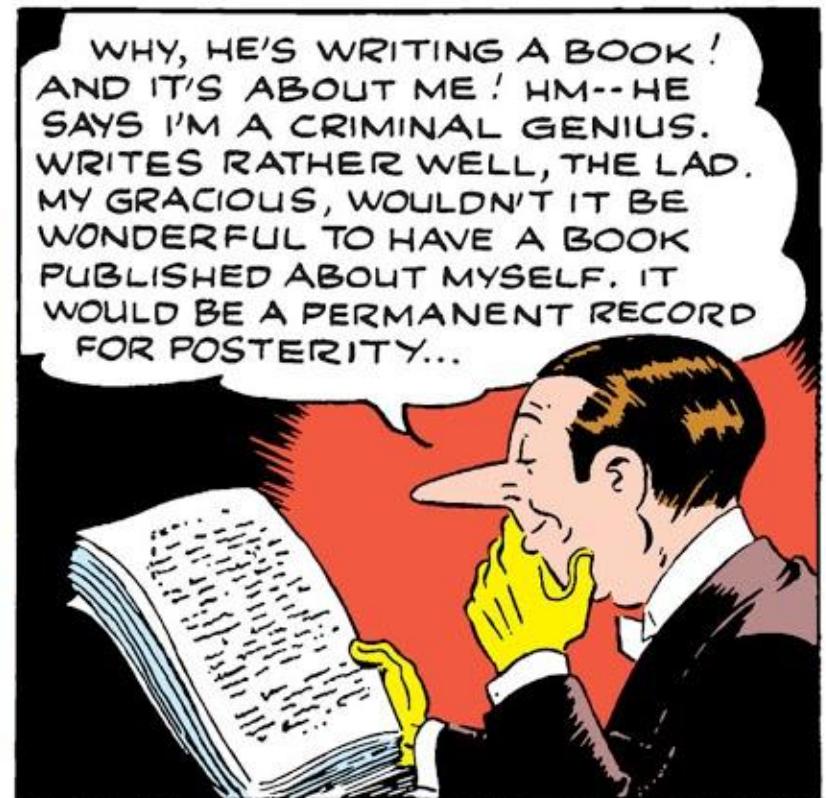
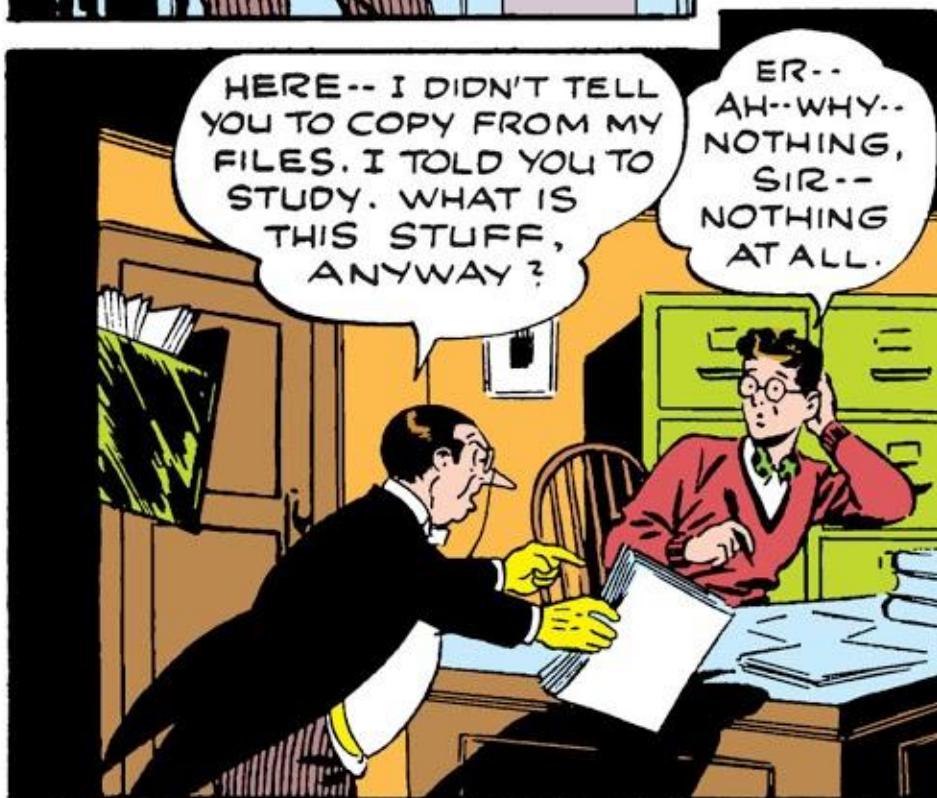
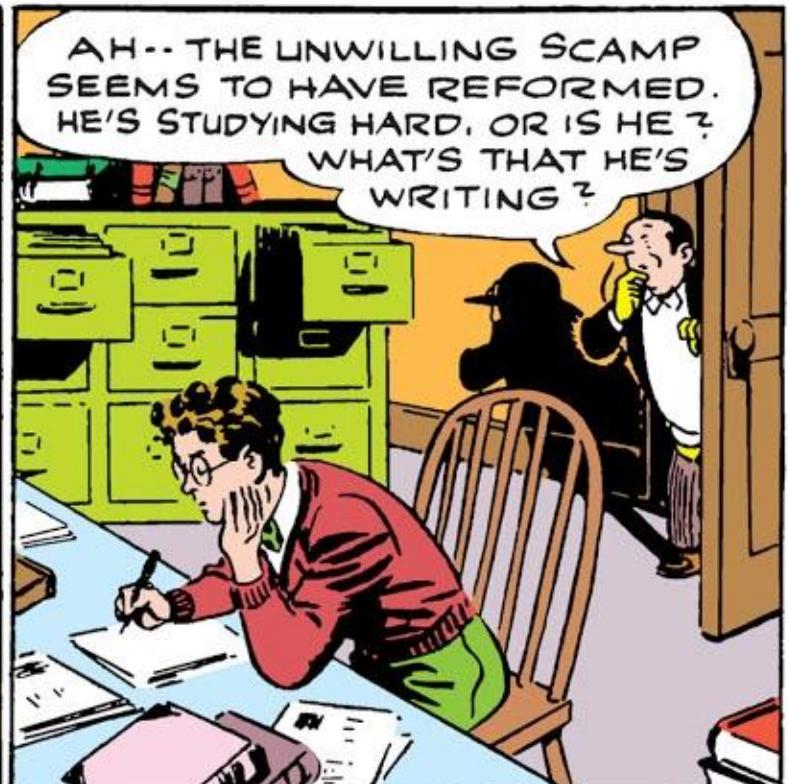


CAN ROBIN BE RIGHT?
HAS THE PENGUIN LOST HIS MENTAL EQUILIBRIUM?
PERHAPS WE SHOULD SEE FOR OURSELVES, FOR ONLY TWO BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF THE PURLOINED FEATHER...



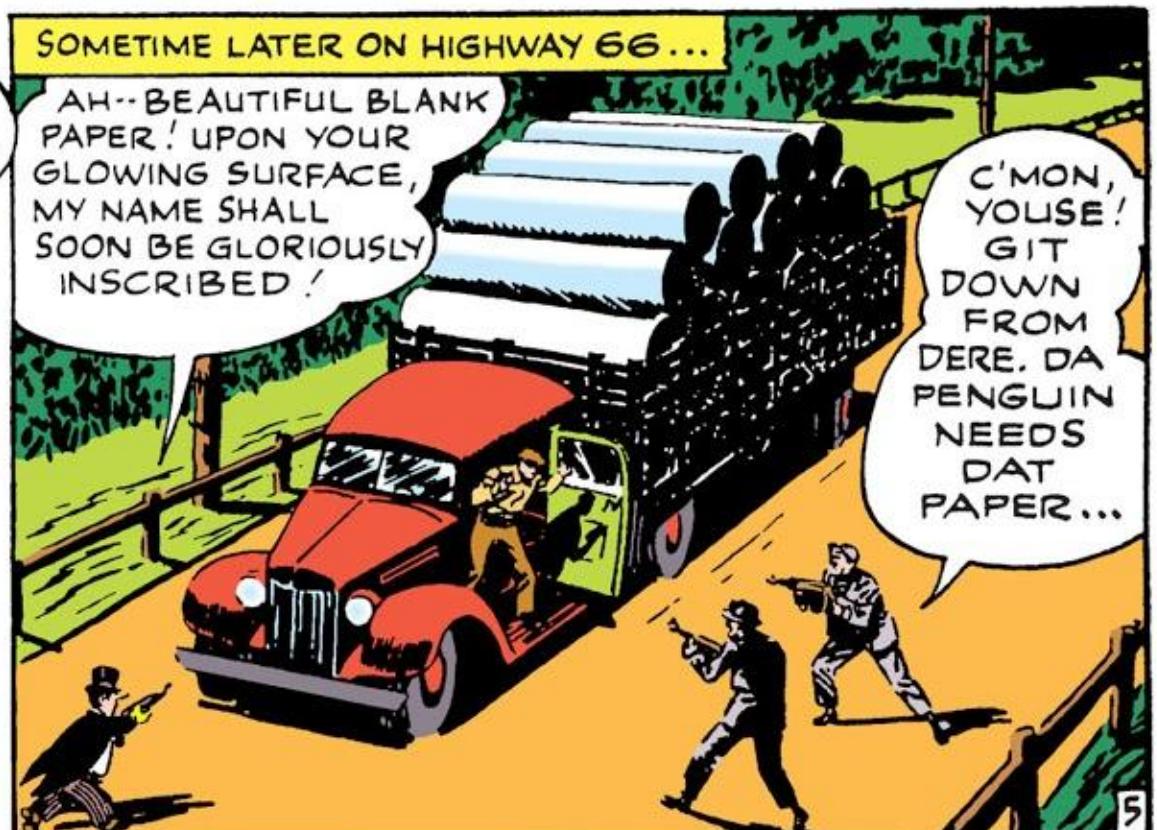
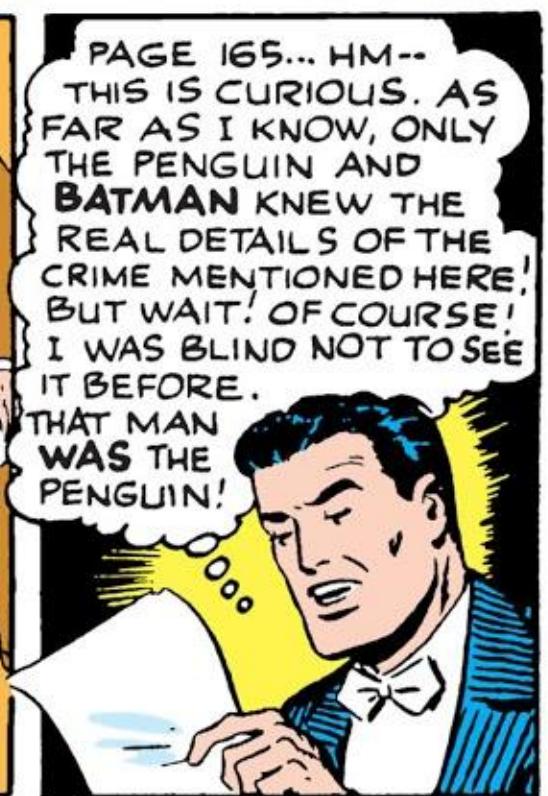
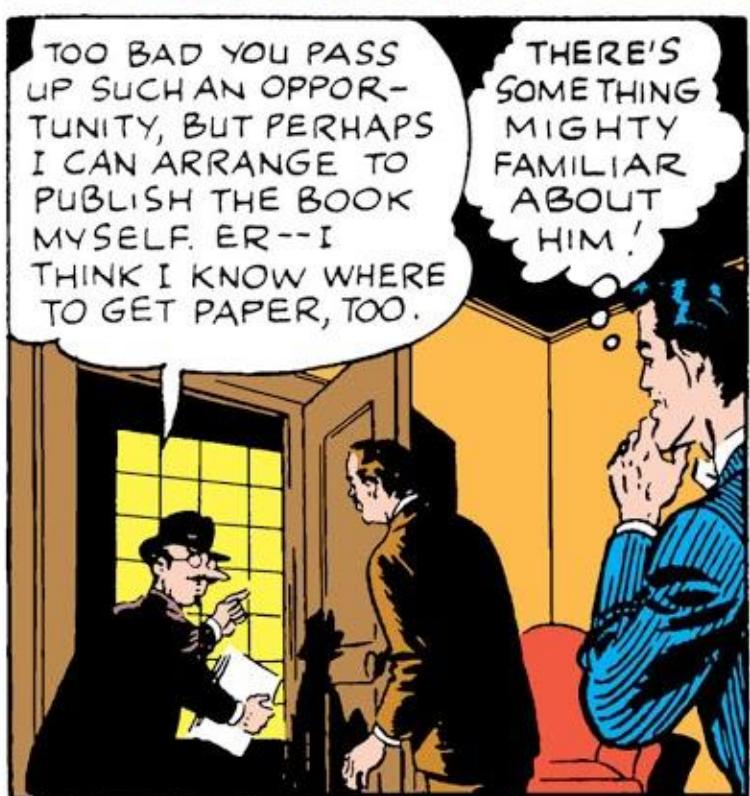
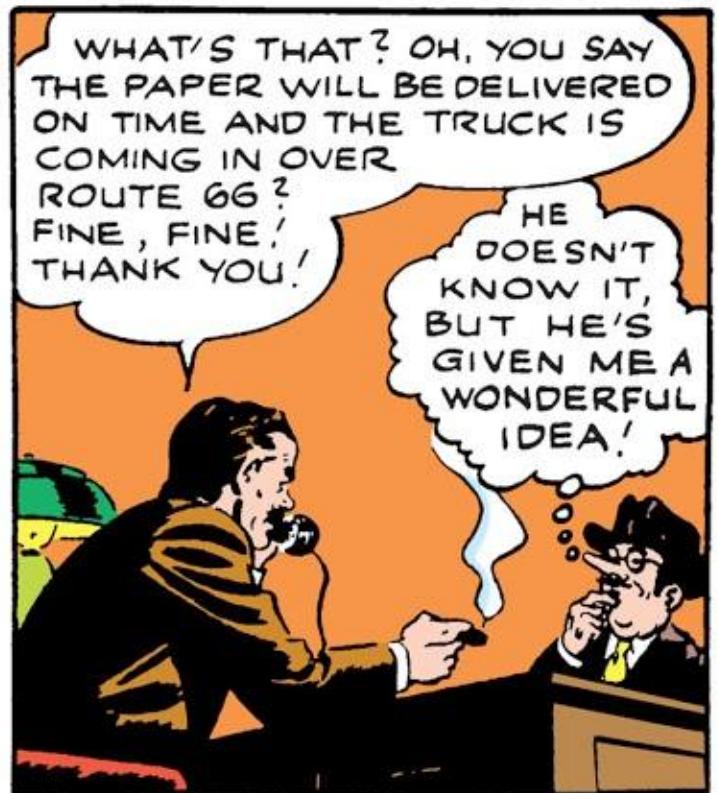
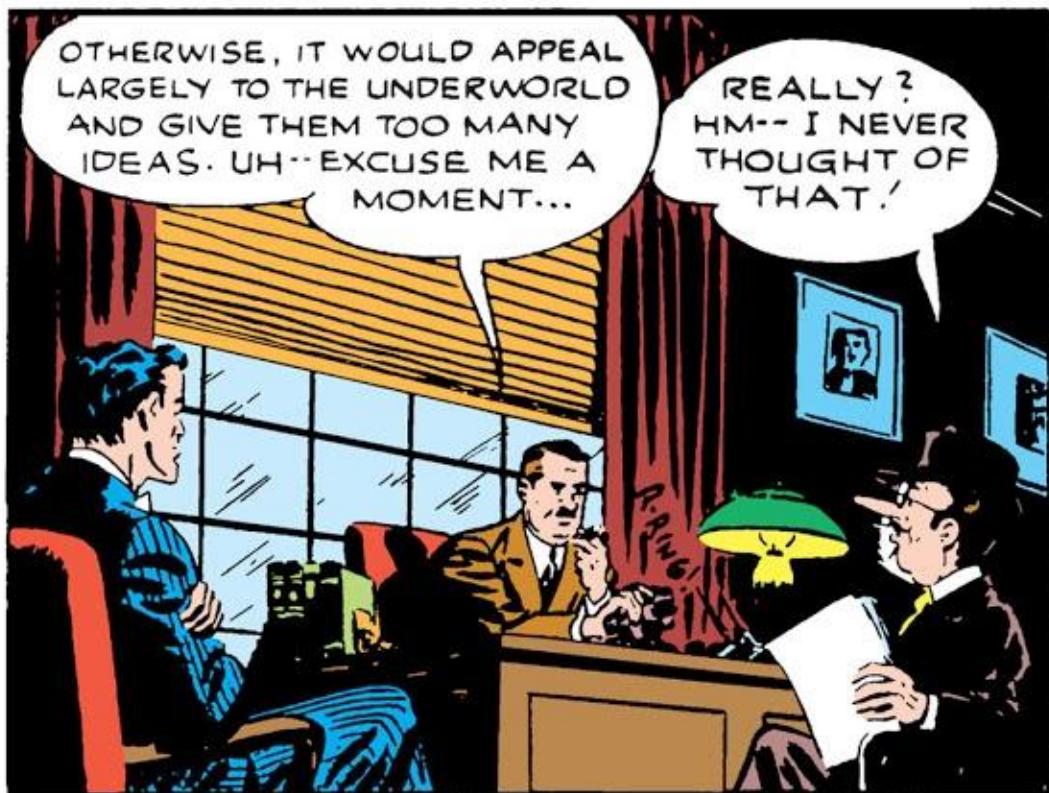


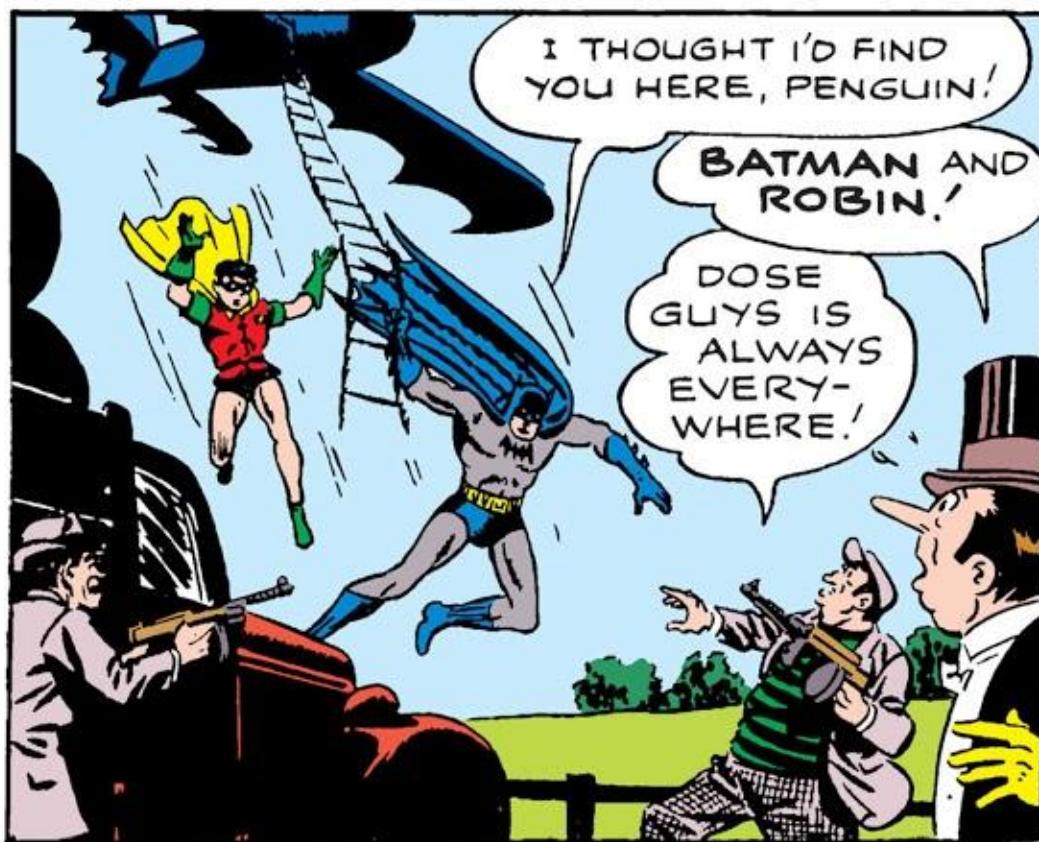
SO-- THE PENGUIN HAS AN APPRENTICE! IS A NEW THREAT TO LAW AND ORDER IN THE MAKING? LET'S JOIN THE PENGUIN AN HOUR LATER AS HE LOOKS IN TO SEE HOW HIS CHARGE IS MAKING OUT...

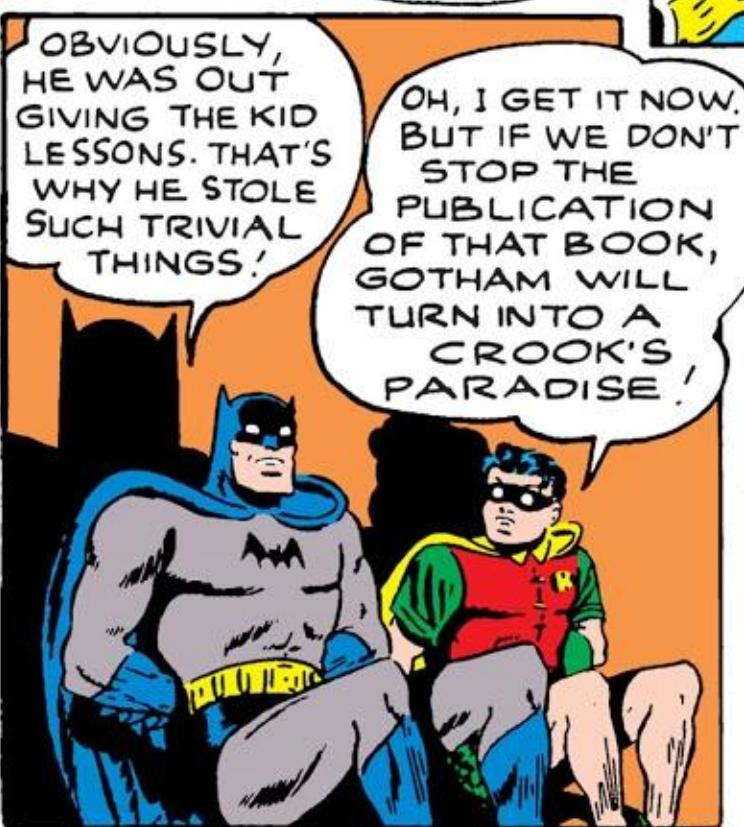
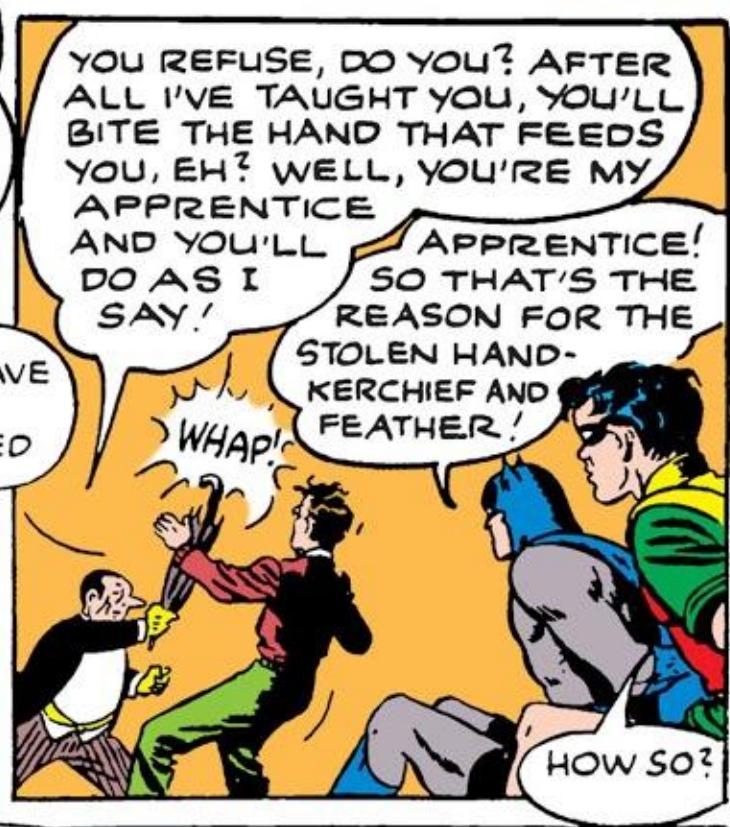
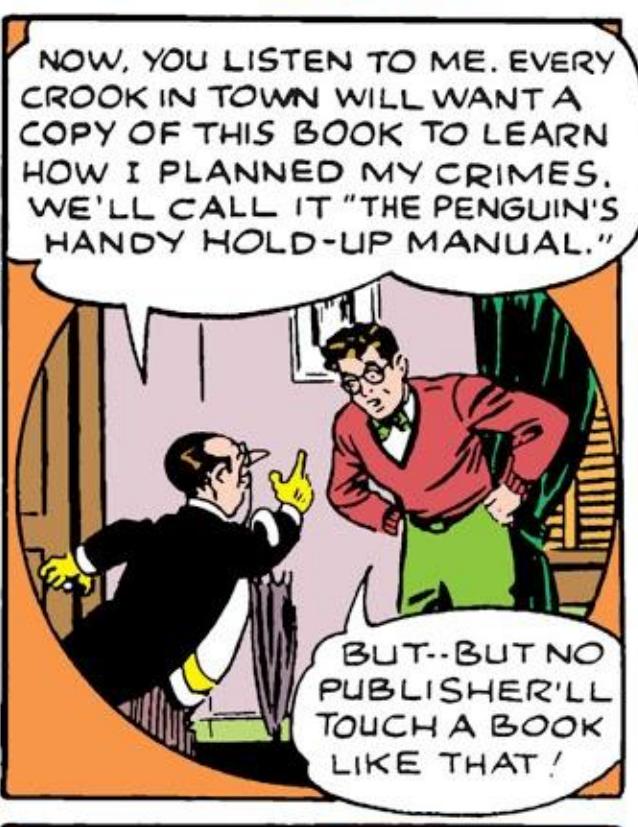


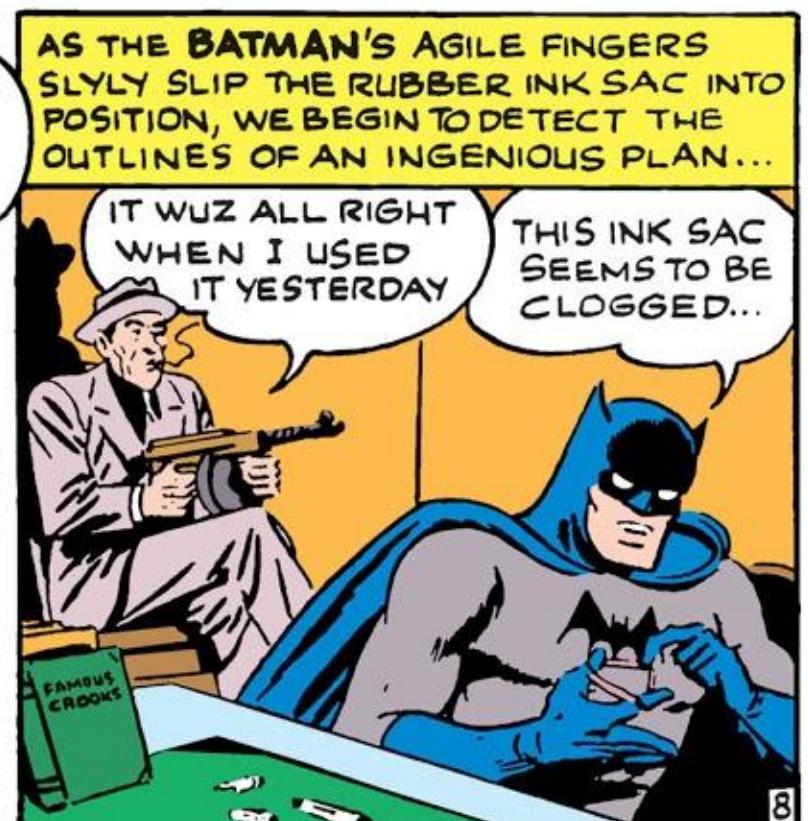
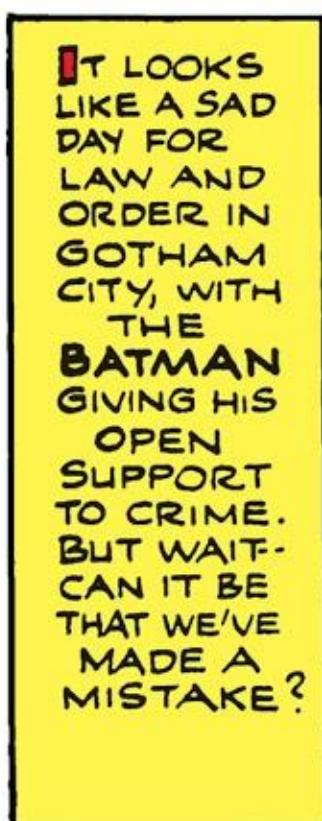
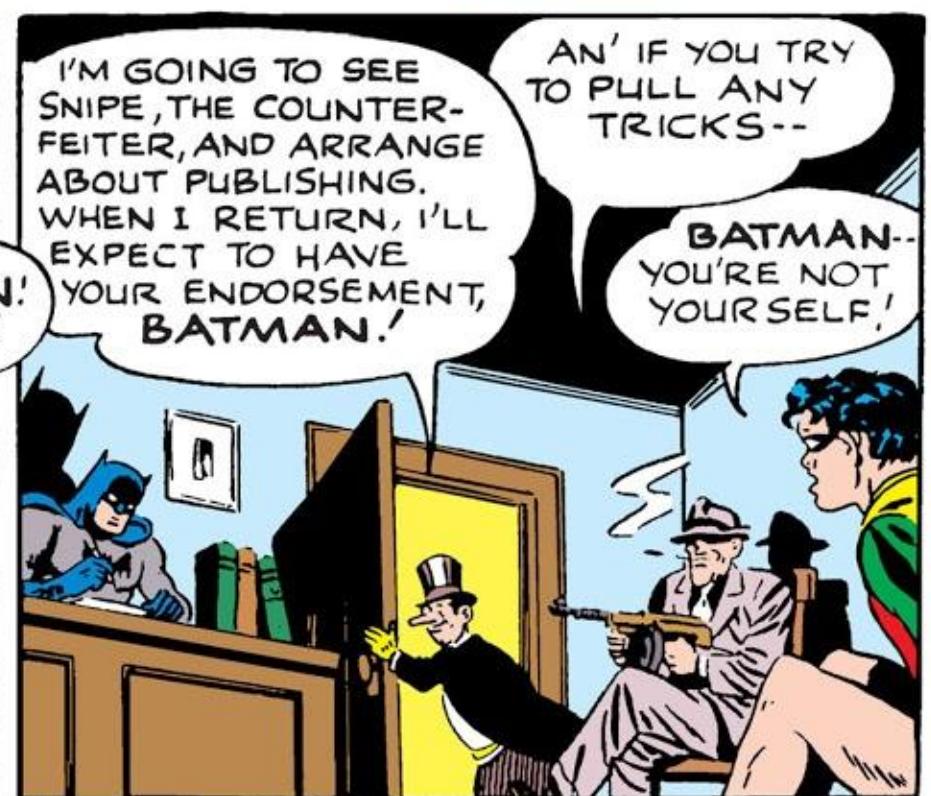
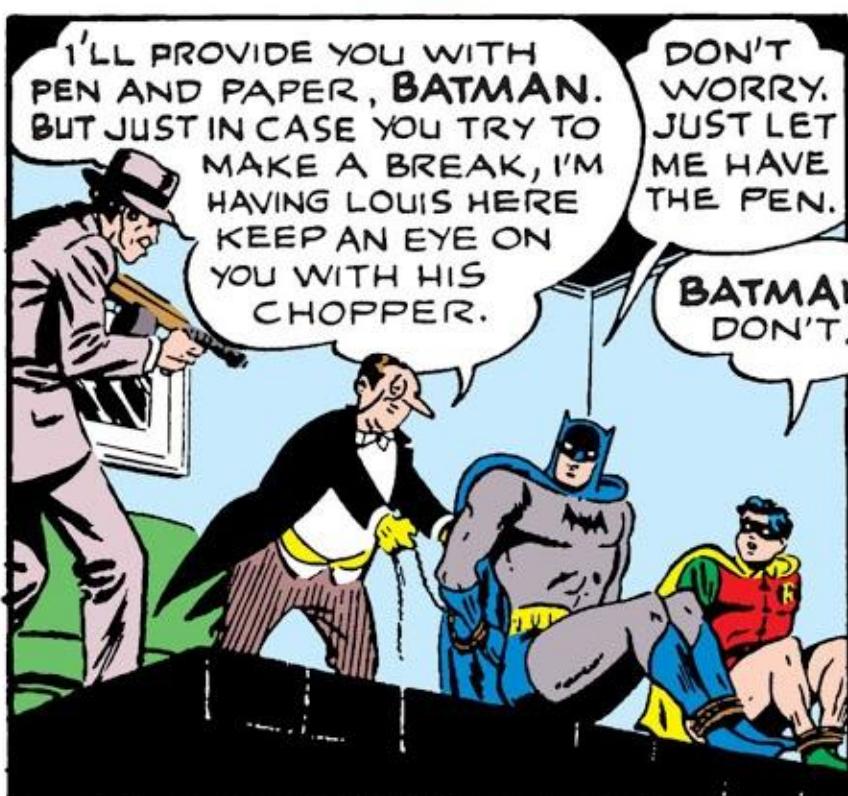
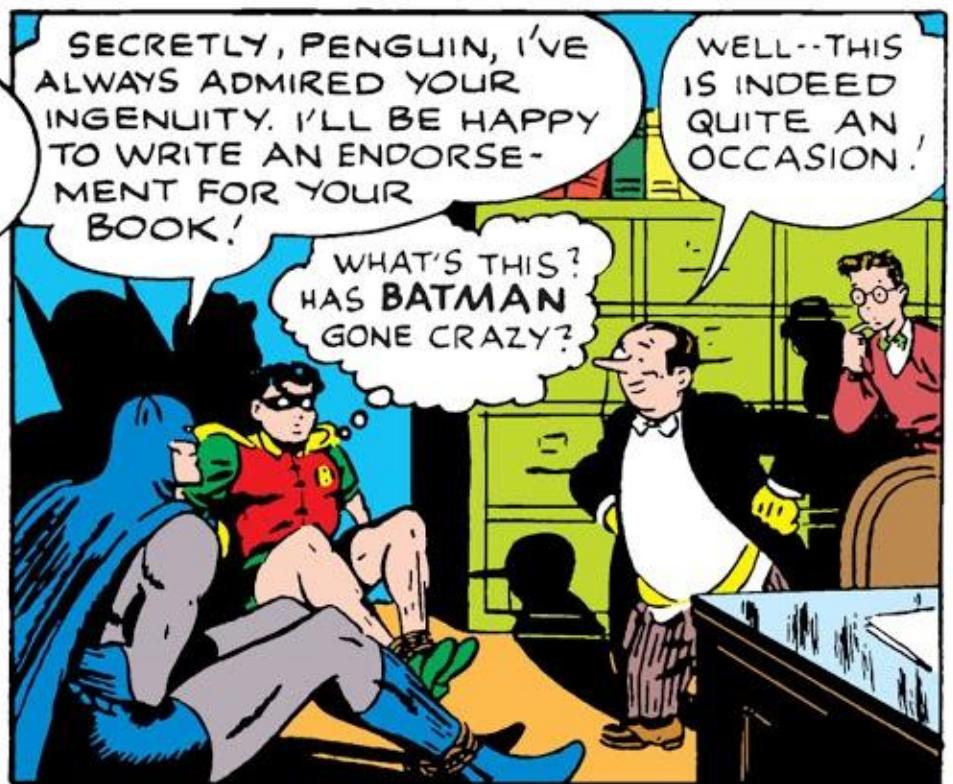
PERHAPS YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE MR. Q.T. BEEZLUM, LITERARY AGENT, BUT IF YOU'LL LOOK CLOSELY-- OF COURSE, IT'S THE PENGUIN! AND BY A CURIOUS STROKE OF CIRCUMSTANCE, BRUCE WAYNE --WHO HAS A FINANCIAL FINGER IN MANY A PUDDING-- IS PRESENT AT THE PUBLISHERS...











SUDDENLY, THE BATMAN'S IMPROVISED SLING-SHOT WHIPS OUT THE FOUNTAIN-PEN COVER WITH BULLET-LIKE SPEED!

BUT IT'S WORKING FINE NOW!

AWK!

..CLUNK!

ZING

RIGHT
BETWEEN
THE EYES!

WHICH SHOULD DEMONSTRATE
THAT THE PEN IS MIGHTIER
THAN THE TOMMY GUN!



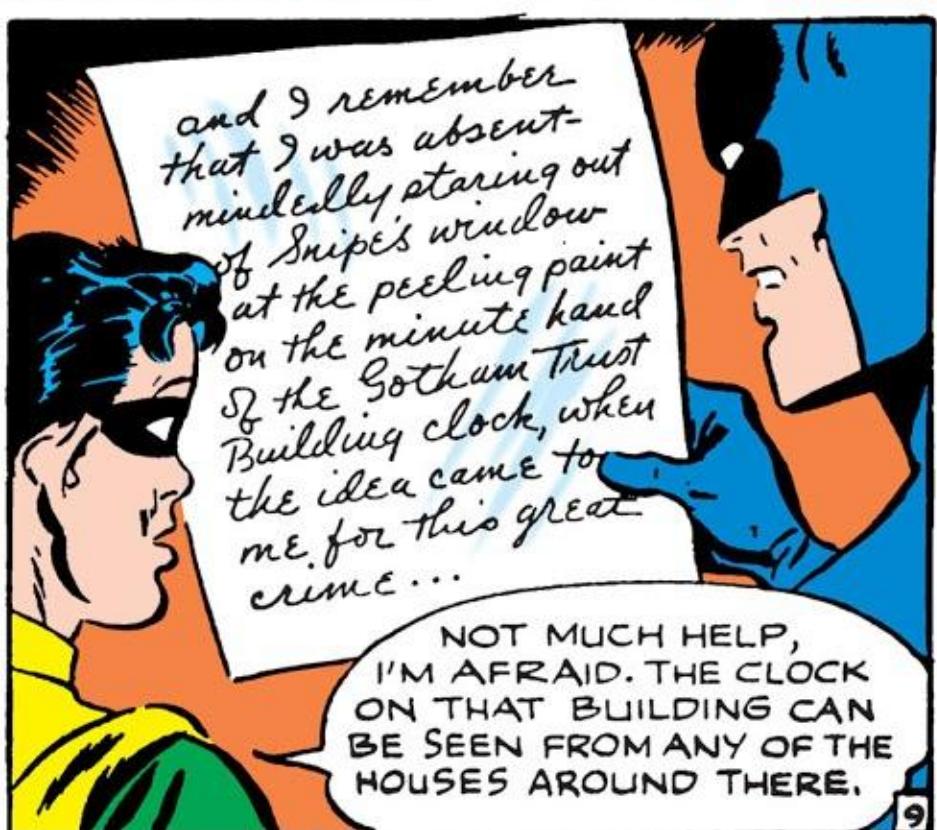
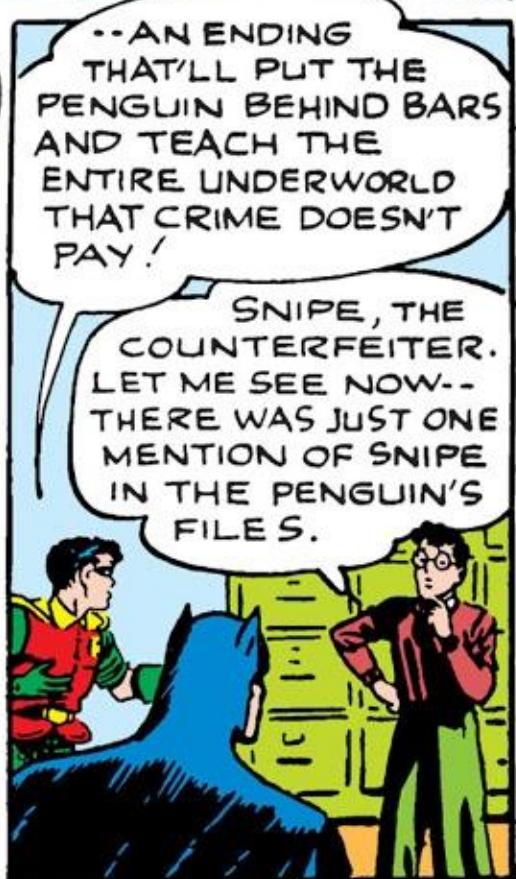
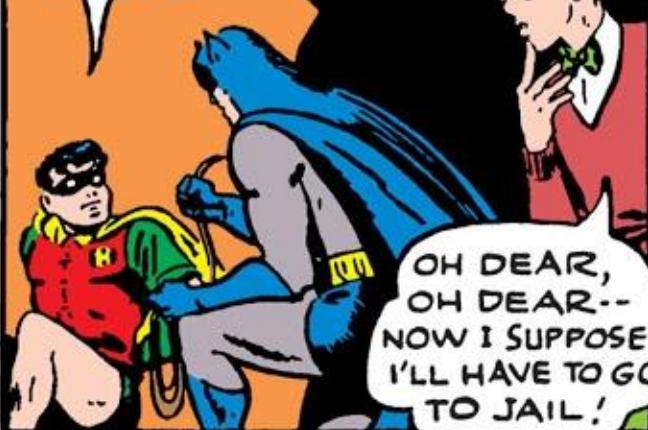
I'M SORRY, BATMAN, BUT I COULDN'T HELP THINKING--

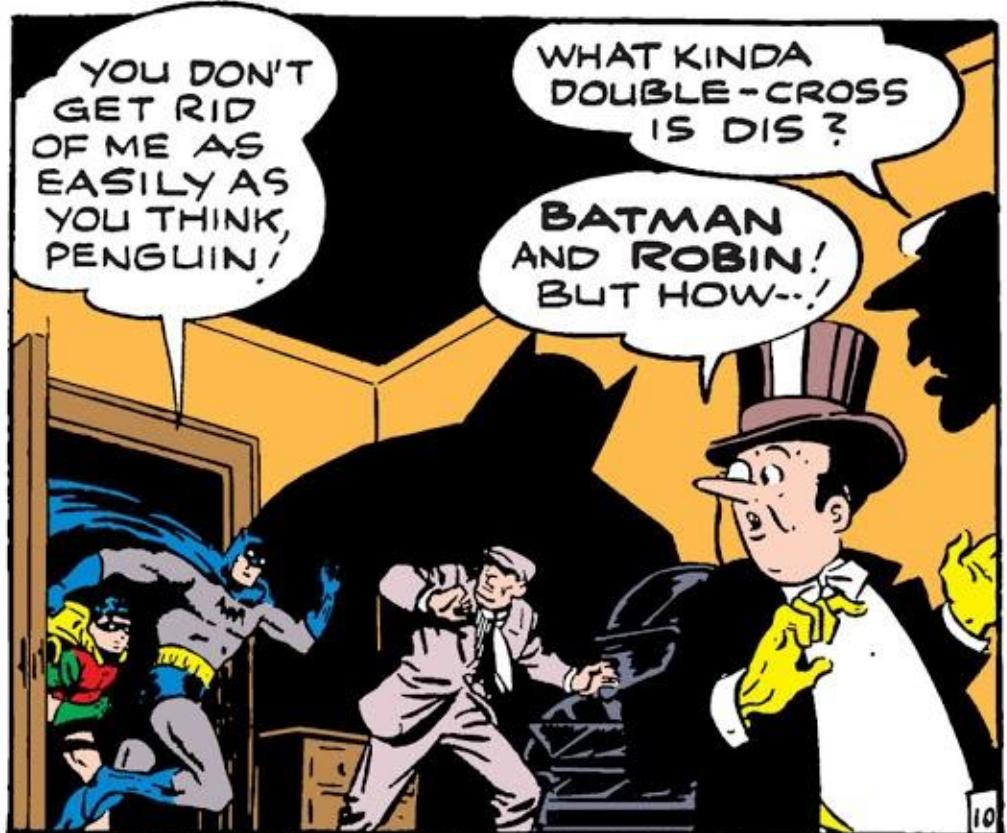
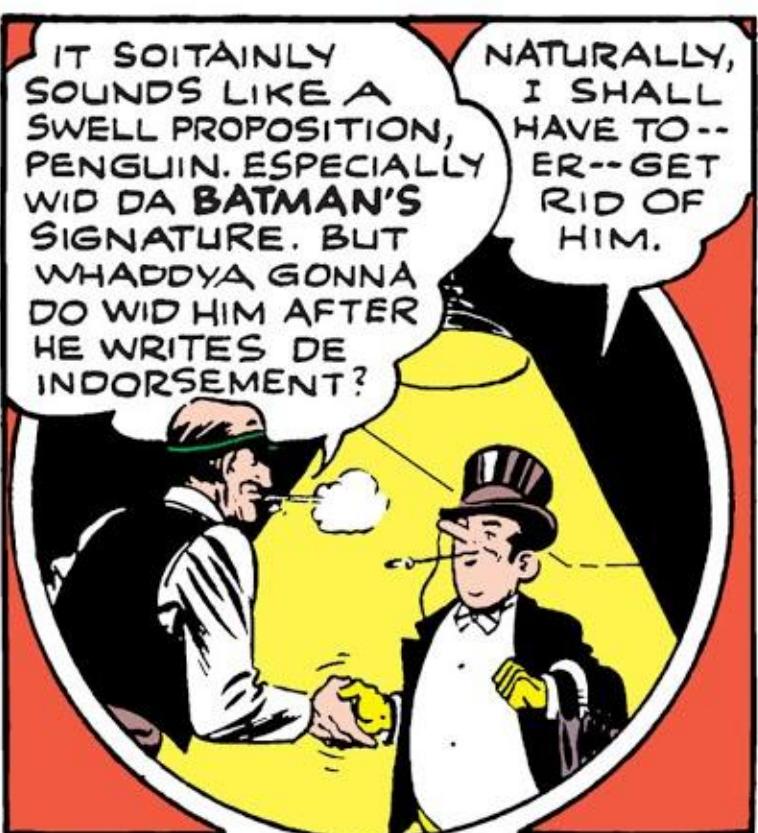
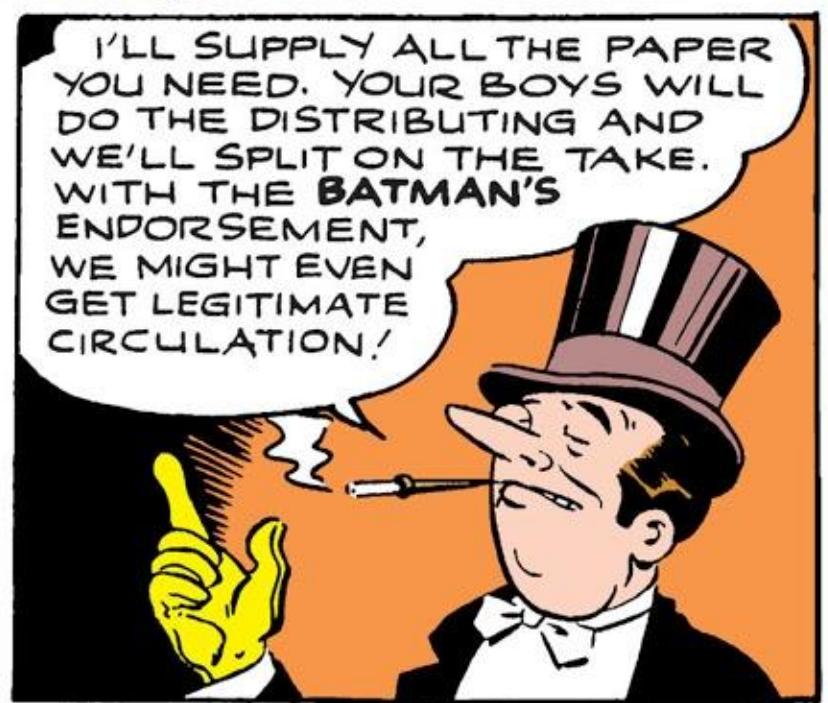
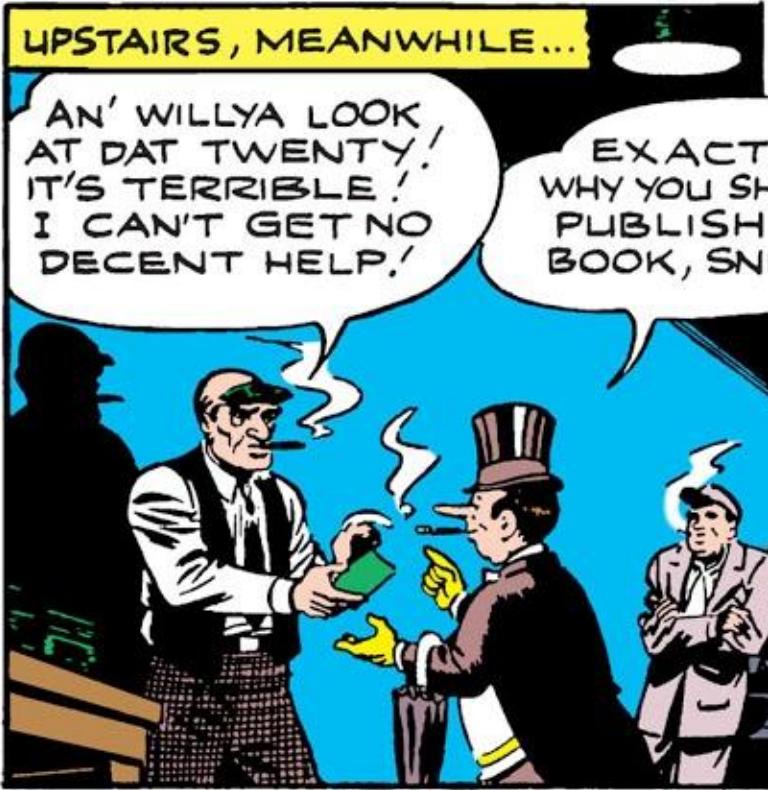
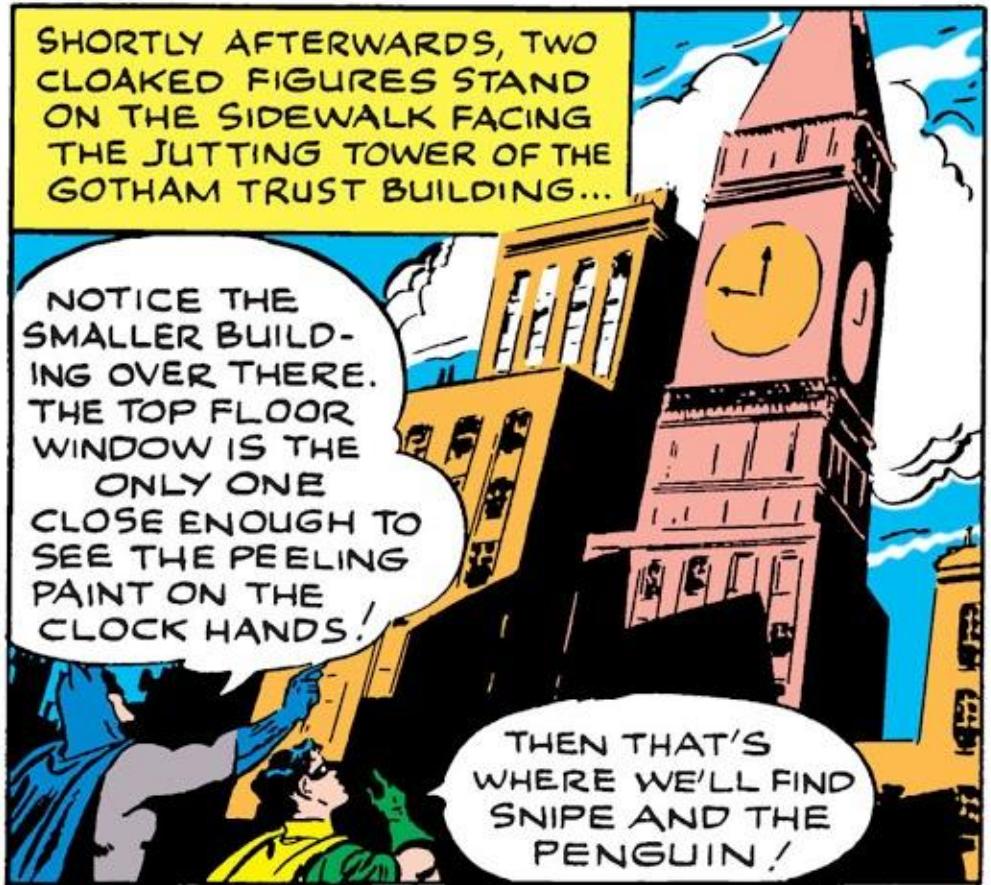
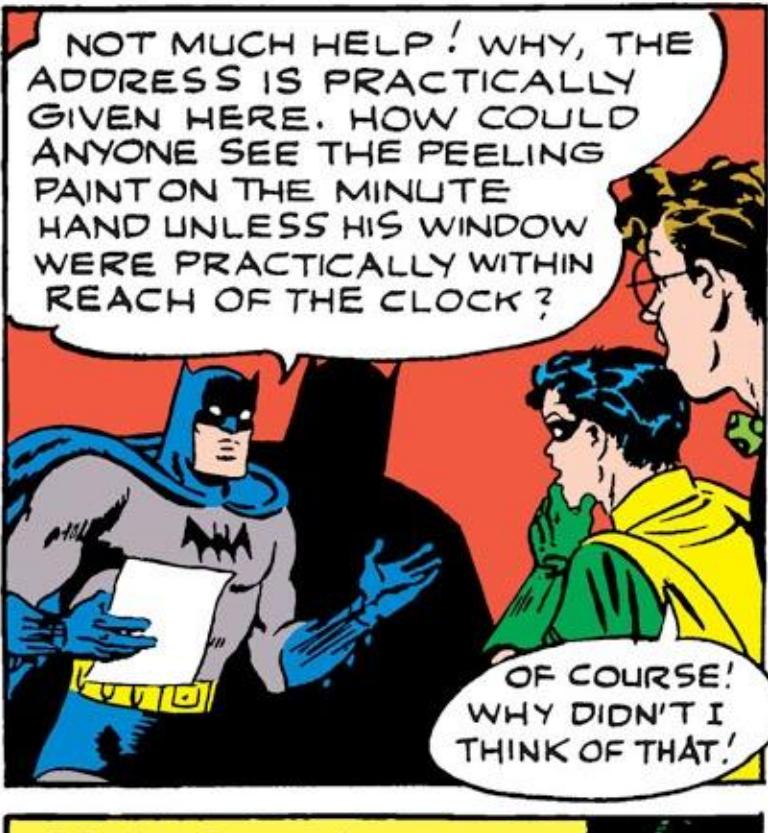
IT'S ALL RIGHT, ROBIN. YOUR FEARS ONLY HELPED ME TO DECEIVE THE PENGUIN.

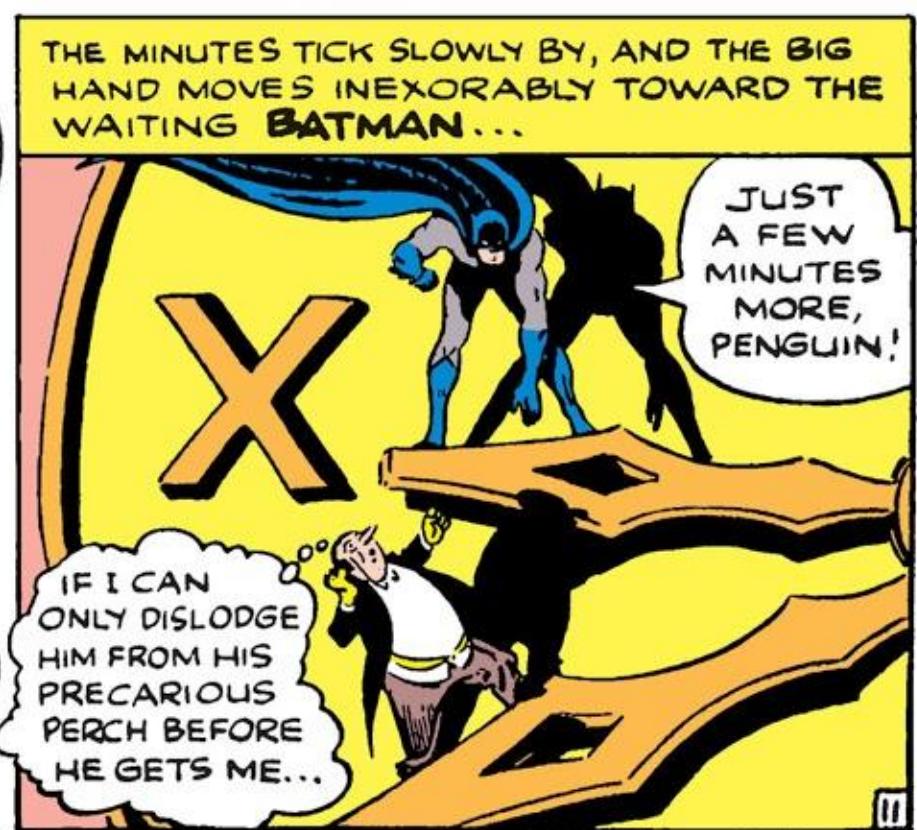
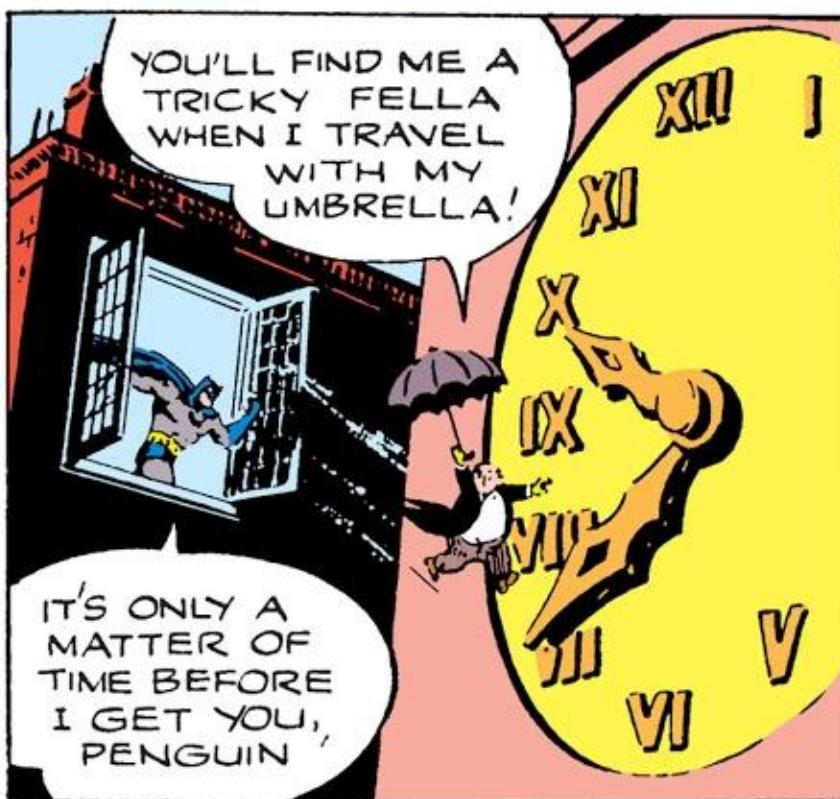
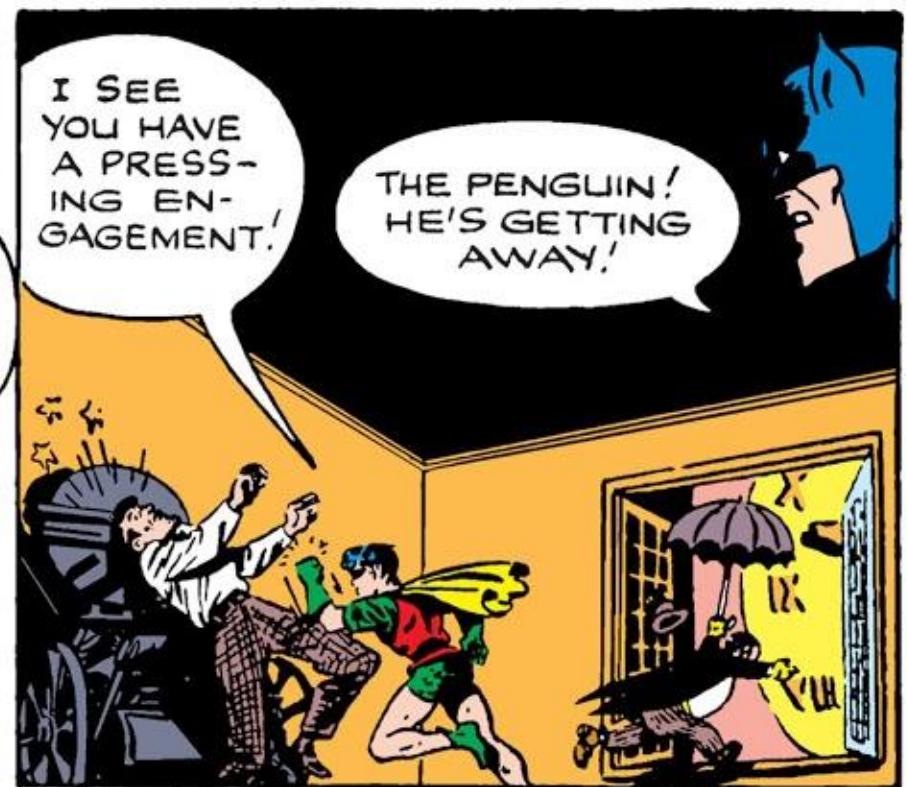
NO--YOU WON'T HAVE TO GO TO JAIL. YOU'VE CONVINCED ME THAT YOUR REAL INTERESTS AREN'T IN CRIME.

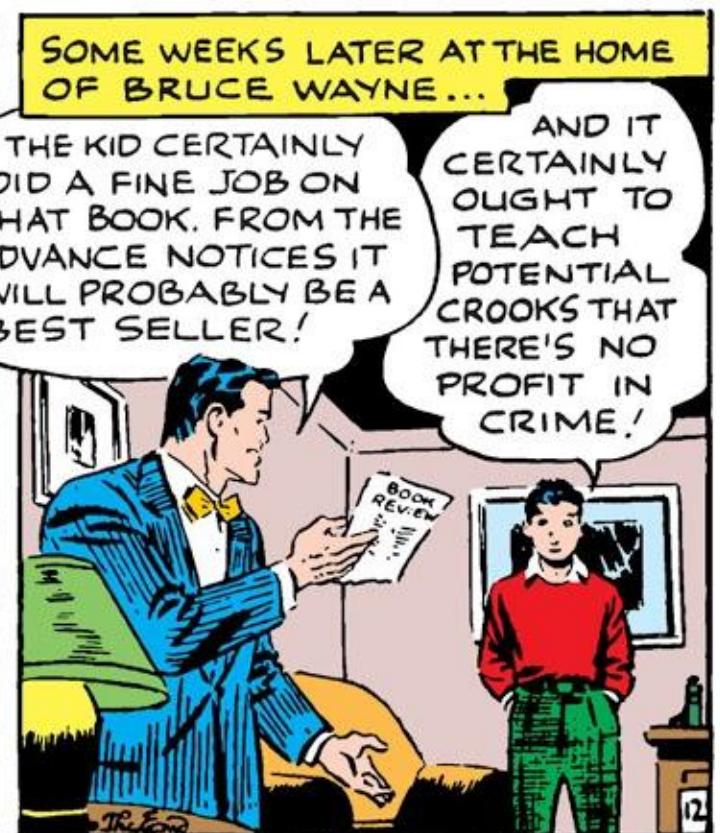
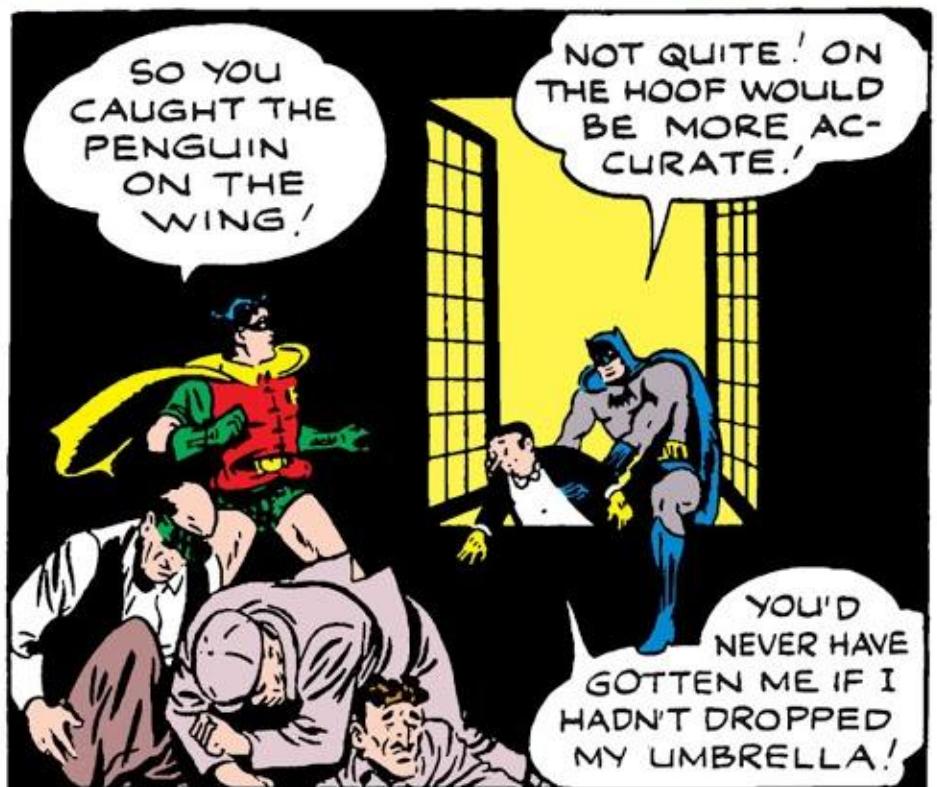
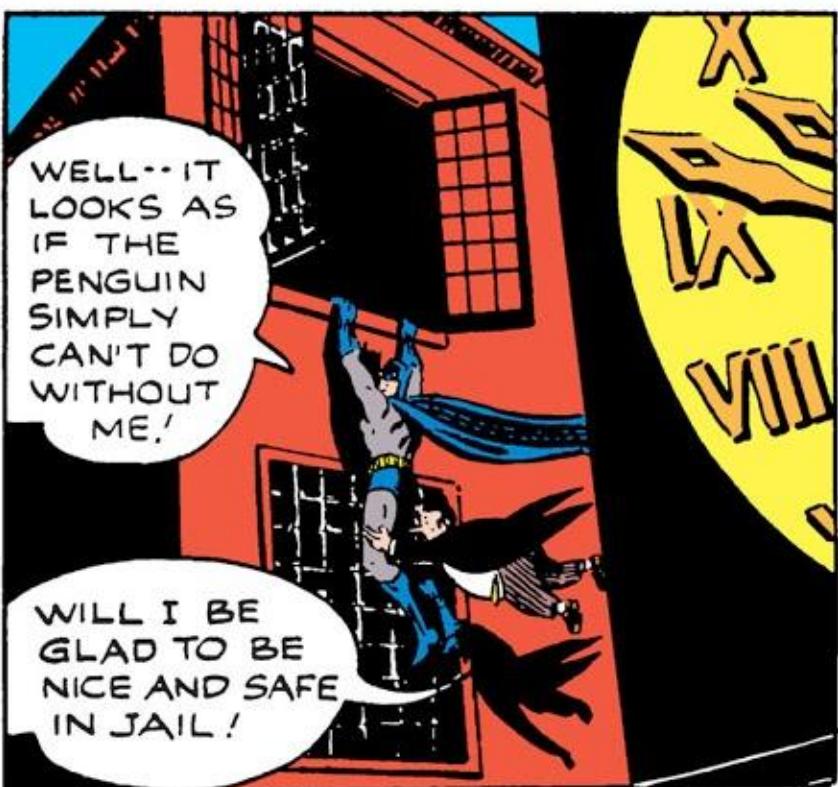
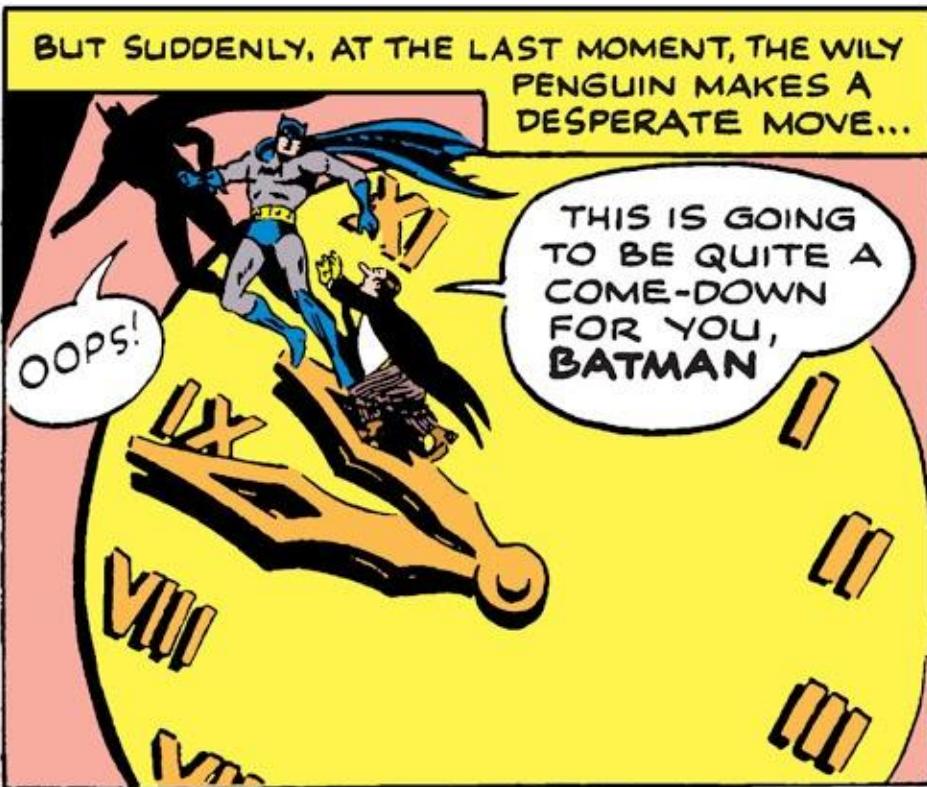
AND IF YOU CAN TELL US WHERE TO FIND SNIPE, THE COUNTERFEITER, MAYBE YOU CAN WRITE A GOOD ENDING TO YOUR BOOK.

--AN ENDING THAT'LL PUT THE PENGUIN BEHIND BARS AND TEACH THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY!



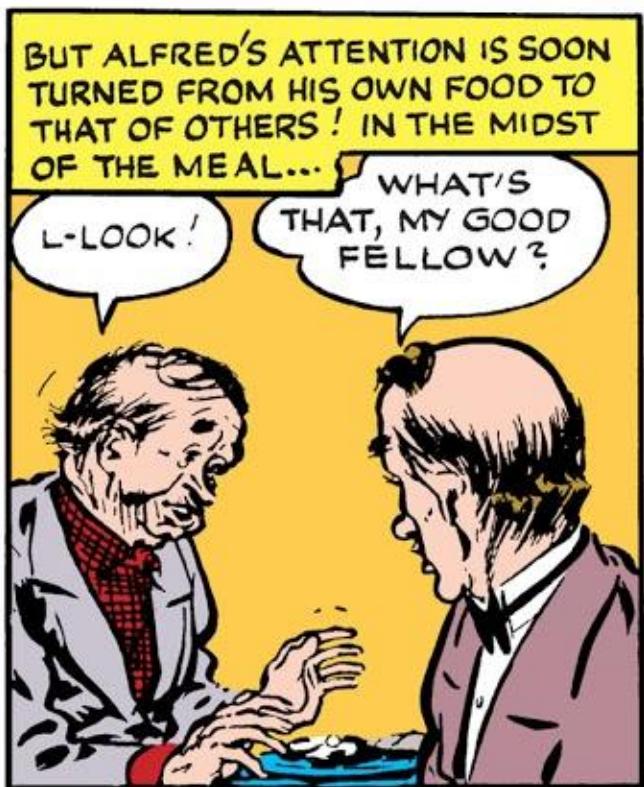
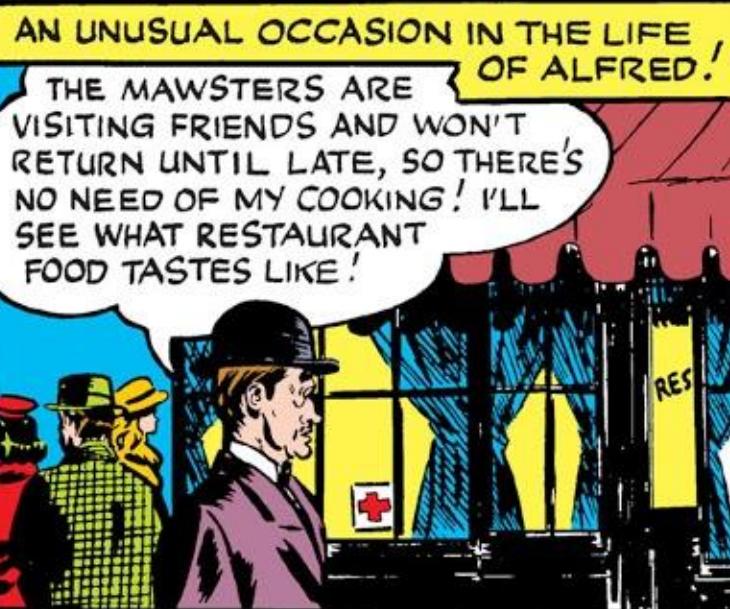


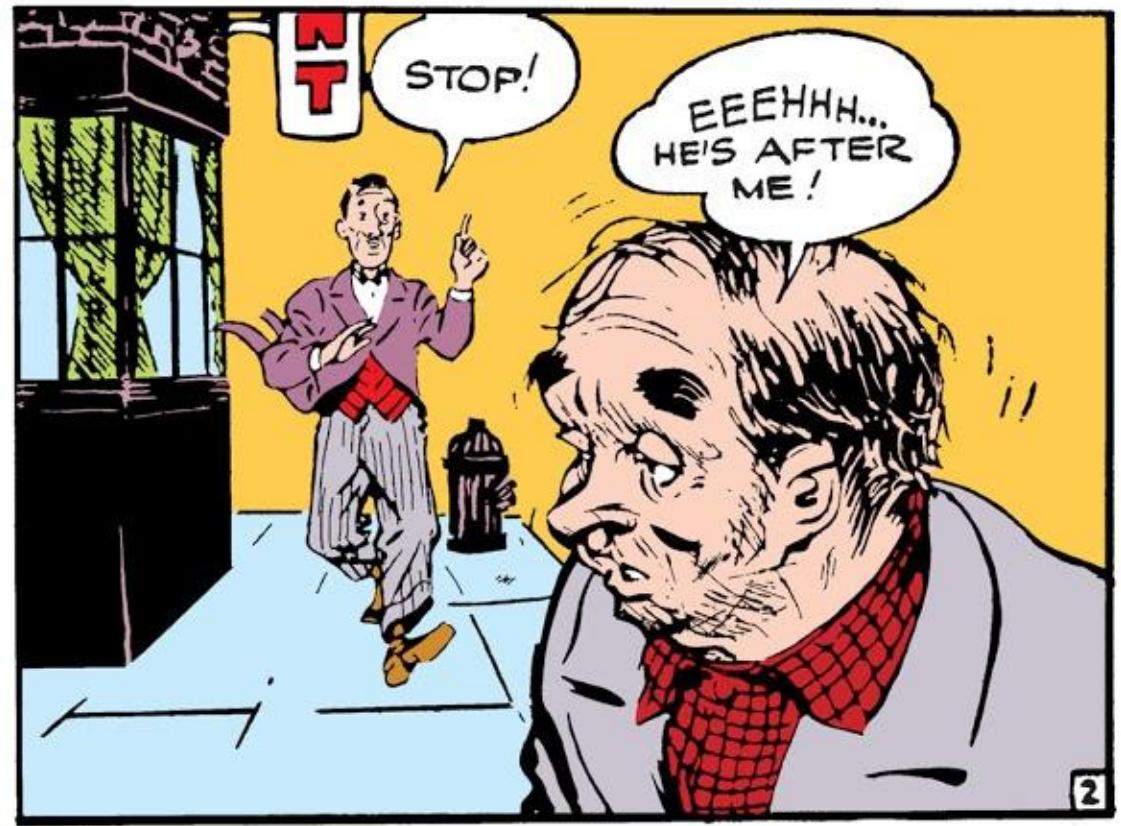
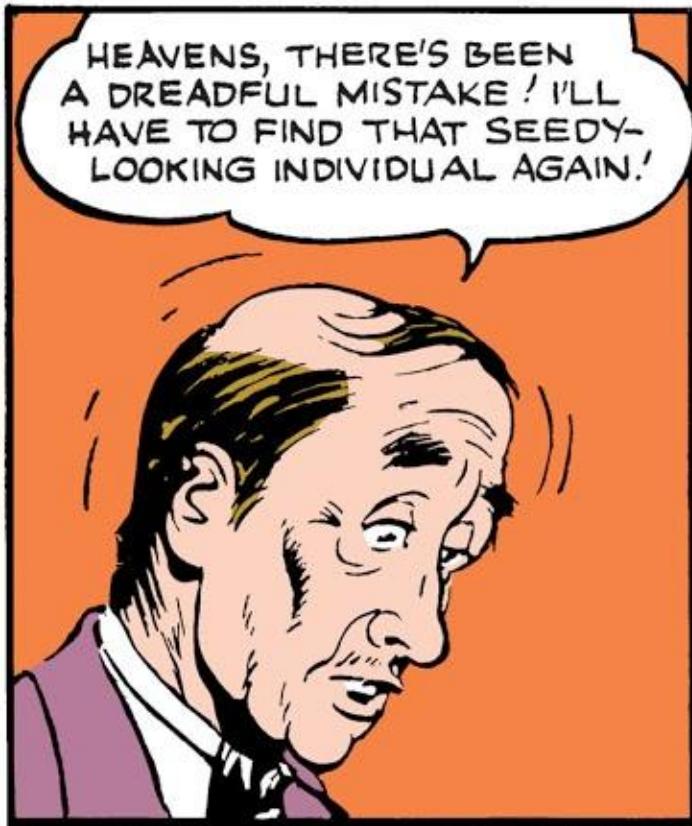
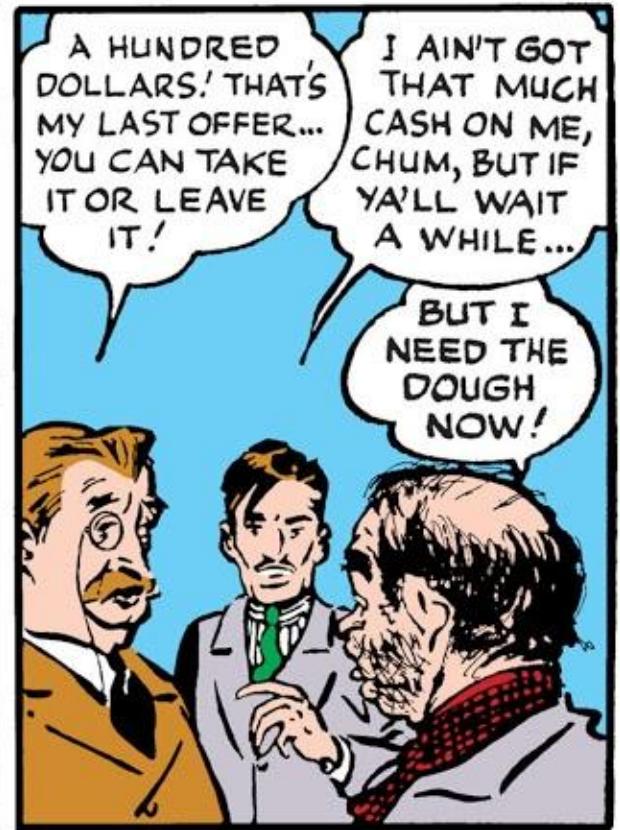


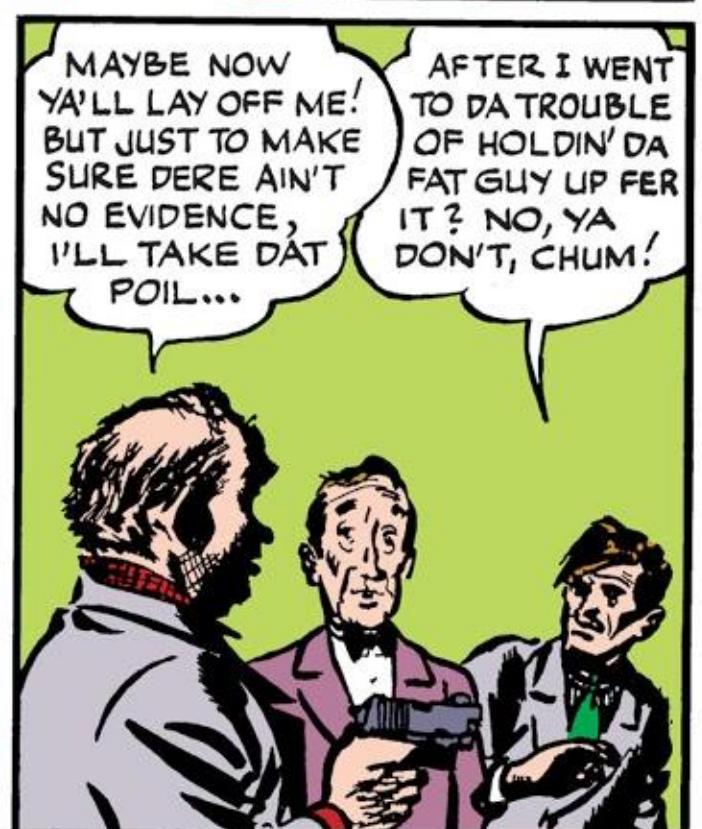


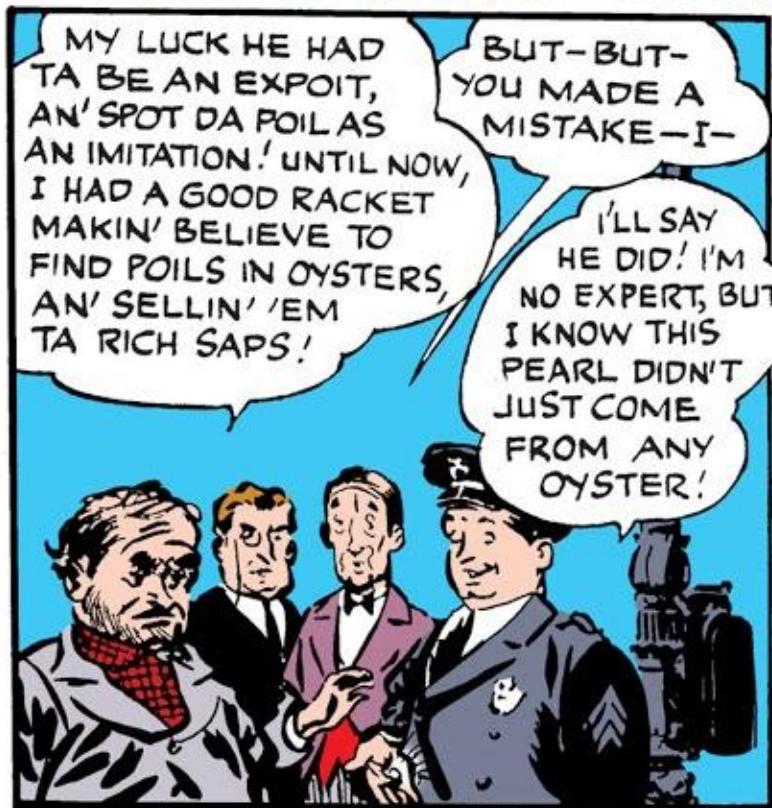
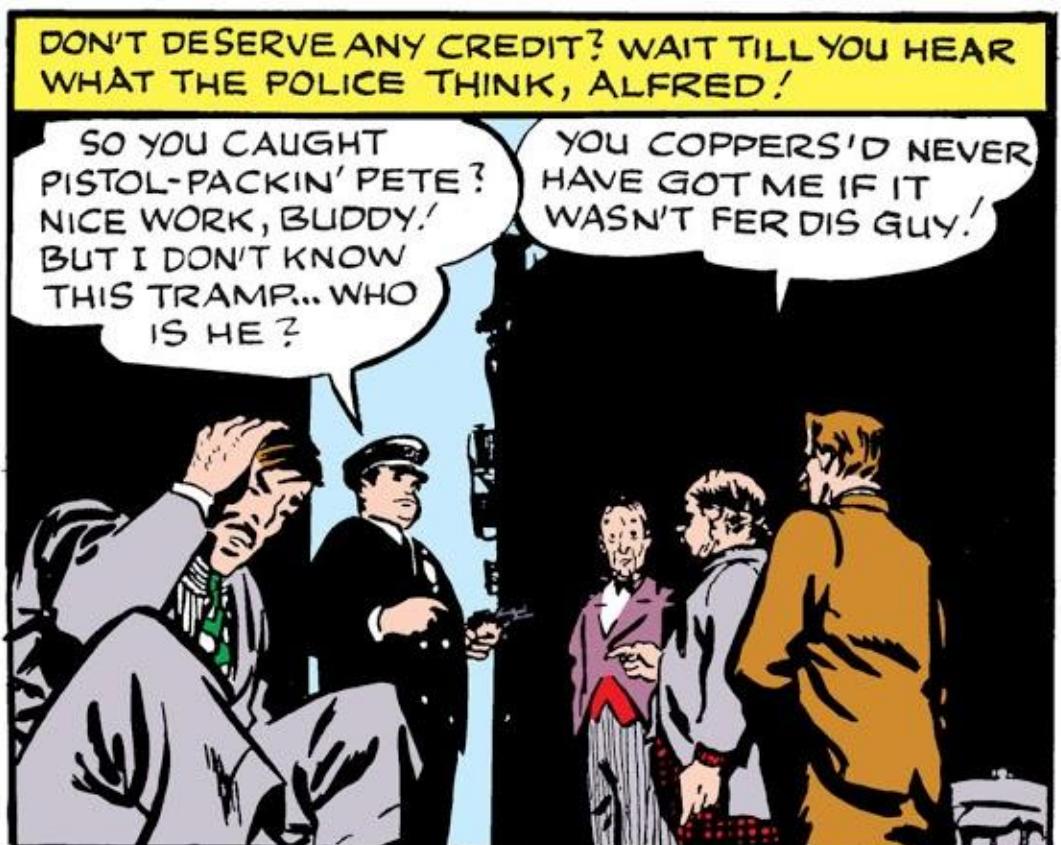
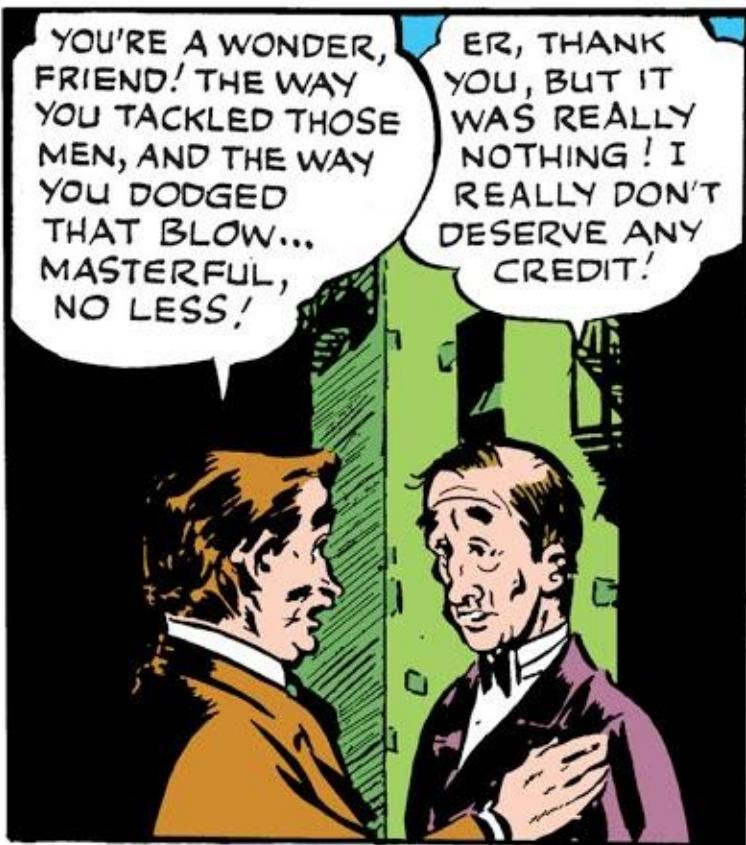
The Adventures of ALFRED

"THE WORLD'S MINE OYSTER," SAID WILL SHAKESPEARE, EXPRESSING TO A 'T' THE SENTIMENTS OF ALFRED, BUTLER EXTRAORDINARY! BUT EVEN AN OYSTER CAN FURNISH SURPRISES, AND ALFRED'S AMAZE-MENT IS EXTREME WHEN AN UNSELFISH SHELLFISH PRESENTS... "The PEARL of PERIL!"









BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

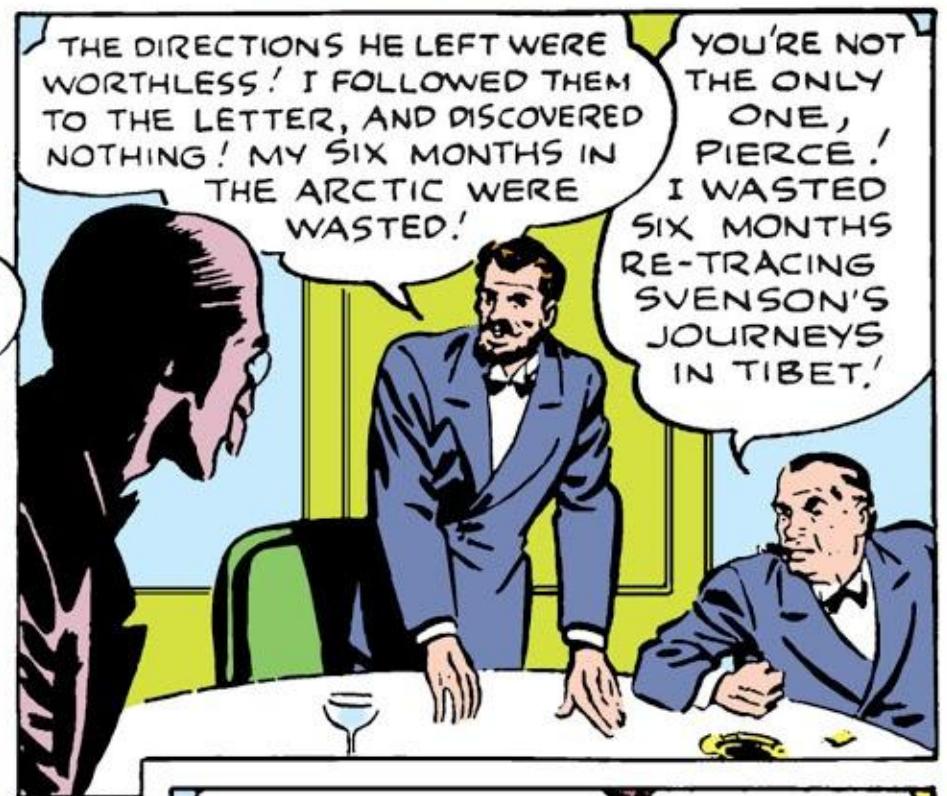
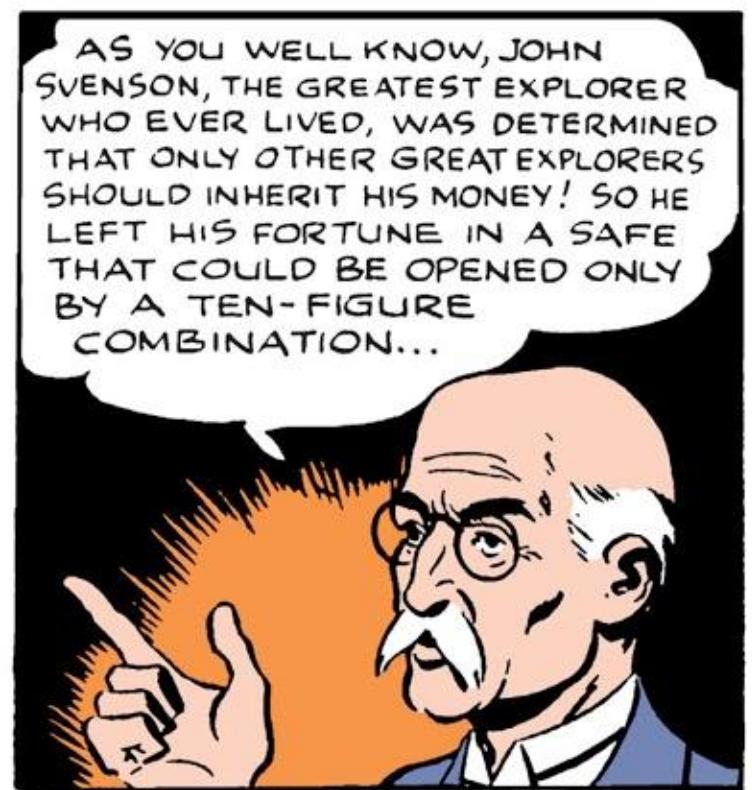
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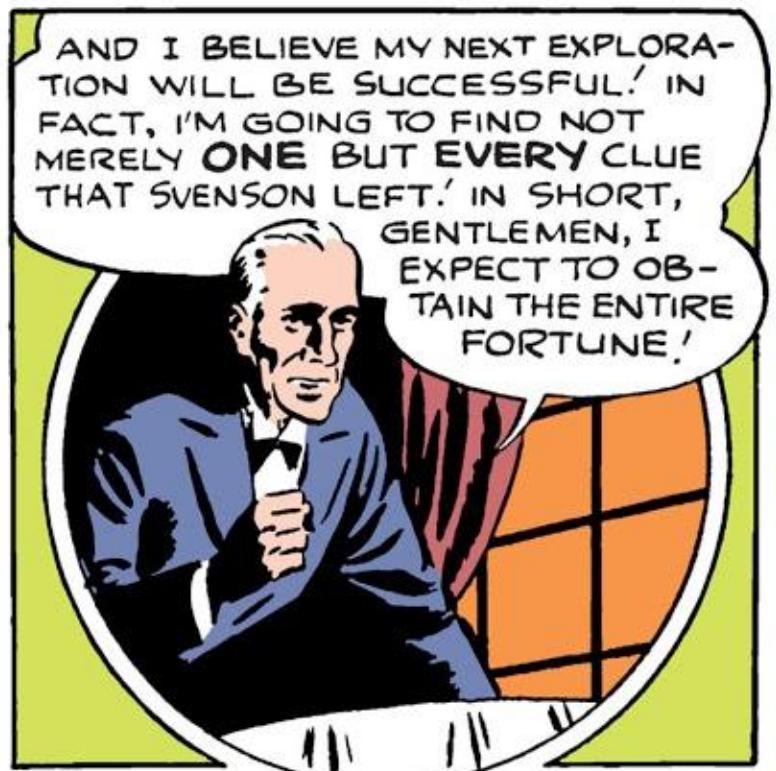
BOB
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JOHN SVENSON, FAMOUS EXPLORER, KNEW THE STRANGE PLACES OF EARTH AS WELL AS YOU KNOW THE PALM OF YOUR OWN HAND... AND BETTER! OTHERS TRIED TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS, AND FAILED MISERABLY... UNTIL THE DYNAMIC DUO OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, UNDETERRED BY THE FEAR OF DEATH AT THE HANDS OF EITHER MAN OR NATURE, GIRDLED THE GLOBE TO HEAD OFF A CRIMINAL'S...

*"Voyage
INTO
Villainy!"*



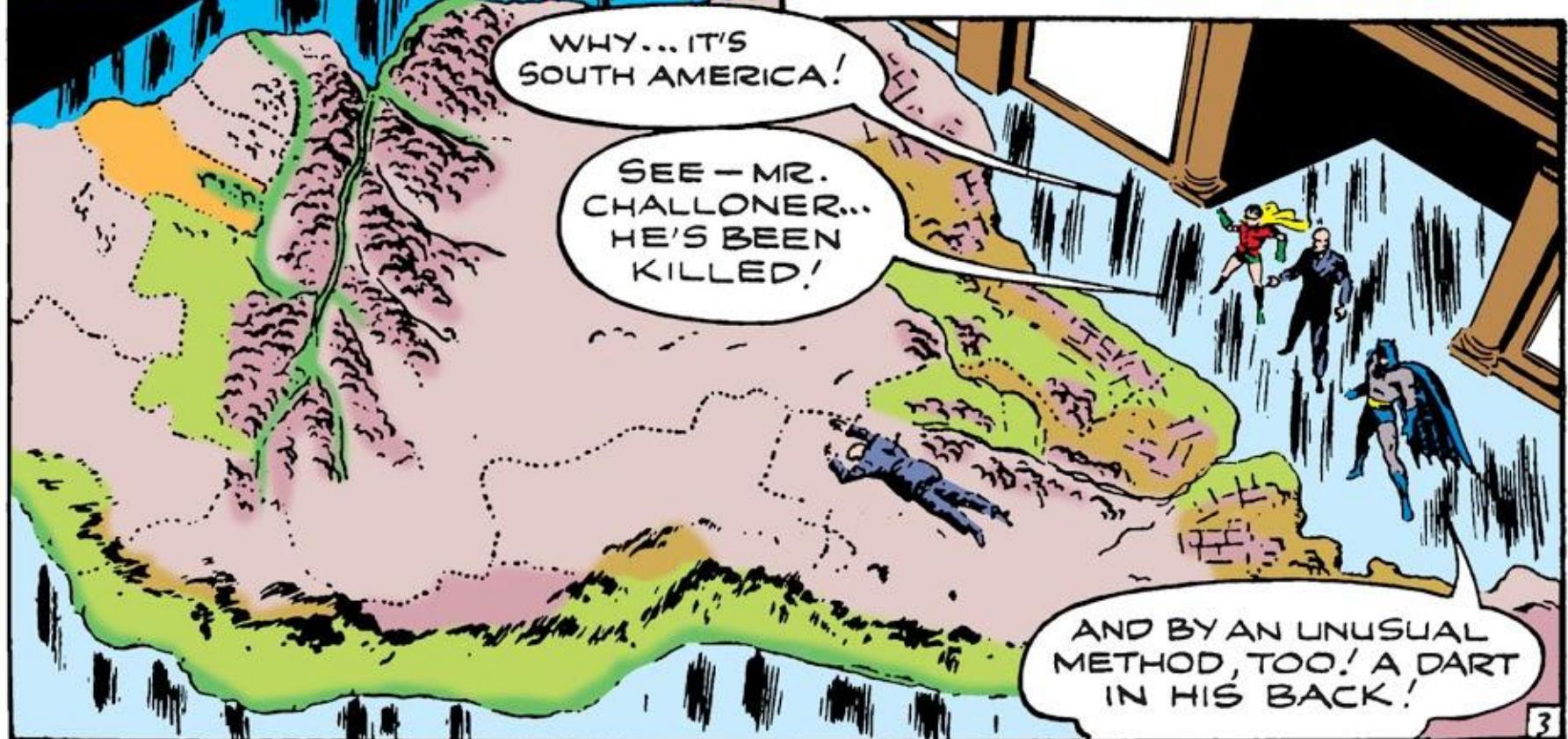




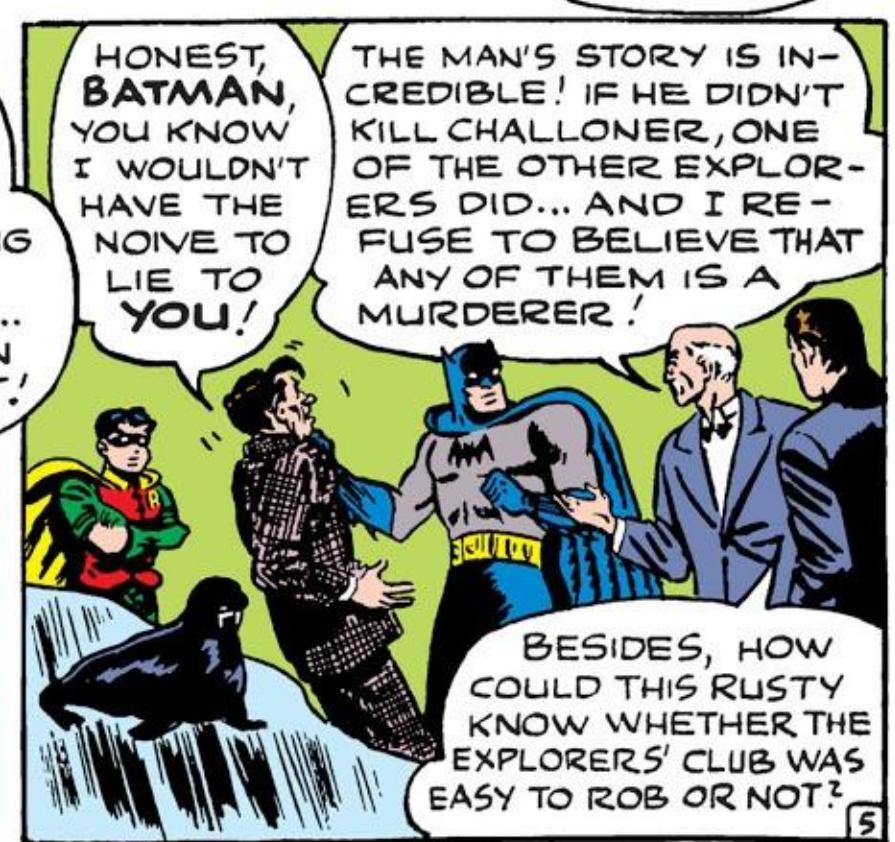
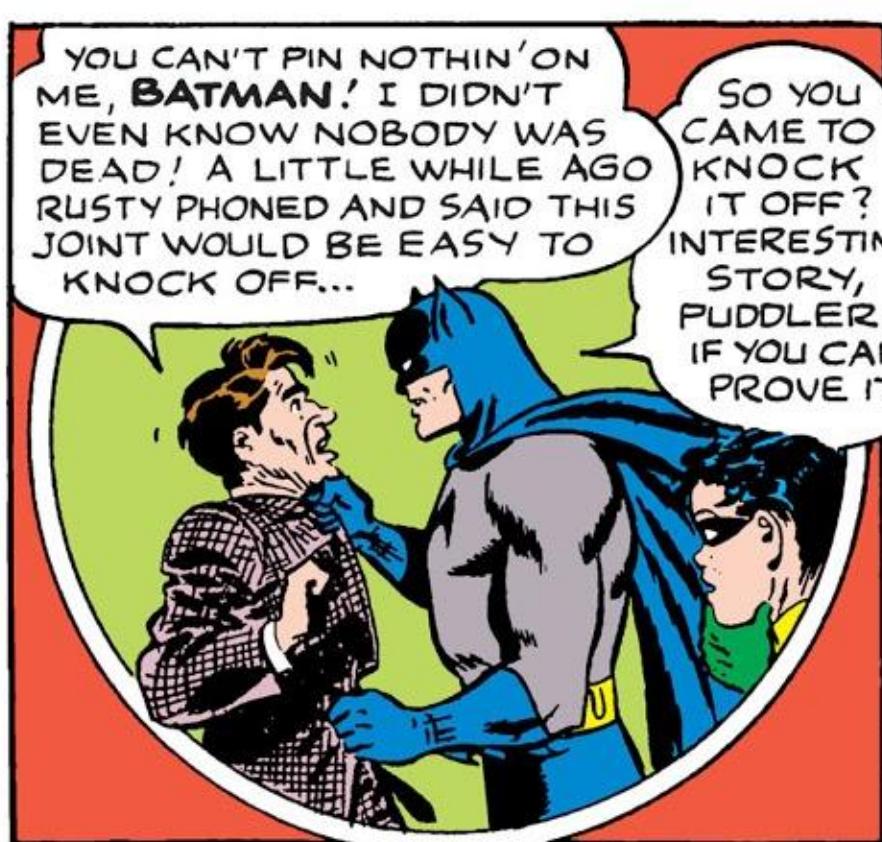
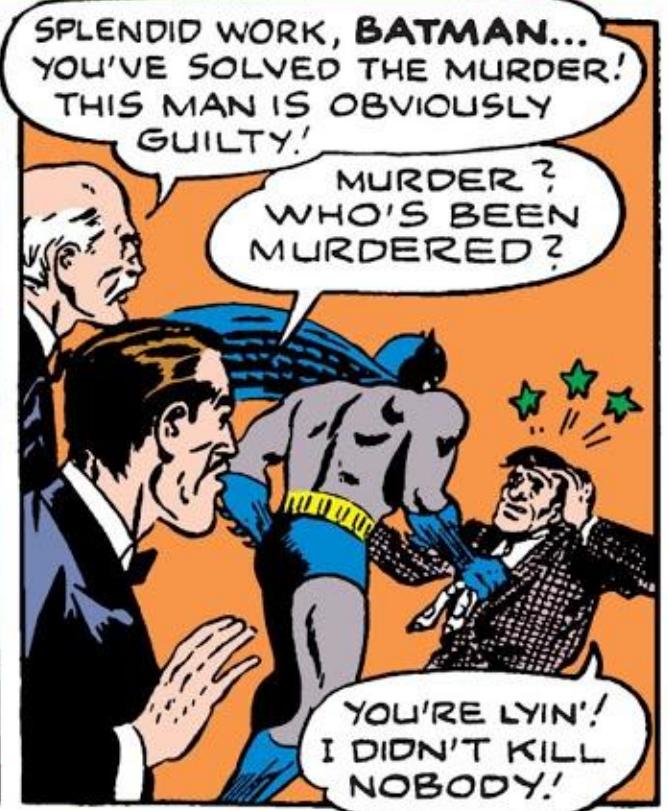
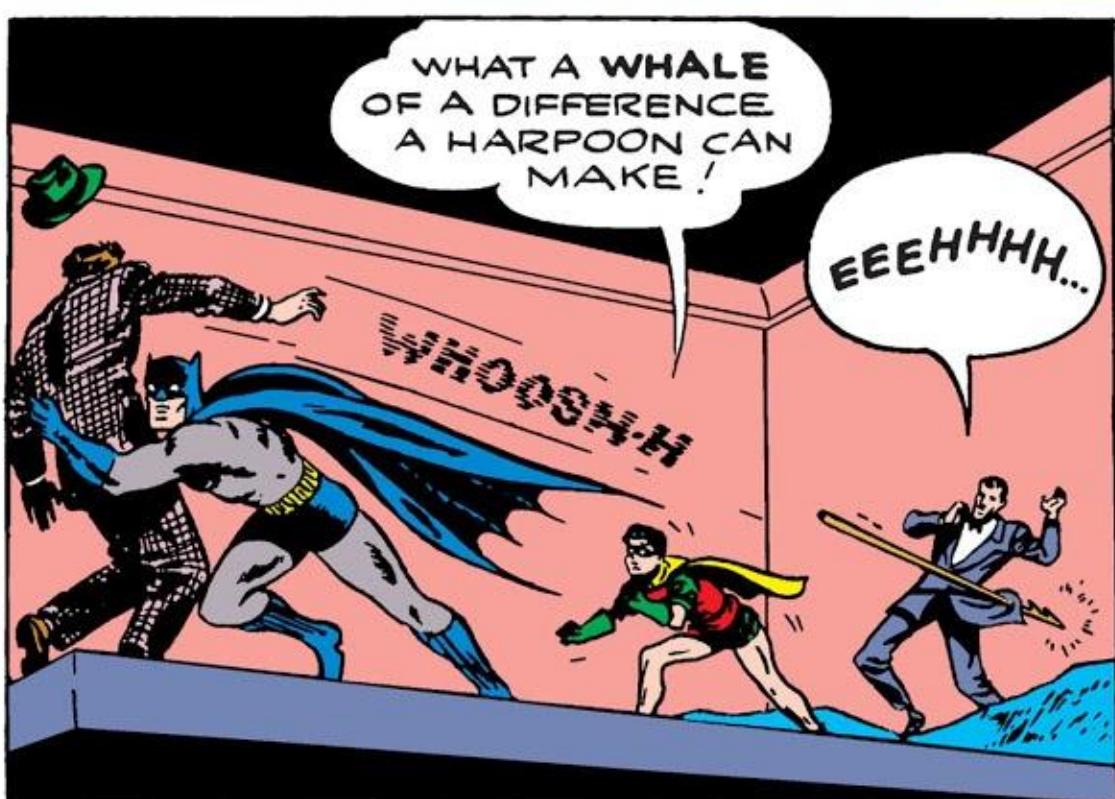
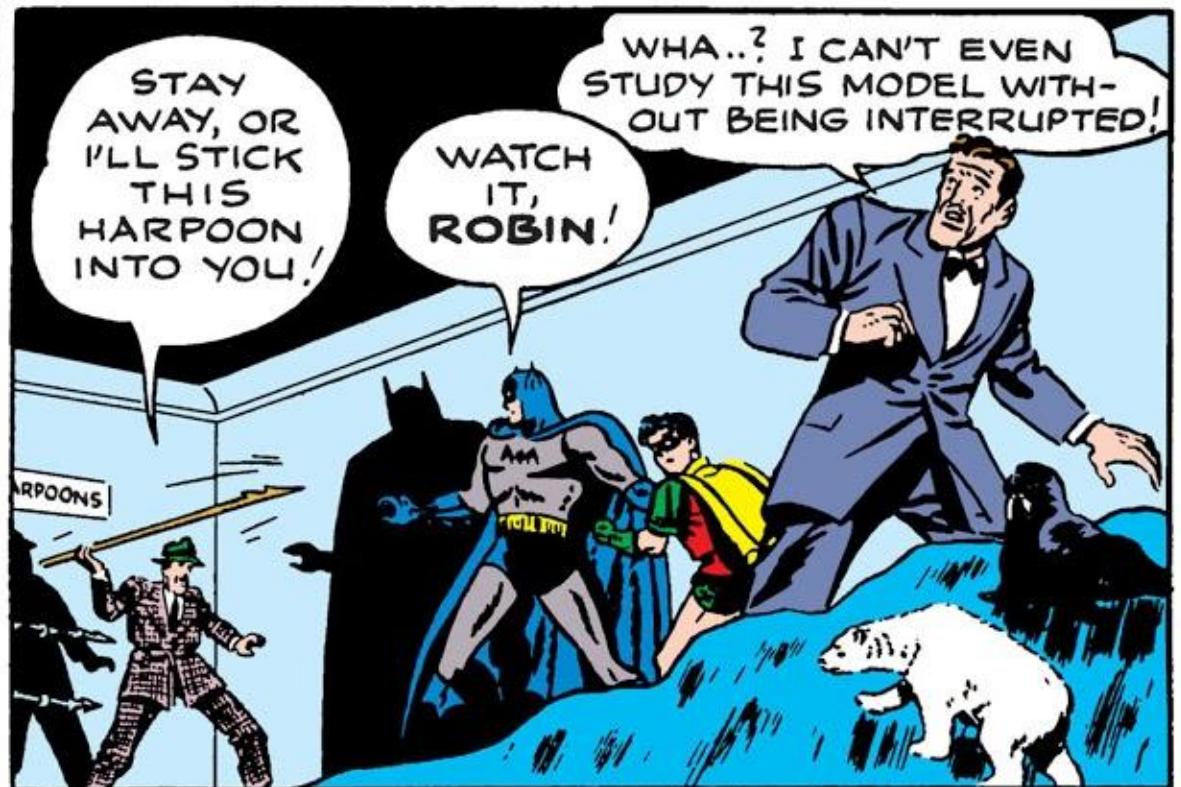
LET US LEAVE THE DISGRUNTLED EXPLORERS FOR THE MOMENT, AND GO OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. TWO LIGHT-HEARTED FIGURES ARE PASSING...

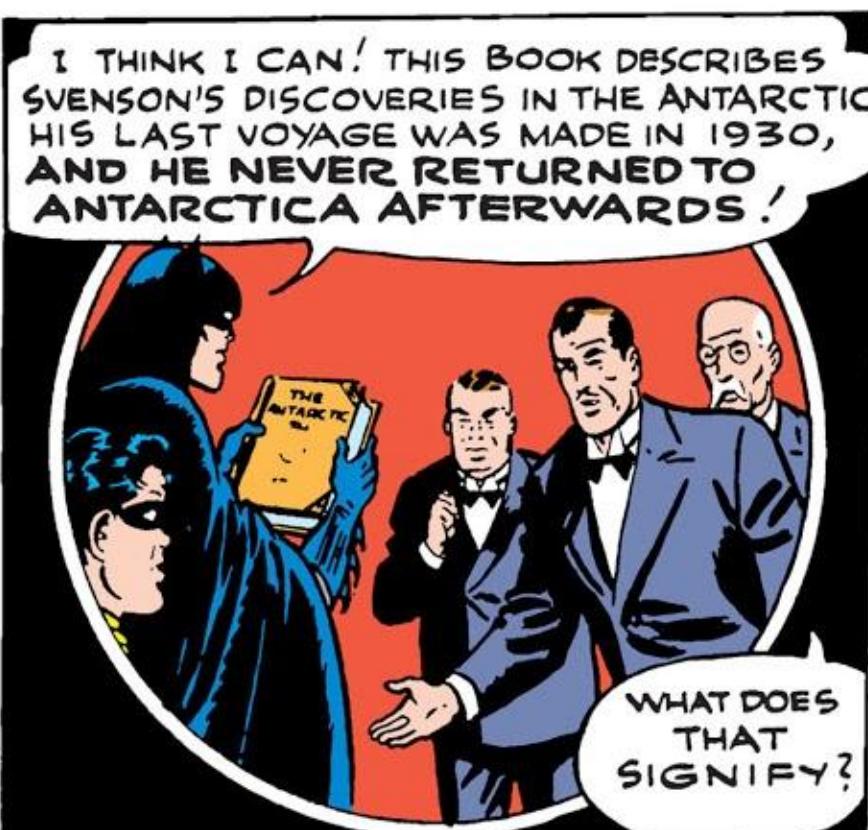
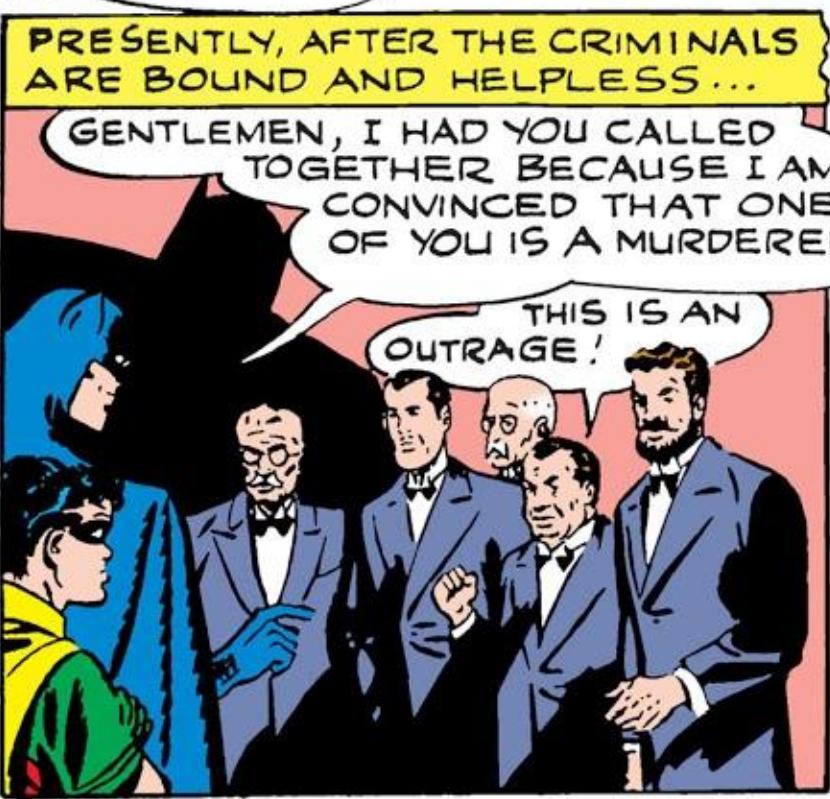
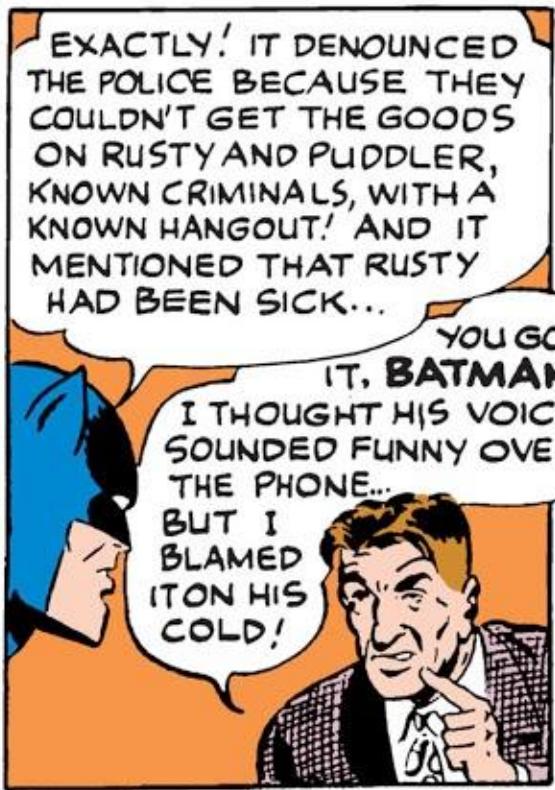
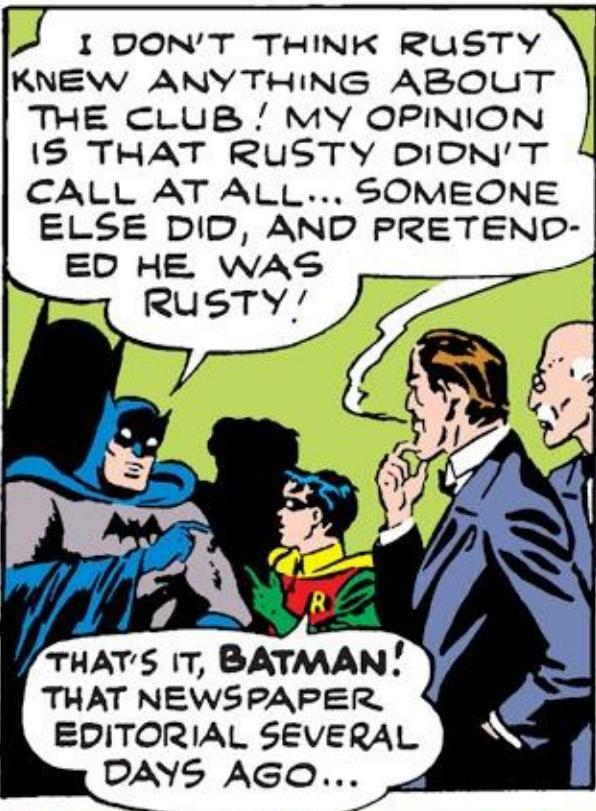


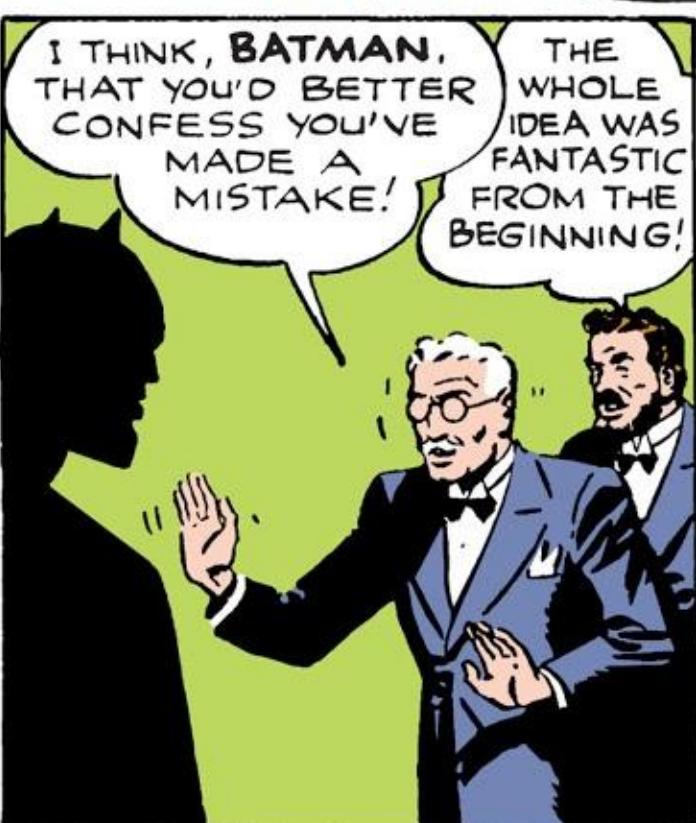
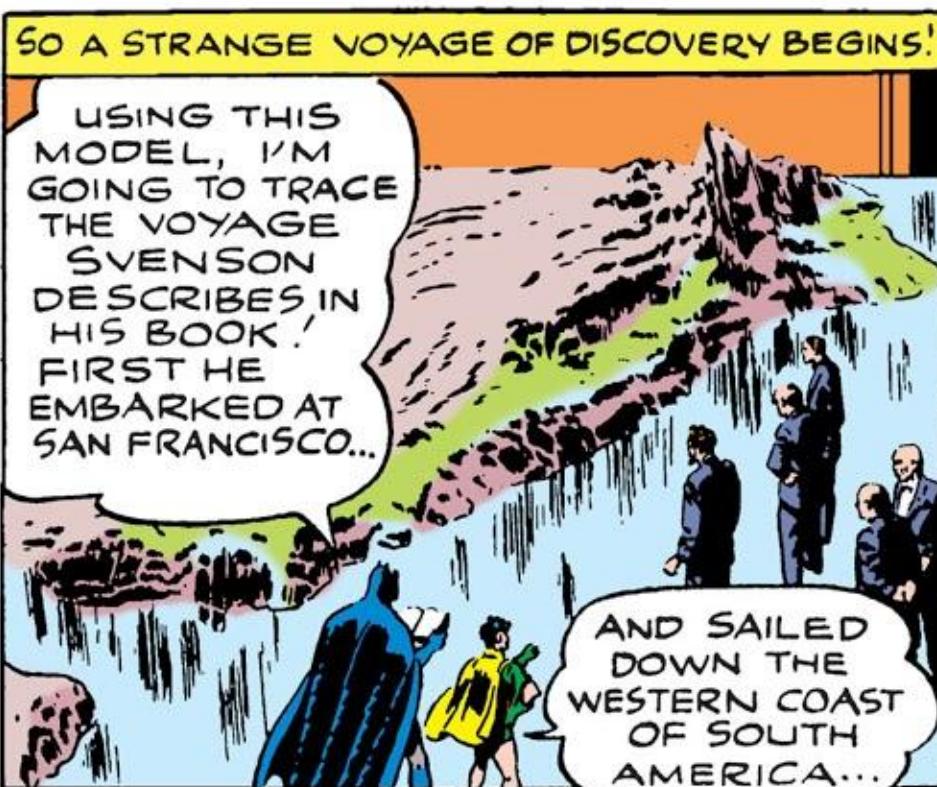
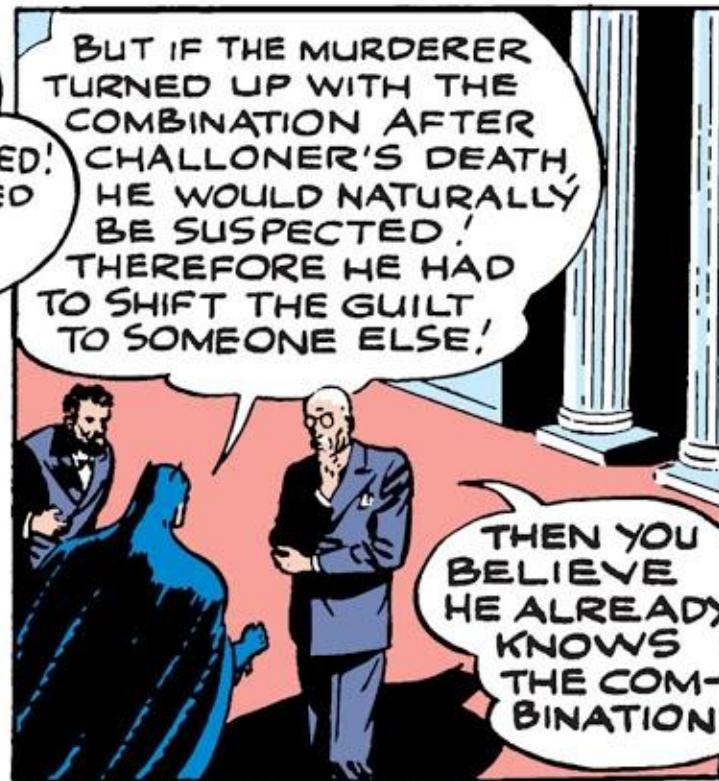
LED TO A HUGE ROOM BY SKINNER, A STRANGE BREATH-TAKING SIGHT MEETS THE MANTLED PAIR'S STARTLED GAZE!

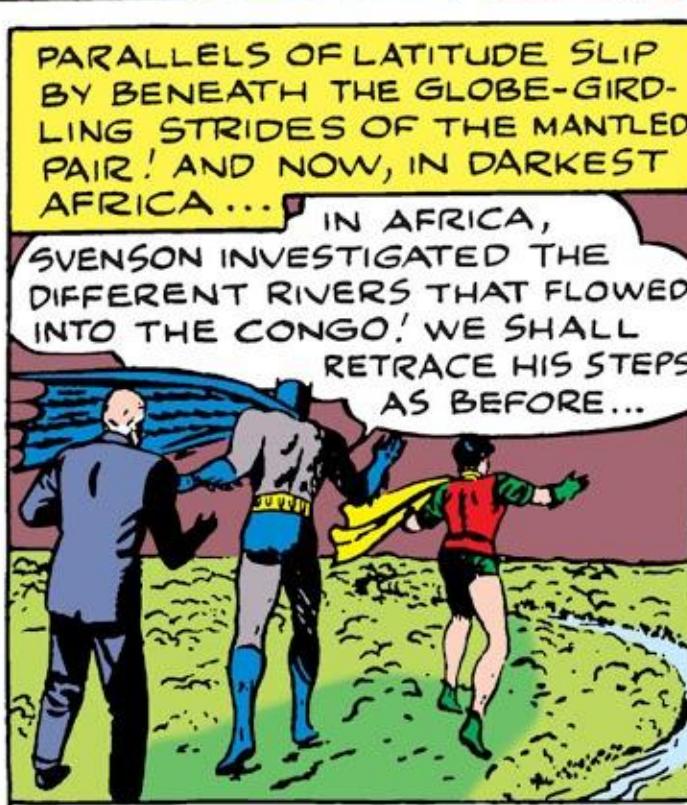
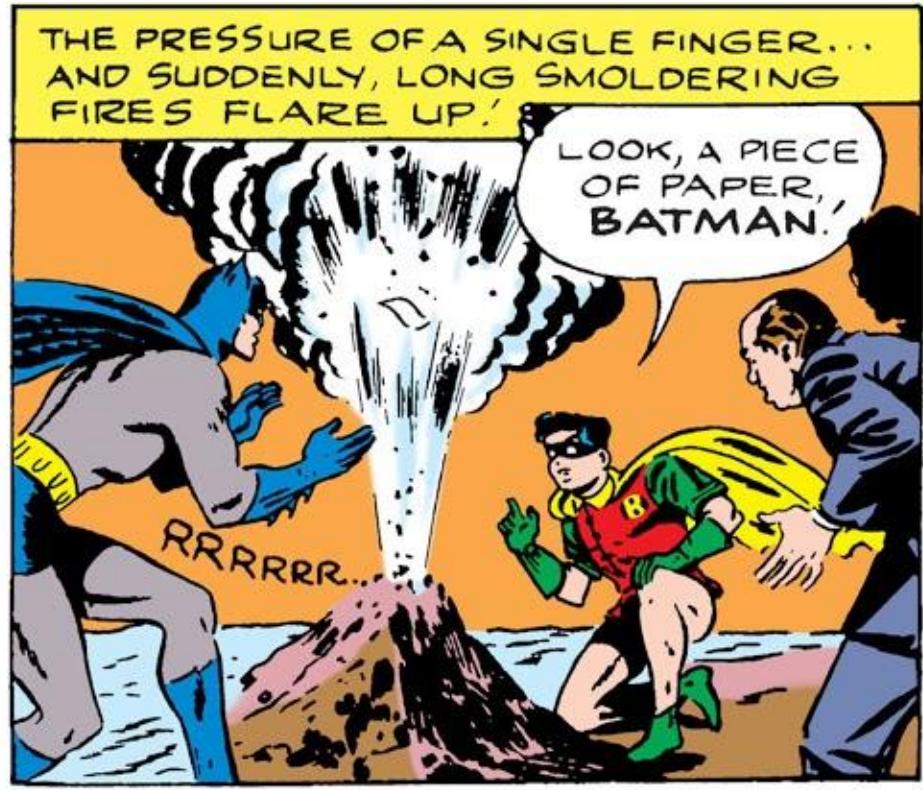
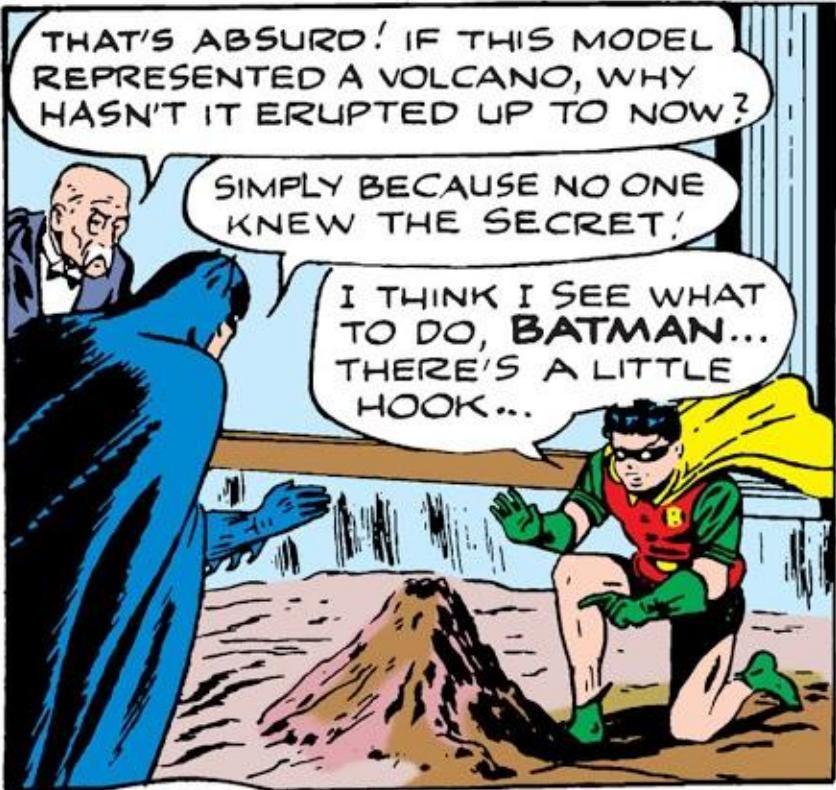


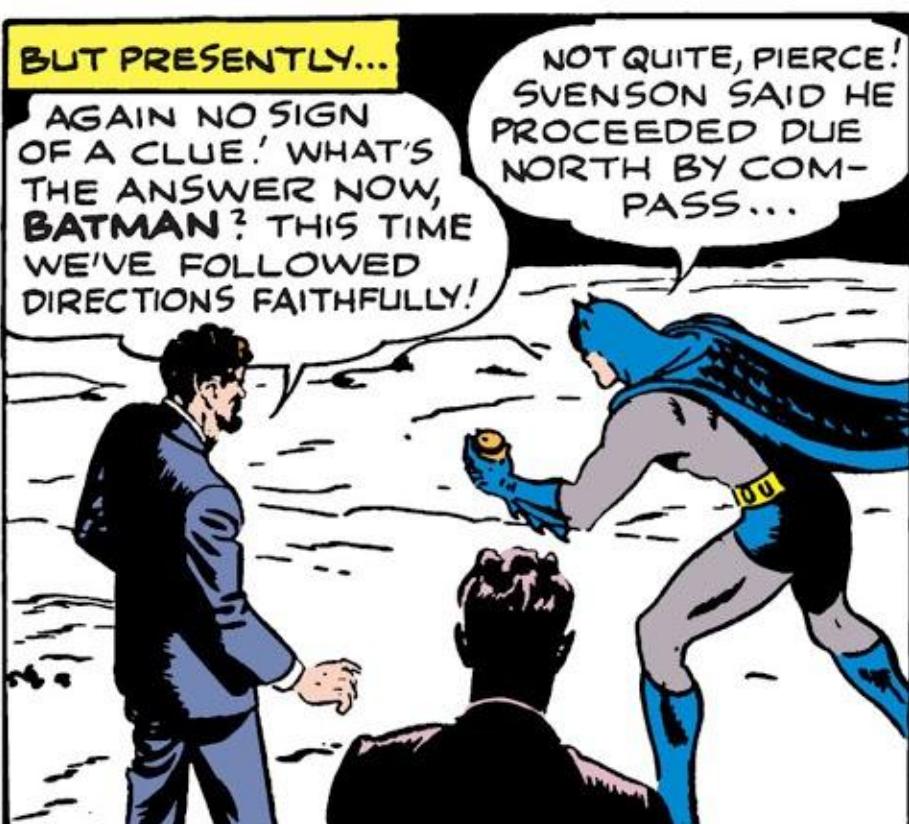
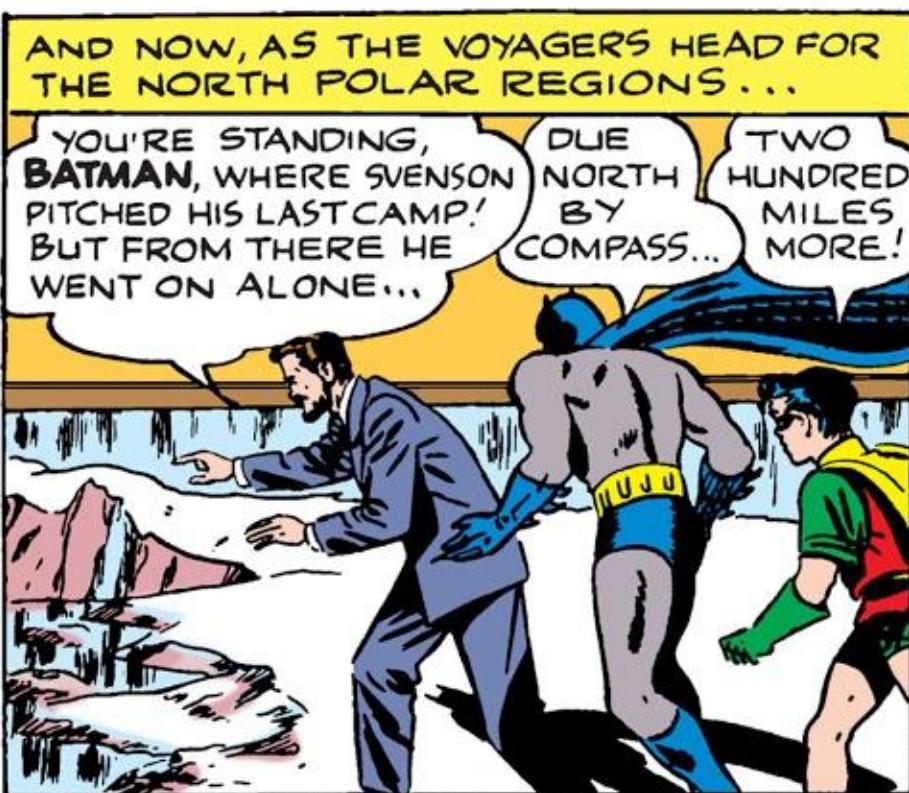
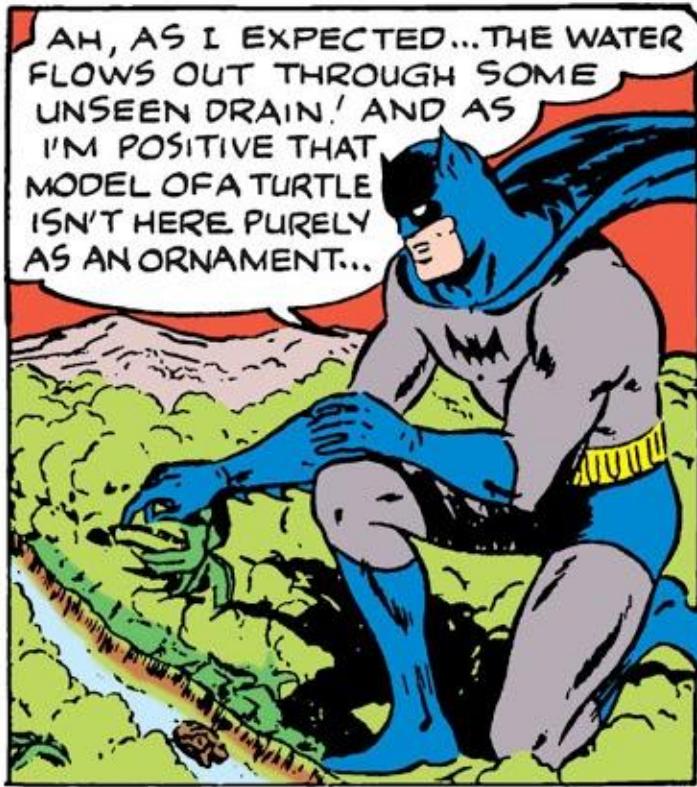




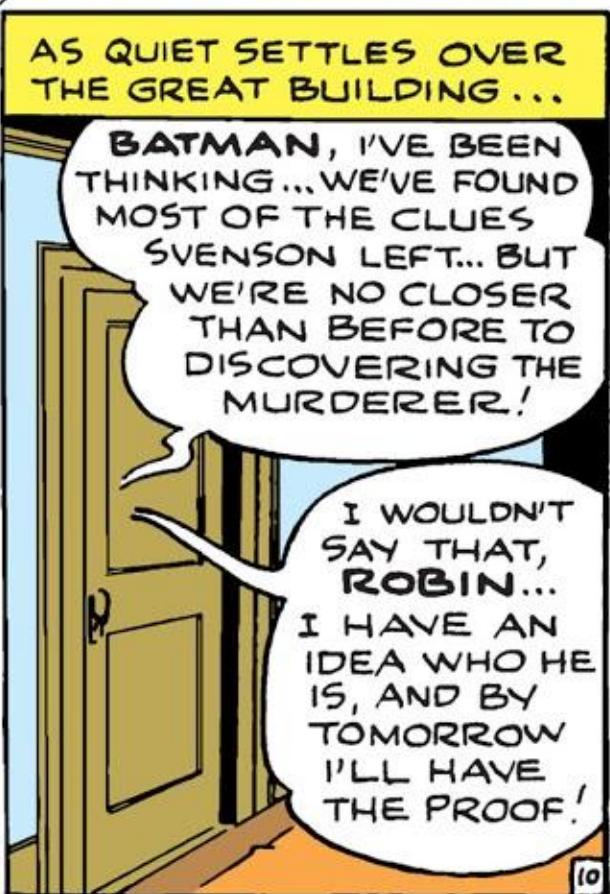
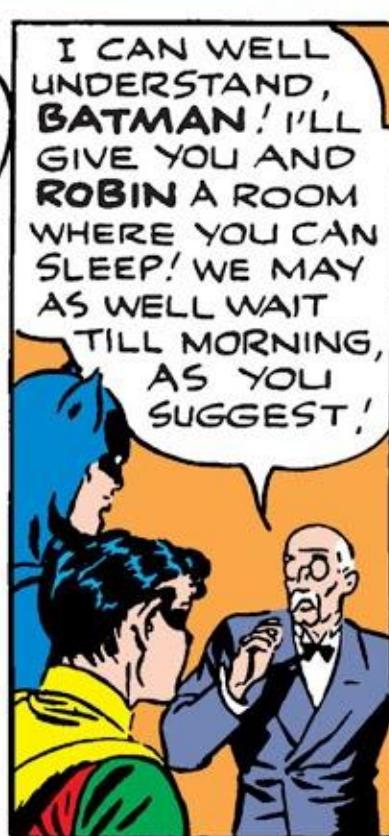
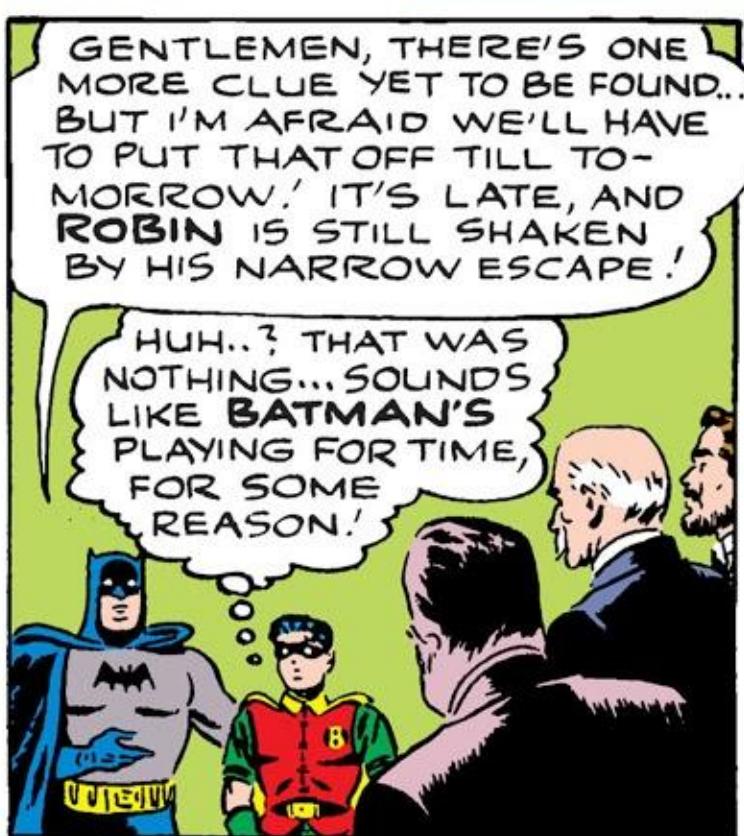
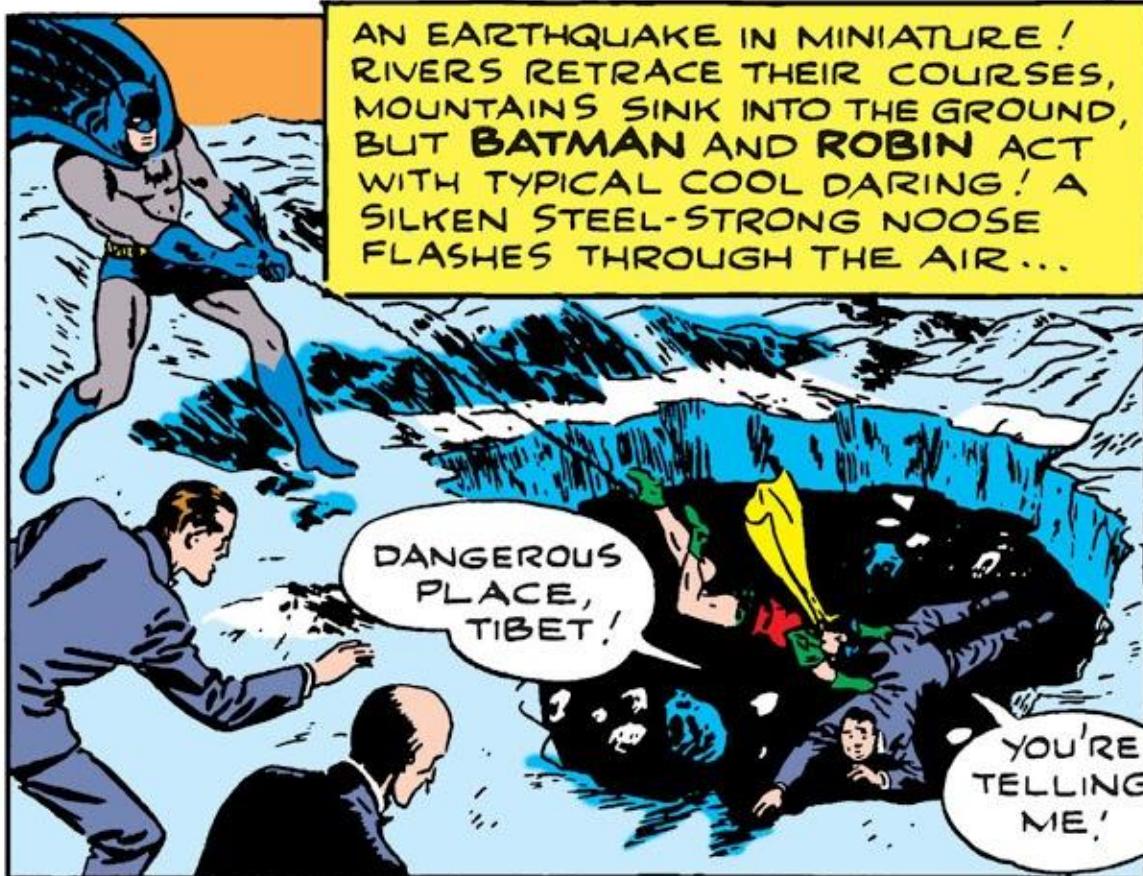
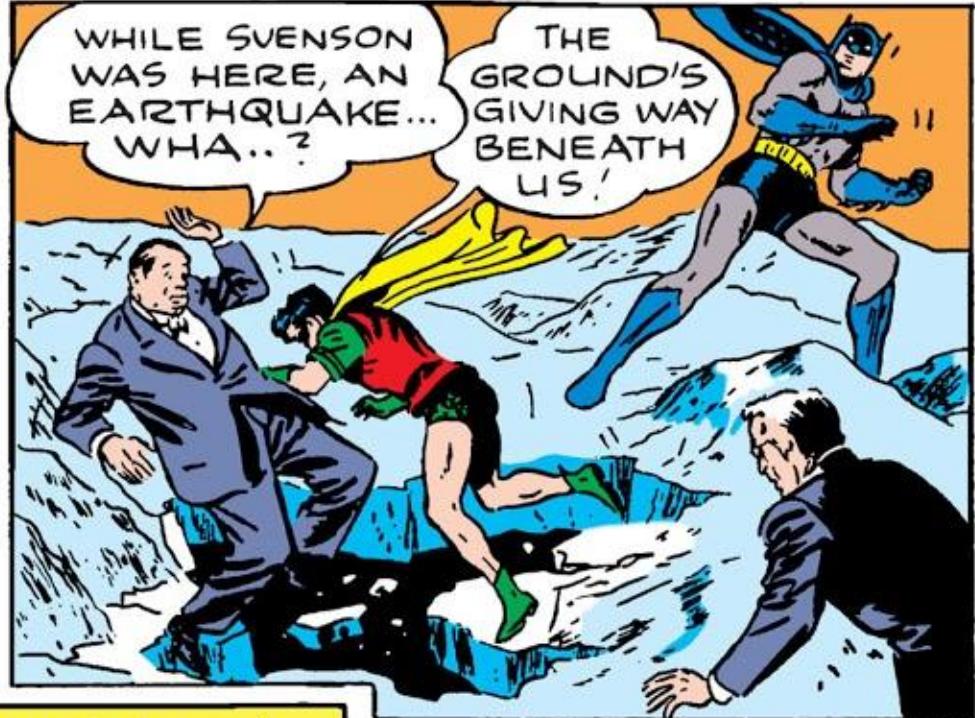




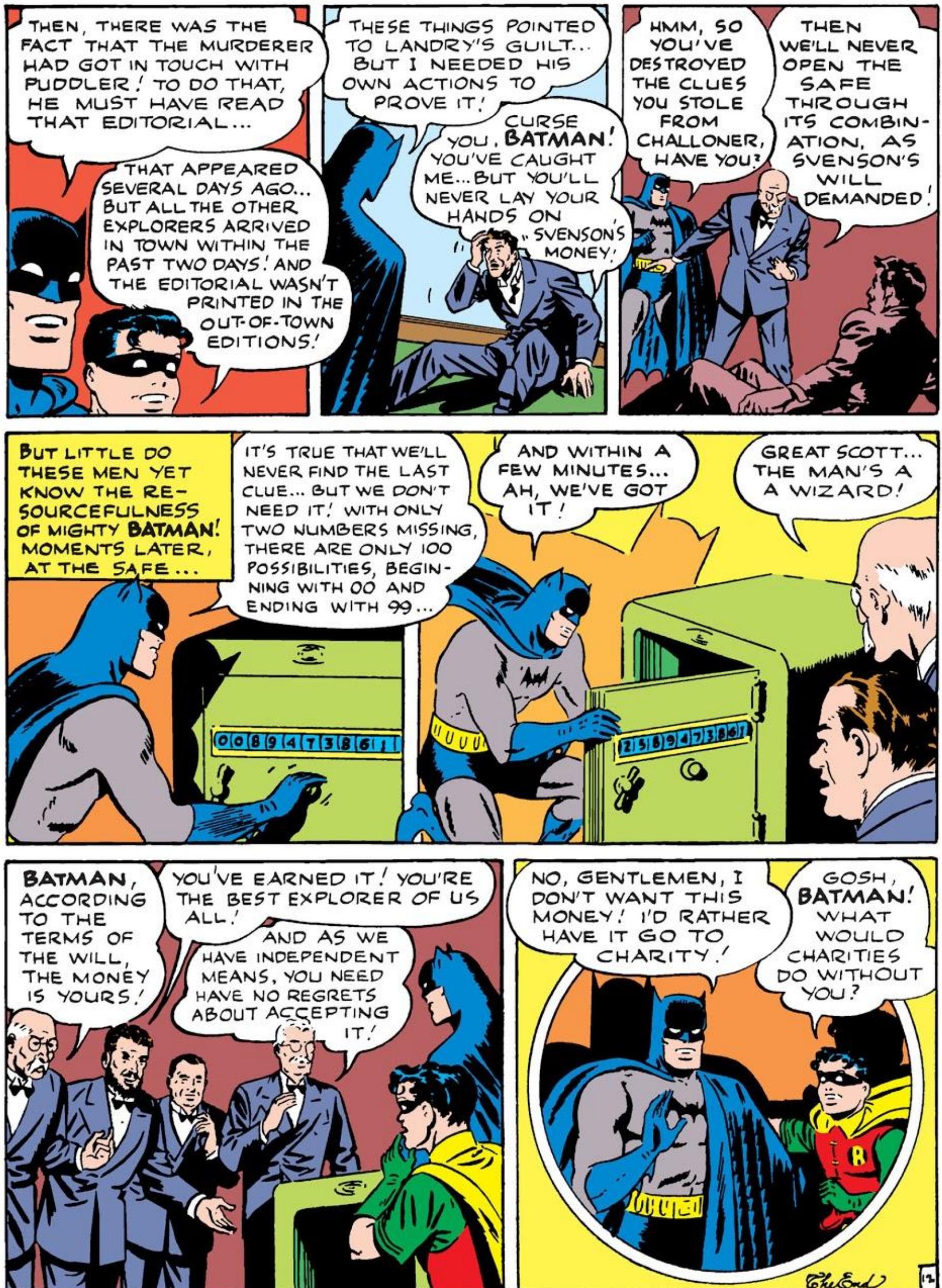




ONCE MORE A CAREFULLY CONCEALED CLUE COMES TO LIGHT, THIS TIME FROM BENEATH AN ICEBERG! AND ONCE MORE, THOUSAND MILE STRIDES DEVOUR SPACE...







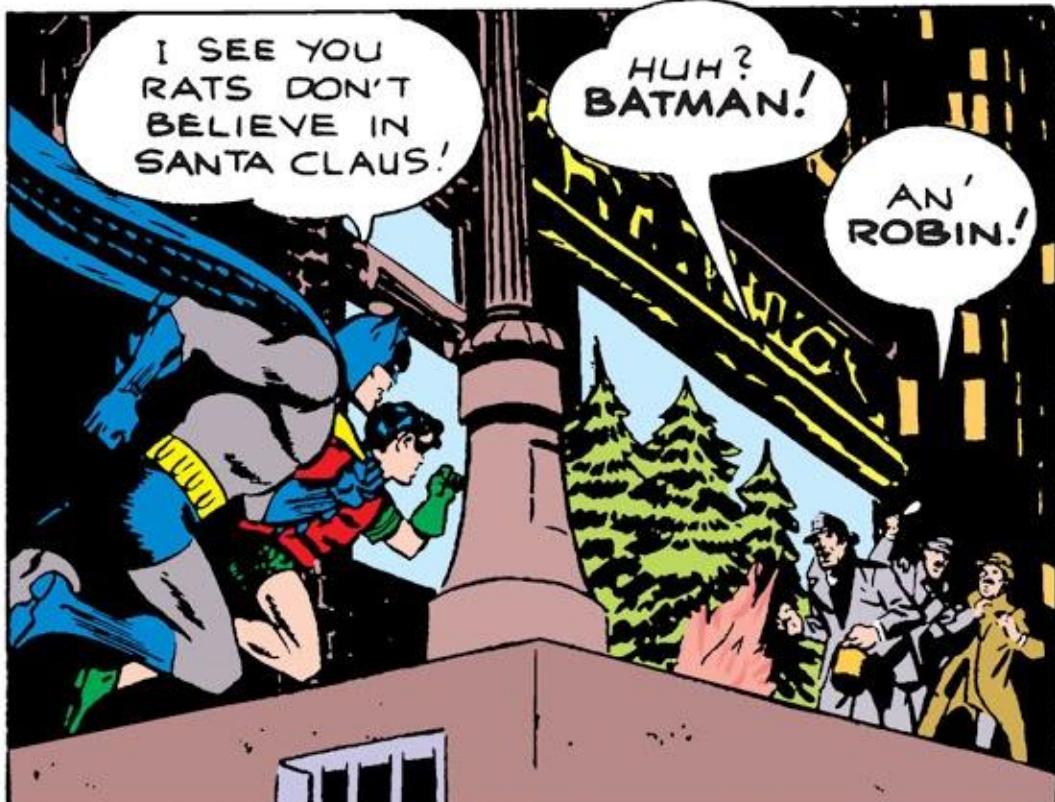
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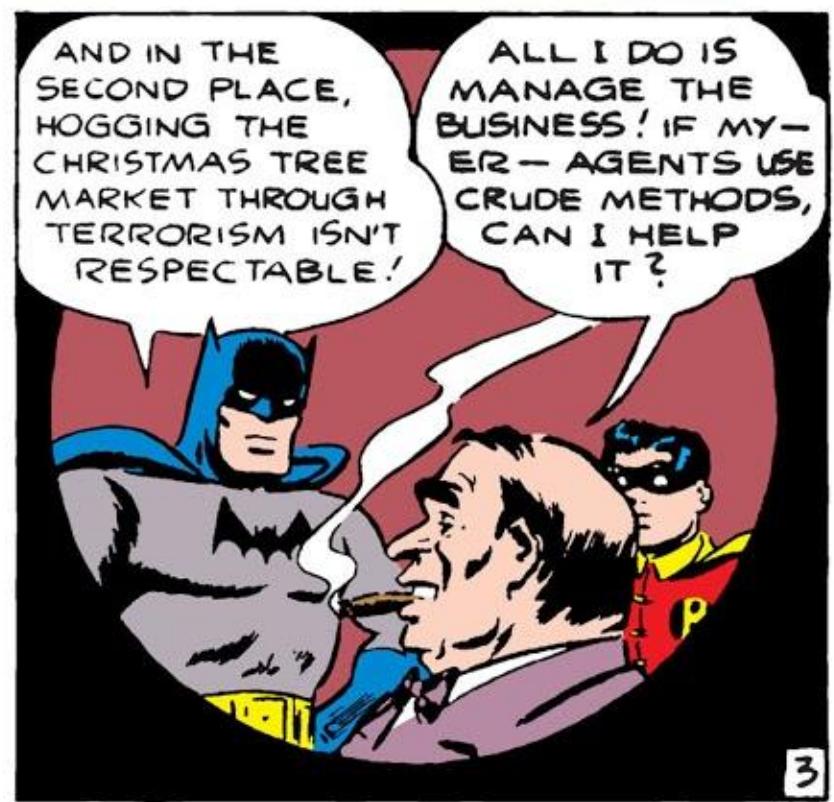
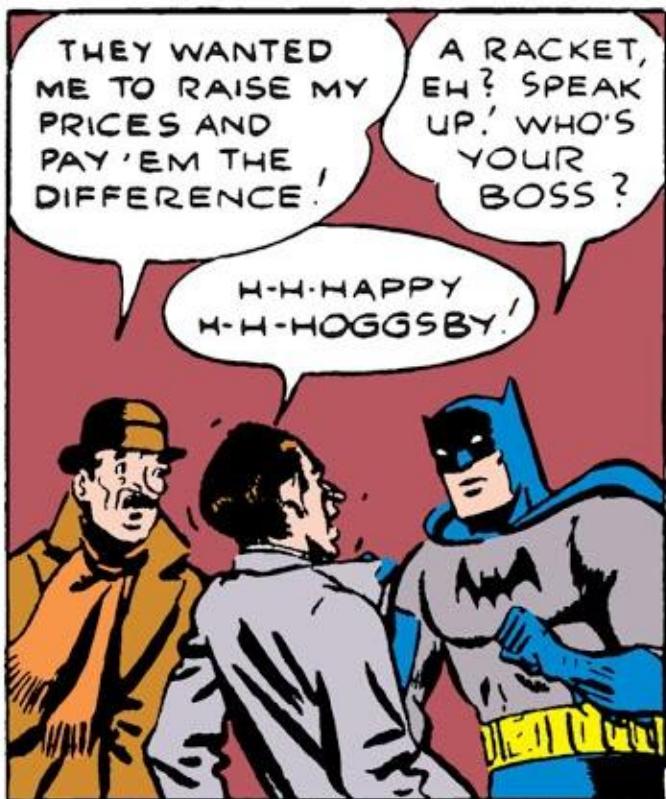
By
BOB KANE

ANY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN THIS ADVENTURE AND DICKENS' BELOVED MASTERPIECE, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL", IS STRICTLY INTENTIONAL... FOR THE GREAT ENGLISH NOVELIST WROTE OF THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD THAT STIRS ANEW IN THE WORLD WHEN THE MYSTICAL STAR OF THE WISE MEN SHINES AT YULETIDE--AND THAT IS THE GUIDING BEACON OF THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND ROBIN AS THEY FARE FORTH ONCE MORE AGAINST EVIL AND INJUSTICE, TO TELL AN OLD STORY IN A STARTLING NEW WAY--

"**A Christmas Peril!**"









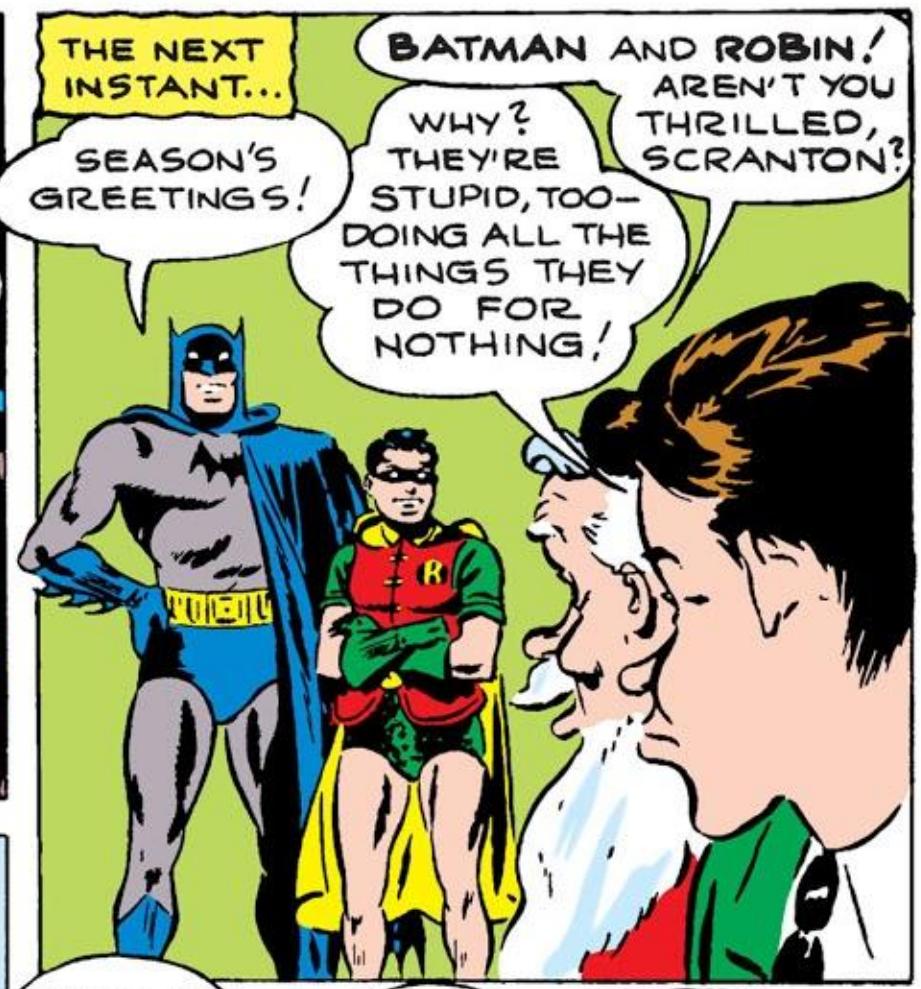
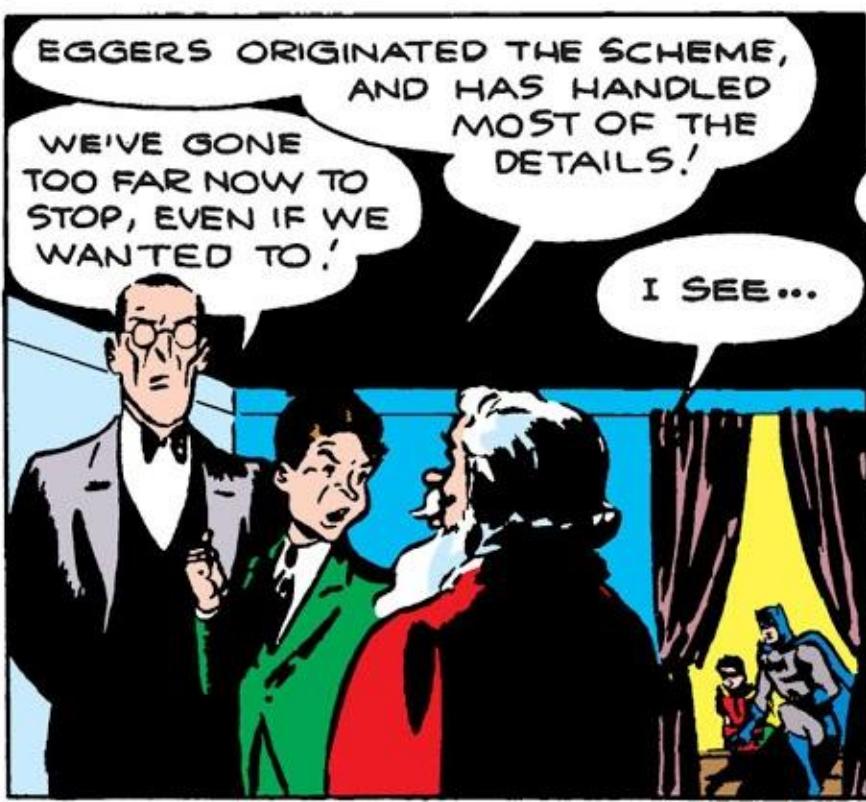
BE PATIENT JUST A LITTLE WHILE! YOU'LL FIND OUT!



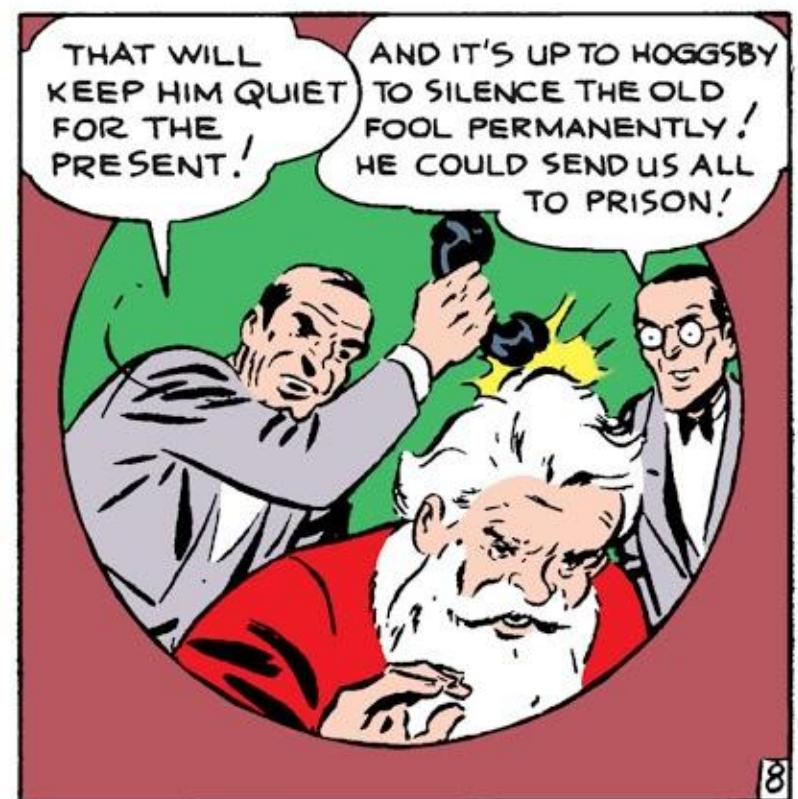
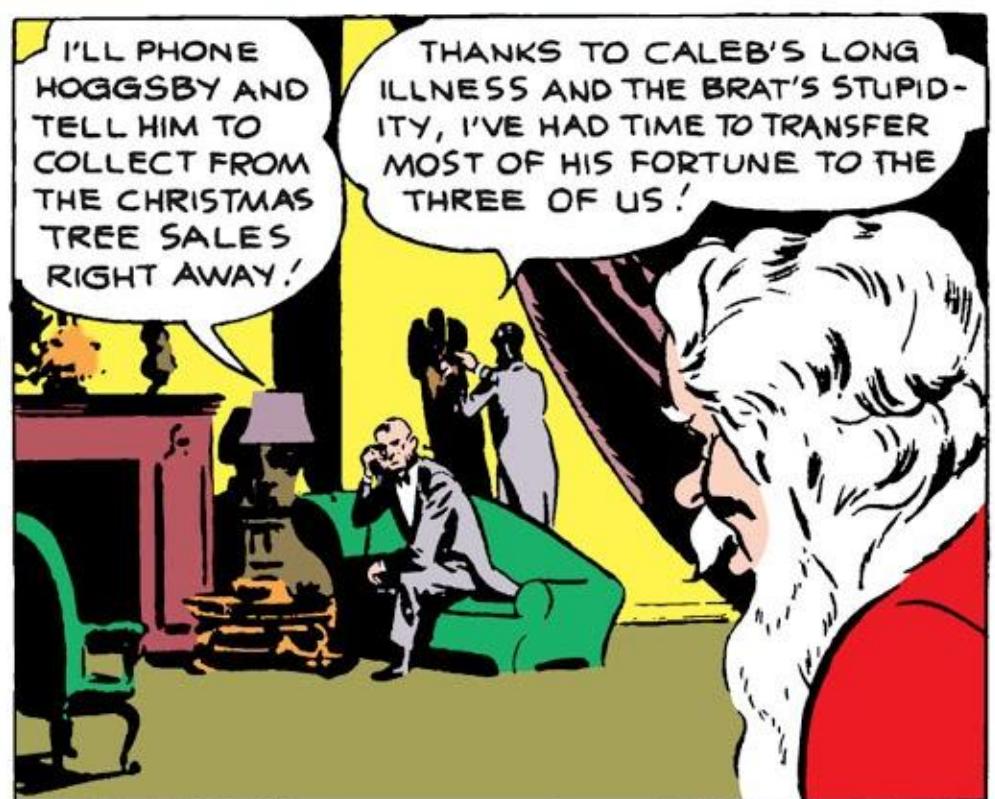
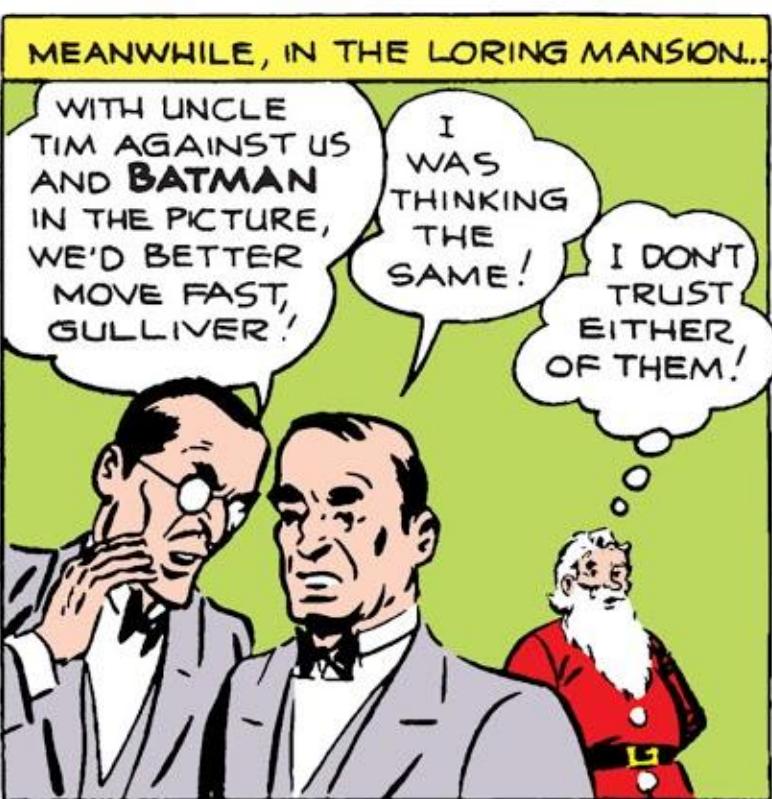
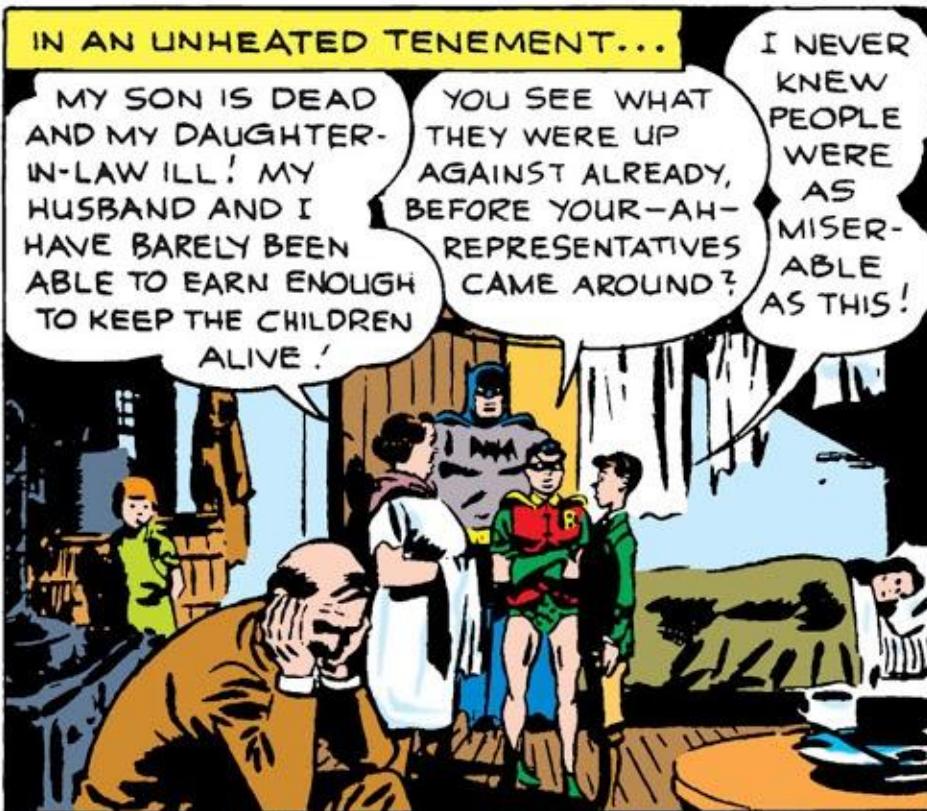
I NEVER THOUGHT ANY BODY COULD BE MEAN ENOUGH TO TURN CHRISTMAS INTO A RACKET!

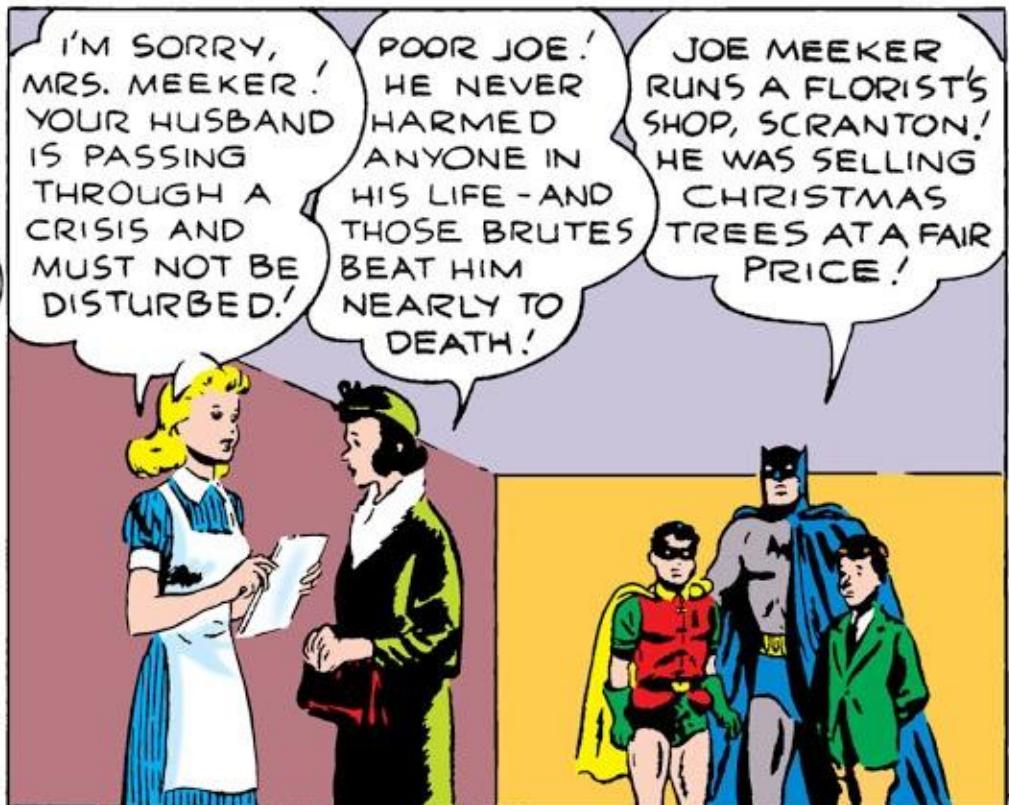
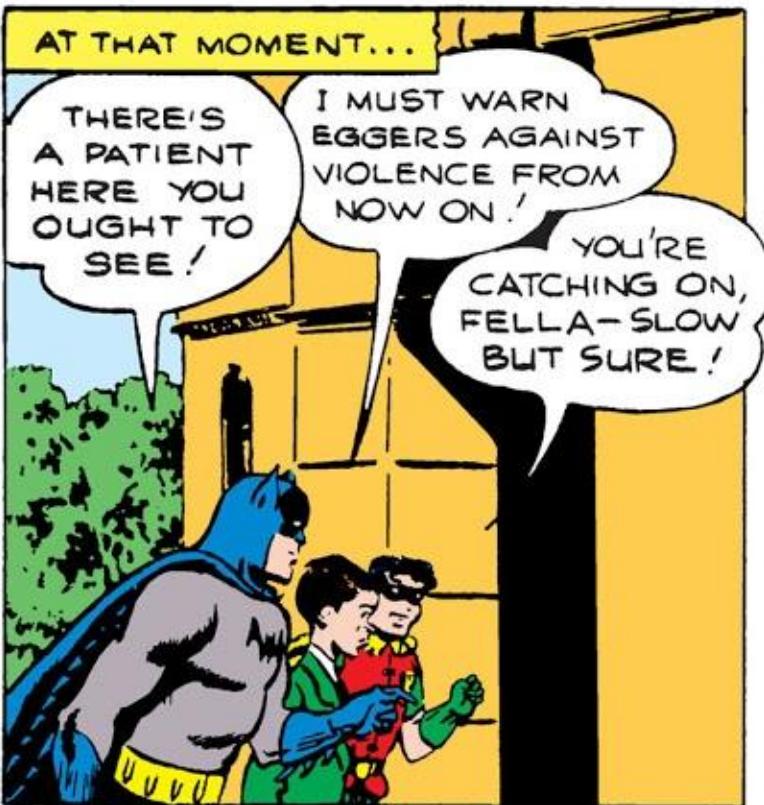


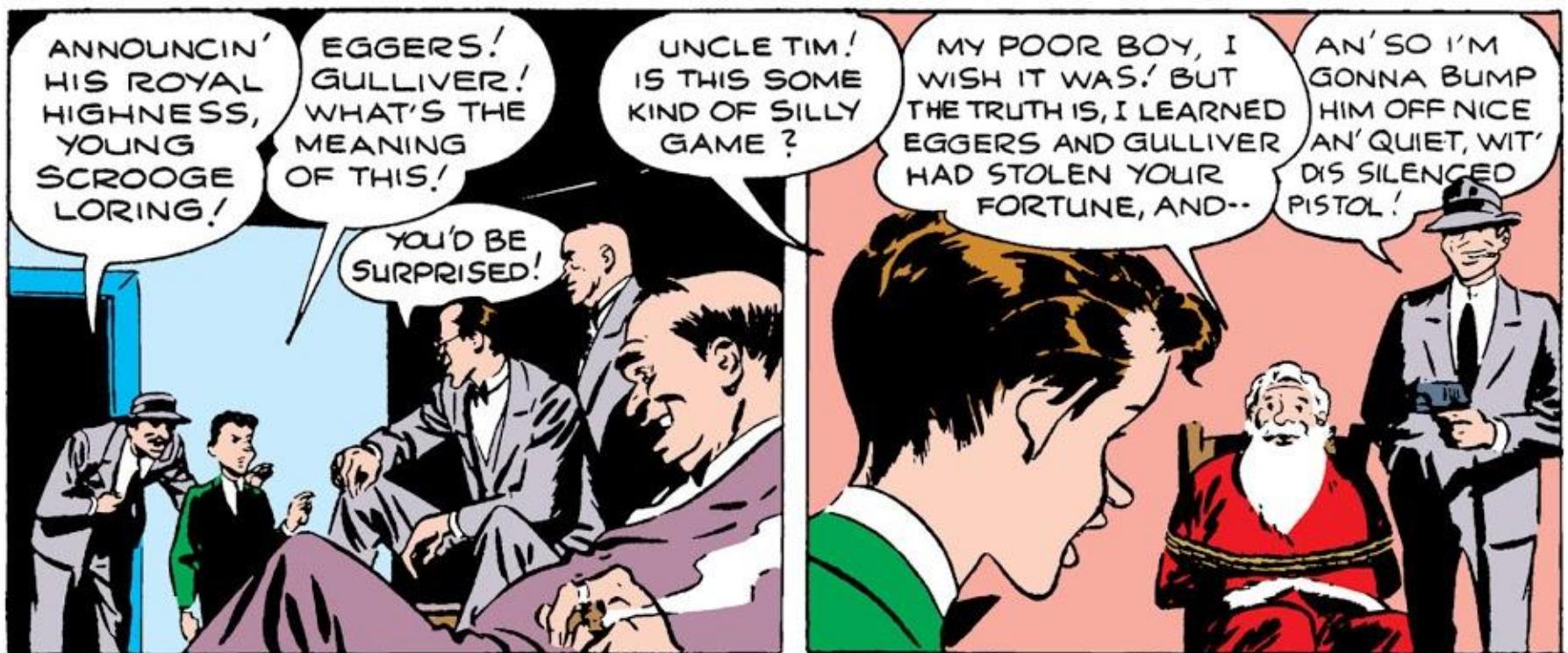












UNCLE TIM!
IS THIS SOME
KIND OF SILLY
GAME?

MY POOR BOY, I
WISH IT WAS! BUT
THE TRUTH IS, I LEARNED
EGGERS AND GULLIVER
HAD STOLEN YOUR
FORTUNE, AND--

AN' SO I'M
GONNA BUMP
HIM OFF NICE
AN' QUIET, WIT'
DIS SILENCED
PISTOL!



AN INSTANT LATER...

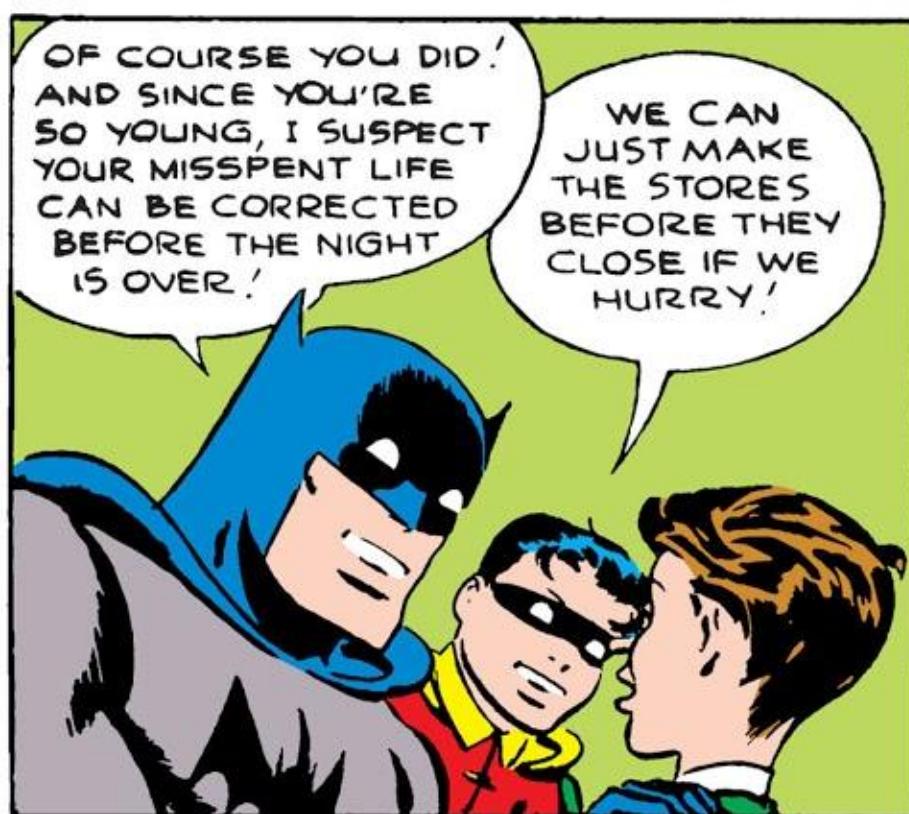
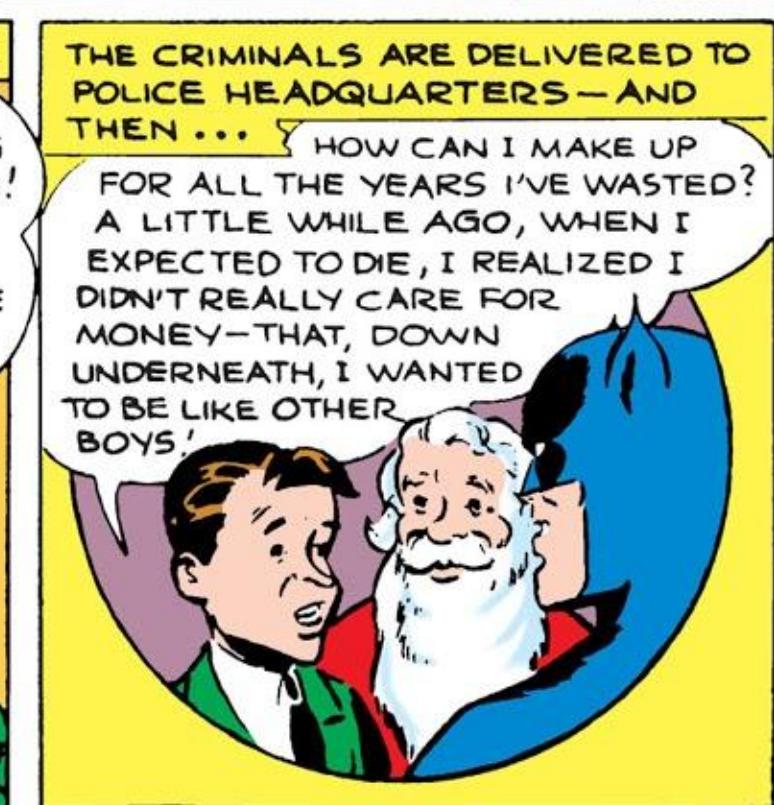
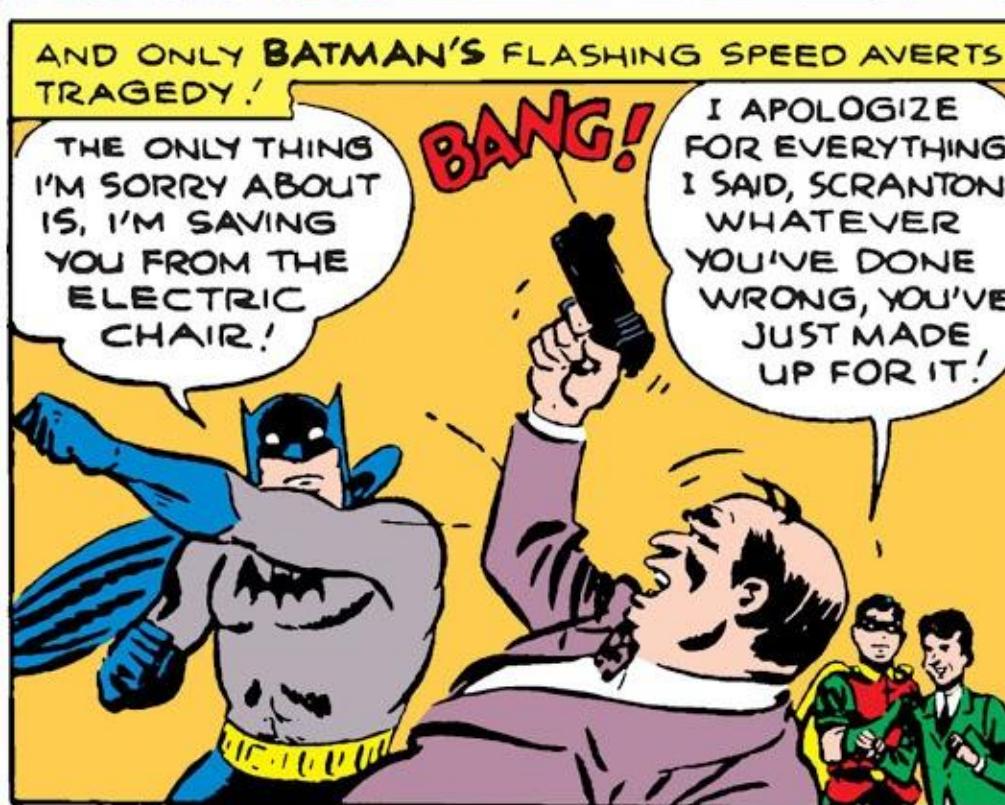
HOLD STILL,
SCRANTON, TILL--
Y!!! BATMAN!

WHAT'S
THIS?... WHY
YOU ROTTEN
MURDERERS!

THANK
GOODNESS!

YOUR DAYS
OF USING GUNS
ON CHILDREN
ARE OVER!

BE
RIGHT
WITH YOU,
SCRANTON.



AS MIDNIGHT CHIMES ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF CHRISTMAS DAY...

JINGLE BELLS!
JINGLE BELLS!...
♪ ♪



BOONG
BOONG

WAIT FOR ME!

LESS NOISE!
THEY'LL HEAR US!

TAKE IT EASY,
UNCLE TIM!

AS IF BY A MIRACLE, A DREARY SLUM DWELLING IS TRANSFORMED INTO A PLACE OF JOY!

WHY DIDN'T ANYBODY EVER TELL ME IT WAS FUN DOING THINGS FOR OTHERS?

GEE, WE WERE AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T FIND US THIS YEAR, SANTA!

BLESS YOU!

LATER, IN THE HOSPITAL, WHERE FAMOUS DOCTORS HAVE LED JOE MEEKER OUT OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH...

YOU'RE GOING TO GET WELL, JOE - AND SANTA CLAUS HAS BOUGHT US A NEW AND BETTER STORE!

DON'T BE ASHAMED OF BAWLING...I FEEL LIKE IT MYSELF!

IT'S THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS WE'VE EVER HAD, AFTER ALL.

AND THE LORING MANSION IS NO LONGER GLOOMY!

WE DIDN'T SAVE A SINGLE PRESENT FOR SCRANTON! WHY, I'VE JUST BEEN GIVEN THE FINEST PRESENT ON EARTH - SOMETHING ALL MY FORTUNE COULDN'T BUY!

I'VE LEARNED THE SECRET OF REAL HAPPINESS! I'M GOING TO DEVOTE MY TIME AND MONEY TO SPREADING CHEER THE YEAR 'ROUND -- AND I ONLY WISH EVERYONE COULD KNOW HOW MUCH FUN I'M GOING TO HAVE!

LET'S TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT - SHALL WE?

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL FROM UNCLE TIM!

AND FROM YOUNG SCROOGE LORING — WHO WON'T BE KNOWN BY THAT NAME ANY LONGER!

AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY, FROM BATMAN -

AND ROBIN!

THE END