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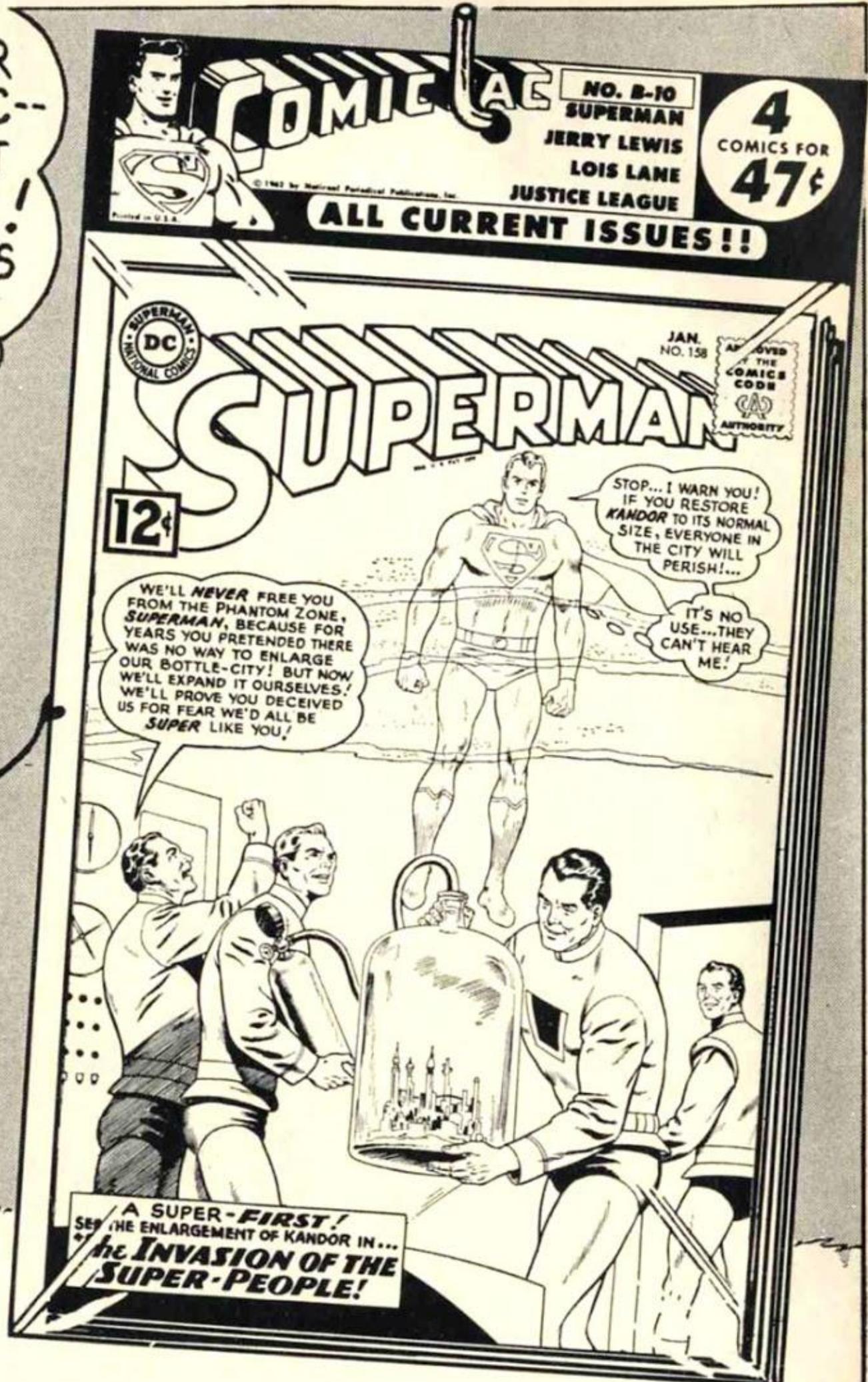
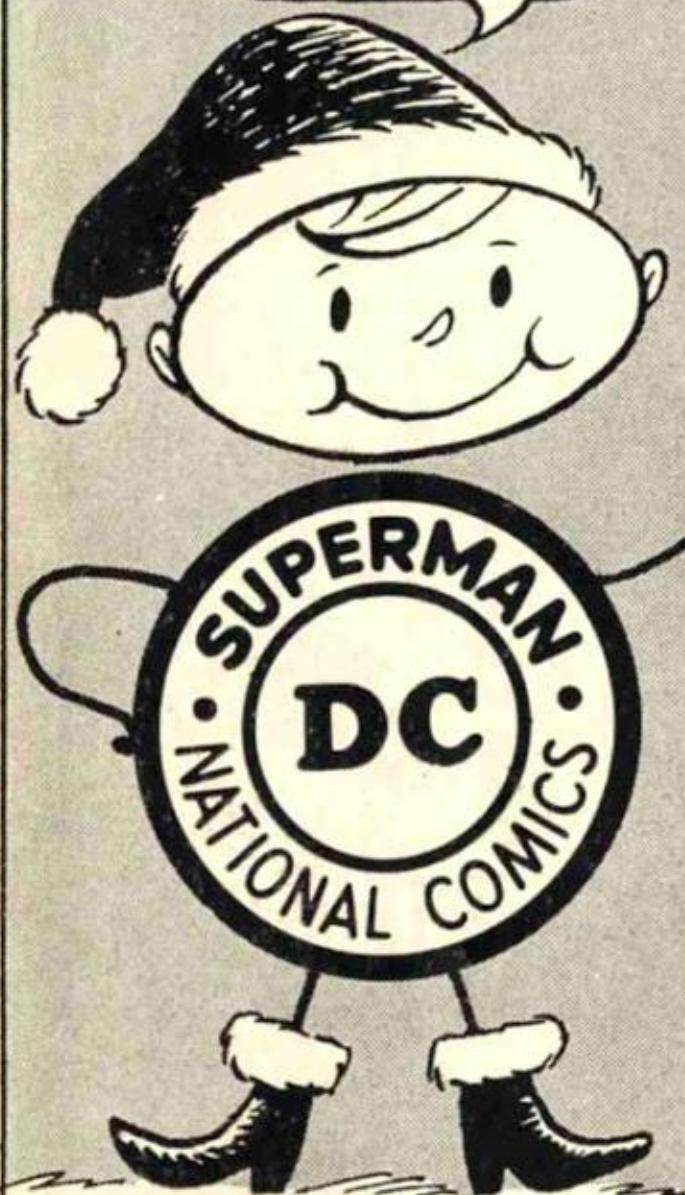
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FEATURING
BATMAN
and **ROBIN** and
BATWOMAN
and **BAT-GIRL**
in
**'PRISONERS
OF THREE
WORLDS!'**

ROBIN AND
BAT-GIRL ARE
VANISHING--AND
OUR LIFE FORCES
ARE BEING DRAINED
FROM US!



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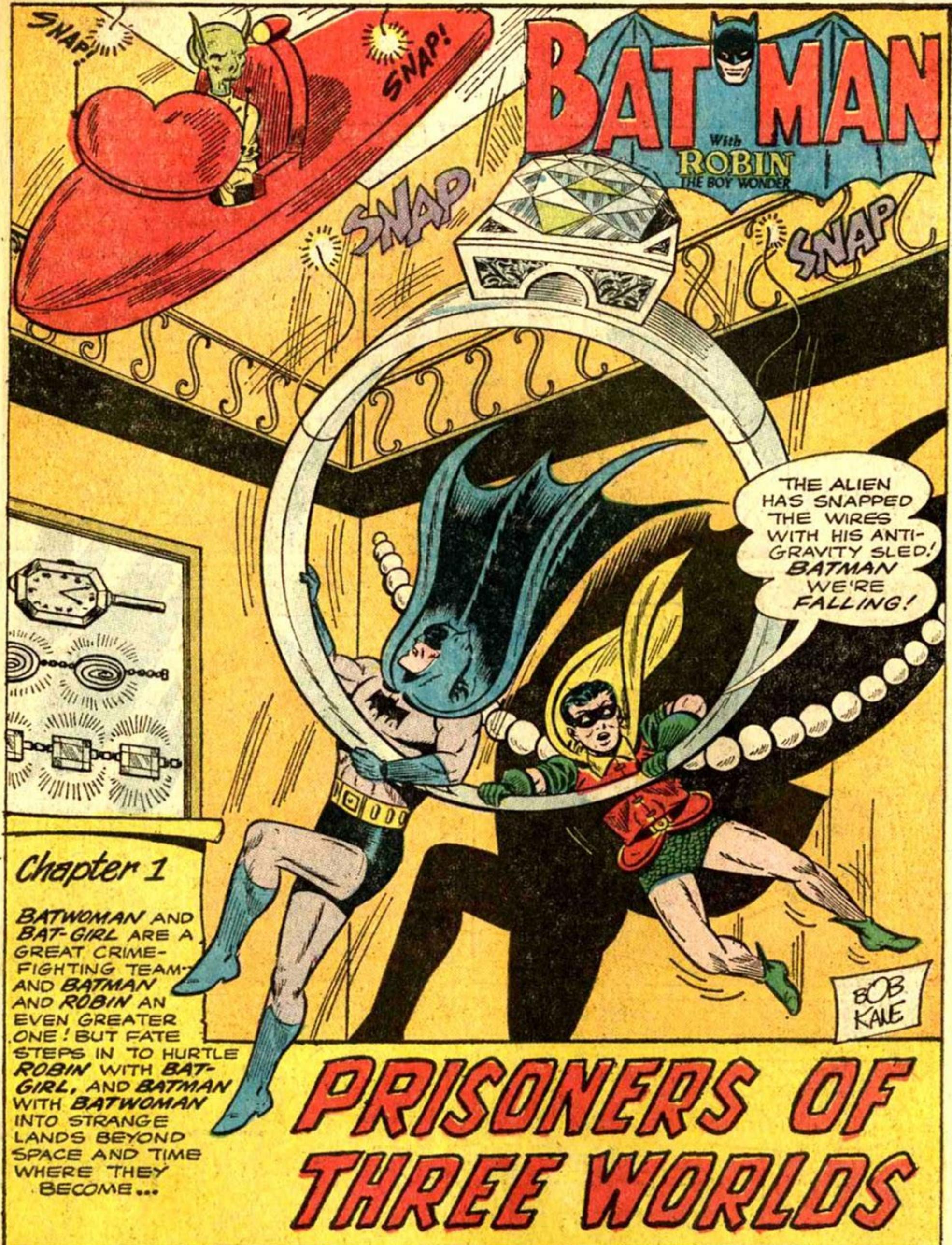


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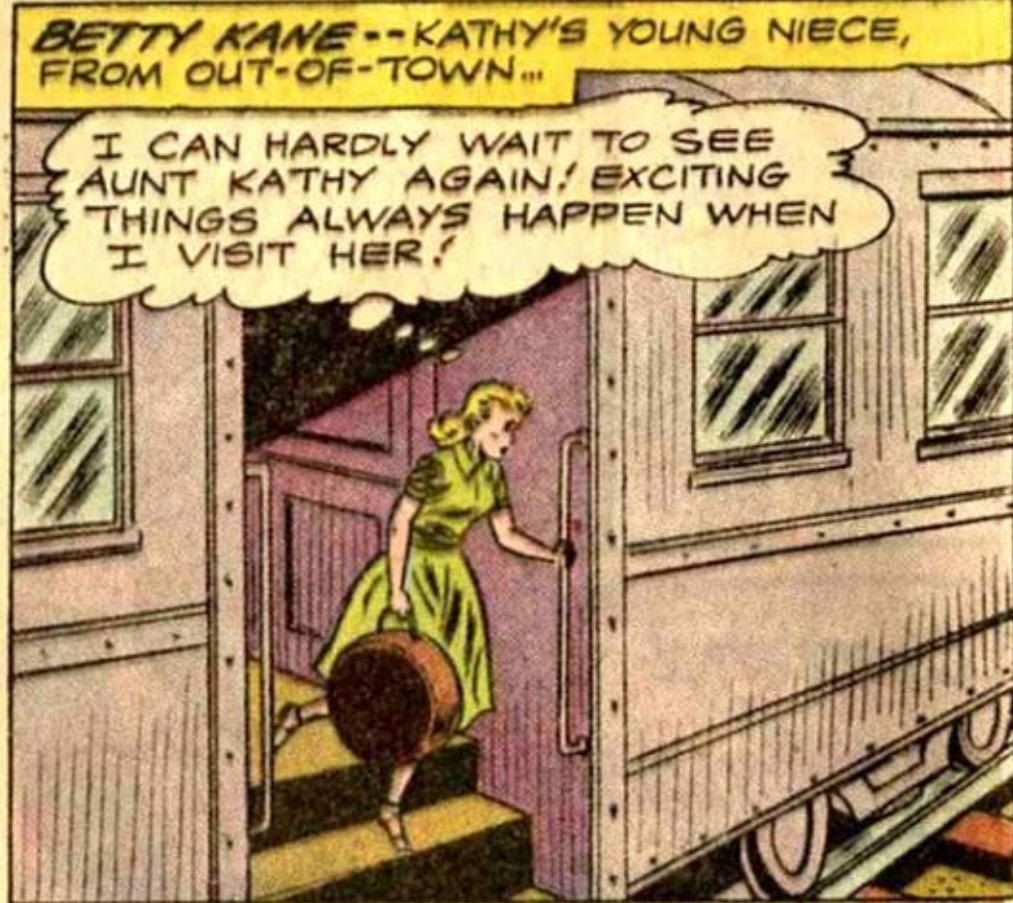
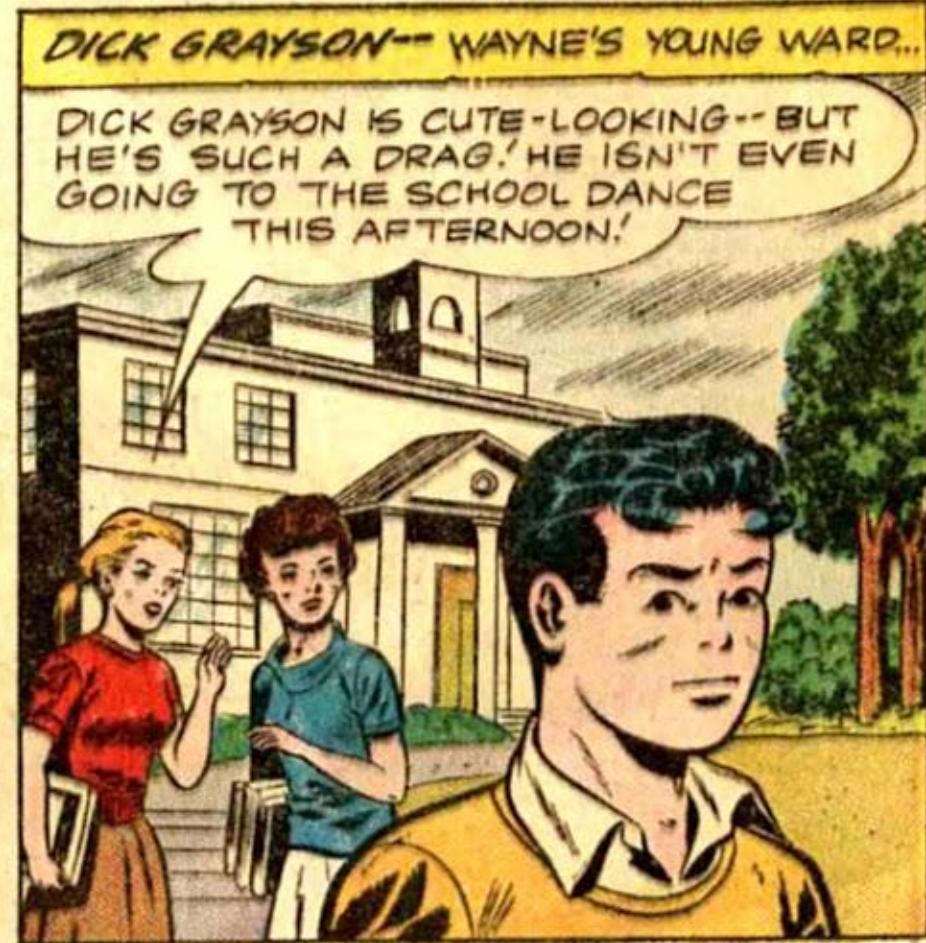
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IN GOTHAM CITY, A DEADLY DRAMA IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE-- AND UNKNOWINGLY, FOUR APPARENTLY ORDINARY PEOPLE WILL BE THRUST INTO THE LEADING ROLES...



FOUR NOT-SO-ORDINARY PEOPLE--BUT THERE IS YET ANOTHER, WHOM FATE HAS SELECTED TO CATAPOULT THEM INTO FANTASTIC ADVENTURE!



SHORTLY, AS A U.S. MAIL HELICOPTER IS ON ITS WAY TOWARD A MAIL STATION...

GREAT GUNS! SOME KIND OF ALIEN BEING! I'D BETTER SEE WHERE HE'S HEADING-- AND RADIO THE POLICE IN CASE HE INTENDS TO MAKE TROUBLE!



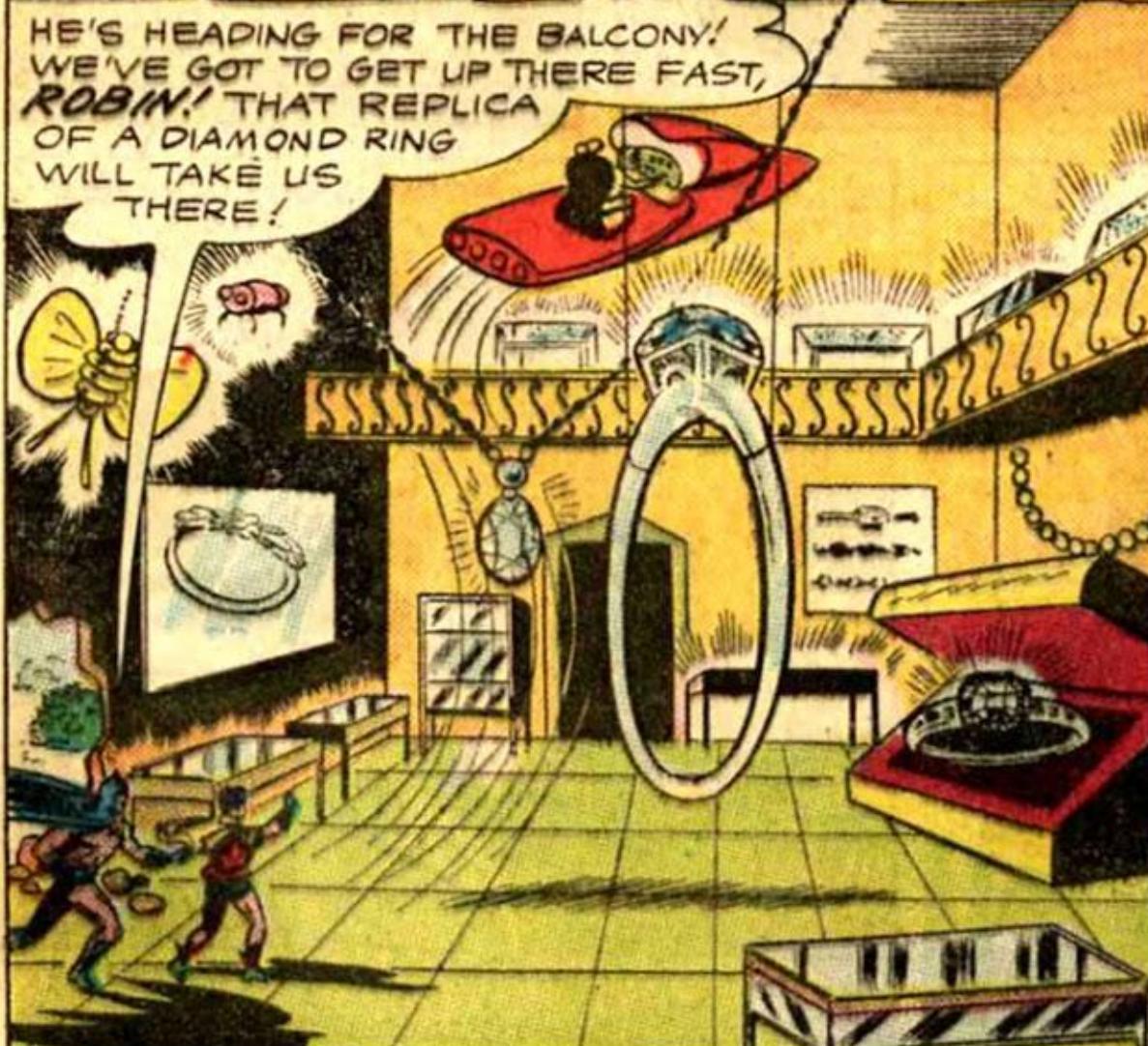
AS THE ALIEN NEARS THE ROAD...



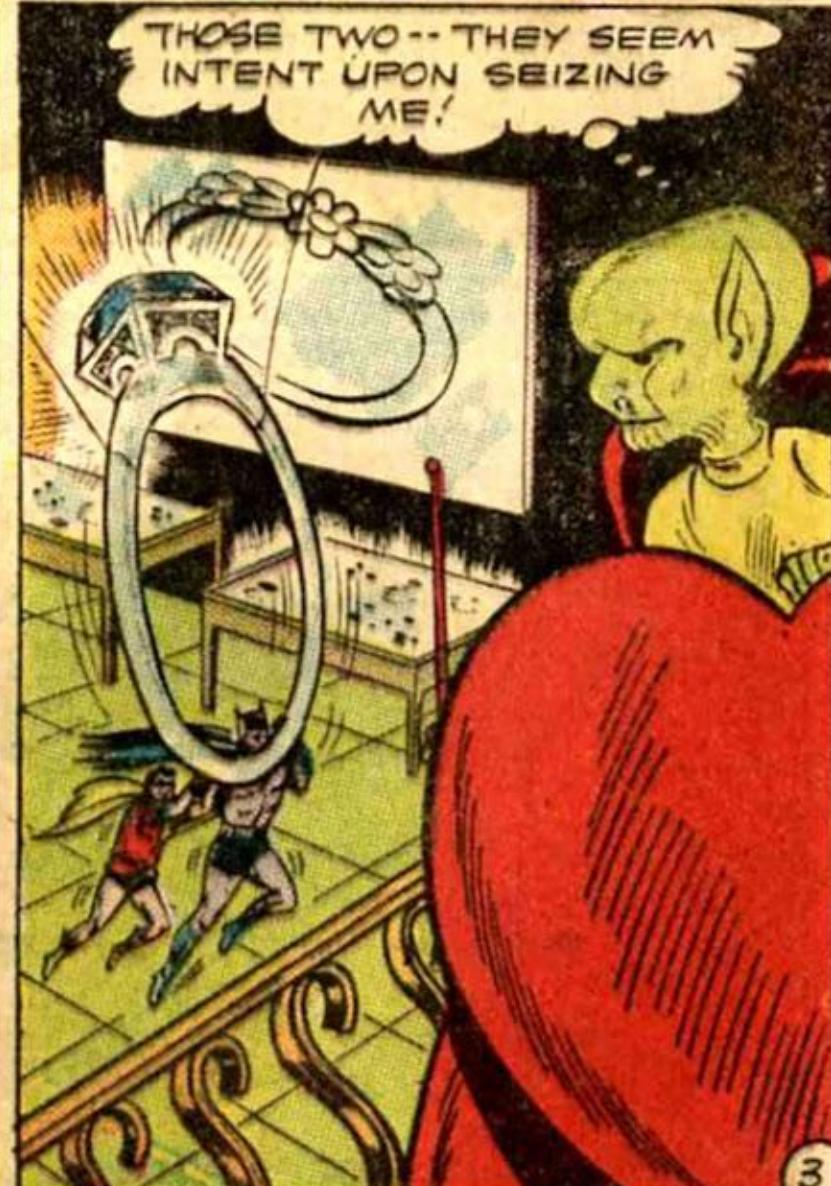
MOMENTS LATER, THE BATMOBILE DRAWS NEAR...



AS THE ALIEN'S SLED ZOOMS INTO THE BUILDING, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE CLOSE BEHIND...



THOSE TWO-- THEY SEEM INTENT UPON SEIZING ME!

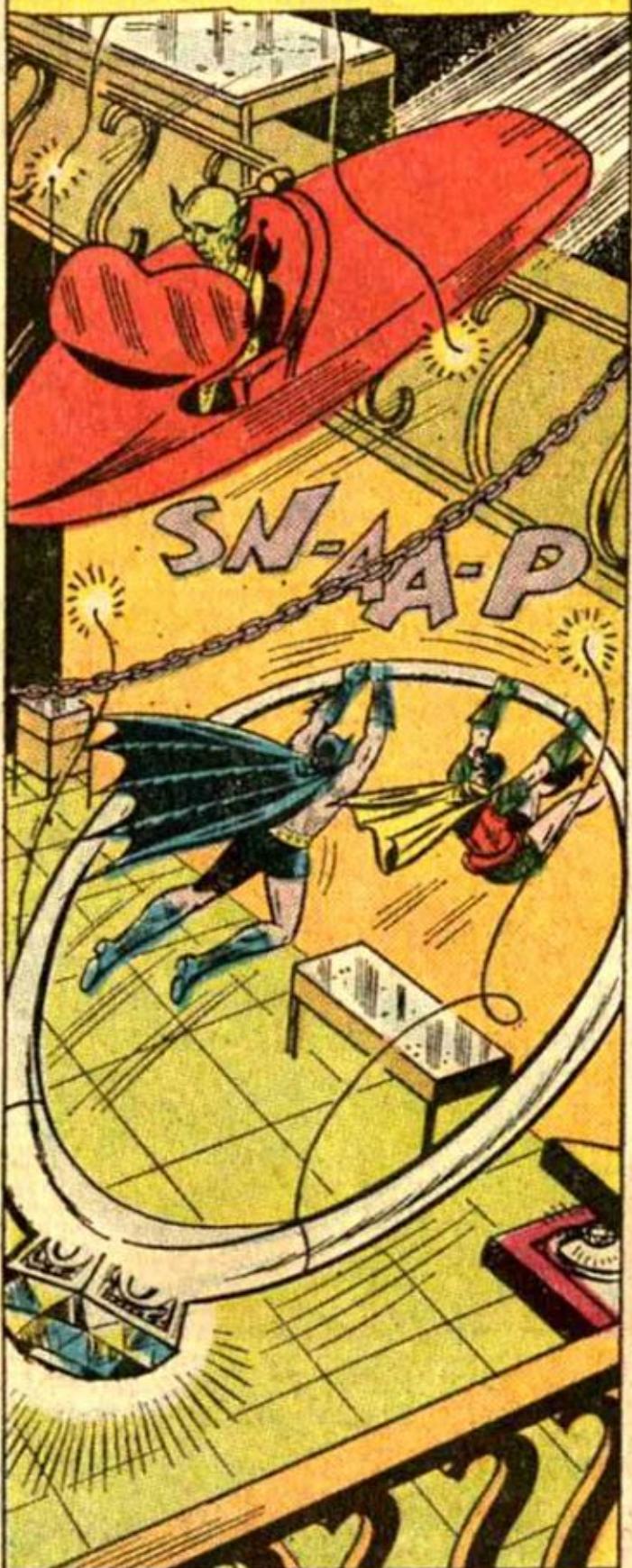




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SWIFTLY, KARN DRIVES HIS SLED FORWARD AT AMAZING SPEED, SNAPPING THE WIRES...

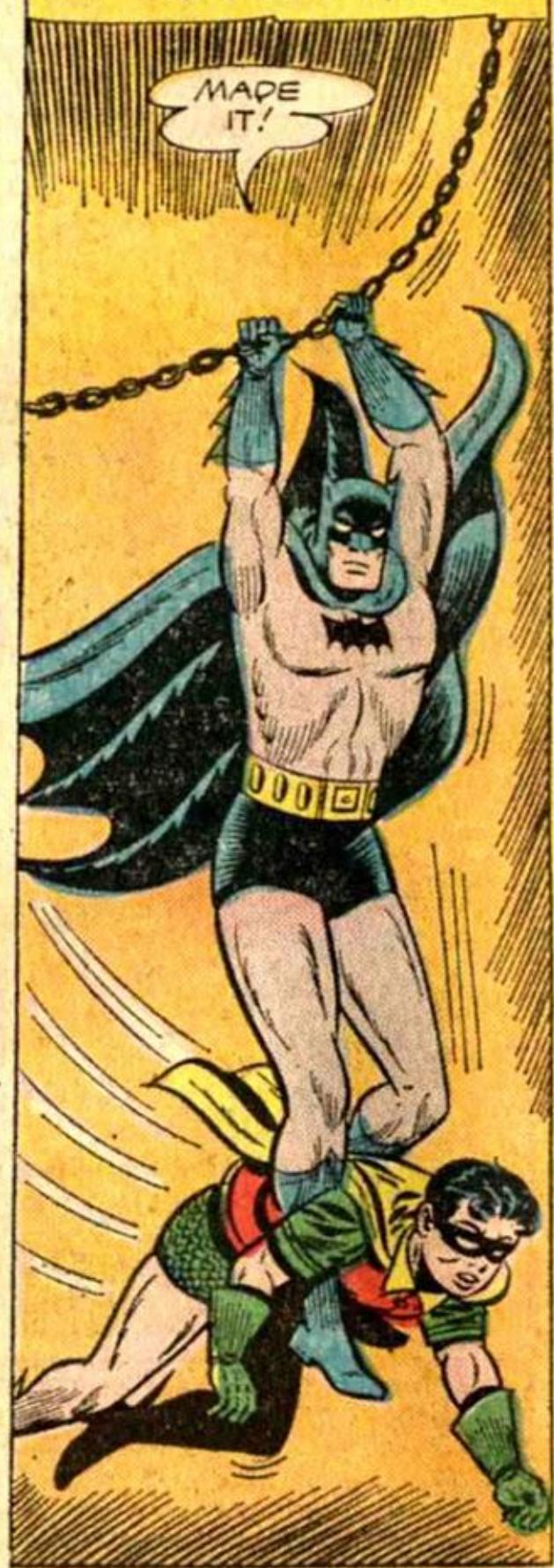


INSTANTLY, BATMAN GAUGES THE DANGER--AND TRAINED REFLEXES ACT WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF THOUGHT!

ONLY CHANCE--THAT MODEL OF A PENDANT!

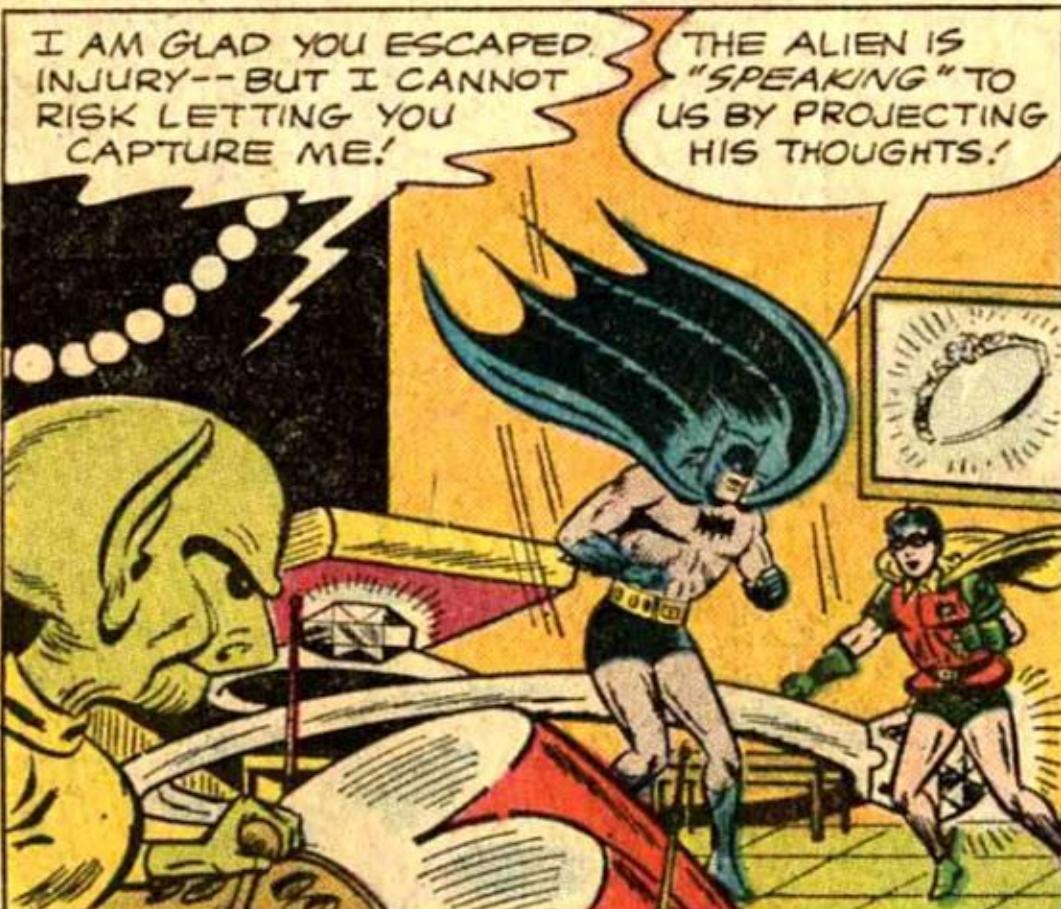


VISELIKE, BATMAN'S HANDS GRIP THEIR TARGET, AND...



I AM GLAD YOU ESCAPED INJURY--BUT I CANNOT RISK LETTING YOU CAPTURE ME!

THE ALIEN IS "SPEAKING" TO US BY PROJECTING HIS THOUGHTS!

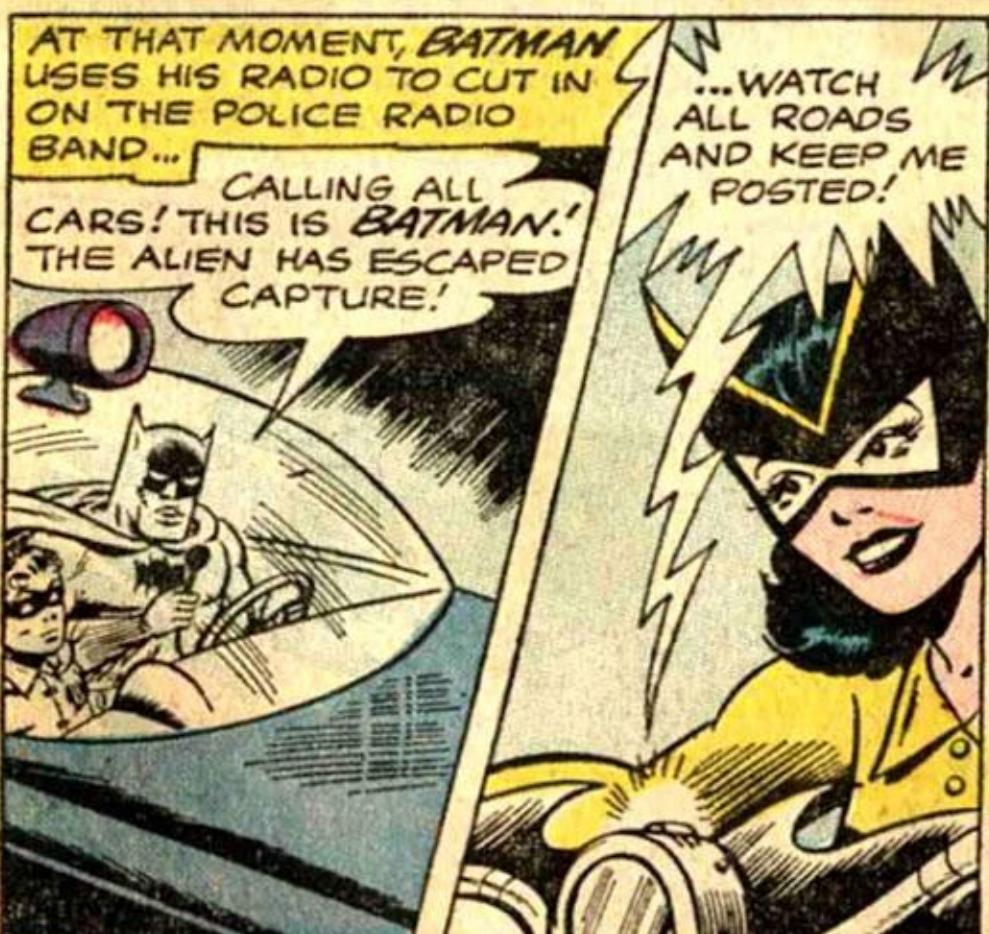
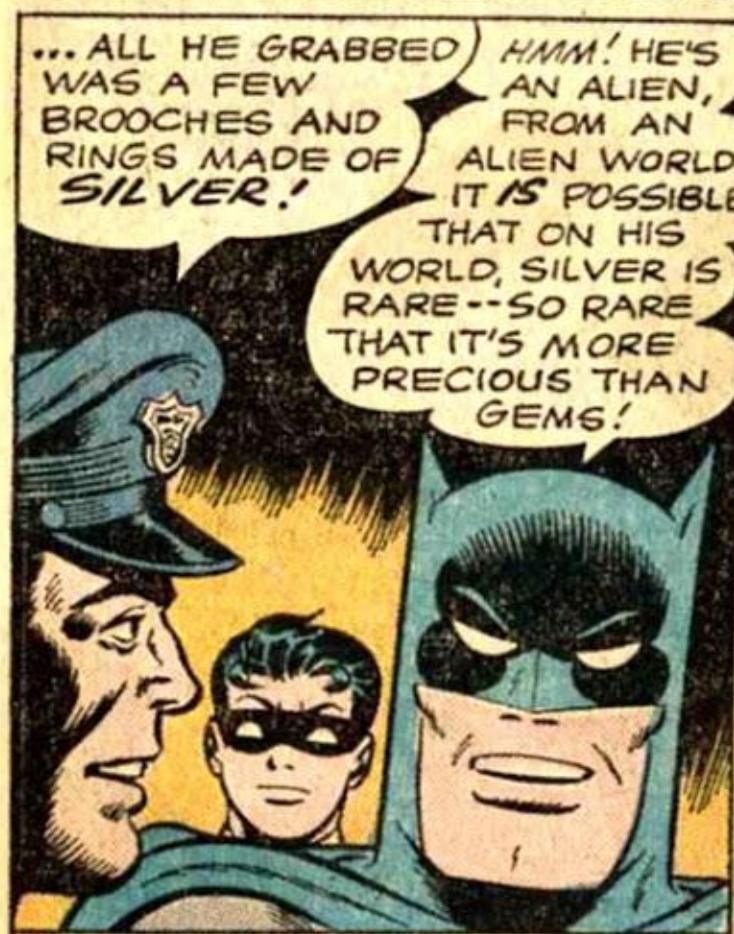
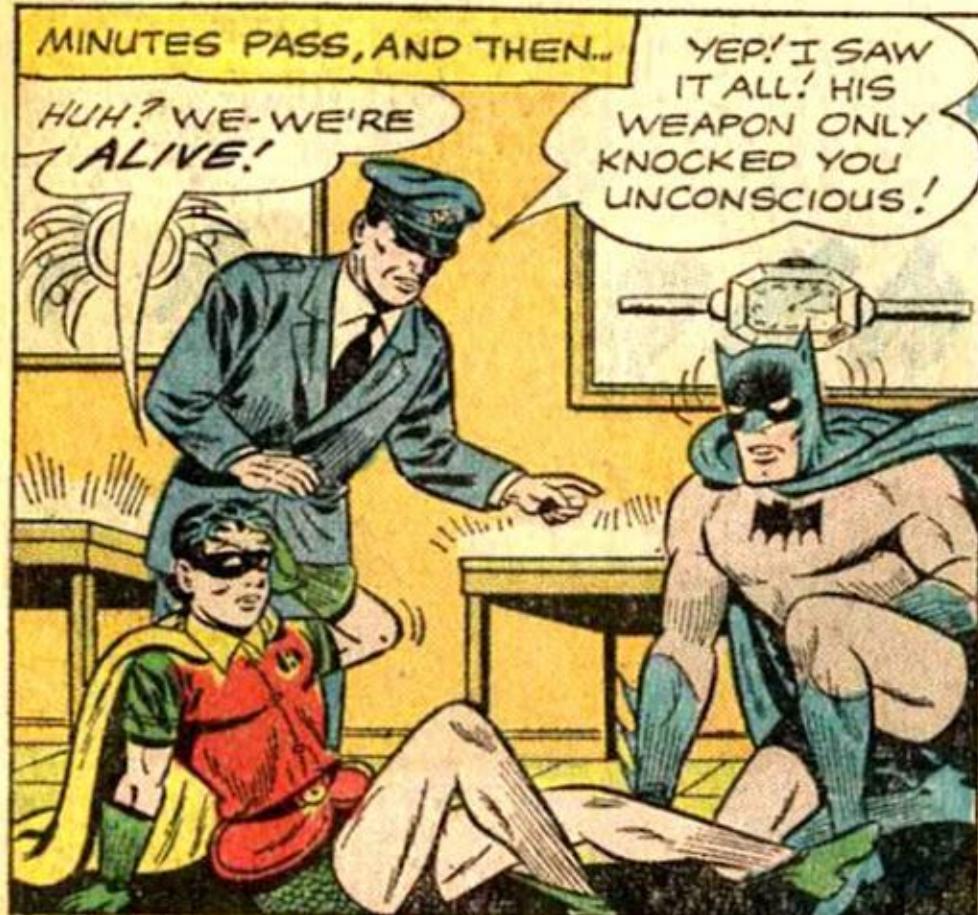


I MUST STOP YOU FROM INTERFERING WITH MY MISSION!

THE WEAPON THAT DISINTEGRATED THE WALL --FIRING AT US! UHH--UHH!



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SHORTLY, AFTER THE TWO TEAMS OF CRIME-FIGHTERS JOIN FORCES...

SIMMONS LANE LEADS TO THE BIG ACE FILM COMPANY PLANT! THEY USE A LOT OF SILVER THERE!

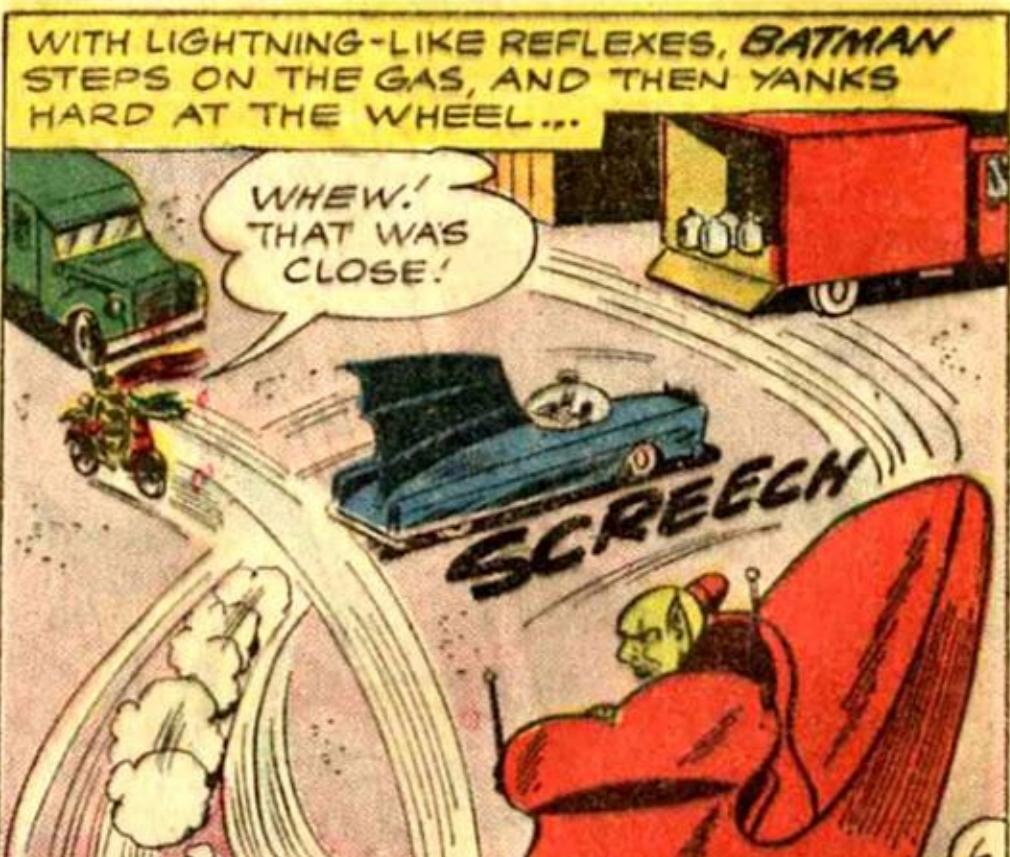
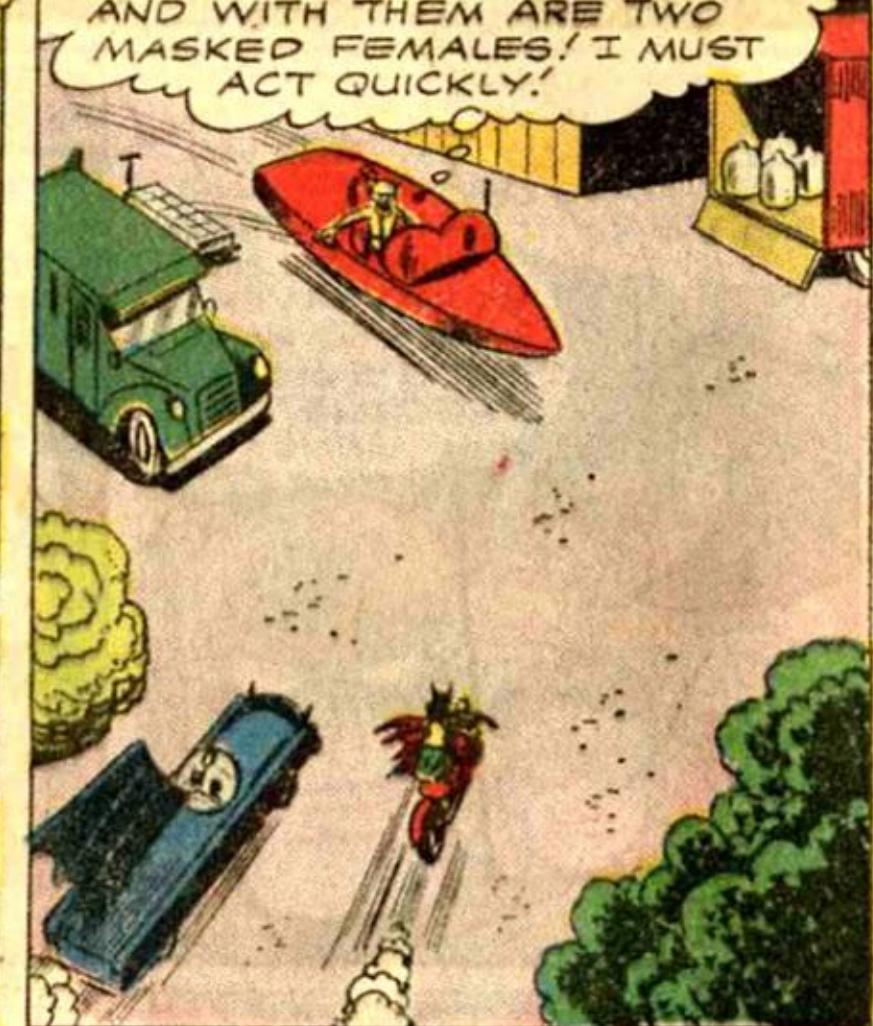
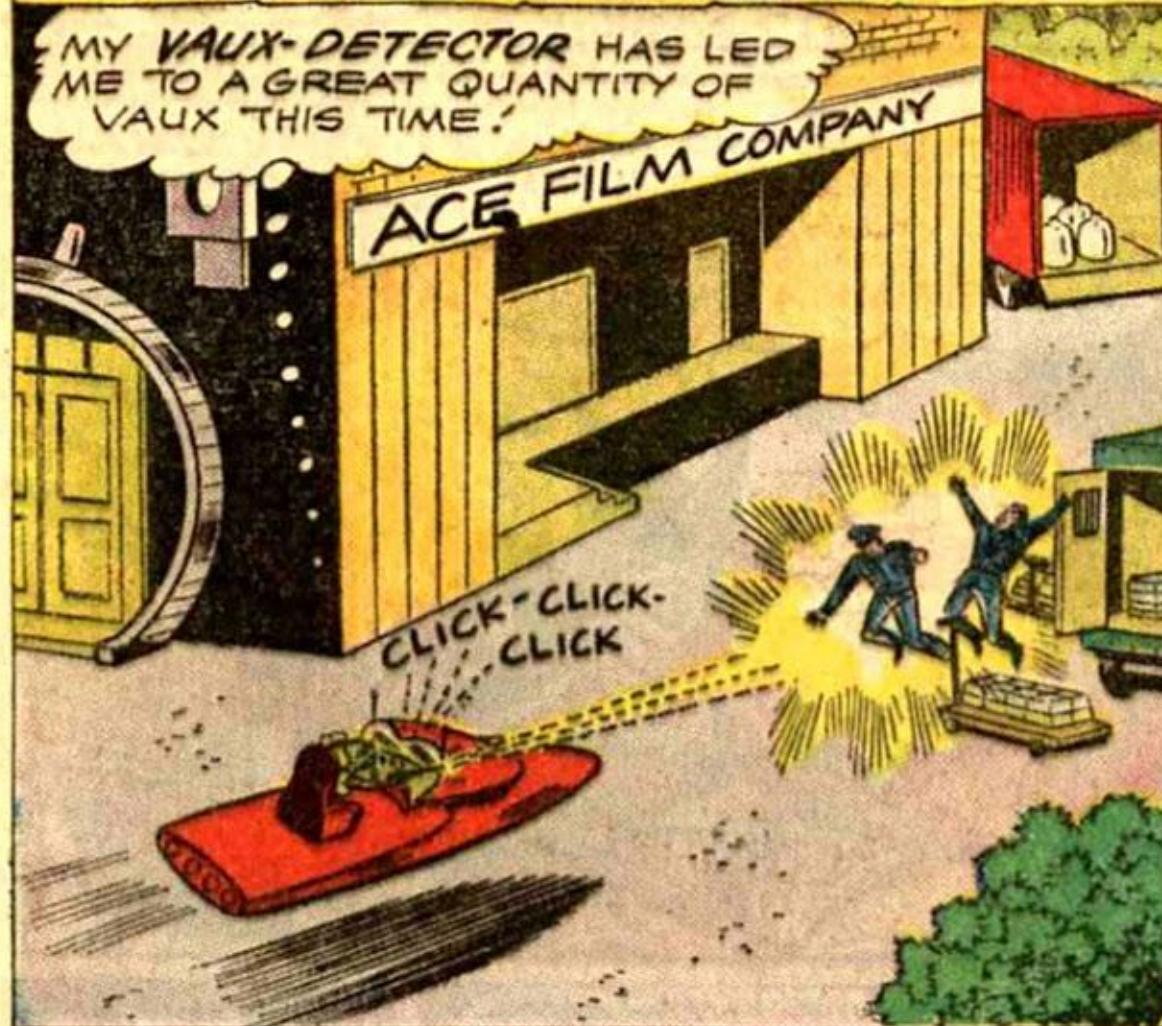
RIGHT! THAT COMPANY MANUFACTURES TONS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM -- AND FILM EMULSION CONTAINS SILVER CHLORIDE OR SILVER BROMIDE!



AS GUARDS ARE ABOUT TO WHEEL INGOTS OF SILVER INTO THE FILM COMPANY'S NOVEL BUILDING...

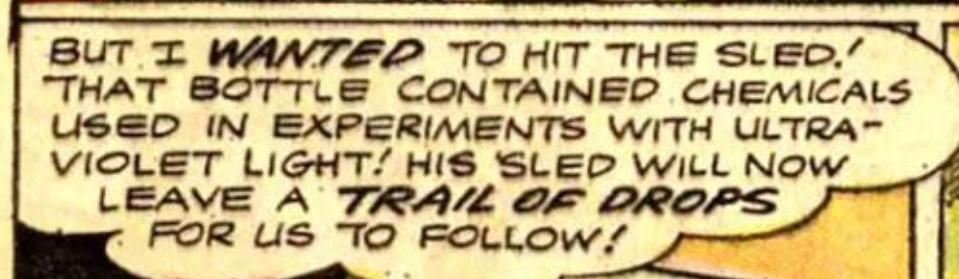
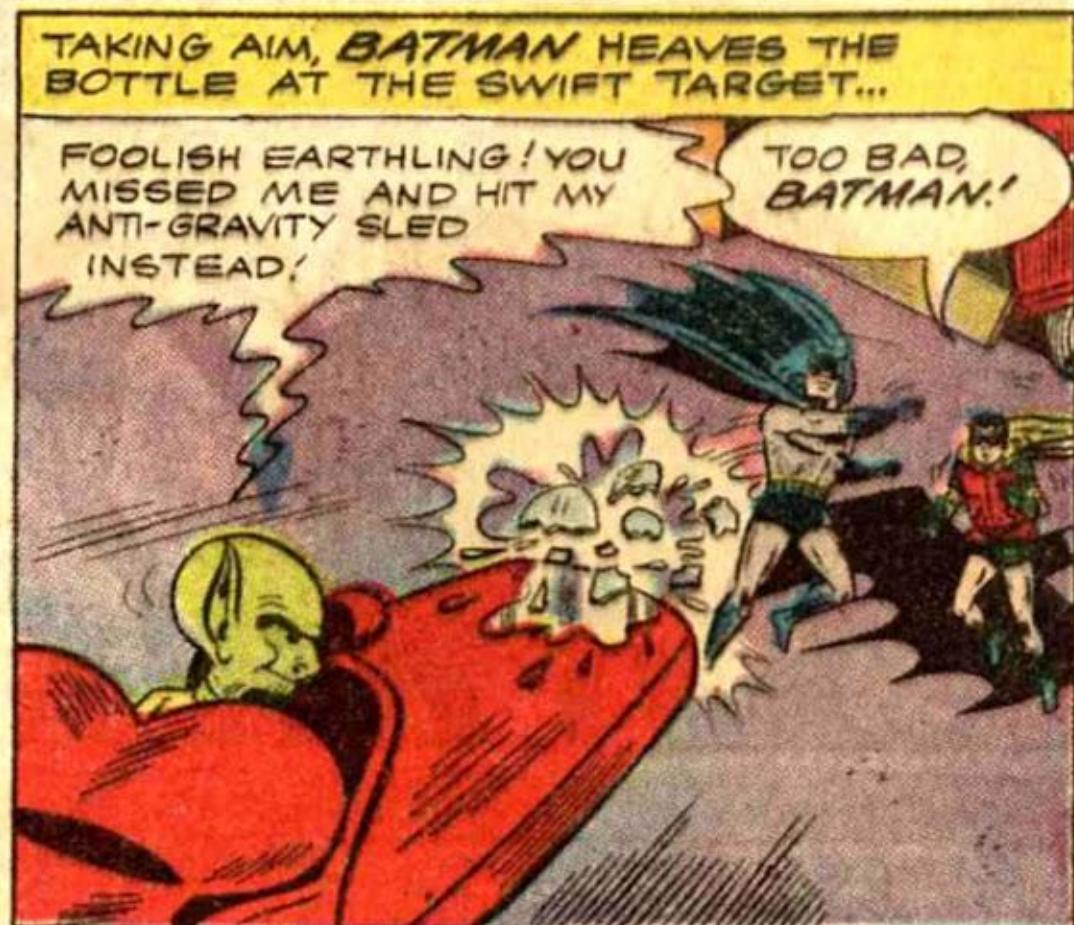
MY VAUX-DETECTOR HAS LED ME TO A GREAT QUANTITY OF VAUX THIS TIME!

THE ONES WHO CALLED EACH OTHER BATMAN AND ROBIN! AND WITH THEM ARE TWO MASKED FEMALES! I MUST ACT QUICKLY!

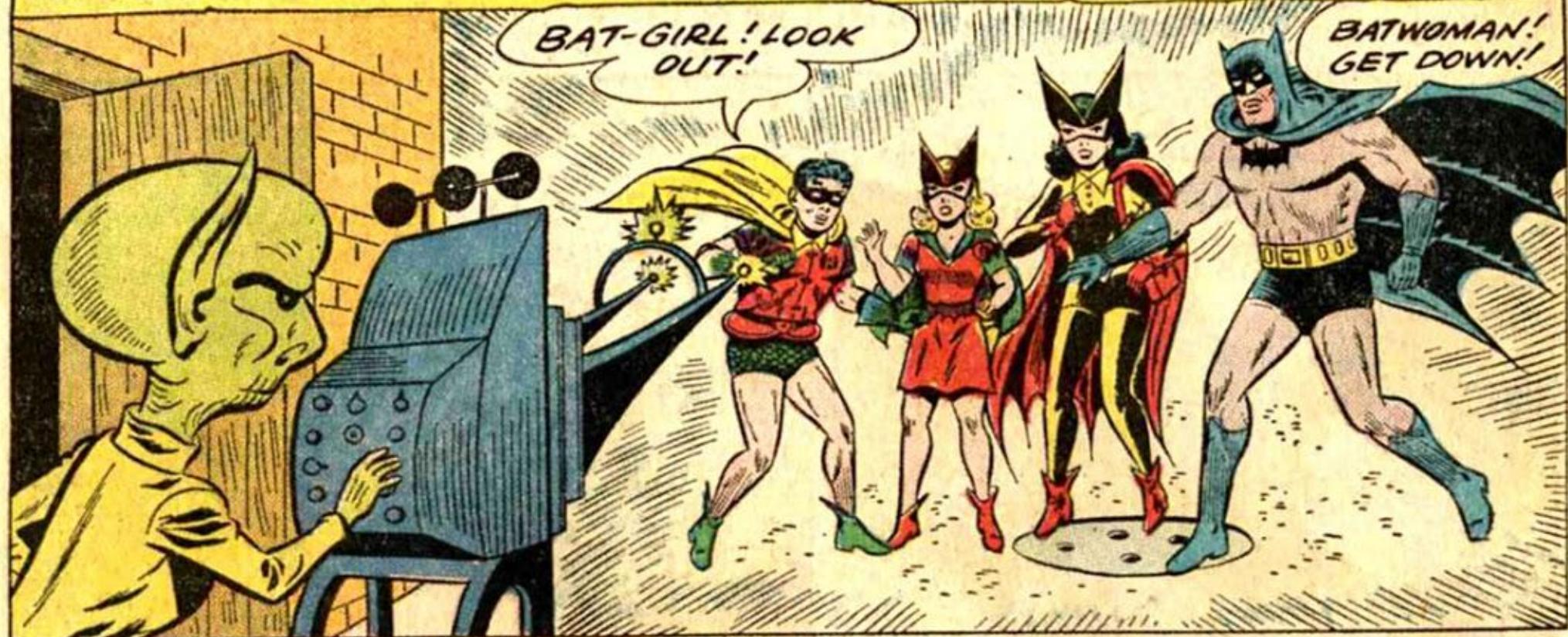




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FEARING FOR BATWOMAN AND BAT-GIRL, BATMAN AND ROBIN LEAP FORWARD, HOPING TO SHIELD THEM FROM THE MACHINE'S SWEEPING RADIANCE!



SIMULTANEOUSLY, TWO AMAZING EVENTS OCCUR!

BAT-GIRL AND ROBIN--
DISINTEGRATING INTO
NOTHINGNESS! WE'LL PROBABLY
GO NEXT! MY BODY IS TINGLING--
GROWING WEAK!

ME, TOO! I FEEL AS IF EVERY
ATOM IN ME IS STRETCHING--
BREAKING FREE OF MY
BODY!

HAS IT HAPPENED AT LAST? HAS DEATH
COME TO THESE BRAVE CHAMPIONS OF
JUSTICE?

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of
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and **ROBIN**
IN THESE
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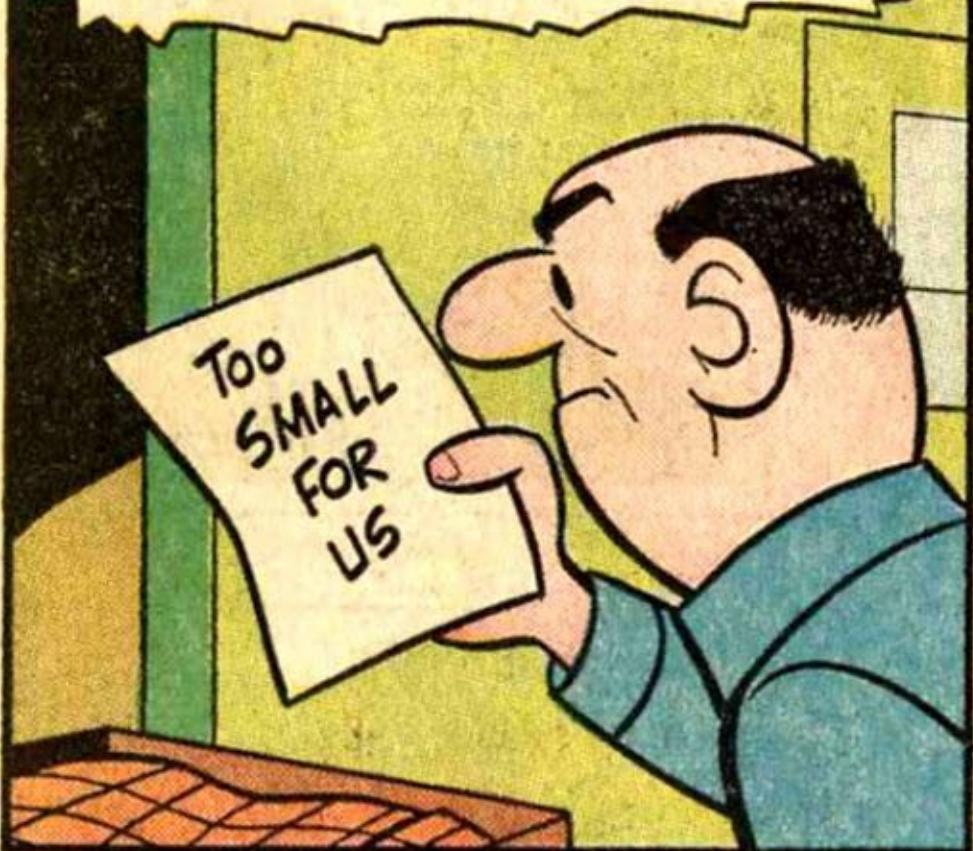
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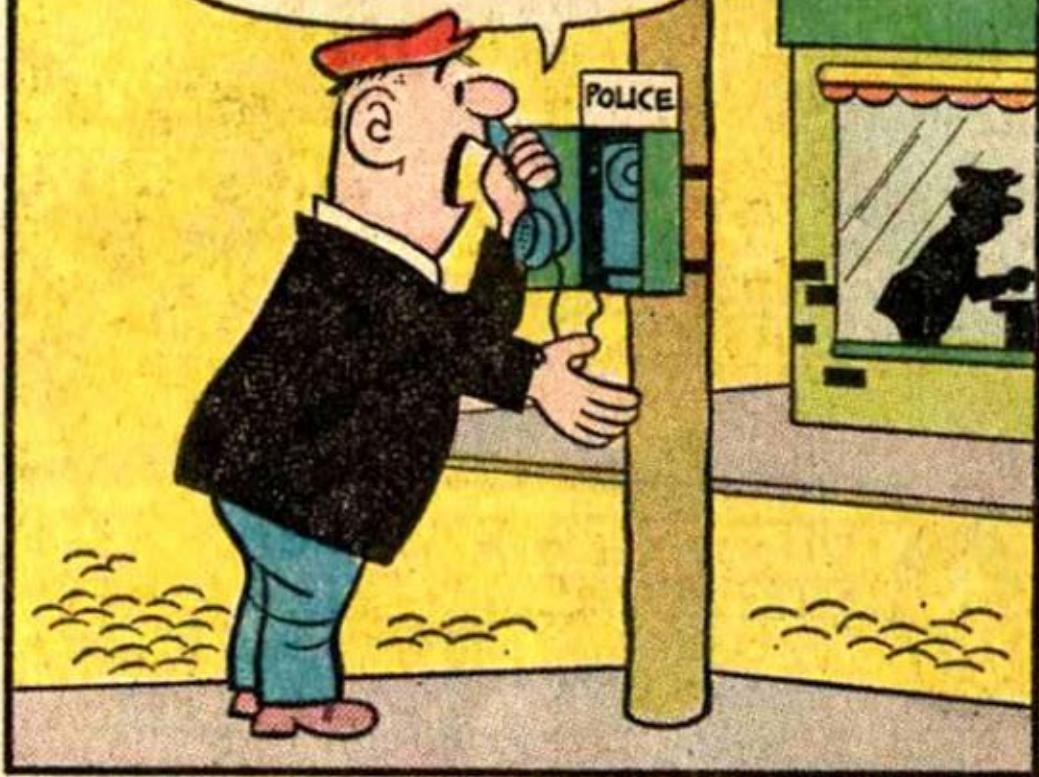
TRUE CRIME LAFFS

IN NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., A STOLEN SPORT JACKET AND TWO PAIRS OF SLACKS WERE RETURNED WITH A NOTE WHICH READ....



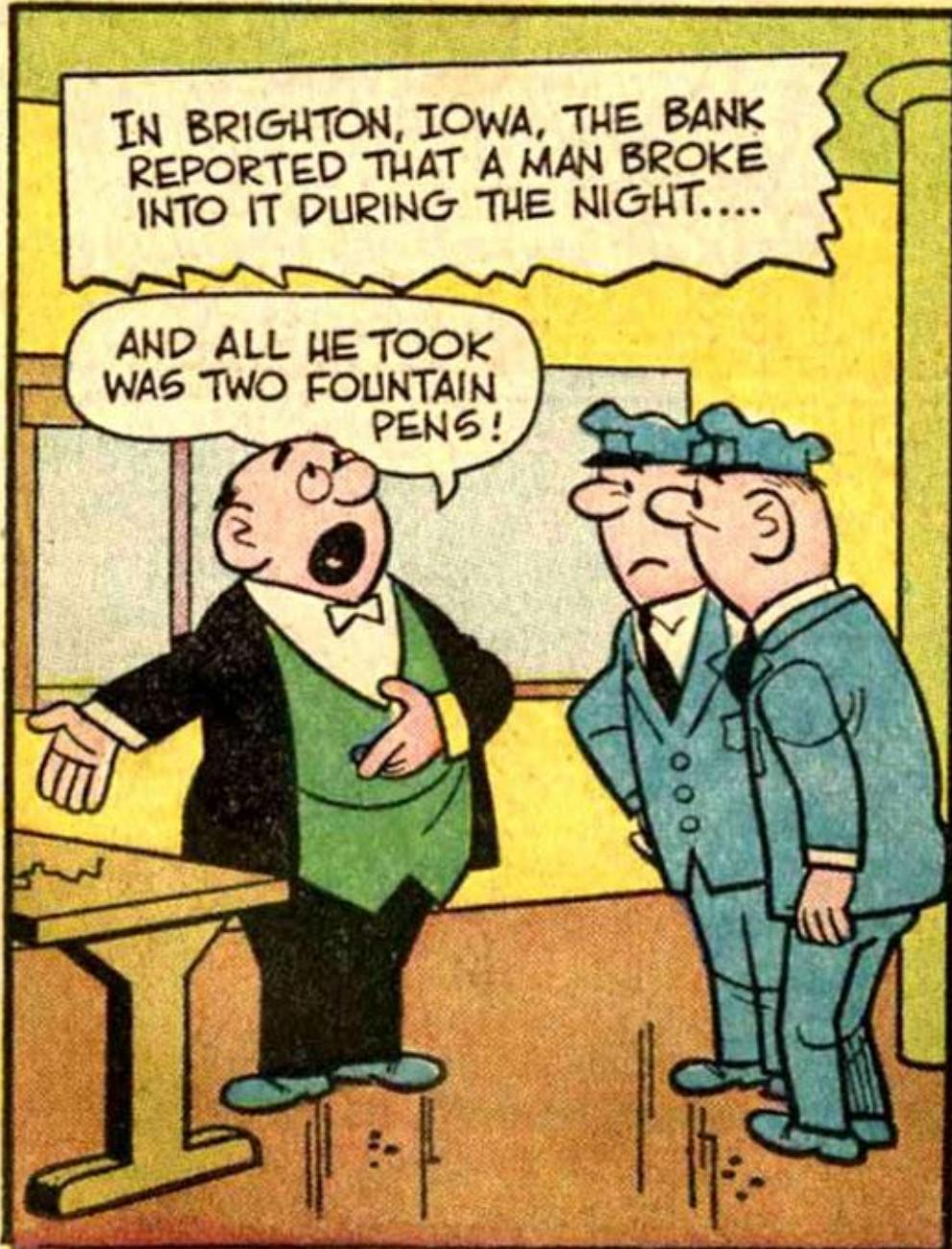
IN LOS ANGELES, A MAN WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT ROBBING THE SAME CAFE FOUR TIMES BEFORE, CALLED THE POLICE....

THERE'S A BURGLAR HERE. HURRY OUT AND ARREST HIM, OR I KNOW WHO YOU'LL PICK UP TOMORROW!



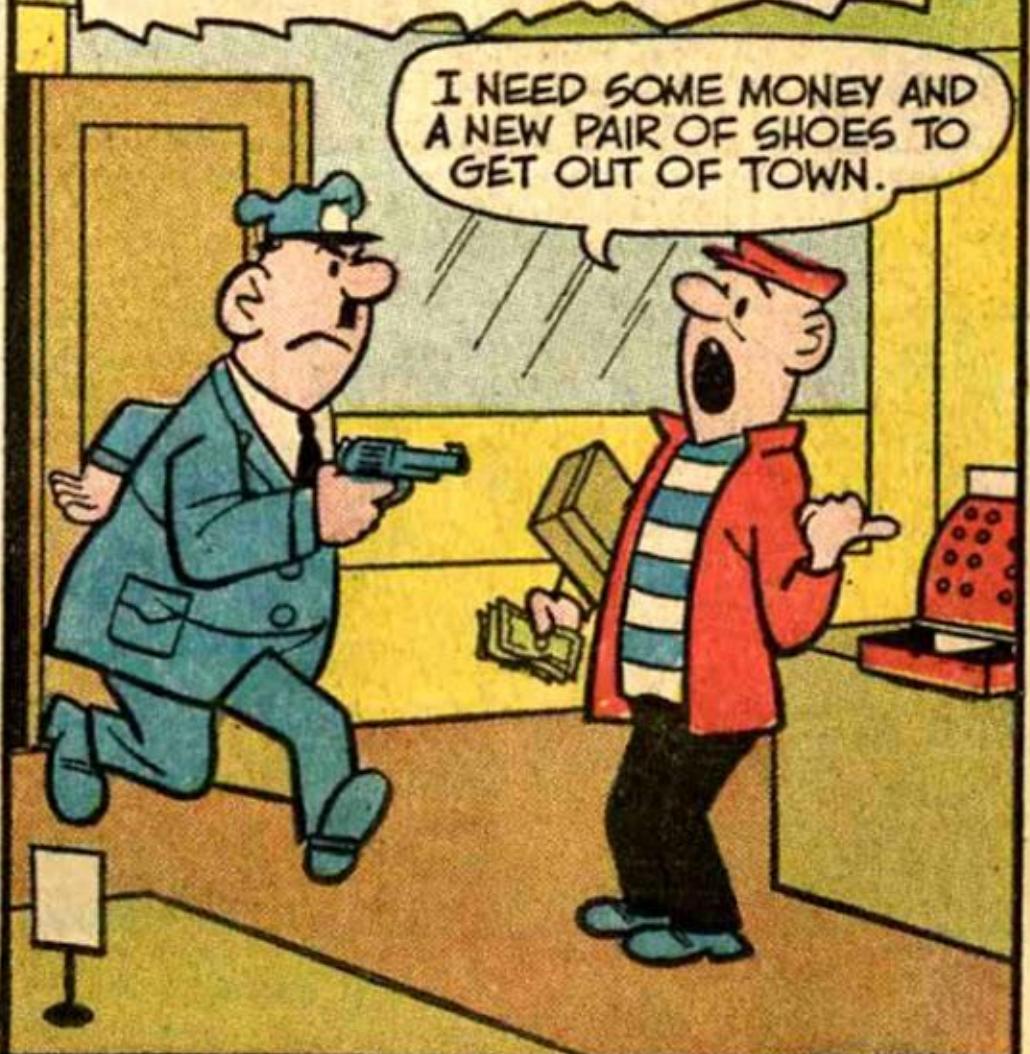
IN BRIGHTON, IOWA, THE BANK REPORTED THAT A MAN BROKE INTO IT DURING THE NIGHT....

AND ALL HE TOOK WAS TWO FOUNTAIN PENS!



IN ROCHESTER, ORDERED OUT OF TOWN AFTER AN ATTEMPTED MURGLARY, A MAN WAS PICKED UP LATER, REPEATING THE SAME CRIME. HE EXPLAINED....

I NEED SOME MONEY AND A NEW PAIR OF SHOES TO GET OUT OF TOWN.



HEALTH MYTHS DEBUNKED!

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT NAIL YOU STEPPED ON WAS A NEW ONE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE A DOCTOR, DICK--ONLY A **RUSTY** NAIL IS DANGEROUS!

WRONG, YOUNG MAN! LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT! **ANY** PUNCTURE WOUND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF!

AS LONG AS THE THING THAT CAUSED THE WOUND TOUCHED DIRT, IT COULD CARRY DANGEROUS INVISIBLE GERMS, LIKE TETANUS--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A **RUSTY** OBJECT! THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MYTHS ABOUT HEALTH THAT SHOULD BE EXPOSED!



"MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A GOOD WAY TO TREAT FROSTBITE IS TO RUB THE FROZEN PART WITH SNOW..."



"**FALSE!** GRADUAL WARMING IS NEEDED--BUT RUBBING WITH SNOW OR ANYTHING ELSE WOULD ONLY DAMAGE **MORE** TISSUE!"

"OR THAT A PIECE OF RAW MEAT SHOULD BE USED TO TREAT A BLACK EYE..."



"**FALSE!** A COLD COMPRESS MAY MAKE IT FEEL BETTER AND CAN HELP REDUCE SWELLING AT FIRST, BUT A PIECE OF MEAT WON'T AFFECT SWELLING OR DISCOLORATION!"

"OR THAT CUTTING OR SHAVING A PERSON'S HAIR MORE OFTEN MAKES IT GROW FASTER..."



"**FALSE!** THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HAIR IS DETERMINED BY THE HAIR ROOTS OR FOLLICLES **BENEATH** THE SKIN, BY HEREDITY AND GENERAL HEALTH!"

GOSH, DOC, I'LL BET I'M DOING THE WRONG THING TRYING TO CURE A COLD WITH A HARD WORK-OUT AND THEN A HOT BATH!



YES, DICK, REST IS USUALLY MORE USEFUL THAN EXERCISE TO HELP THE BODY FIGHT A COLD--EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER AFTER "SWEATING" IT OUT. IT **COULD** MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE!

DON'T RELY ON UNSCIENTIFIC MYTHS! LEARN THE RIGHT HABITS--AND STAY HEALTHY!





BATMAN



BAT-MAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THAT'S IT, BATWOMAN--
CONCENTRATE! WE MUST
FOCUS OUR ENERGY-FORCE
AT THAT WINGED MONSTER,
IN ORDER TO SAVE THE
LIVES OF THE BIRD-
PEOPLE!

Chapter 2

AS BAT-GIRL AND ROBIN FADE INTO NOTHINGNESS, THEIR FATE REMAINS UNKNOWN--
BUT WHAT OF BATMAN AND BATWOMAN? THEY HAVE BECOME VICTIMS OF A
FREAK ACCIDENT--FOR THEY HAVE HURTLED INTO SPACE, YET REMAIN
ON EARTH AT THE SAME TIME! INCREDIBLE, BUT TRUE--AS YOU WILL SEE
WHEN BATMAN AND BATWOMAN ARE MENACED BY...

DEATH FROM BEYOND

BEFORE THEIR HORRIFIED EYES, BATMAN AND BATWOMAN SEE ROBIN AND BAT-GIRL FADE INTO NOTHINGNESS! THEN...



AT THAT MOMENT, THE MYSTIFIED ALIEN TURNS OFF HIS MACHINE...



TRYING AGAIN, KARN TURNS ON THE POWER OF HIS DIMENSION-TELEPORTER, BUT...



IN THEIR STRANGELY WEAKENED CONDITION, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ARE UNABLE TO RESIST KARN...





BATMAN



AT THAT MOMENT, SOMEWHERE ON A LAND BEYOND EARTH'S SPACE AND TIME...



GREAT SCOTT! WE'VE BECOME **PURE ENERGY!** IN SOME FREAKISH WAY, THE ALIEN'S MACHINE FREED THE **ENERGY-FORCE** FROM OUR BODIES--AND TRANSMITTED US HERE! EACH OF US HAS SPLIT INTO TWO BEINGS!

TH-THEN THAT MEANS OUR BODIES--OUR FLESH-AND-BLOOD BODIES, ARE BACK ON EARTH!

OH, **BATMAN**--WHAT CAN WE DO? WE'RE STRANDED ON A STRANGE WORLD! HOW CAN WE EVER GET BACK TO MERGE WITH OUR BODIES FAR AWAY ON EARTH?

I-- I DON'T KNOW!



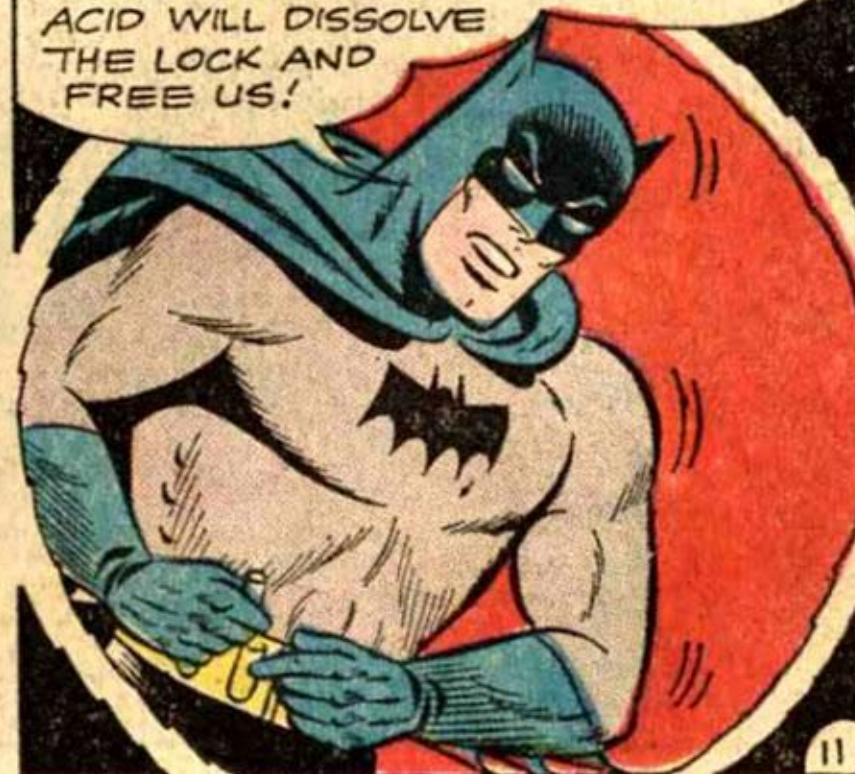
AND ON EARTH...

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE--WARN THE AUTHORITIES...

UH-HH! NO USE! CAN'T BUDGE THE DOOR! ALL MY STRENGTH IS GONE...



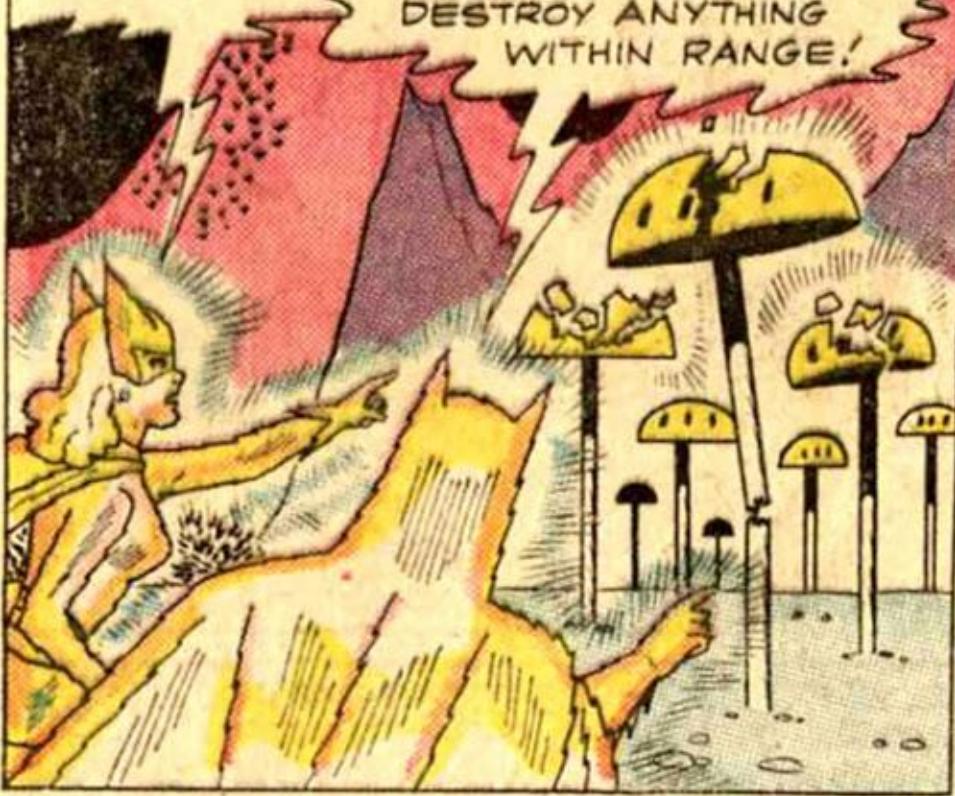
WAIT! THE ALIEN DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MY **UTILITY-BELT**! THIS VIAL OF ACID WILL DISSOLVE THE LOCK AND FREE US!



MEANWHILE, HOPING TO FIND HELP THE ENERGY FORMS OF **BATMAN** AND **BATWOMAN** MOVE TOWARD THE ALIEN CITY, BUT...

BATMAN, THE BUILDINGS ARE SHATTERING!

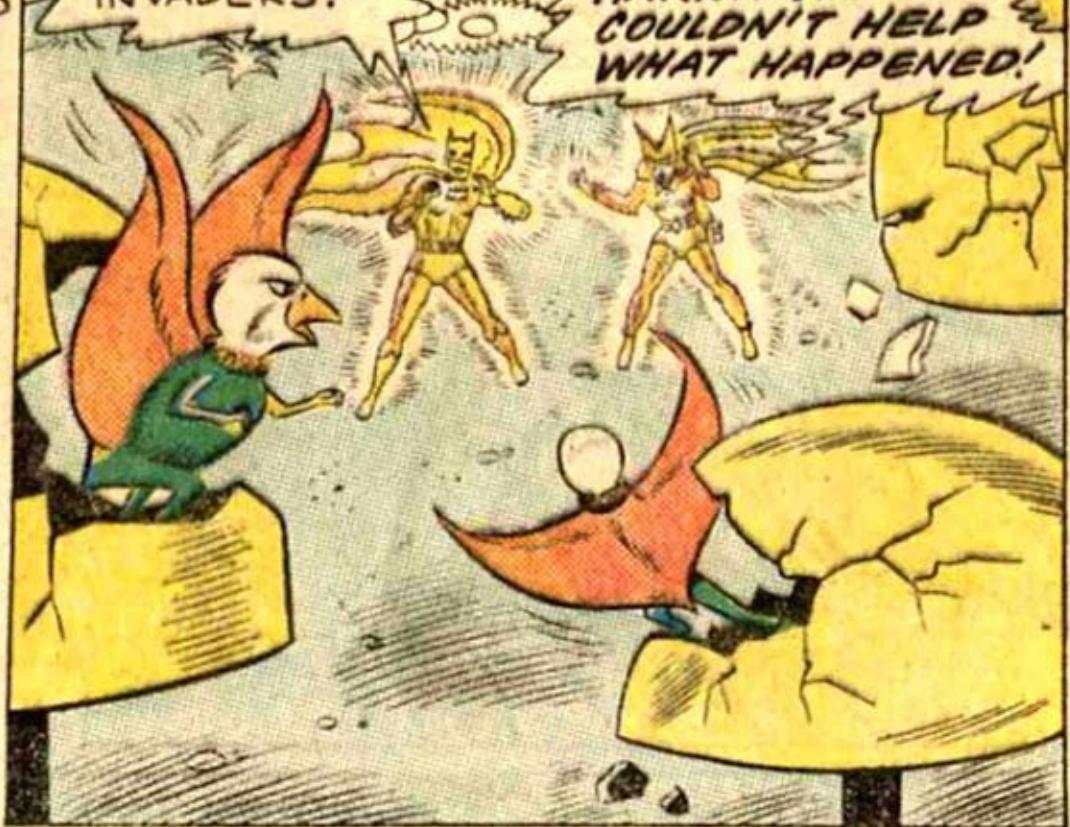
WE'RE THE CAUSE! OUR ENERGY-FORMS ARE EMITTING POWERFUL PULSES OF FORCE THAT DESTROY ANYTHING WITHIN RANGE!



HORRIFIED BY THE CHAOS THEY HAVE UNWITTINGLY CAUSED, THE TWO ENERGY-BEINGS HASTILY RETREAT...

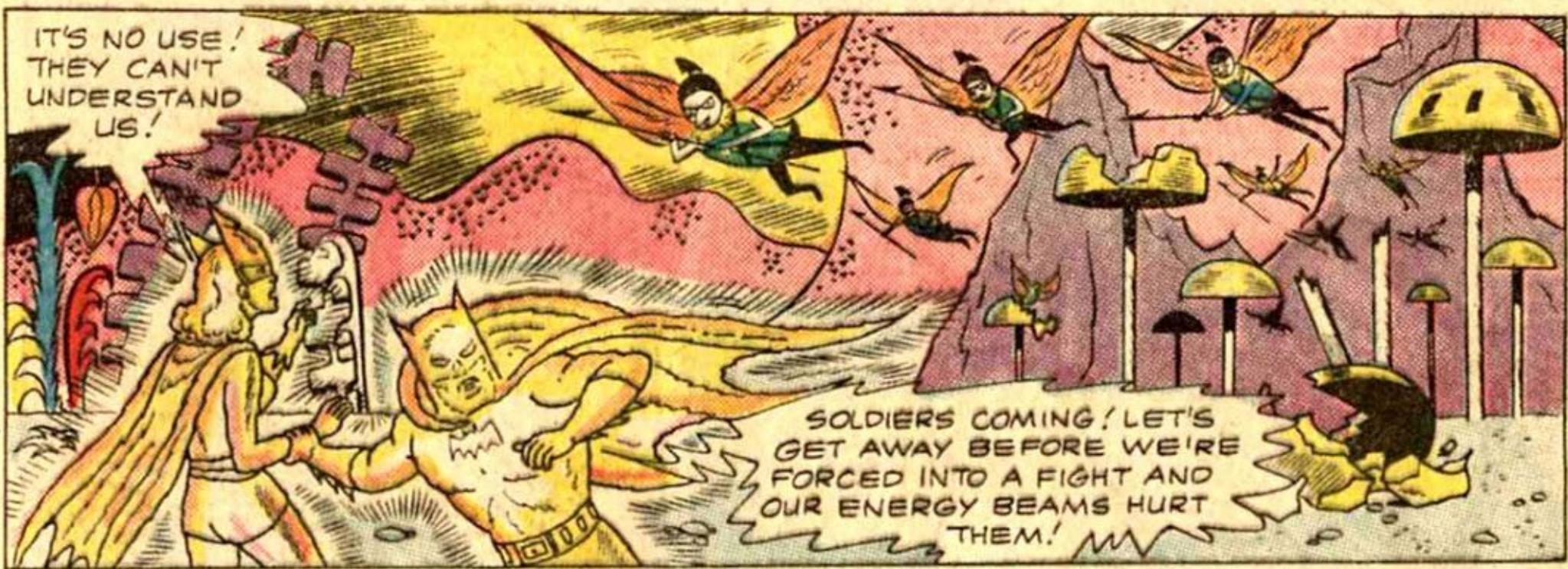
WE'VE GOT THE WINGED PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD! THEY THINK WE'RE INVADERS!

TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND! PLEASE, WE MEAN NO HARM! WE COULDN'T HELP WHAT HAPPENED!



IT'S NO USE! THEY CAN'T UNDERSTAND US!

SOLDIERS COMING! LET'S GET AWAY BEFORE WE'RE FORCED INTO A FIGHT AND OUR ENERGY BEAMS HURT THEM!



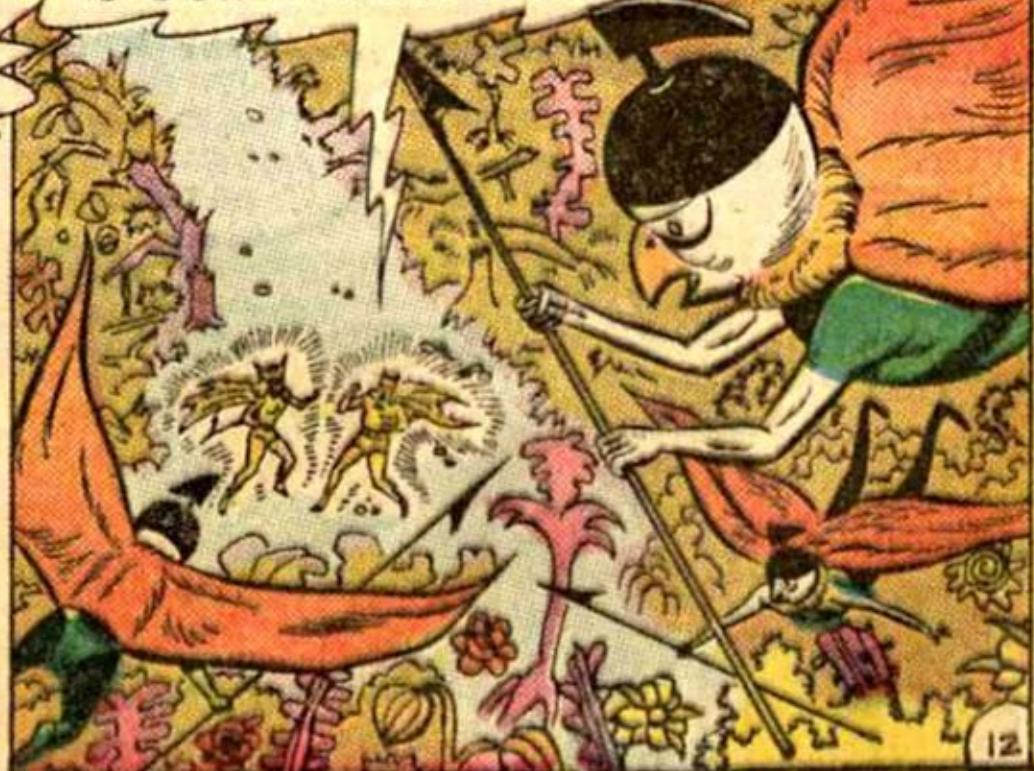
SEEKING REFUGE, **BATMAN** AND **BATWOMAN** PLUNGE INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE NEARBY WOODS, BUT...

GOOD HEAVENS!

OUR PULSES OF FORCE ARE SMASHING DOWN EVERYTHING AROUND US!



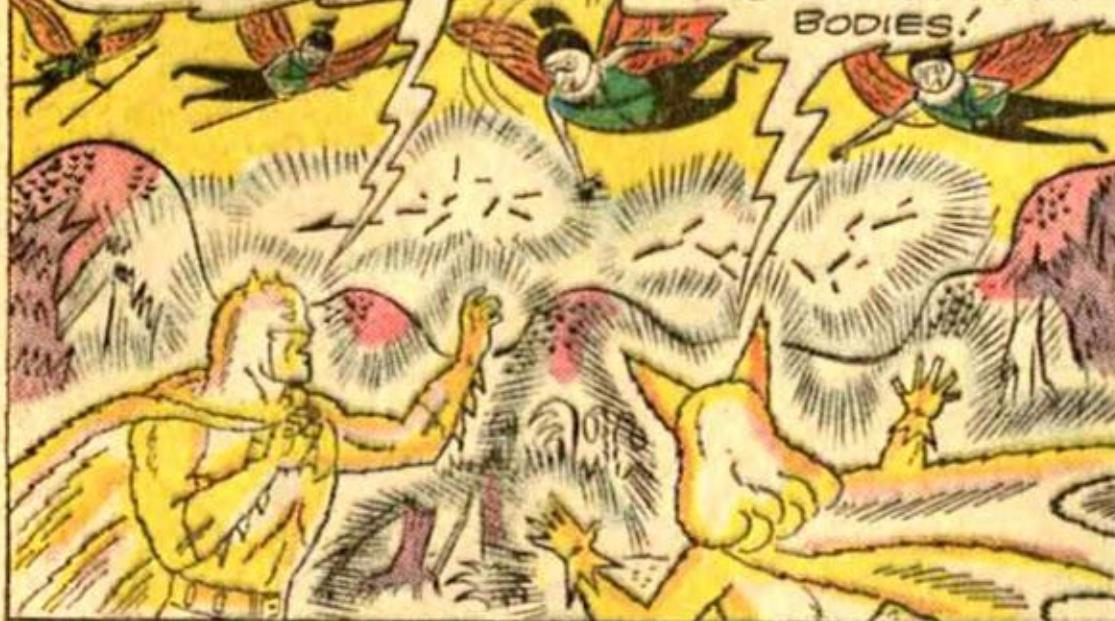
NO USE! WE CAN'T HIDE! INSTEAD, WE'VE ACTUALLY LEFT A TRAIL FOR THEM TO SIGHT FROM ABOVE!



WARIALLY, THE WINGED PEOPLE KEEP BEYOND RANGE OF THE FORCE-PULSES--AND LAUNCH AN AERIAL ATTACK!

WE'RE SAFE ENOUGH! OUR AURAS OF FORCE ARE SHATTERING THEIR SPEARS!

OH, WHY CAN'T THEY UNDERSTAND THAT ALL WE WANT TO DO IS FIND A WAY BACK TO OUR OWN BODIES!



AND ON EARTH...

THE TELEPORTER! PERHAPS ITS POWER CAN PULL OUR ENERGY-SELVES BACK INTO OUR BODIES!

YOU'RE FORGETTING--WHEN THE ALIEN TURNED ITS POWER ON US A SECOND TIME, NOTHING HAPPENED! FIRST, WE MUST FIGURE OUT WHY IT WORKED ONLY ON ROBIN AND BAT-GIRL--AND NOT ON US!



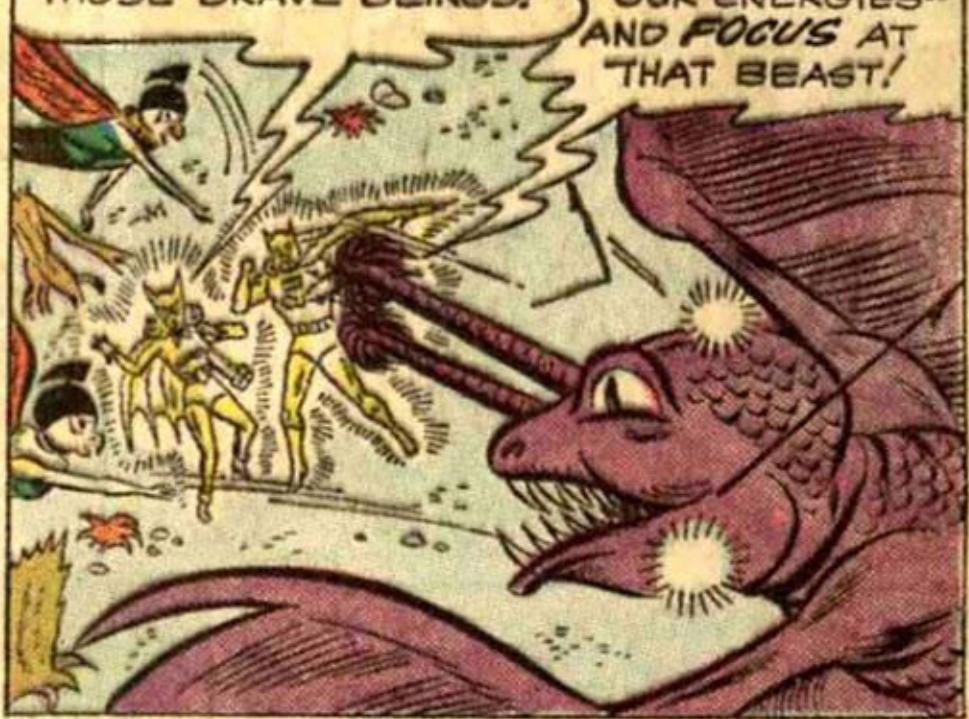
MEANWHILE, IN THE OTHER WORLD--A MONSTROUS SHAPE DARKENS THE SKY!



THEIR SPEARS ONLY BOUNCE OFF THAT BEAST'S HIDE!

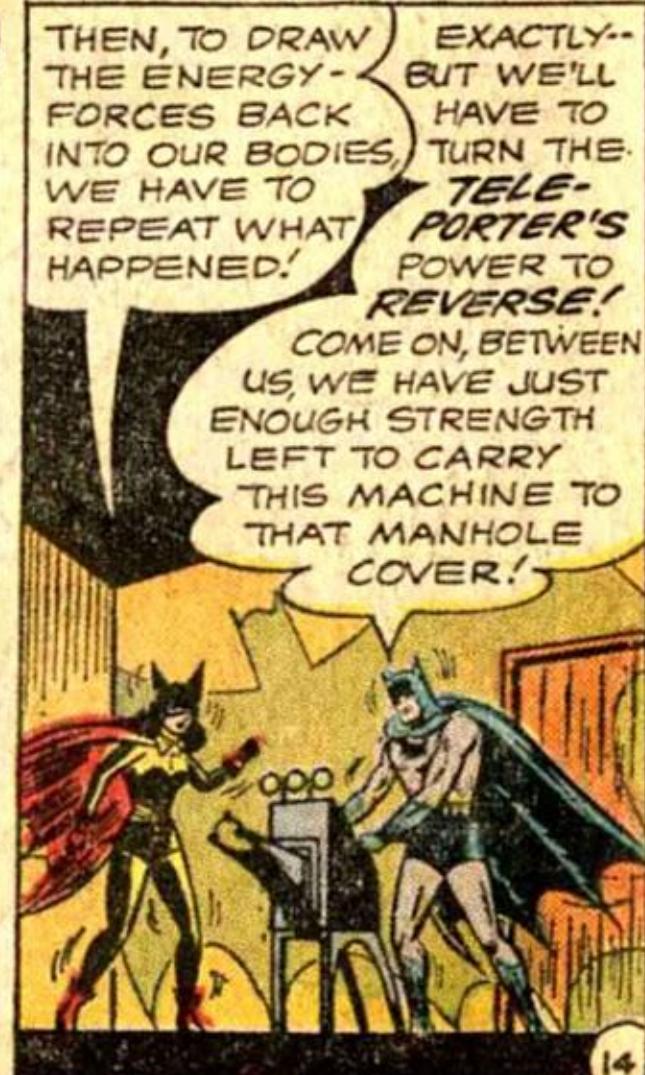
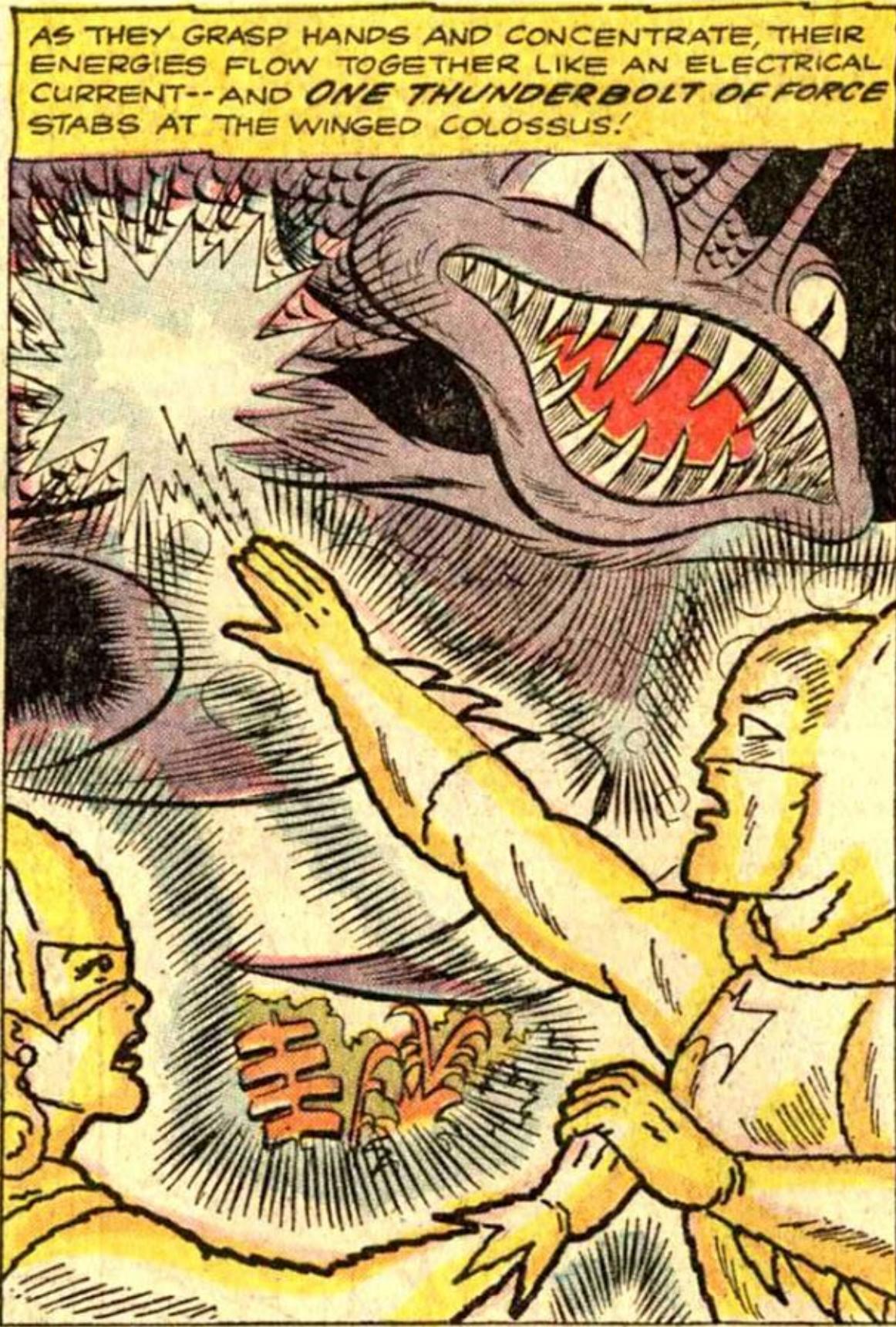
BATMAN, SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT TO HELP THOSE BRAVE BEINGS!

MAYBE IF WE CONCENTRATE OUR THOUGHTS, WE CAN CONTROL OUR ENERGIES--AND FOCUS AT THAT BEAST!



THE STRATEGY WORKS--AND TWO LENGTHENING BEAMS OF FORCE STRIKE THEIR TARGET!

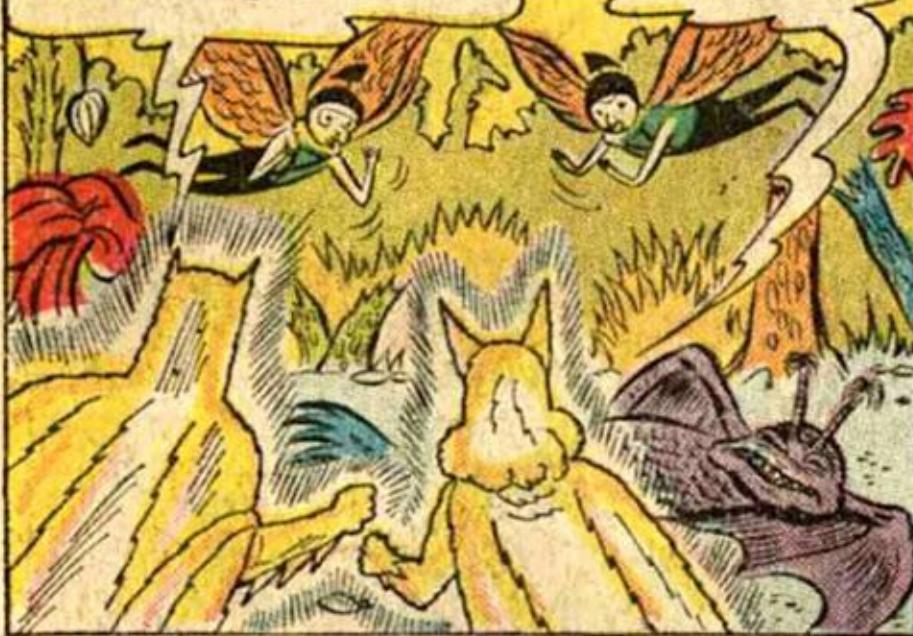




AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE ALIEN WORLD...

ODD! THE BIRD-PEOPLE ARE BECKONING! THEY SEEM TO BE IMPLORING US TO COME AWAY FROM THE BEAST'S BODY!

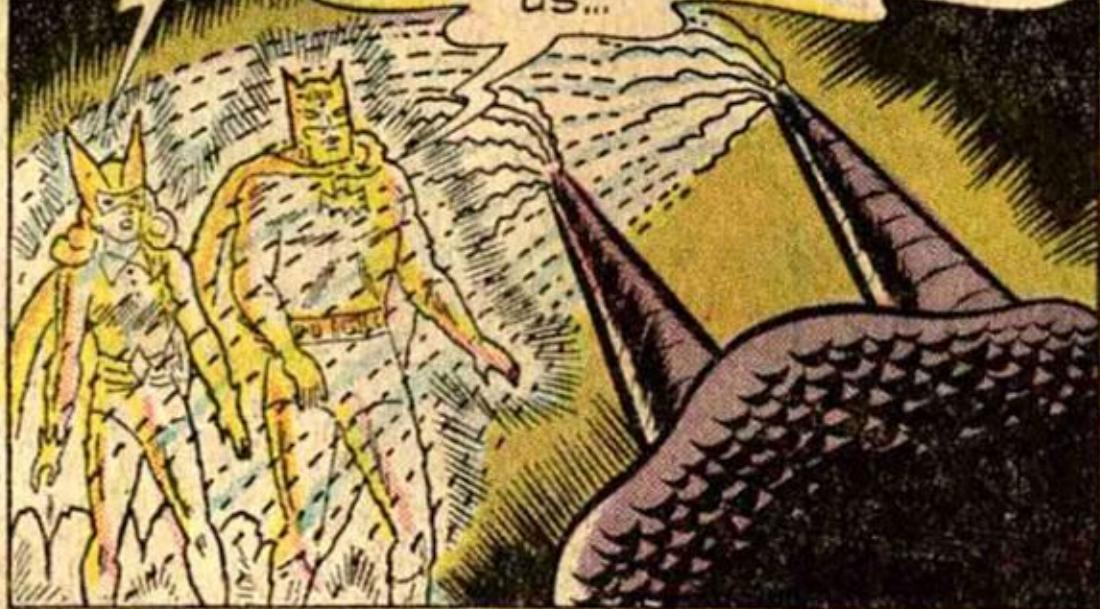
BUT WHY? THE BEAST CAN'T HARM US NOW THAT IT'S DYING!



THEN, SOMETHING INCREDIBLE HAPPENS...

BATMAN--
I--I CAN'T MOVE!

NEITHER CAN I! GREAT SCOTT! OUR ENERGY FORMS ARE IMMobilized BY THAT BEAST! NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THE BIRD-PEOPLE TRIED TO WARN US...



APPARENTLY, AS THIS PECULIAR BEAST DIES, ITS BODY ABSORBS ALL ENERGY NEAR IT!

BATMAN!
AS OUR ENERGY DWINDLES, OUR FORMS ARE GROWING PALE! IN A SHORT WHILE, THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT OF US!



AND ON EARTH...

NOW WE CAN'T LIFT THE MACHINE! WE'RE EVEN WEAKER THAN BEFORE!

SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO OUR OTHER SELVES! THEIR ENERGIES ARE EBING AWAY--AND AS THEY GET WEAKER, SO DO WE!



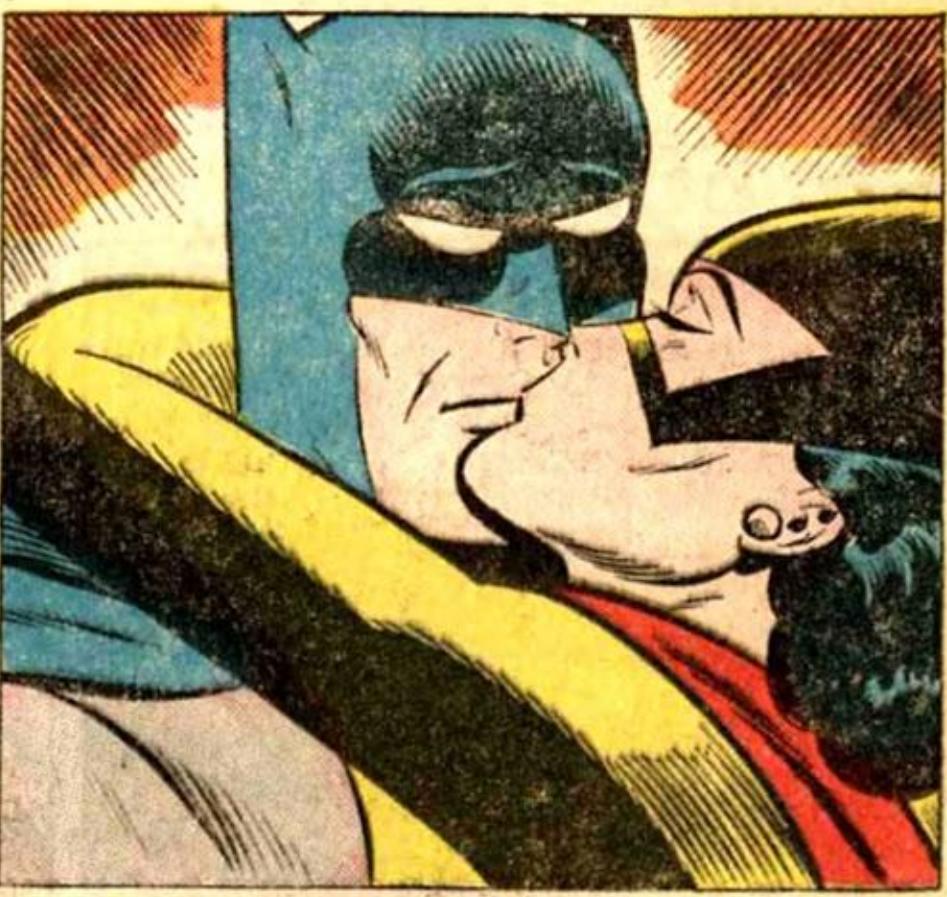
OUR OTHER SELVES ARE OUR LIFE-FORCES! THEY'RE DYING-- AND WHEN THEY ARE DEAD, WE WILL BE DEAD, TOO!

NOW WE CAN NEVER UNITE WITH OUR OTHER SELVES! OH, BATMAN--EVERYTHING'S OVER FOR US!



HOLD ME CLOSE! IF I MUST DIE, I WANT IT TO BE IN YOUR ARMS! OH, BATMAN, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU--DYING WOULDN'T BE SO BAD, IF I KNEW YOU LOVED ME, TOO...





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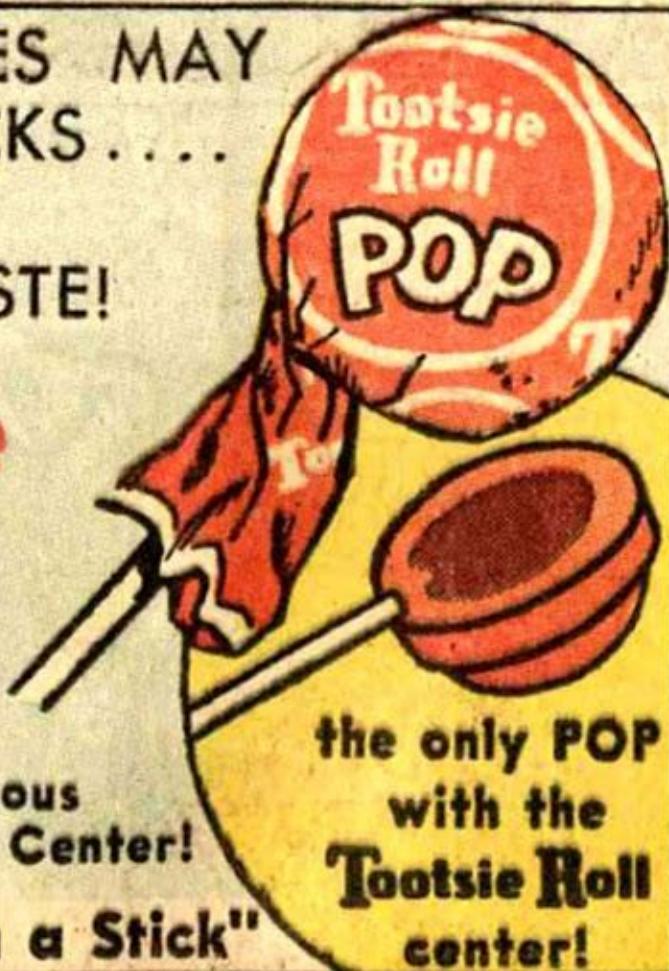
HOLD THIS PICTURE ABOUT 8 INCHES
FROM YOU AT EYE-LEVEL, THEN MOVE
IT SLOWLY TOWARDS YOU, KEEPING
YOUR EYES ON THE DOTTED LINE,
AND SEE WHAT THE BOYS AND
GIRLS IN AMERICA LOVE TO DO.

YOUR EYES MAY
PLAY TRICKS . . .
BUT NOT
YOUR TASTE!

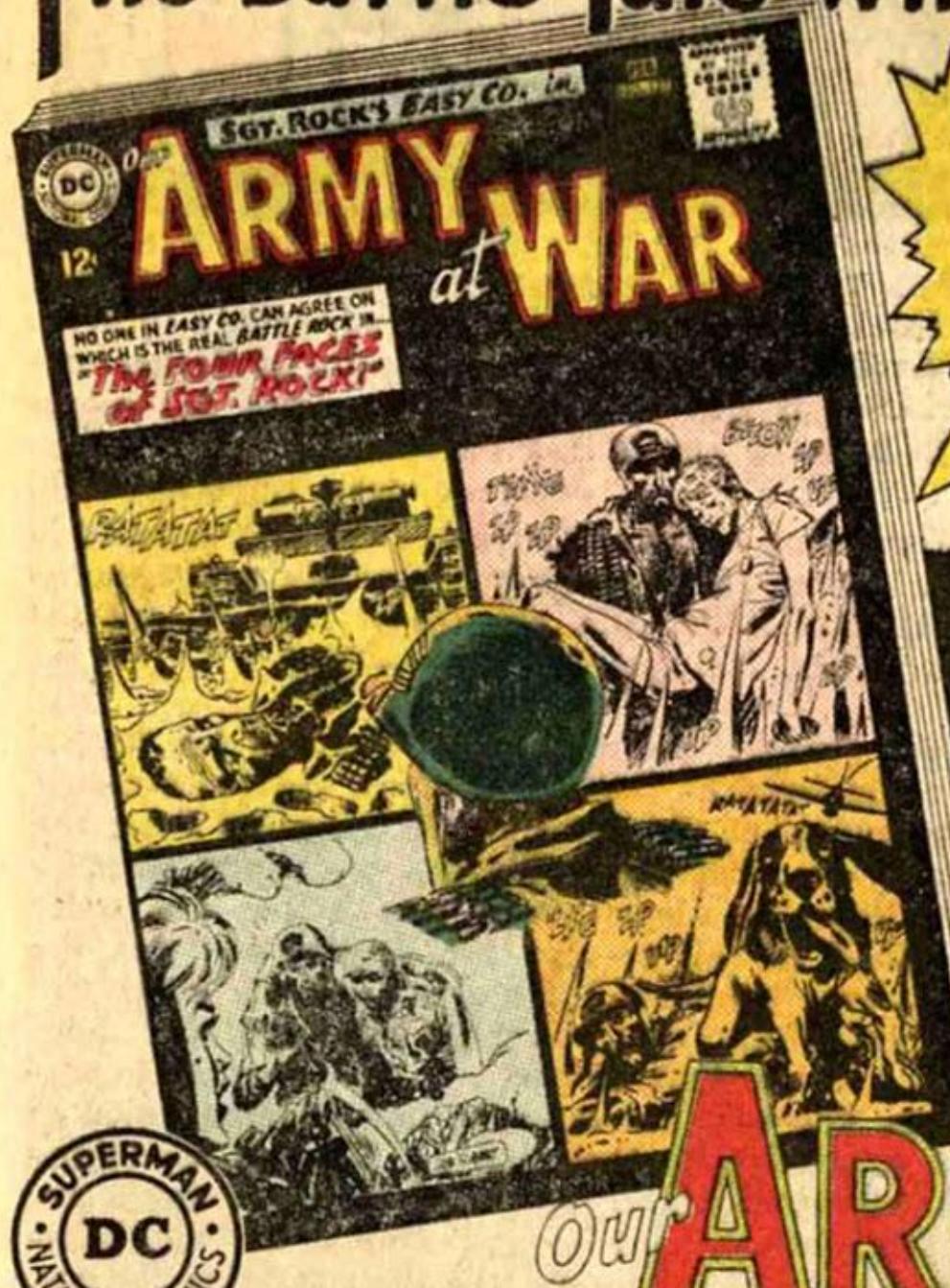
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Letters to the BAT-CAVE

Dear Editor: I have just read the Sept. BATMAN, No. 150, and think it was excellent. I enjoyed the first and last stories the best. I liked the letter page better than usual this time, probably because it said something about DETECTIVE COMICS, which is one of my favorites.

The reason I've written to you is to ask you to have two stories in BATMAN instead of three. There's more space to develop a plot in two stories. I consider Batman stories in DETECTIVE COMICS better because of this. Also, why not have a 2 or 3 part novel sometimes? Batman is a great character and I would love to see him in a 3-part novel. By the way, my favorite stories are murder mysteries, so please have more of them.

Robert O'Neill, Minneapolis, Minn.

(Several issues ago, we had a 2-part story, and in this current issue we have a 3-part adventure. We intend to publish more of the same. Whether or not we should do this regularly is a question. Many readers have written in asking for variety in the stories, as the letter below indicates. Also, some like murder mysteries, some human interest stories, some fantasy or science-fiction types, some villain stories, etc. Therefore, we've tried to balance the issues. If, however, there's enough of a demand, we'll concentrate on longer stories and a little less variety.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: This is my first letter to the Bat-Cave. I have an idea that I think you might use. In BATMAN, you have three stories. So why not have the first about Batman and Robin, the second about Batwoman and Bat-Girl, and the third about all four plus Bat-Hound and sometimes even Bat-Mite!

Phil Foster, Tampa, Florida

(As suggested above, we'll try to mix them up and hope to satisfy everybody—if that's possible!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I'm writing to congratulate you on the job done in the Sept. issue of Batman. It was superb! I'm glad you've given Robin something to do besides making interesting remarks and doing menial tasks. What I liked about all three of these stories was that he actually *did* something. I especially liked "The Girl who Stole Batman's Heart." It's a classic.

Why doesn't Batman reveal his identity to Batwoman. She's kept her own identity for quite a while, so why can't Batman trust her to keep his?

C. E. Casey, Sandwich, Ill.

(If too many people know a secret, it no longer remains a secret. Besides, isn't it more fun this way?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think that the John Jones story, "Alias Scarface Scanlon," in the Sept. DETECTIVE COMICS was by far the best Manhunter you have put out in a long time. The idea of having Det. Jones assume the identity of two crooks was great. I hope you have him do this more often in the

future. Since you have given the Manhunter more room to work in he has become a better character. I think he should have some steady villain to fight.

I would also like to see the origin of Batman reprinted. It has been some time since his origin has been in any of his comics.

Jerry Johnson, Superior, Wis.

(From time to time, Batman's origin is reviewed in the stories that regularly appear. In addition, the BATMAN ANNUALS often deal with it—see the latest one, No. 4, on sale now.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You did a really great job in the August issue of BATMAN. I was glad to see that the ending of the cover story, "Invaders From the Past," was realistic. (We are undecided whether the June or August issue was better, but we're inclined to believe that the August one was the best ever published.) We also liked the other two stories in this issue, but there was something about the last one that seemed . . . well—rather impossible. The way, for example, that Batman tuned in on a murderer's thoughts. . . Here is something ye editor might be interested in. Since there are many Batman fans in and around our neighborhood, we took a vote on who their favorite Batman foes were. Even though only 128 people cast ballots, I thought the results were quite interesting:

The Joker—48; Gorilla Boss—33; Clayface—29; Human Firefly—6; Two-Face—5; Mirror Man—5; Mad Hatter—2.

Tommy and Lou Daniel, Baton Rouge, La.
(Quite a few readers have written in about Clayface and Human Firefly. "The Secret of Clayface's Powers" will appear in the Feb. issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, and we may soon have a revival of the Human Firefly.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "Alpha the Experimental Man," very much. It had a very warming ending. I also liked it because Batwoman played a big part in it, and I think she's one of the best heroines there is. Keep up the good work.

Ron Legro, Anigo, Wis.

Dear Editor: I've just read BATMAN ANNUAL No. 2 and No. 3. I enjoyed both of them. I also enjoyed "Robin the Super Boy Wonder," in BATMAN. It was the best Batman story every published.

John Labraney, Franklin, N. H.

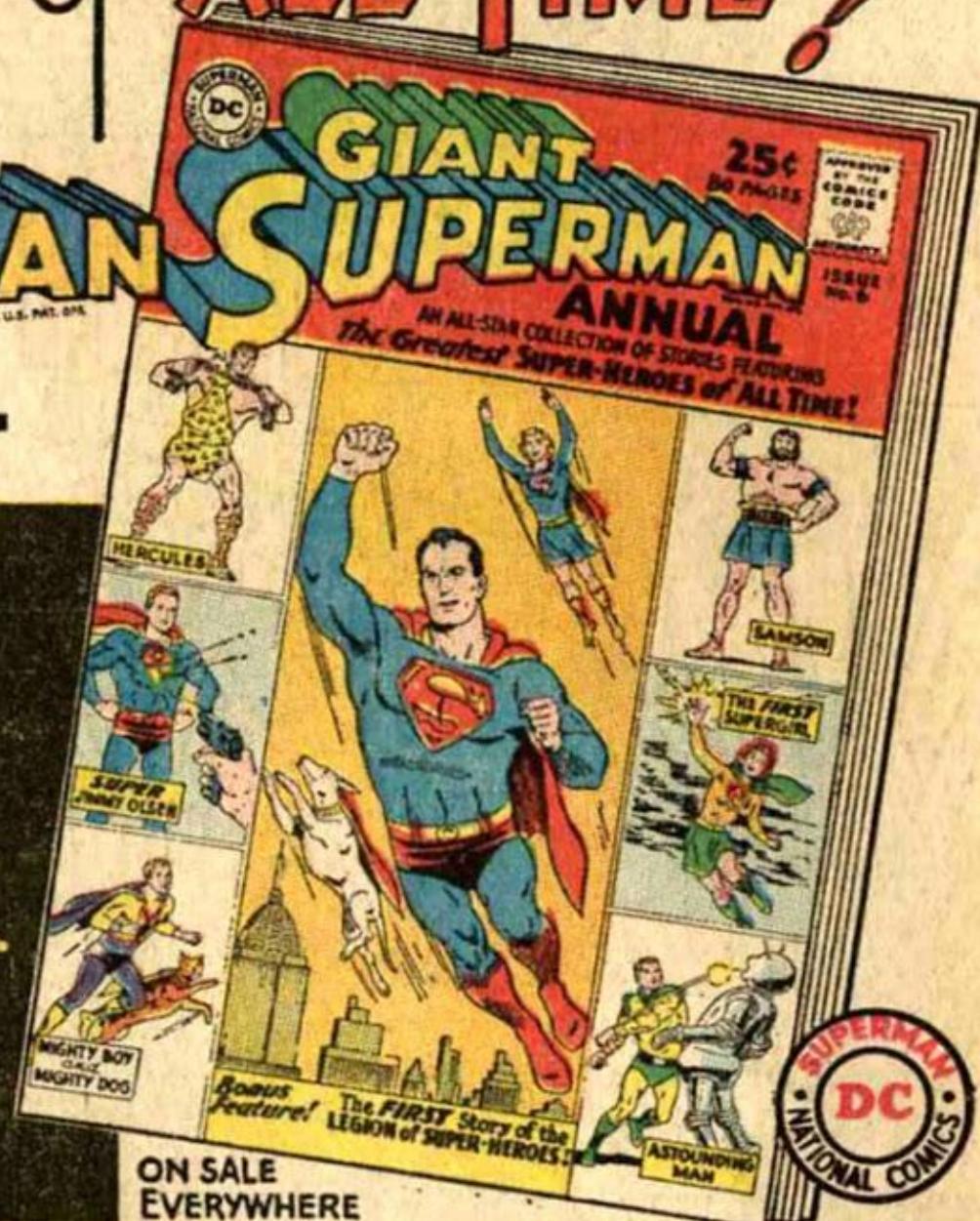
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CHAPTER 3

BAT MAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THE TWIN BEINGS THAT ARE BATMAN AND BATWOMAN ARE NEAR DEATH -- BUT WHAT OF BAT-GIRL AND ROBIN? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM? THEY ARE IN YET ANOTHER WORLD -- MENACED BY WOULD-BE CONQUERORS! AND ONLY AFTER A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE CAN THE TWO BRAVE YOUNGSTERS UNITE WITH BATMAN AND BATWOMAN TO DEFEAT THE DANGER FROM THE...

DIMENSION OF DOOM

THERE THEY
ARE! WE'VE
GOT THEM
TRAPPED!

WE'VE GOT JUST ONE
CHANCE, BAT-GIRL!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO
DO!



BATMAN



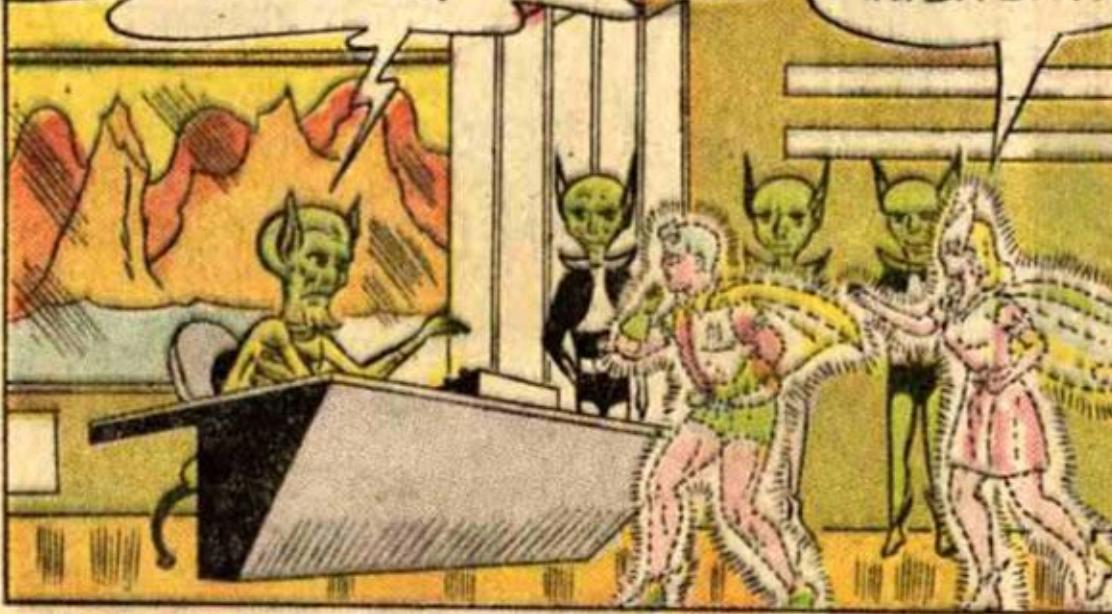
MEANWHILE--WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO BAT-GIRL AND ROBIN?

TWO STRANGE BEINGS--MATERIALIZING! OBVIOUSLY KARN TELEPORTED THEM TO OUR DIMENSION--TO KEEP THEM FROM INTERFERING WITH HIS SEARCH FOR VAUX!

ROBIN-- DID YOU HEAR? THIS IS THE ALIEN'S DIMENSION!

WHO ARE YOU? WE KNOW KARN IS AFTER VAUX--OR SILVER, AS WE CALL IT-- BUT WHY?

I AM ZEBO-- A SCIENTIST! IT IS I WHO INVENTED THE DIMENSIONAL TELEPORTER AND THE HAND-WEAPON YOU UNDOUBTEDLY SAW KARN USE!



VAUX IS VERY RARE IN OUR WORLD--BUT ONLY VAUX CAN POWER THE HAND-WEAPON I INVENTED! LUCKILY I HAD TO SEND HIM INTO YOUR DIMENSION TO SEARCH FOR MORE TO BE ABLE TO POWER THIS!

A REPLICA OF KARN'S WEAPON-- BUT IT'S AS BIG AS A CANNON!

MY SECRET WEAPON! WAR HAS BEEN OUTLAWED IN OUR WORLD FOR CENTURIES, SO THE PRESIDENT'S ARMY HAS ONLY TOKEN WEAPONS! WHEN KARN BRINGS VAUX BACK TO POWER MY DISINTEGRATOR-CANNON, I'LL DESTROY THE PRESIDENT'S MEAGER ARMY-- AND MAKE MYSELF DICTATOR!



UHH... WOULD ANYONE MIND IF I PUT ON A LITTLE LIPSTICK?

HA, HA! A FEMALE IS THE SAME IN ANY WORLD! WHEN FACING A PROBLEM, SHE ALWAYS RESORTS TO POWDERING HER NOSE OR PUTTING ON FRESH LIPSTICK!

BUT THE "LIPSTICK" FROM BAT-GIRL'S CRIME-COMPACT IS GIMMICKED--AND AS SHE PURES A SECRET TRIGGER...



ROBIN! DUCK!

WHAT...? IT'S SHOOTING OUT TENDRILS OF WIRE-- ENTANGLING US!



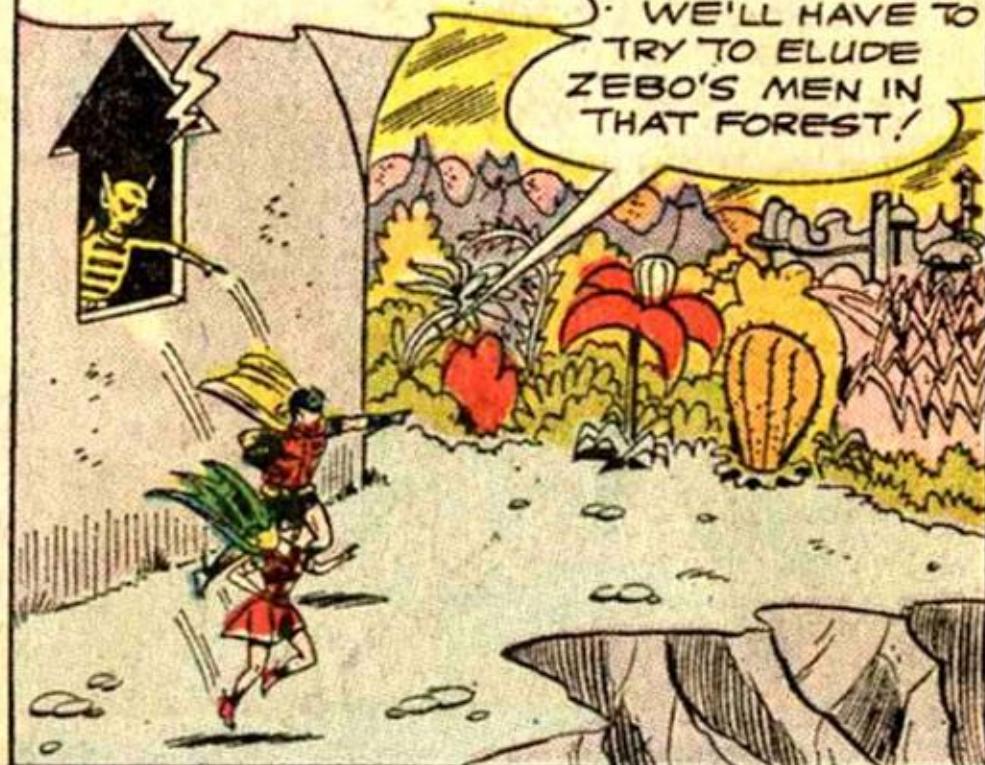
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TO THE WINDOW--QUICK! IT'S ONLY A SHORT DROP TO THE GROUND BELOW!



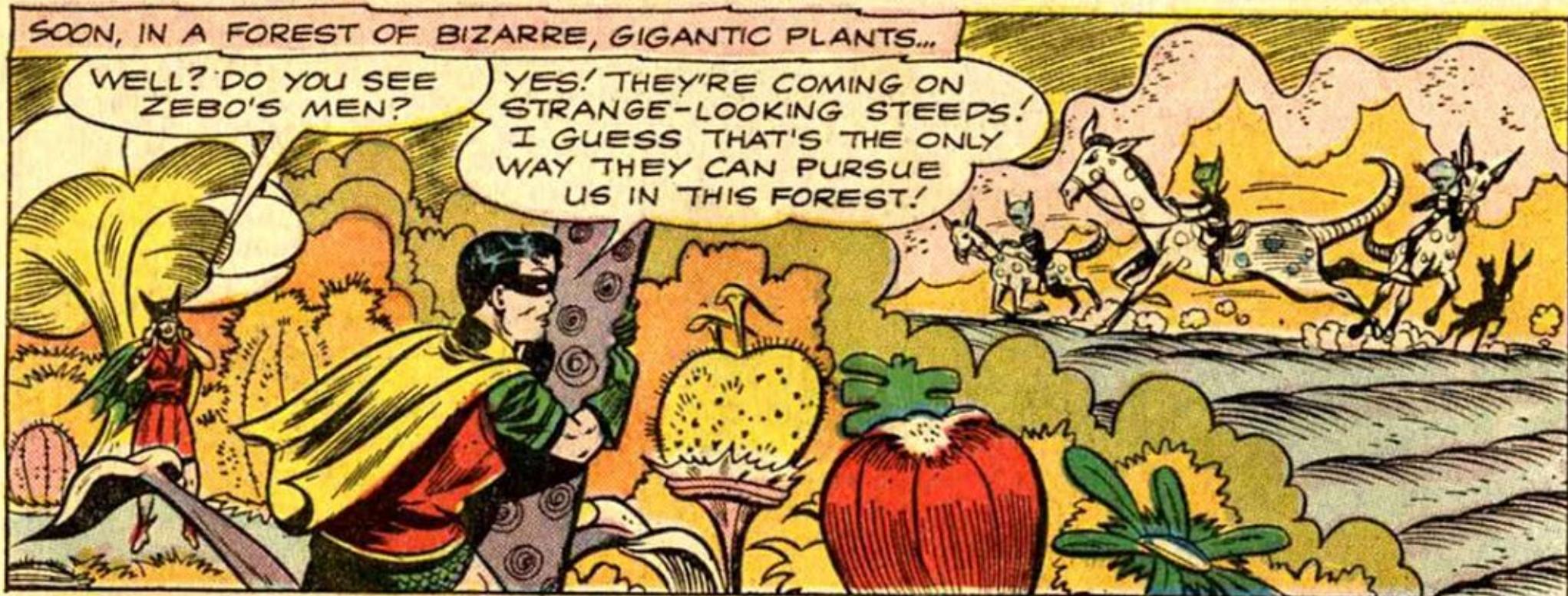
GO AFTER THEM! IF THEY ESCAPE, THEY'LL GET TO THE CITY AND ALERT THE PRESIDENT! THE CITY! THAT MUST BE IT BEYOND THE FOREST! WE'LL HAVE TO TRY TO ELUDE ZEBO'S MEN IN THAT FOREST!



SOON, IN A FOREST OF BIZARRE, GIGANTIC PLANTS...

WELL? DO YOU SEE ZEBO'S MEN?

YES! THEY'RE COMING ON STRANGE-LOOKING STEEDS! I GUESS THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN PURSUE US IN THIS FOREST!



SUDDENLY...

EEEEE!

AN ALIEN BEAST--STALKING BAT-GIRL!

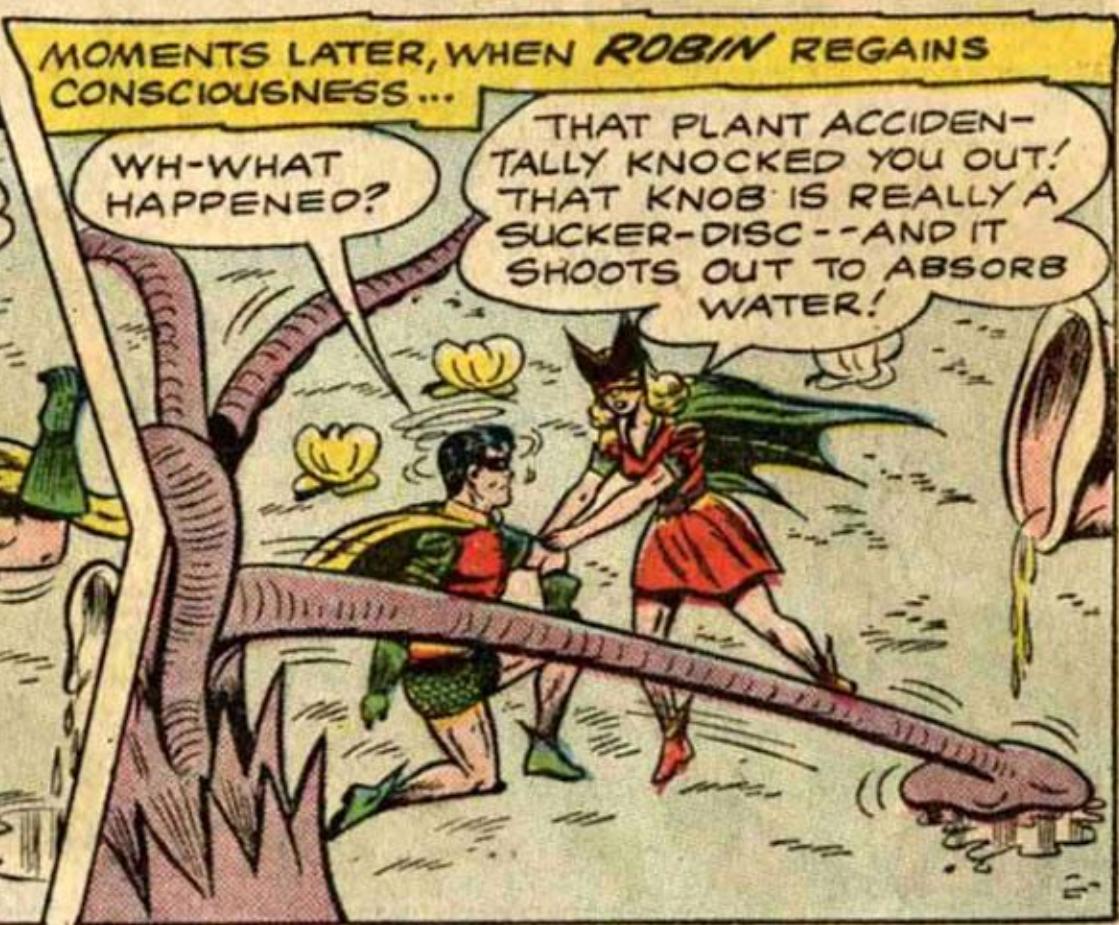
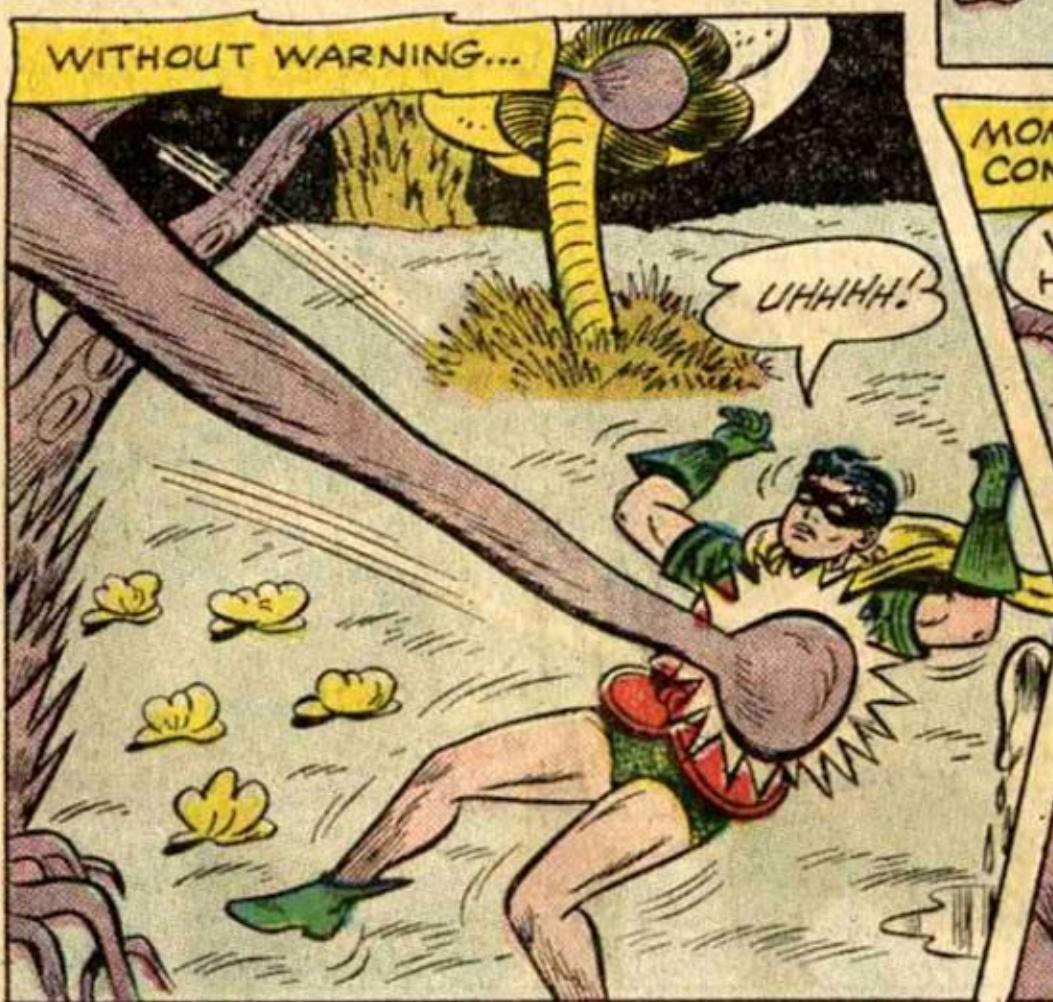
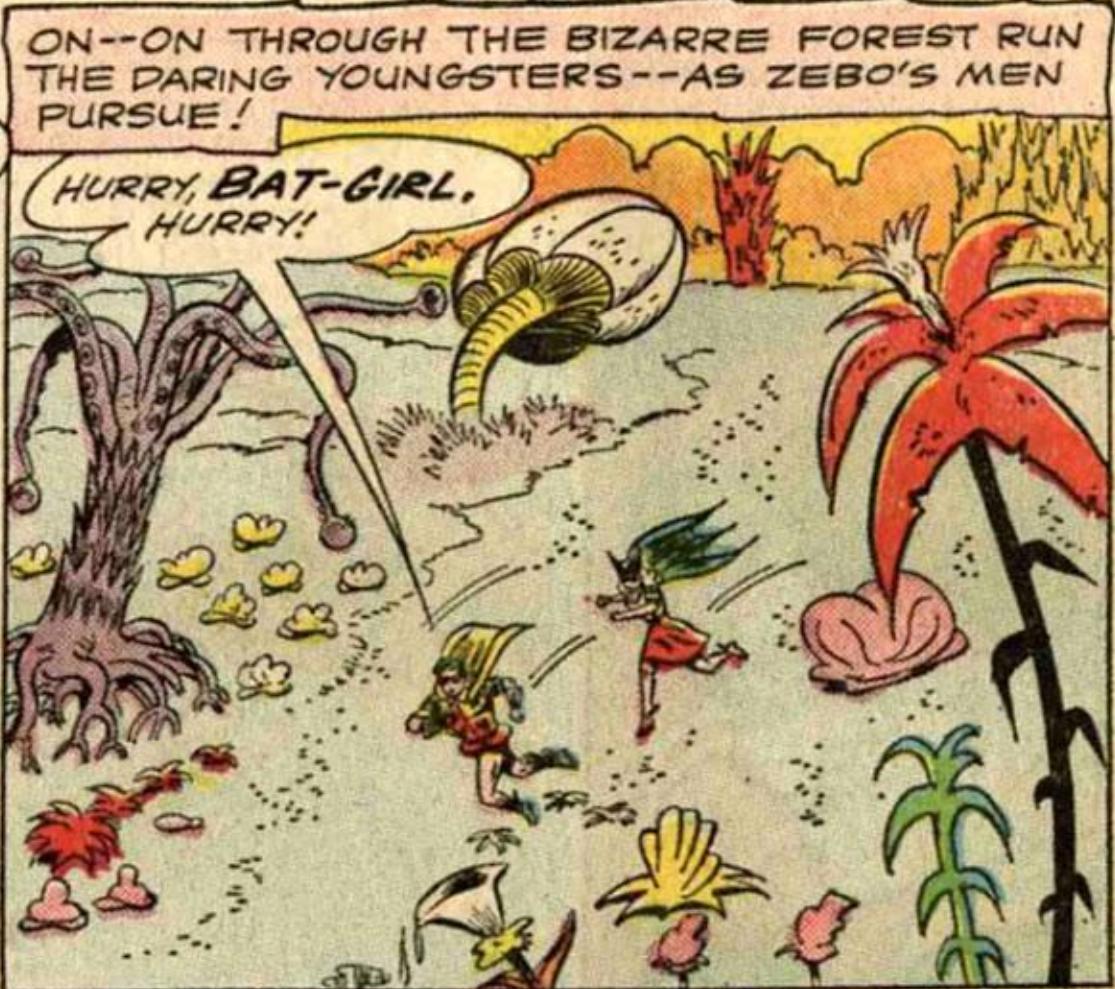
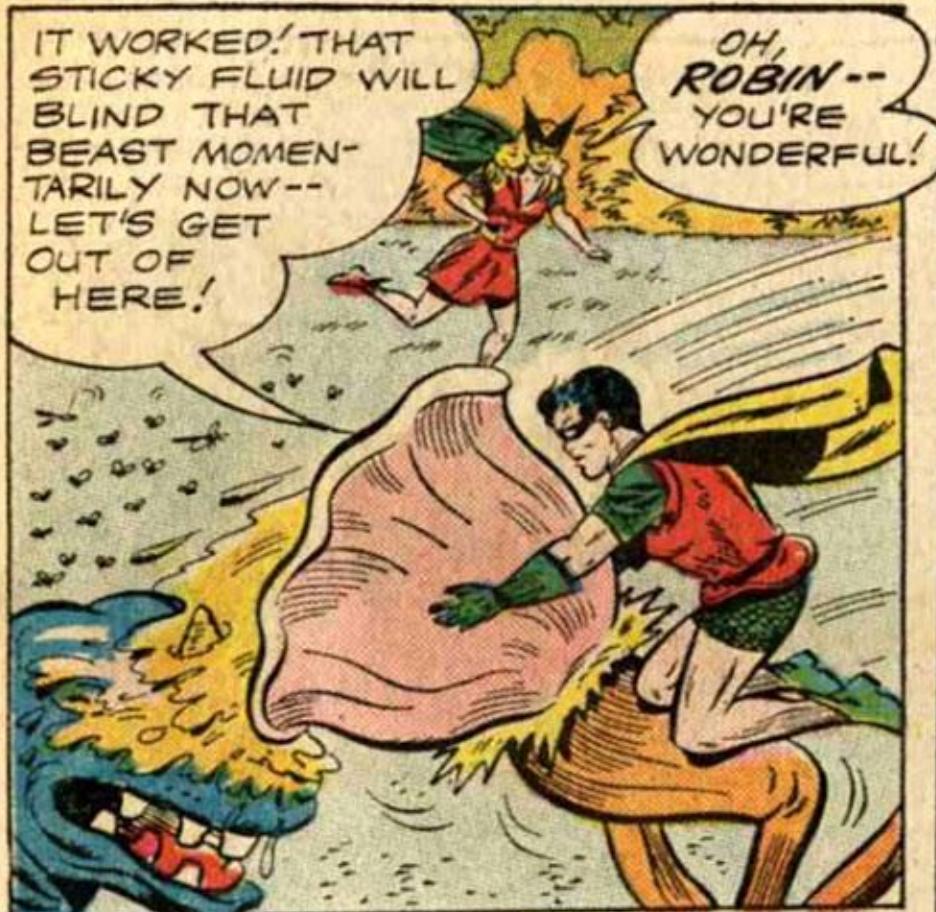


INSTANTLY, ROBIN'S TRAINED MIND FORMULATES A PLAN--AND ACTS ON IT...

THOSE INSECTS ARE HOVERING OVER THE CUPS OF THAT PLANT--THE CUPS SEEM TO CONTAIN A STICKY, SWEET SYRUP! FIRST--GOT TO DIVERT THE BEAST'S ATTENTION TO ME!

YAAA!





HOOF BEATS! ZEBO'S MEN ARE GETTING CLOSER!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

RUSHING ONWARD, THEY SUDDENLY COME UPON A GLITTERING EXPANSE...

A FIELD OF MICA CRYSTALS. THAT STUFF IS AS SLIPPERY AS SNOW!

SAY--IF WE COULD TOBOGGAN DOWN THAT MICA, WE'D MAKE BETTER TIME THAN IF WE RAN DOWN THE SLOPE THROUGH THE FOREST!

MINUTES LATER...

NOT BAD, EH? THESE BIG LEAVES MAKE GREAT SLEDS!

BUT SHORTLY AFTER...

OH, NO! A LAKE!

WE COULD NEVER SWIM ACROSS FAST ENOUGH-- AND IF WE CIRCLE AROUND IT THROUGH THE FOREST, ZEBO'S MEN WILL CATCH UP TO US!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

HMM! A LAKE IN FRONT--AND THOSE WATER-SUCKING PLANTS BEHIND US! I'VE GOT AN IDEA...

THE YOUNGSTERS WORK SWIFTLY--THEN WAIT FOR THEIR PURSUERS TO CLOSE IN!

THERE THEY ARE -- WAITING FOR US! THEY ARE GIVING THEMSELVES UP!

OKAY, BAT-GIRL-- NOW!



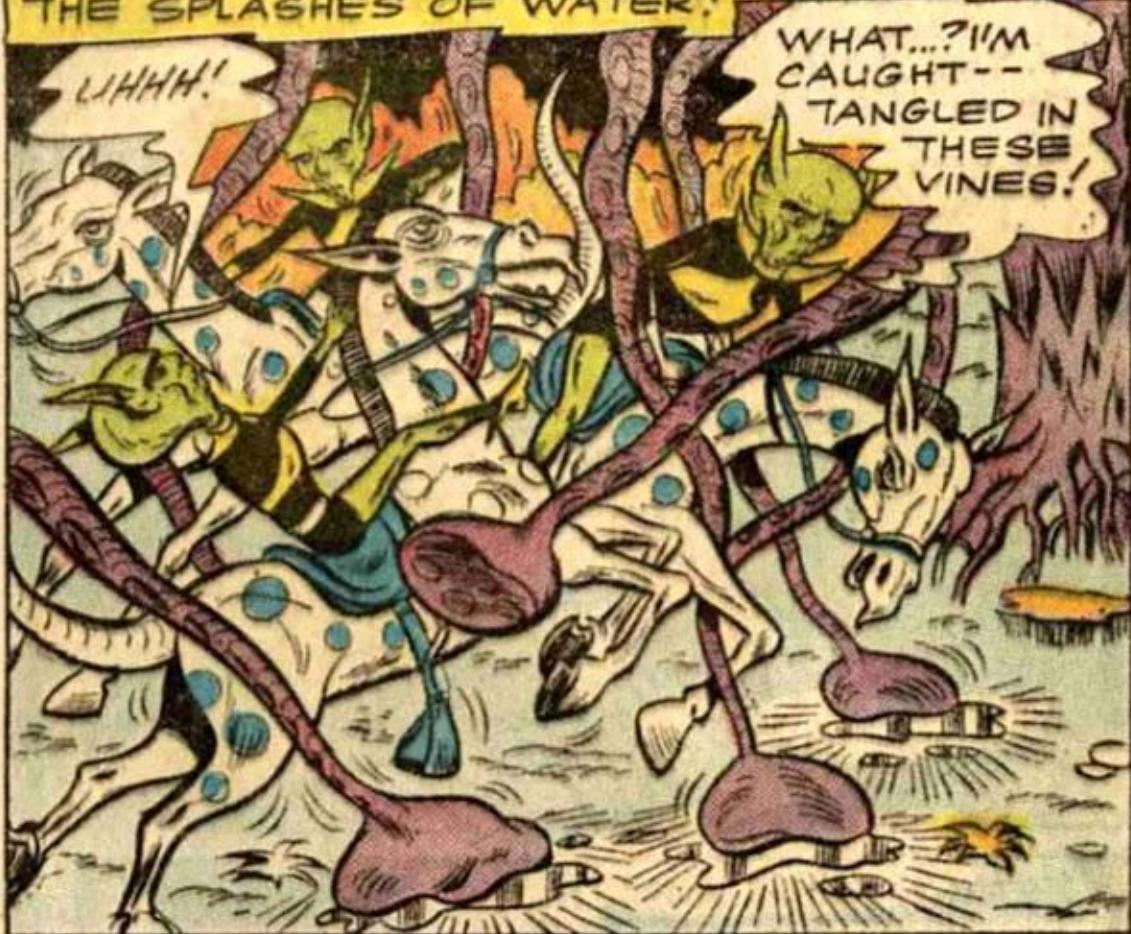
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INSTANTLY, THE YOUNGSTERS HURL WATER-FILLED PLANT CUPS FORWARD...

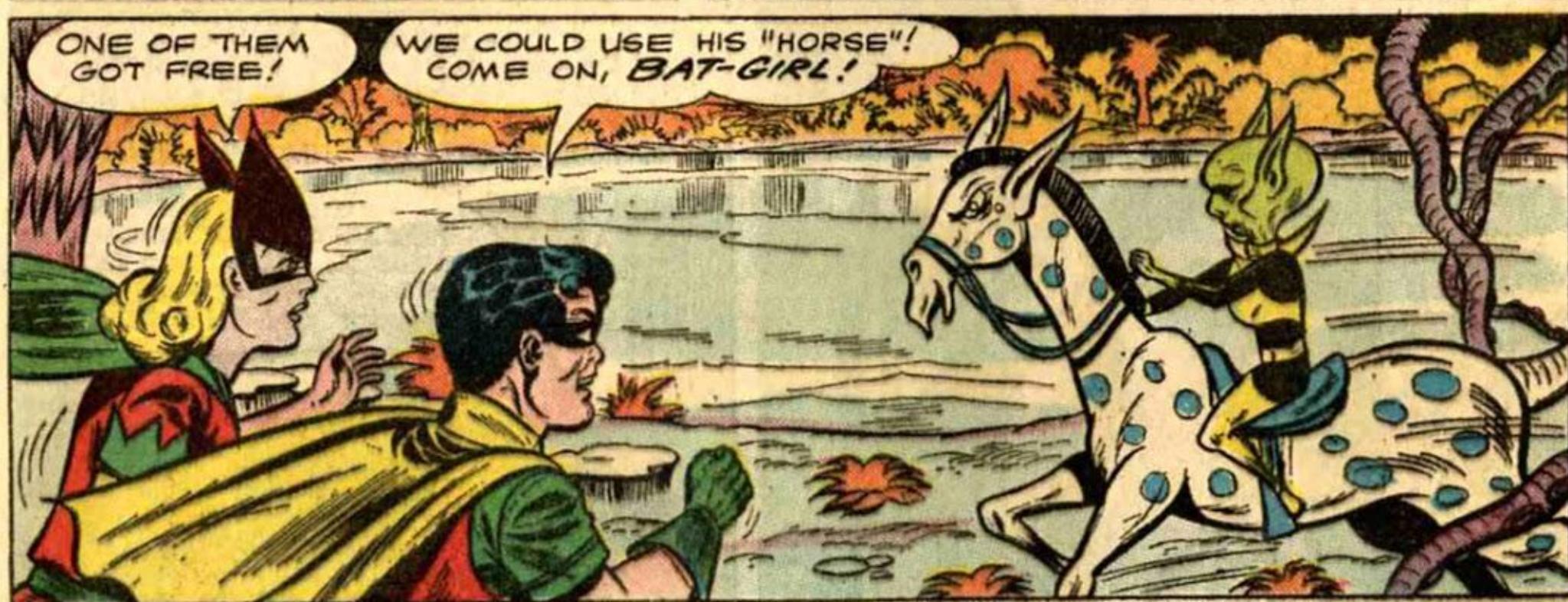


...AND THE GREEDY SUCKER-DISCS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE GROVE, SHOOT OUT TOWARD THE SPLASHES OF WATER!



ONE OF THEM GOT FREE!

WE COULD USE HIS "HORSE"! COME ON, BAT-GIRL!



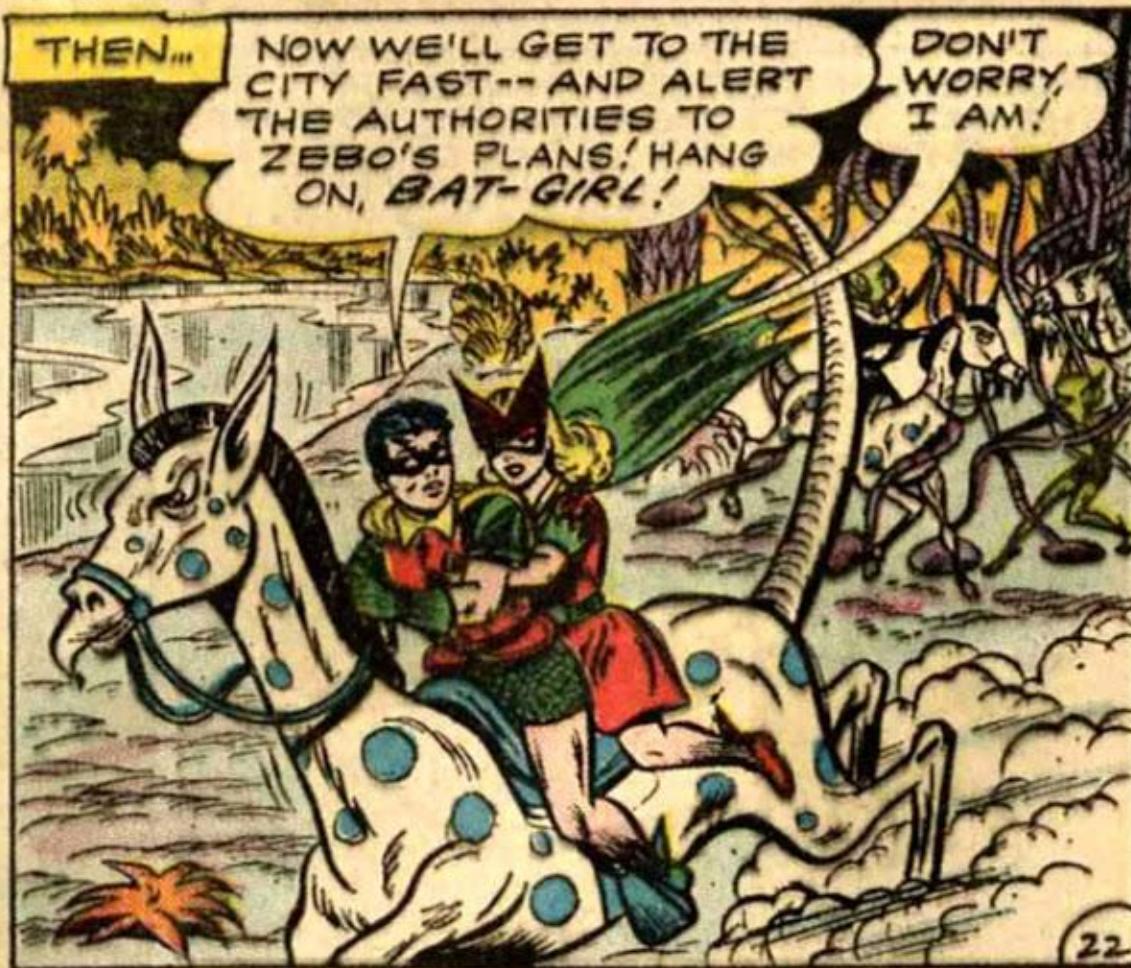
AND OUT! NICE TEAMWORK, PARTNER!

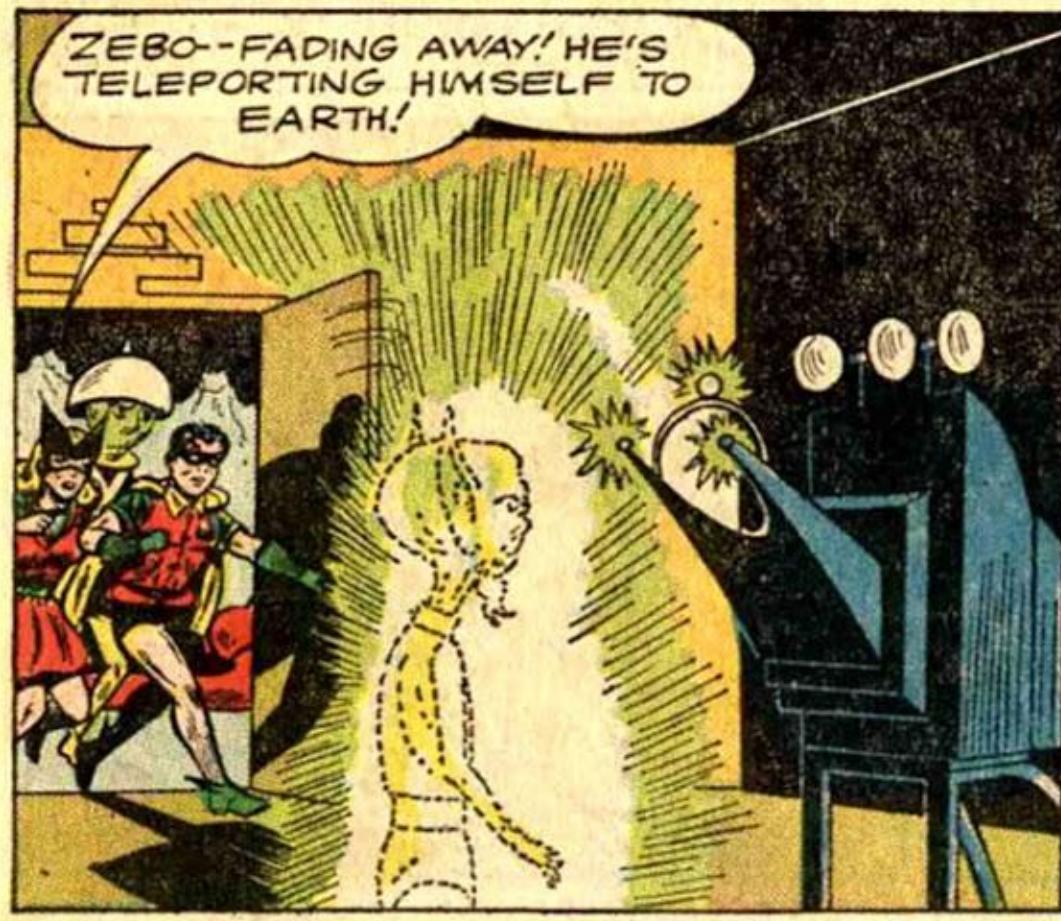


THEN...

NOW WE'LL GET TO THE CITY FAST-- AND ALERT THE AUTHORITIES TO ZEBO'S PLANS! HANG ON, BAT-GIRL!

DON'T WORRY, I AM!





UPON REPEATING THE PROCESS, AND TYING THE SKATES TO THE CORNERS, BATMAN AND BATWOMAN SUMMON UP THEIR REMAINING STRENGTH TO PUSH THE TELEPORTER OUT OF THE FACTORY...





BATMAN



AS ZEBO EXPLAINS, SUDDENLY...

LOOK! THEY FOLLOWED ME HERE!
DISINTEGRATE THEM!

GLADLY! PREVIOUSLY, I WANTED TO CONSERVE THE WEAPON'S POWER, AND THEREFORE WAS MERCIFUL--BUT NOW I WILL TURN IT TO FULL POWER!



AT THAT INSTANT, HEARING THE MENACING VOICES AROUND THE CORNER--**BATMAN** AND **BATWOMAN** ACT QUICKLY!

I'VE TURNED THE TELE-PORTER'S POWER TO REVERSE! LET'S HOPE THE ENERGY-FORCES WILL RETURN TO OUR BODIES!

IF NOT, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SAVE **BAT-GIRL** AND **ROBIN**--OR OURSELVES!



IN THAT SPLIT-INSTANT, ON THE OTHER WORLD...

BATMAN--SOME POWER IS TUGGING AT ME!

WE'RE SAVED! WE'RE GOING BACK! WE'RE GOING BACK!



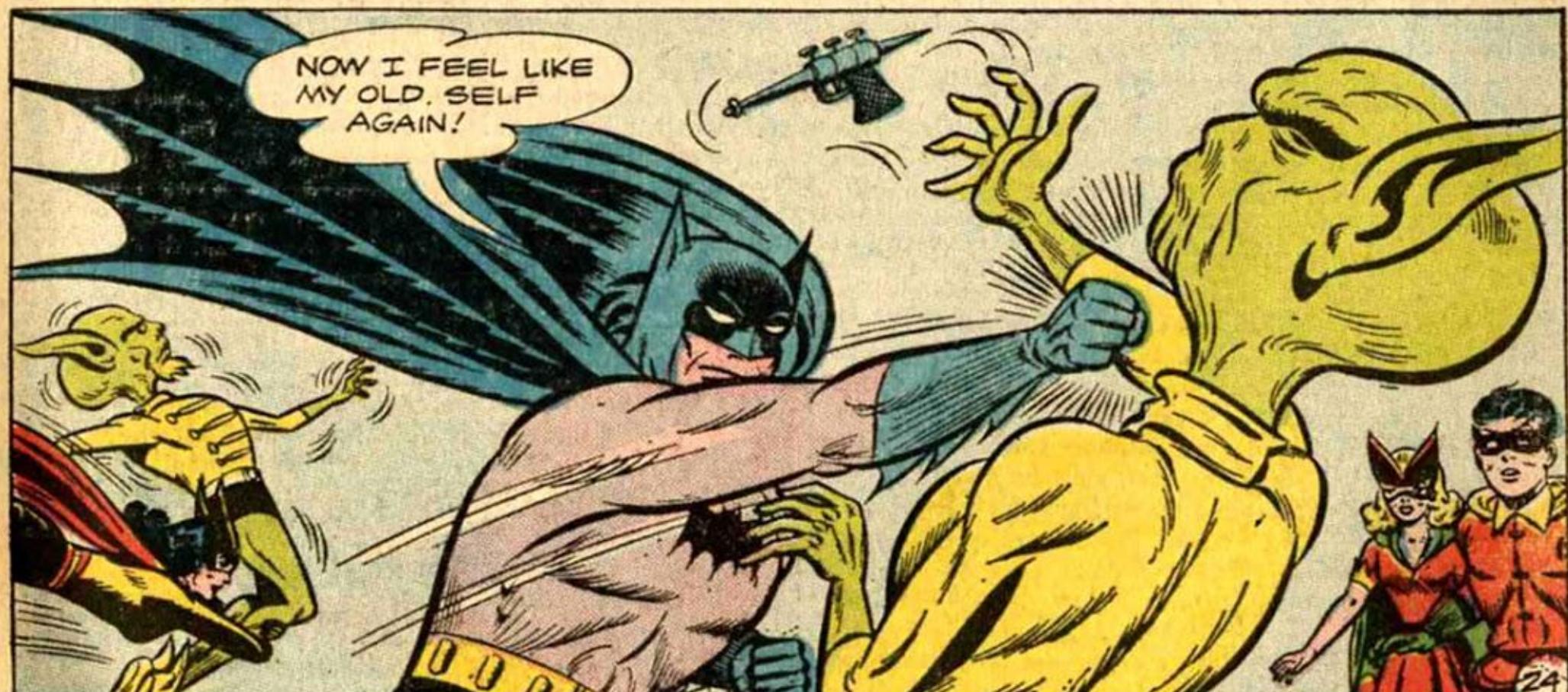
AND, SUDDENLY, ON EARTH, **BATMAN** AND **BATWOMAN** ARE REVITALIZED--COMPLETE BEINGS AGAIN!

THAT DYING BEAST DRAINED OFF SOME OF OUR NORMAL STRENGTH--BUT WE'VE GOT MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HANDLE THOSE TWO ALIENS!

WHAT...?



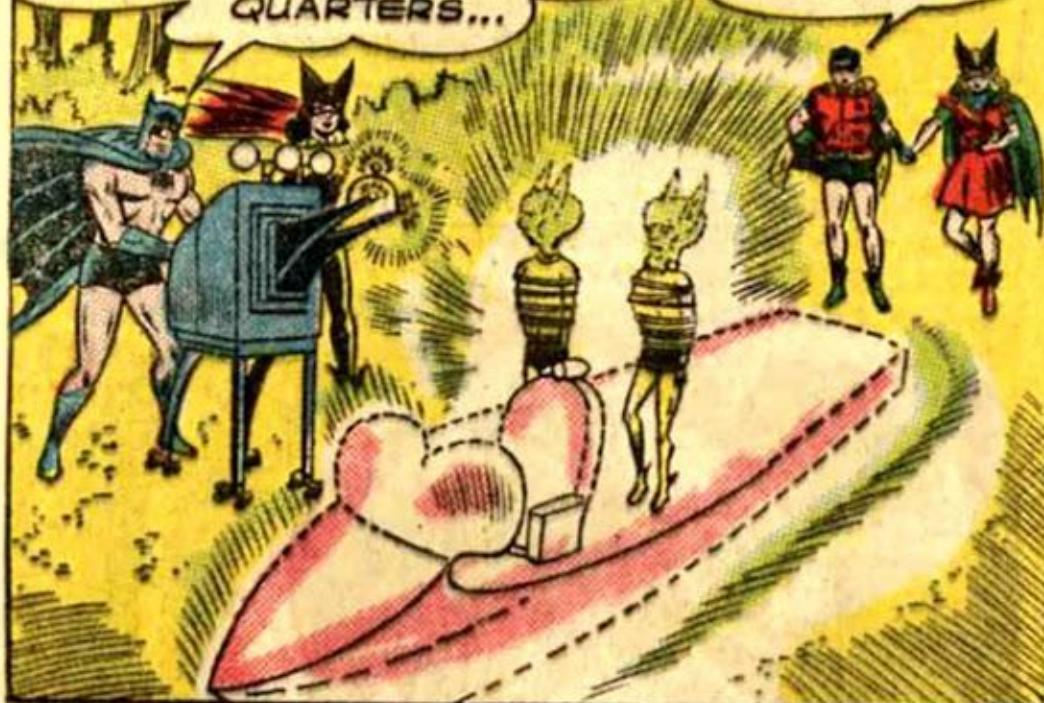
NOW I FEEL LIKE MY OLD SELF AGAIN!



SOMETIME LATER...

KARN AND THAT WOULD-BE DICTATOR WILL RETURN RIGHT TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS...

WHERE GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS ARE WAITING TO PUT THEM IN JAIL!



IT WOULD BE BEST TO DESTROY THIS TELEPORTER -- JUST AS YOU ARRANGED WITH THEIR PRESIDENT TO DESTROY THE OTHER TELEPORTER IN THE ALIEN DIMENSION, EH, ROBIN?

I'M AFRAID HE CAN'T HEAR YOU... NOW!



WHICH REMINDS ME! I DID HEAR YOU ADMIT THAT YOU LOVED ME!

WHEW! I'VE ALWAYS MANAGED TO ESCAPE DEATH-TRAPS -- ALL KINDS OF DANGER! BUT HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS?



WELL--ER--BATWOMAN-- I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DIE--AND I WANTED TO MAKE YOUR LAST MOMENTS HAPPY ONES!

HMM... I WONDER...



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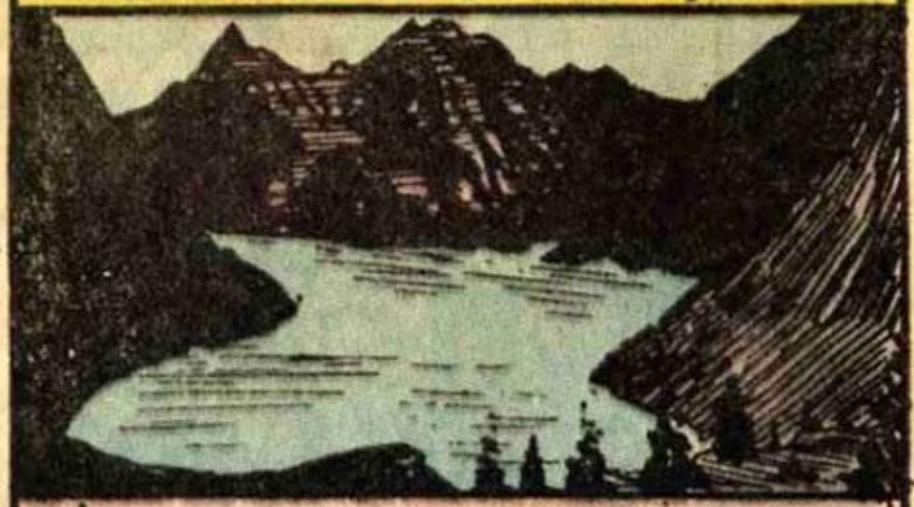
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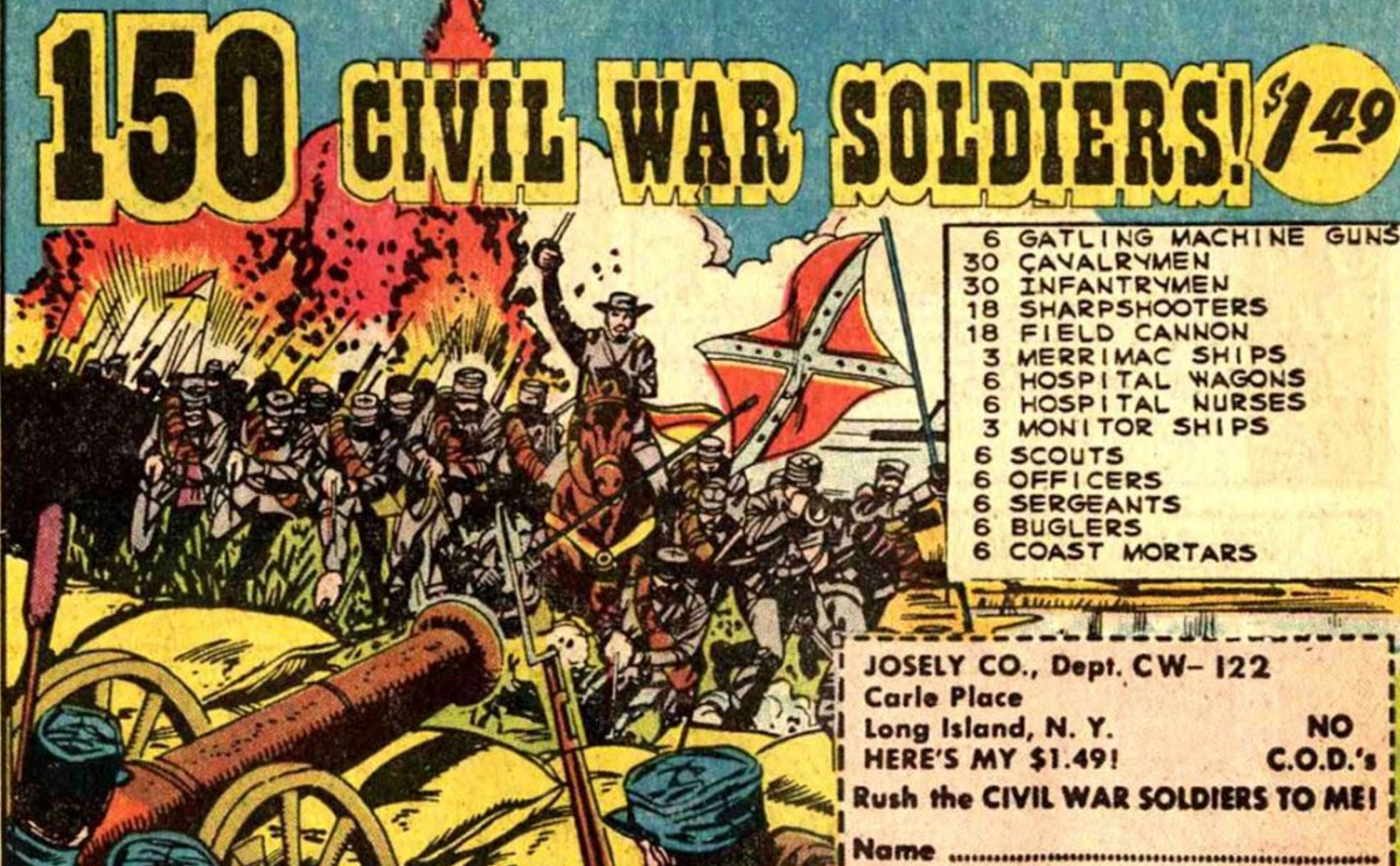
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