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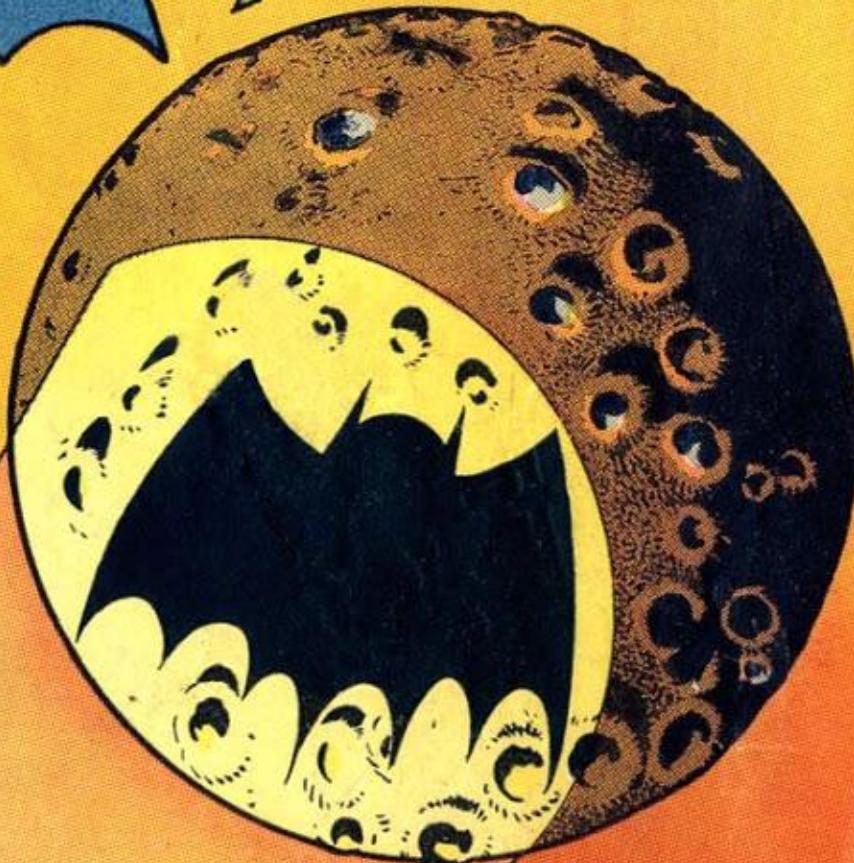
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THE BAT-SIGNAL  
ON THE MOON!  
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WITH  
**ROBIN**

- THE BOY WONDER -

WHEREAS I, DEADSHOT, have proved my ability as a crime-fighter beyond any reasonable doubt; whereas I have also proved in direct competition to be more efficient and reliable than BATMAN, I hereby petition the people of Gotham City to recognize me officially as "THE MAN WHO REPLACED BATMAN!"

by

BOB KANE

GOTHAM DAILY NEWS  
NEW CRIME-FIGHTER  
FORCING BATMAN OUT  
OF LIMELIGHT



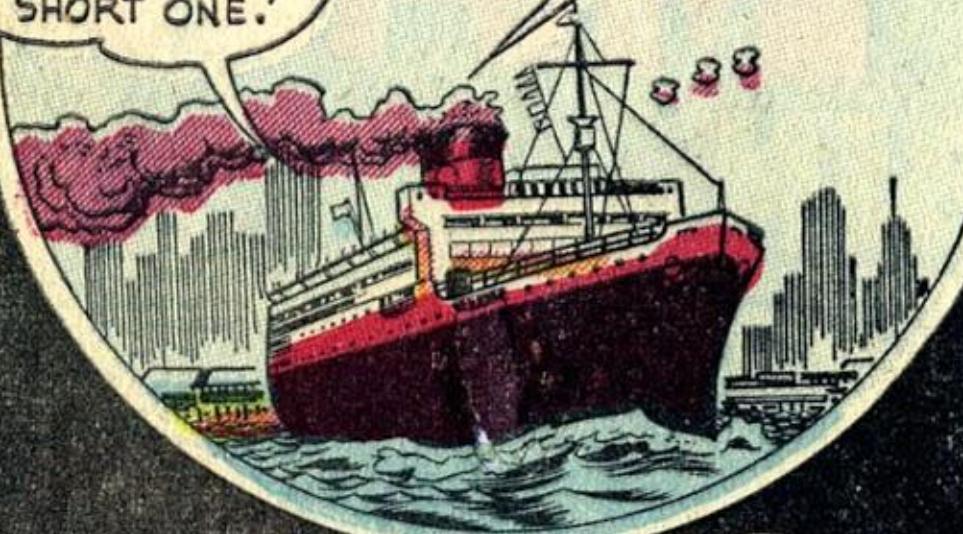
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AS NIGHT FALLS ON GOTHAM CITY, SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, TEMPORARILY DROP THEIR CAREERS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN...

WHEE! A VACATION AT LAST--EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A SHORT ONE!

YES, DICK. REMEMBER--WE'VE GOT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS! "TRIGGER" RHODES AND THE DETROIT KID ARE STILL AT LARGE...



YOU FORGOT TO STAMP OUT YOUR CIGARETTE, STEVENS... DON'T BOTHER--I'LL DO IT WITH A BULLET-- AIMING BY LOOKING INTO THIS MIRROR!

YOUR AIM IS INCREDIBLE, SIR! IT WAS A GOOD INVESTMENT, BUILDING YOUR OWN PRIVATE SHOOTING RANGE...



MINUTES LATER, IN LAWTON'S STUDY...

TUNE THE RADIO TO POLICE CALLS, STEVENS... WITH LUCK, MY NEW CAREER COULD BEGIN TONIGHT!



BUT NOT ALL OF GOTHAM CITY IS SO VACATION-MINDED. ONE MAN, MILLIONAIRE FLOYD LAWTON, IS WORKING IN DEAD EARNEST!

MY AIM WAS NEVER MORE DEADLY! AT LAST I AM READY FOR MY BIG ADVENTURE!



HOW GOOD AN INVESTMENT WE SHALL SOON SEE, STEVENS! I BELIEVE I AM READY TO PUT MY MASTER PLAN IN ACTION!

YOU ARE--YOU ARE! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING WITH THOSE GUNS OF YOURS!



SUDDENLY, AS A FLASH COMES OVER THE RADIO...

...BURGLARY AT 22 FRONT ST.! ATTENTION, PLEASE...

A BURGLARY--EXCELLENT! AND NOW--EXIT FLOYD LAWTON-- ENTER "DEADSHOT"--NEW FIGHTER AGAINST CRIME!

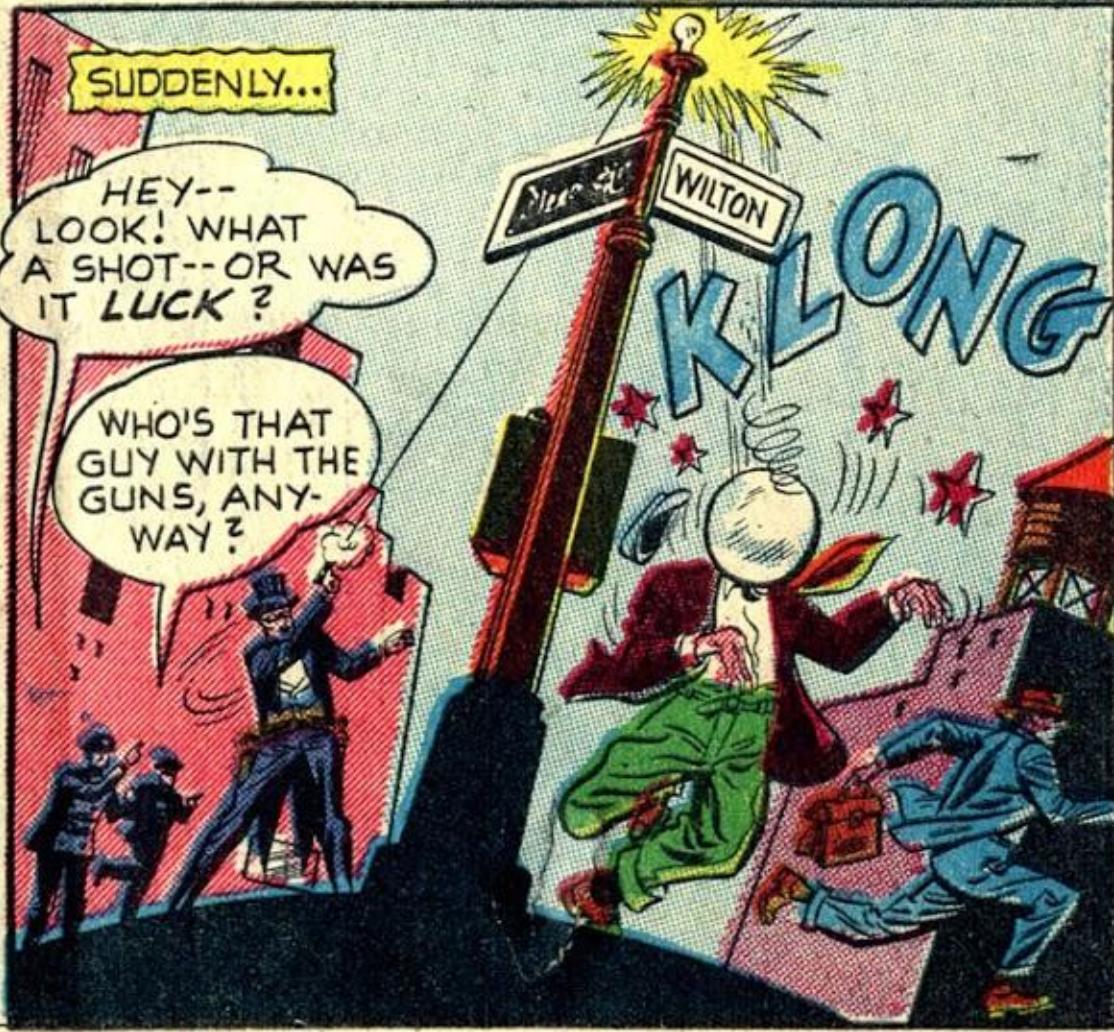
GOOD LUCK, SIR!



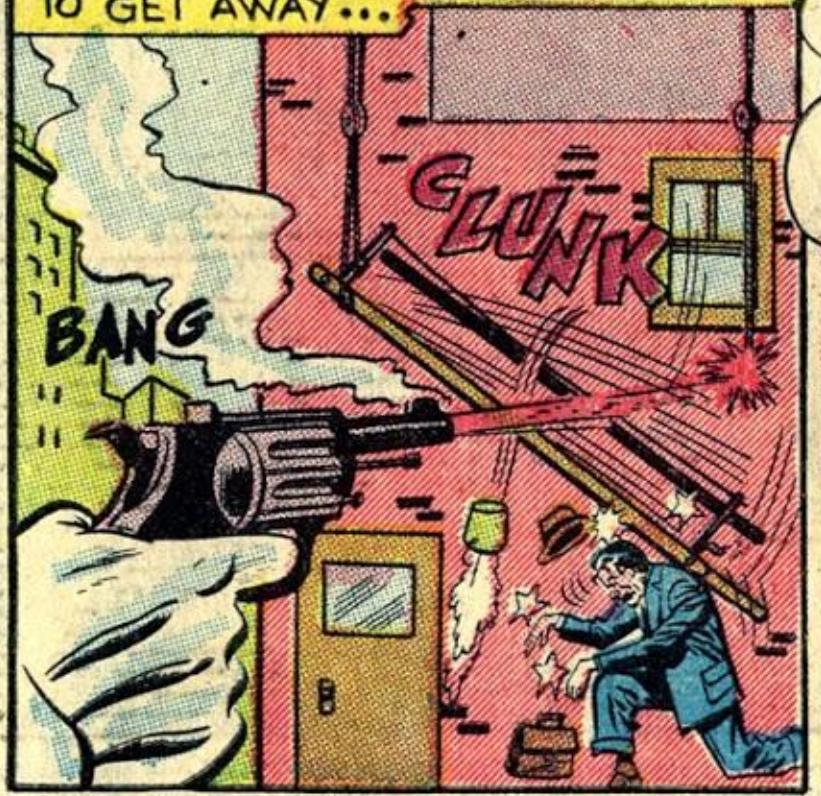
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MOMENTS LATER, AT 22 FRONT ST. ....



THEN, AS THE SECOND CROOK ATTEMPTS TO GET AWAY...



THAT'S NOT LUCK, BROTHER-- THAT'S SHOOTING! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT IN MY LIFE!



WHO ARE YOU, MISTER-- AND WHAT'S YOUR GAME?

CALL ME DEADSHOT-- FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. AND MY GAME IS TO BE THE EQUAL OF-- IF NOT THE SUCCESSOR TO-- BATMAN!



BROUGHT BEFORE COMMISSIONER GORDON, DEADSHOT CONTINUES HIS EXPLANATION...

EVERYTHING'S LEGAL-- I HAVE A PERMIT FOR MY GUNS. IS THERE ANY REASON WHY I CAN'T BE ANOTHER BATMAN? HAS HE A MONOPOLY ON CRIME-FIGHTING?

WELL--NO! BUT THERE ARE THINGS WE MUST CONSIDER. THOSE GUNS, FOR INSTANCE--BATMAN NEVER USES A GUN...



BUT I NEVER SHOOT TO KILL! COME, COMMISSIONER --ALLOW ME TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE...

WHY NOT JOIN US...BECOME A POLICEMAN OR DETECTIVE? WHY DO IT THE HARD WAY?





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LATER, AFTER THE CROOKS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED, COMMISSIONER GORDON EXPLAINS THE WHOLE STORY TO BATMAN...

...AND THAT'S IT, BATMAN... NOW, IN ADDITION TO YOU, I HAVE DEADSHOT TO HELP AGAINST CRIME...

TWO OF ANYTHING IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN ONE, DON'T YOU THINK, BATMAN?



YOU'RE THE BOSS, COMMISSIONER. WELL-- I SUPPOSE I SHOULD START CONCENTRATING AGAIN ON THE DETROIT KID AND "TRIGGER" RHODES...

NO NEED TO, BATMAN! DEADSHOT HAS ALREADY BROUGHT THEM IN!



AFTERWARDS, IN THE QUIET OF THE BATCAVE...

I DON'T KNOW, ROBIN -- THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT DEADSHOT...

I FELT THAT, TOO--YET THERE'S NOTHING TO INDICATE HE ISN'T ON THE LEVEL...



NEXT DAY, BATMAN, ROBIN AND DEADSHOT ARE ASSIGNED TO INTERVIEW SOME PRISONERS IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY...

WON'T NEED MY GUNS FOR THIS JOB--I'LL JUST CHECK THEM AT THE DOOR...



AND WHEN THE ROUTINE QUESTIONING IS OVER...

HA-HA! NO SECRET WEAPONS ON ME!

GUESS NOT! THIS "ELECTRIC EYE" WOULD HAVE FOUND 'EM...



YOU SEE, ROBIN? IF HE HAD STEEL PLATES IN HIS LEG THE WAY HE CLAIMS, THEY WOULD HAVE REGISTERED ON THAT "ELECTRIC EYE"!

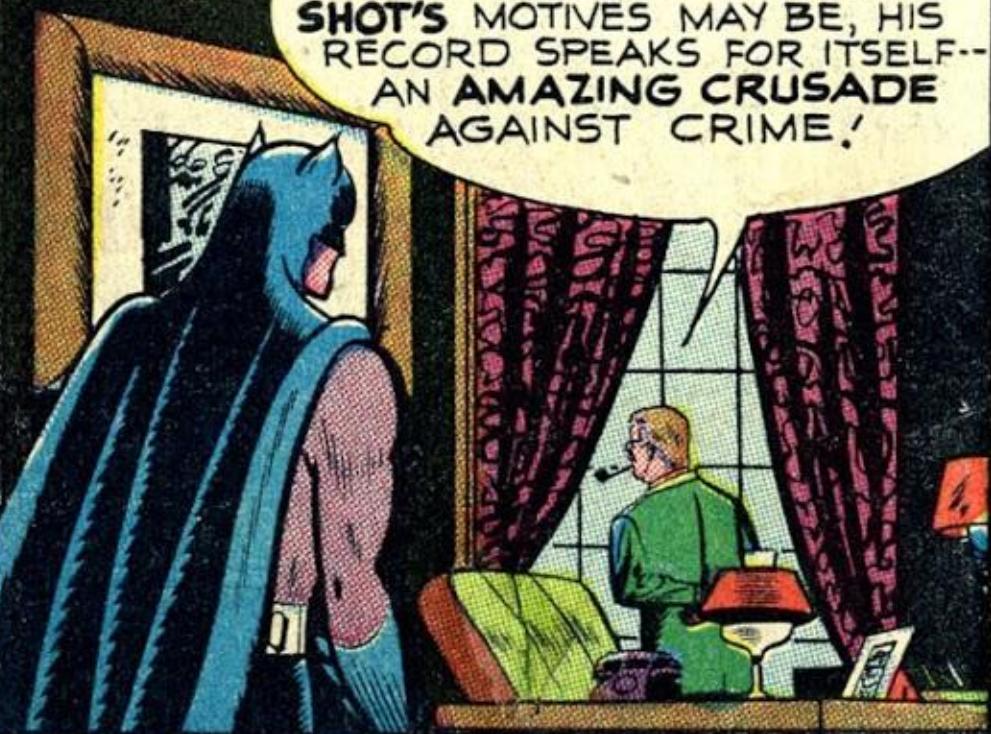
YES! THAT PUNCHES ONE HOLE IN HIS STORY! I BET WE CAN FIND A LOT MORE!





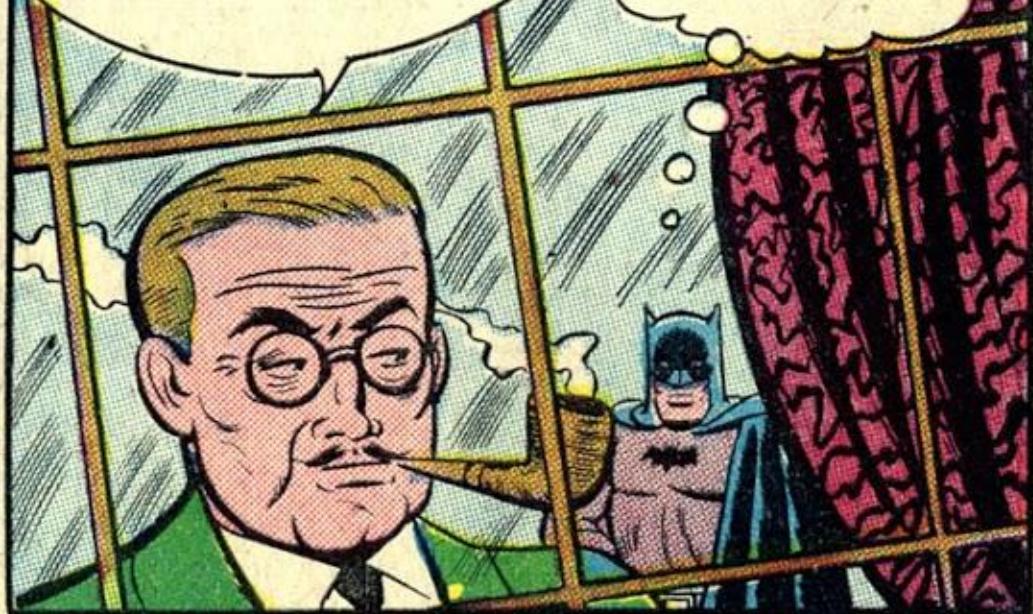
HIS SUSPICIONS NOW FULLY ARROUSED,  
BATMAN REPORTS TO GORDON, BUT...

I CAN'T AGREE WITH YOU,  
BATMAN. WHATEVER DEADSHOT'S MOTIVES MAY BE, HIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF--  
AN AMAZING CRUSADE AGAINST CRIME!



YOU SEEM AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO DISCREDIT DEADSHOT! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU, BATMAN, TO BE AFRAID OF COMPETITION...

I CAN'T BLAME HIM. I GUESS I DO SOUND A LITTLE LIKE A PRIMA DONNA...



THAT EVENING... AS CRIME ERUPTS AGAIN IN GOTHAM CITY...

LET'S GO, ROBIN... AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! WE'VE GOT TO LEARN ALL WE CAN ABOUT DEADSHOT ON OUR OWN!

BRRR! A COLD NIGHT TO CATCH CROOKS!



MINUTES LATER, AS DEADSHOT AND THE DYNAMIC DUO CONVERGE ON HAPLESS CRIMINALS...

DEADSHOT SHOT A PIECE OF HIS OWN POCKET OFF! I'LL PICK IT UP WHEN I GET THE CHANCE...



PRESENTLY, IN THE BATCAVE CRIME LAB...

THAT'S NOT VERY MUCH TO GO ON, BATMAN--A TINY FRAGMENT OF WOOL FROM AN OVERCOAT...

STILL, IT'S ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY THE FABRIC AS BEING A COSTLY ONE--WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE THE STORE THAT SOLD IT...



AND, AFTER A THOROUGH CANVASS OF THE BETTER MEN'S SHOPS IN GOTHAM CITY...

YES, THIS IS OUR FABRIC--BUT MORE THAN THAT I CAN'T HELP YOU! WE'VE SOLD HUNDREDS OF OVERCOATS MADE OF IT...

NEVER MIND--YOU'VE HELPED US ENOUGH! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



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QUICKLY, BATMAN LEADS ROBIN TO A ROOM IN THE REAR OF THE SHOP...

THIS IS THAT NEW METHOD OF TAILORING CALLED **PHOTO-MEASURING**--A SCIENTIFIC DEVICE FOR FITTING MEN'S CLOTHES...

I SEE! A MAN STANDS IN THE CENTER--AND SPECIAL MIRRORS PICK UP HIS DIMENSIONS, WHICH ARE PHOTOGRAPHED ALL AT ONCE!

SO THIS IS THE WAY THE MEASUREMENTS OF A CUSTOMER LOOK!

EXACTLY! AND, SOMEWHERE IN ITS FILES, THIS STORE HAS **SIMILAR MEASUREMENTS OF DEADSHOT!**

WITHIN AN HOUR, THE ALERT CRIME-BUSTERS BUSILY READY A ROOM IN THE BRUCE WAYNE MANSION...

INSTEAD OF MIRRORS WE'VE SET UP FOUR SEPARATE CAMERAS IN THIS IDENTICAL PHOTO-MEASURING SET-UP...

YES--WE COULDN'T CONCEAL MIRRORS, BUT WE CAN CONCEAL THESE CAMERAS! AND NOW TO GET DEADSHOT INTO THIS ROOM!

'SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

I BELIEVE SOMEONE HAS PLANTED A TIME-BOMB IN MY HOUSE! COME--I'LL SHOW YOU...

AND AS BRUCE LEADS DEADSHOT INTO THE CAMERA-RIGGED ROOM...

THANKS, DEADSHOT--FOR POSING SO NICELY

IF YOU STAND THERE, YOU MIGHT HEAR IT...

I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING...

THEIR RUSE A SUCCESS, THE LAWMEN QUICKLY DEVELOP THEIR PICTURES AND RUSH TO WILSON'S, LTD.!

SO THAT'S WHO DEADSHOT IS!

YES, ROBIN--FLOYD LAWTON! A NEW-COMER TO TOWN--I KNOW HIM VAGUELY. HE RECENTLY JOINED ONE OF MY CLUBS...

# BATMAN



MINUTES LATER, AT THE LAWTON RESIDENCE...

YES, STEVENS! EACH DAY BATMAN LOSES MORE FACE WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON WHILE I, AND MY GUNS, RISE IN HIS ESTEEM!

AHH, MR. LAWTON! SOON YOU WILL REPLACE BATMAN! AND THEN YOU'LL RUN THIS CITY THE WAY YOU'VE DREAMED --AS ITS GREATEST CRIME LORD!

IT'S JUST AS YOU FEARED! WHAT NOW? GORDON WON'T BELIEVE US WHEN WE TELL HIM WHAT WE'VE JUST HEARD!

WE NEED PROOF... SOMETHING CONCRETE! MEANWHILE, I'LL TRY TO FORCE THE ISSUE-- BY A DIRECT FRONTAL ATTACK!



AND NEXT EVENING, WHEN AN ESCAPED CONVICT IS TRACKED TO THE GOTHAM OPERA HOUSE...

NICE SHOOTING, FLOYD LAWTON! YES, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, ALL RIGHT-- AND WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

HUH?

OKAY-- YOU KNOW ME-- SO WHAT? THE COMMISSIONER WON'T LISTEN TO YOU: HE THINKS YOU'RE JEALOUS!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!



OH, WON'T I? HA-HA? YOU CAN'T STOP MY GUNS AND ME, BATMAN! EVERY MARKSMAN IS ENTITLED TO ONE MISS. SO I'M GOING TO KILL YOU SOON--BY ACCIDENT, OF COURSE--BUT NO ONE WILL SUSPECT!



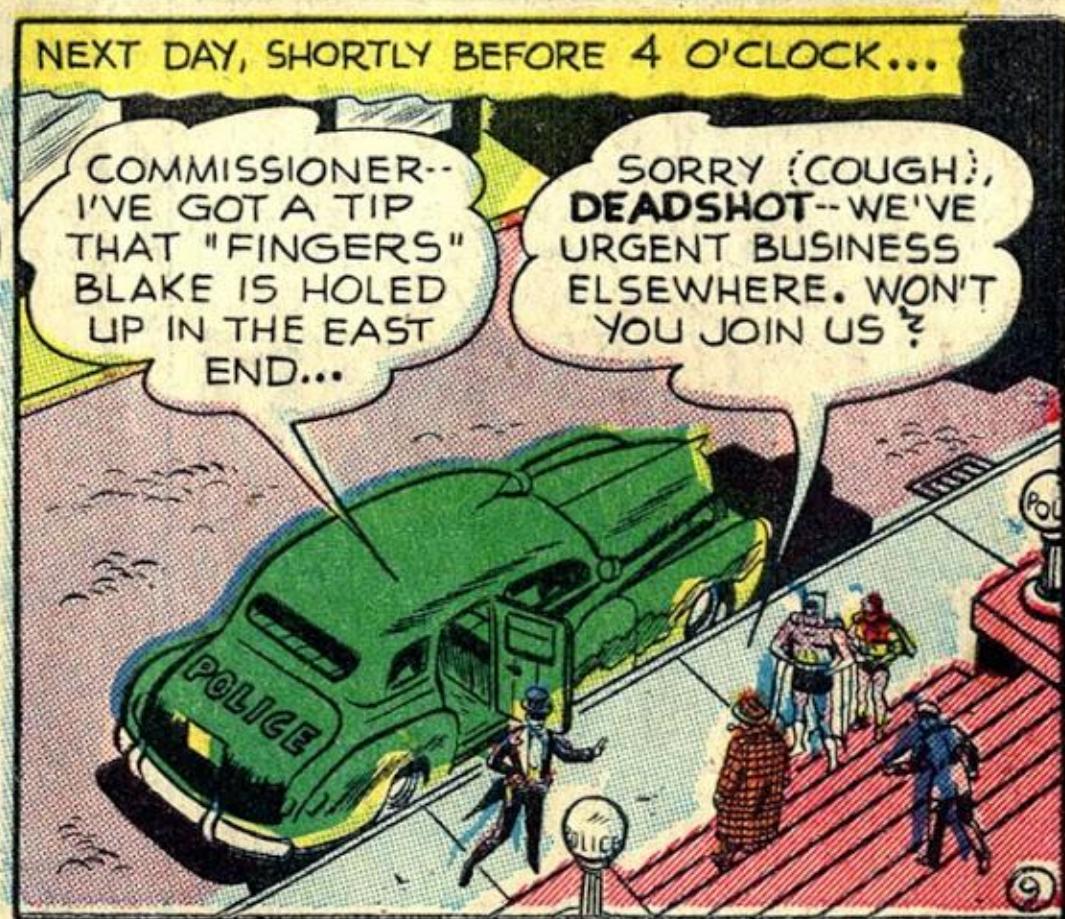
FACED WITH THE CRISIS OF HIS CAREER, BATMAN GRIMLY SEEKS A SOLUTION. A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

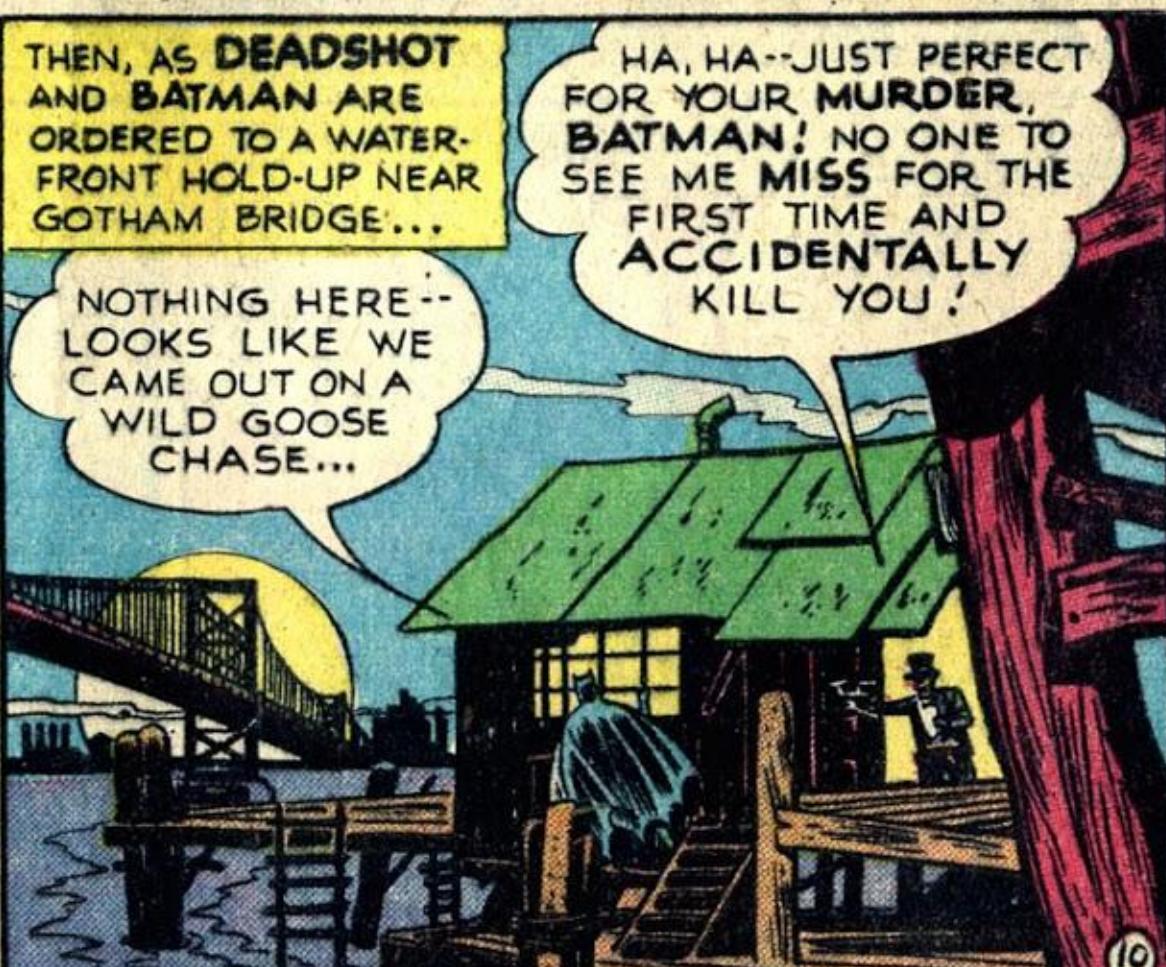
WE'VE GOT TO WATCH HIM LIKE A HAWK--TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FIRST SLIP HE MAKES ... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

GOSH-- HE SURE IS GORDON'S FAIR-HAIRED BOY THESE DAYS...



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BUT SUDDENLY, BATMAN TURNS DEADLY COLD AND BRAZEN...

GO ON, DEADSHOT! KILL ME-- IF YOU DARE! YOU'RE AFRAID! YOU NEVER SHOT TO KILL BEFORE! LOOK AT YOUR HAND SHAKE! YOU'VE LOST YOUR NERVE-- YOU CAN'T SHOOT ME!

IS THAT SO! I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S LOST HIS NERVE! THIS IS ONE TIME I'LL TAKE CAREFUL AIM!

DEADSHOT'S FINGERS TIGHTEN ON THE TRIGGER! SUDDENLY A SHOT RINGS OUT! AND THEN...

I MISSED! I MISSED! BUT HOW COULD I? SUCH AN EASY TARGET!

SURE YOU MISSED, YOU FOOL! YOUR TREMBLING HANDS ARE USELESS! YOU'RE THROUGH--FINISHED! YOU CAN THROW AWAY YOUR GUNS!

ENRAGED BY BATMAN'S TAUNTS, DEADSHOT FIRES AGAIN AND AGAIN AS THE BATTLE SWAYS ACROSS GOTHAM BRIDGE...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME? I'M NOT FIRING BLANKS--I CAN SEE THE BULLETS STRIKE THE WATER! YET I CAN'T HIT BATMAN!

YOU WERE GOING TO RULE GOTHAM CITY WITH THOSE GUNS, LAWTON. HA-HA! YOU'D BE BETTER OFF WITH A WATER PISTOL!

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF DEADSHOT! DUDSHOT WOULD BE BETTER!

MY GUNS! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM?

YOU CAN'T KILL ME, LAWTON! I'M COMING NOW TO ARREST YOU!

MY HANDS ARE SHAKING! MY GUNS--MY WORLD-- HAS COLLAPSED!



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AND, AS BATMAN COOLLY TAKES HIS GUNS,  
LAWTON'S NERVES CRACK WIDE OPEN...

IT'S THE END OF  
THE ROAD, LAWTON.  
YOU'RE GOING TO DO  
A LITTLE EXPLAINING  
NOW--TO COMMISSIONER  
GORDON!

WHY NOT? I'M  
NO GOOD ANY-  
MORE--JUST A  
BUST--A FAILURE--  
A WEAKLING (SOB)  
WHO LOST HIS  
NERVE...

LATER, AFTER GORDON HAS HEARD  
LAWTON'S FULL CONFESSION...

IT'S FANTASTIC!  
BUT HOW DID  
YOU WORK IT--  
HOW DID YOU  
MAKE HIM A  
NERVOUS  
WRECK?

I COULDN'T GET PROOF  
OF ANYTHING--SO I DE-  
CIDED TO TRY PSYCHOL-  
OGY BY DESTROYING  
HIS CONFIDENCE IN  
HIS GUNS!

"LAST NIGHT I STOLE INTO LAWTON'S HOME,  
AND ALTERED THE AIMING SIGHTS ON  
EVERY ONE OF HIS WEAPONS!"

I'LL SET THE STAGE TOMORROW  
BY TURNING IN A FALSE  
ALARM--AND THEN  
HOPE THAT LAWTON  
CRACKS WHEN  
THESE GUNS OF  
HIS PROVE USE-  
LESS!

LATER, ON THE ROOF OF THE POLICE STATION...

THERE!...A FITTING  
END TO THIS SYMBOL  
OF CRIME! I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN BETTER  
THAN TO DOUBT YOU,  
**BATMAN!**

BY PLAYING US AGAINST  
EACH OTHER, LAWTON  
HAD US BOTH FOOLED  
FOR AWHILE. BUT NOW,  
HIS BULL'S-EYE IS  
SHATTERED FOR  
GOOD!

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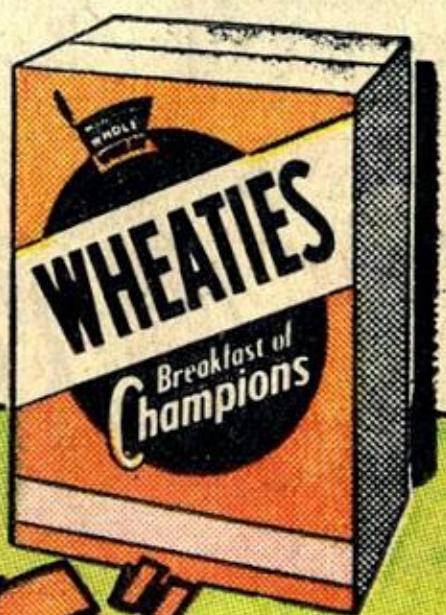


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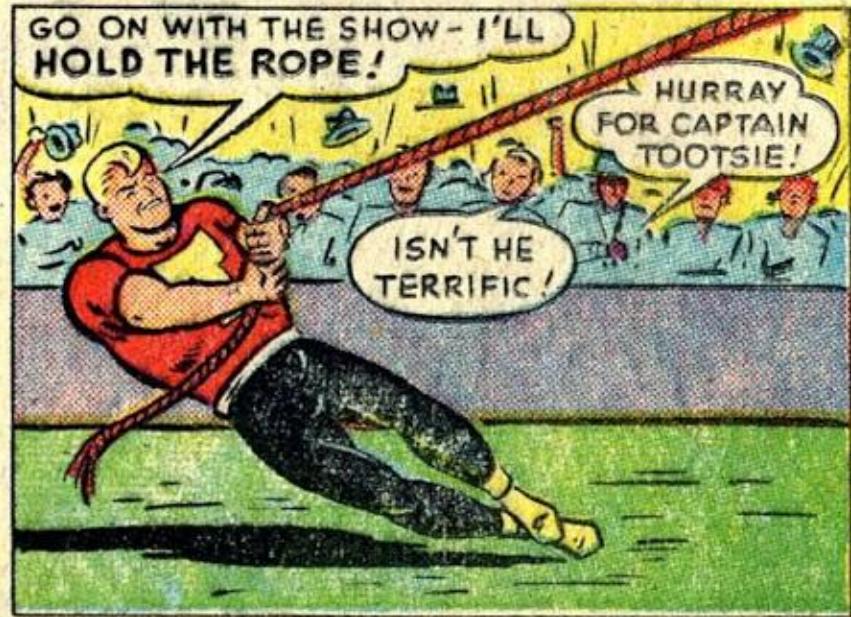
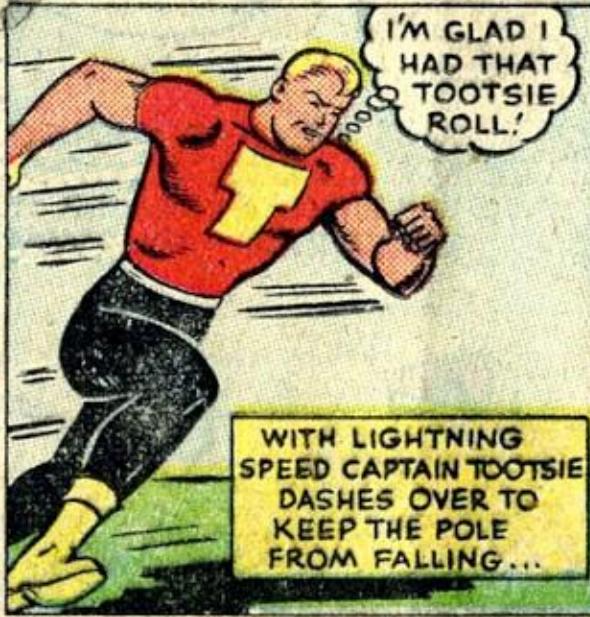
CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE GONE TO SEE THE COUNTY FAIR...

THERE'S ONE OF THE FARRELL SISTERS ABOUT TO BEGIN HER FAMOUS TRAPEZE ACT!



LOOK, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE - THE GUY-ROPE SNAPPED! THEY'LL FALL AND BE KILLED!

MARGE FARRELL DESPERATELY CLUTCHES FOR THE ROPE...



AMIDST THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE THE FARRELL SISTERS FINISH THEIR DARING ACT!

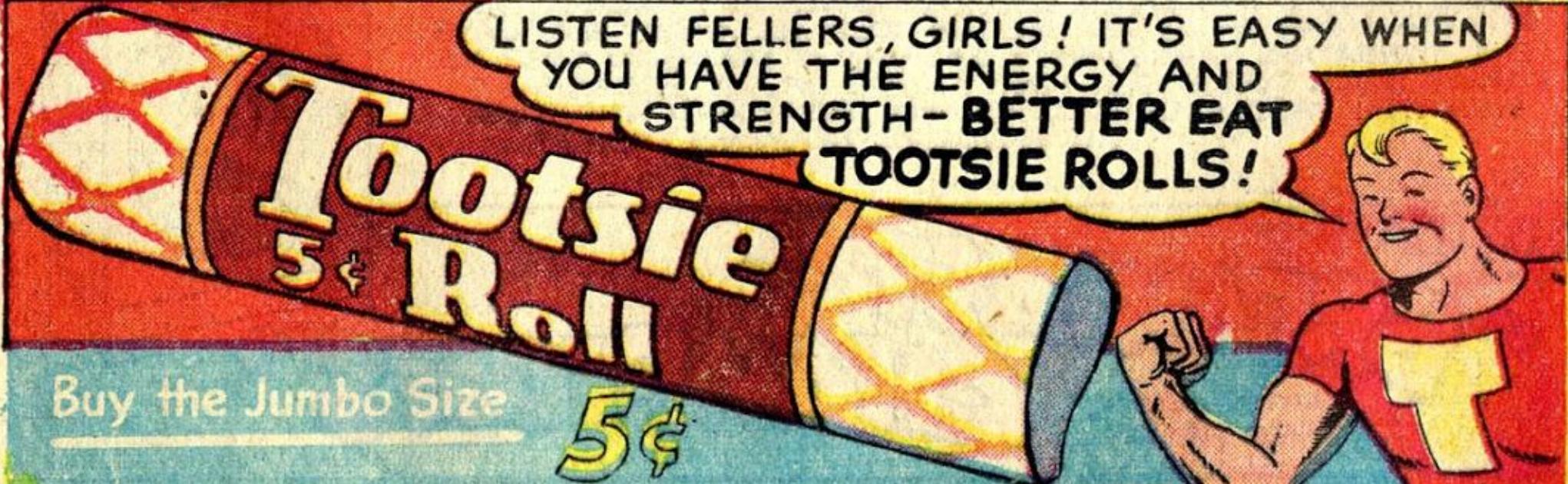


TOOTSIE ROLL DID IT! THEY'RE WONDERFUL FOR QUICK ENERGY - HAVE SOME!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE - YOU'RE ALWAYS ON THE JOB - YOU SAVED OUR LIVES - WE WORK WITHOUT A SAFETY NET!



LISTEN FELLERS, GIRLS! IT'S EASY WHEN YOU HAVE THE ENERGY AND STRENGTH - BETTER EAT TOOTSIE ROLLS!



# BATMAN

## ROBIN

BY WONDER-

NO MORTAL  
MAN IS ALLOWED  
TO  
ENTER!



TO THIS DAY, PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT CERTAIN THINGS ON EARTH ARE CURSED, TO BE LEFT UNMOLESTED LEST DOOM DESCEND ON HE WHO WOULD SCORN A GRAVE WARNING!

YOU MAY LAUGH AT THIS--SCOFF AT TALES OF THE SUPERNATURAL. BUT CAN YOU REALLY BE SURE? AREN'T YOU DOING JUST A LITTLE WHISTLING IN THE DARK? FOR MANY STRANGE THINGS ARE LOCKED IN THE MYSTERY OF LIFE--THINGS THAT PUT EVEN THE GREAT BATMAN TO HIS STERNEST TEST AS HE GRIMLY FACES THE DARK UNKNOWN IN HIS VENTURE INTO...

**"THE FORBIDDEN CELLAR!"**

BOB  
KANE



# BATMAN



ONE MORNING, IN THE GOTHAM CITY HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

SOME STORY! 50 YEARS AGO THIS MILLIONAIRE HAD A VISION THAT A DEADLY EVIL LURKED IN HIS CELLAR! SO HE LOCKED IT UP, AND IT WAS NEVER ENTERED AGAIN!

AND TO THIS DAY, PEOPLE BELIEVE THERE'S SOMETHING FEARFUL DOWN THERE!

GOTHAM GAZETTE

MILLIONAIRE ECENTRIC LEAVES "HAUNTED" ESTATE TO COLLEGE!

PRESS TO COOPERATE IN EXPOSING GROUNDLESS SUPERSTITIONS BY SENDING REPORTER INTO "FORBIDDEN" CELLAR!

WE PROPOSE TO CONVERT THE ESTATE INTO A SOREL-Y-NEEDED LIBRARY! BUT FIRST, WE MUST CLEAR IT OF ANY SUPERSTITIONS!

YES! THAT IS WHY I HAD MY ASSISTANT, PERKINS, ARRANGE FOR A REPORTER TO EXPOSE THE HOAX TOMORROW!

LATER THAT DAY, BRUCE IS CALLED UPON IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE BOARD...

WILLIAM, COULD YOU PUT THAT PIPE AWAY? YOU KNOW HOW TO-BACCO BOthers ME...

OH I'M DREADFULLY SORRY, PROFESSOR VINCENT... I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT...

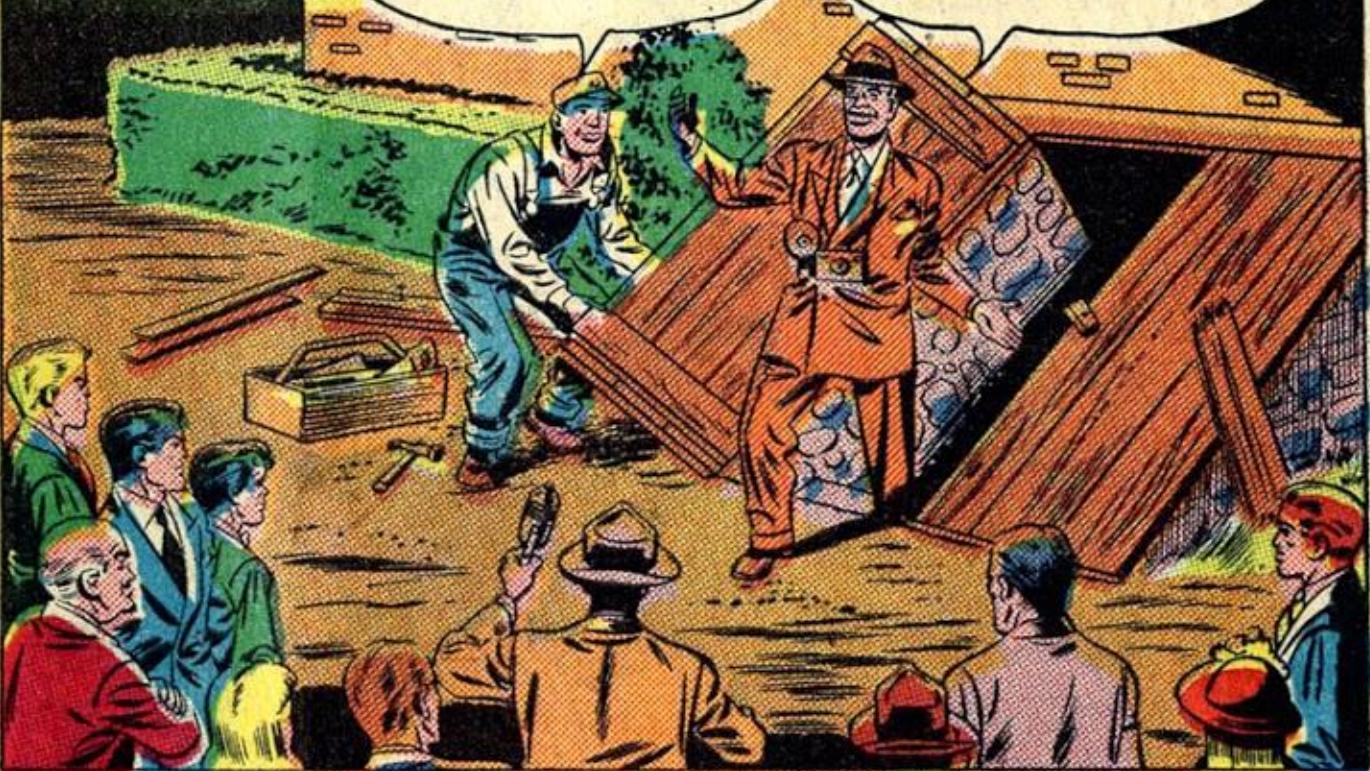
GENTLEMEN, I NOW CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER, TO DISCUSS OUR NEW BEQUEST!



NEXT DAY, AT THE NOW-FAMOUS ESTATE...

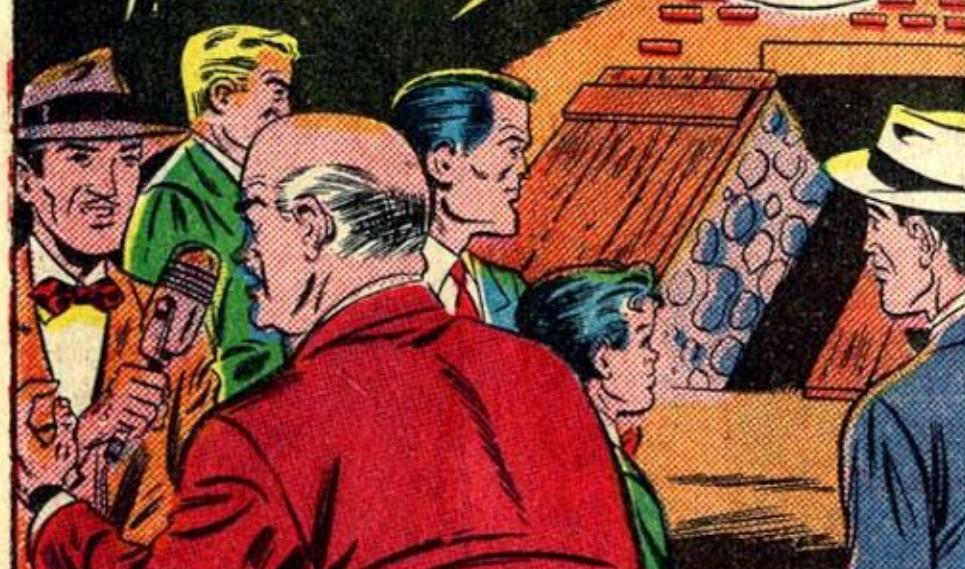
SHE'S OPEN, MR. EAST--ANYTIME YOU'RE READY...

I'M READY NOW! HERE I GO, INTO THE "HAUNTED" CELLAR! HA, HA!



WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR REPORTER EAST... PROF. VINCENT--AS A SCIENTIST, WHAT IS YOUR REACTION?

WHY, IT'S PREPOSTEROUS THAT WE MUST GO THROUGH ALL THIS TO EXPOSE A SILLY SUPERSTITION!



THEN, AFTER THE SECONDS HAVE SLOWLY TICKED OFF, EAST SUDDENLY REAPPEARS!

LOOK! (GASP) HE'S GONE MAD!

WHAT DID HE SEE DOWN THERE THAT TURNED HIM INTO THIS?

BE CAREFUL! HE'S DANGEROUS!



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SOMETHING'S SHOCKED HIM INTO A HOMICIDAL MANIAC! QUICKLY, DICK--WE'VE GOT TO NAB HIM AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!



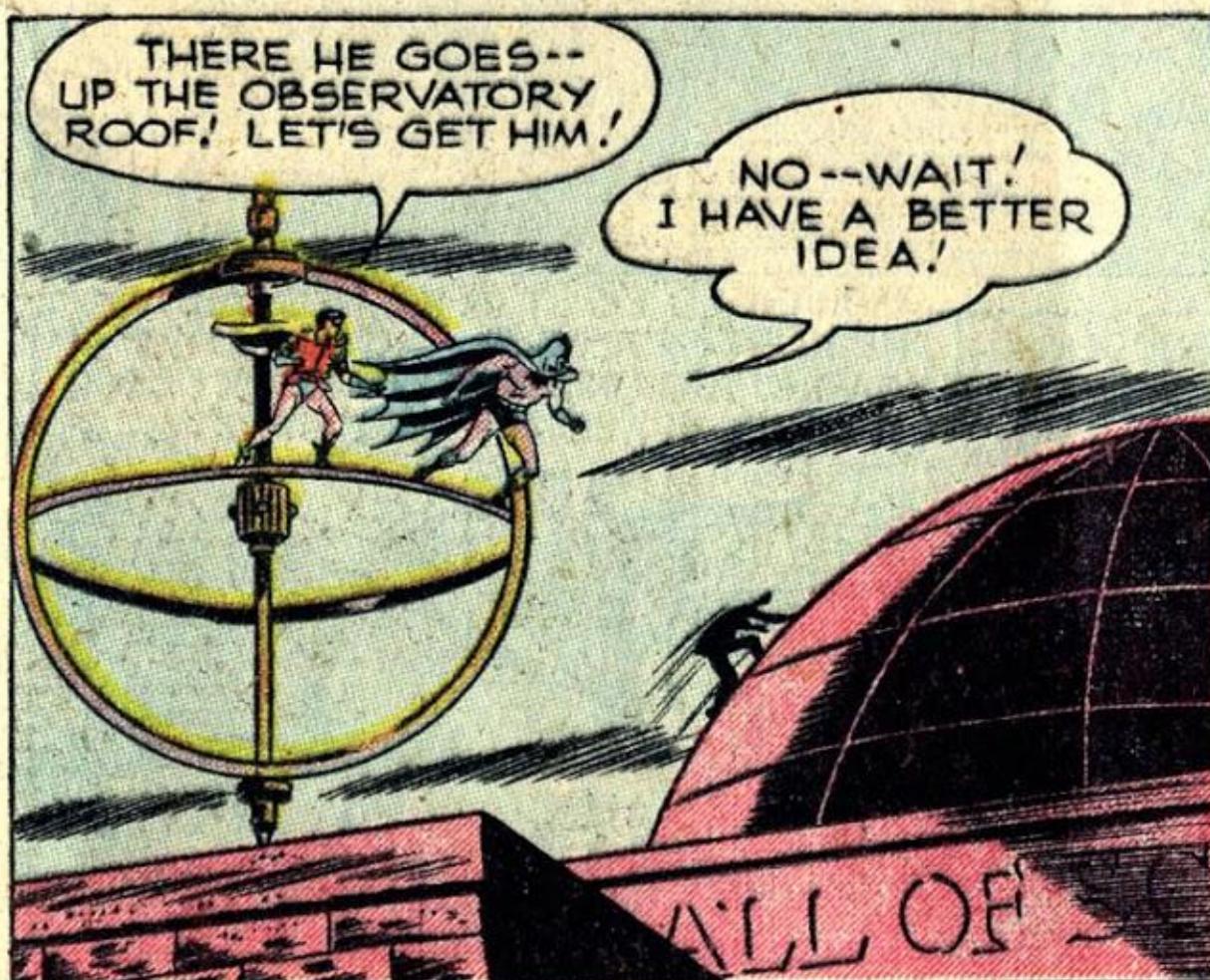
MOMENTS LATER, AFTER A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME...

HE'S HEADED TOWARD THE HALL OF SCIENCE ON THE GOTHAM COLLEGE CAMPUS!



THERE HE GOES-- UP THE OBSERVATORY ROOF! LET'S GET HIM!

NO--WAIT! I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!



POUNCING ON THE SURPRISED MADMAN, THE DYNAMIC DUO QUICKLY SUBDUES HIM. LATER...

POOR CHAP! SOMETHING HE SAW SCARED HIM RIGHT OUT OF HIS WITS. THAT CELLAR IS A PLACE OF EVIL!

THAT'S PURE NONSENSE! MORE LIKELY HE FELL AND BANGED HIS HEAD ON SOMETHING!



WELL, WHATEVER IT IS, I WANT THIS CELLAR LOCKED UNTIL WE CAN COMPLETE AN INVESTIGATION...

TOO LATE, COMMISSIONER! A STUDENT JUST SLIPPED BY US AND WENT DOWN THERE!



AND, AS A BREATHLESS THrong WATCHES...

HE'S SEEN IT,  
TOO! LOOK--HE'S  
BECOME A  
MANIAC!

PERKINS--IT'S  
LAIT--ONE OF  
OUR HONOR  
STUDENTS!  
THIS IS MY  
FAULT!

CAREFUL!  
HE'S GOT A  
KNIFE!



ABRUPTLY, THE MAD STUDENT RUSHES INTO THE HOUSE AS BATMAN AND ROBIN GIVE INSTANT CHASE.

THERE HE GOES  
INTO THAT HALL--  
AND HE'S SEEN  
US!

YOU'LL NEVER  
CATCH ME--  
I'LL KILL YOU  
FIRST! HA-HA-  
HA-HA-HA!



THEN, AS A GRIM HUNT FOLLOWS,  
THROUGH INTRICATE HALLS AND  
PASSAGeways...

HA-HA-HA!  
I KNEW I COULD  
FOOL THEM!



YES--AND IT'S  
**GOOD KNIGHT**  
FOR OUR FRIEND  
HERE!

CLANK!

LAIT, MY POOR  
BOY! WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED TO  
YOU?

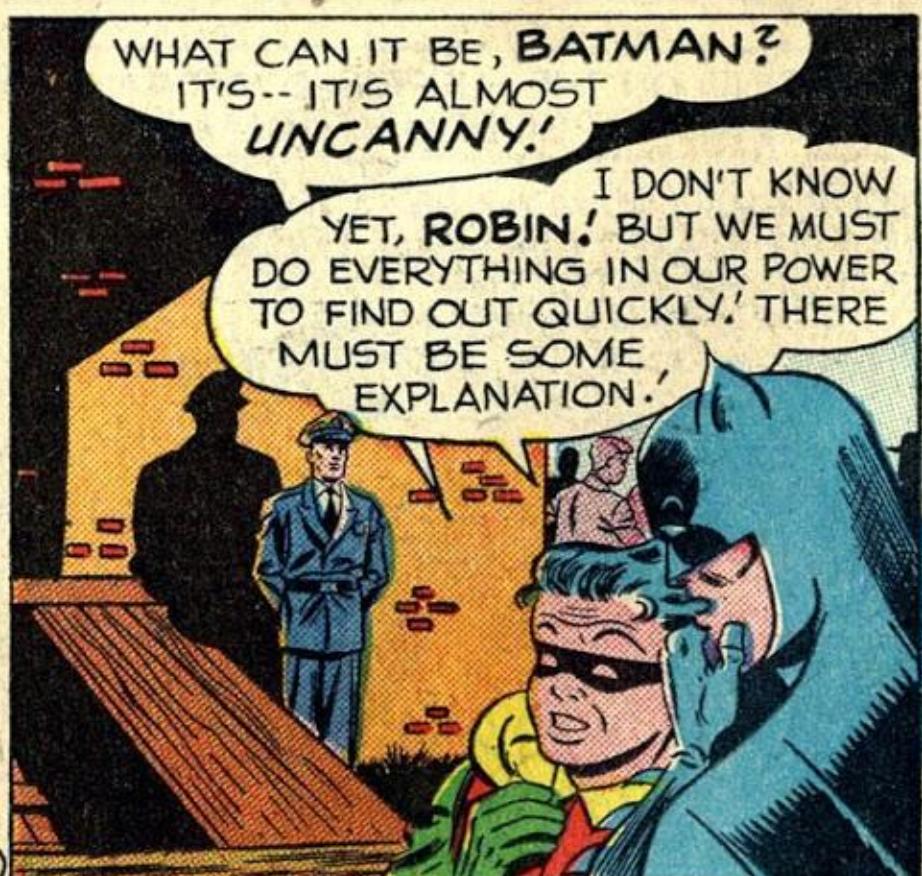
THE HOUSE IS **EVIL!**  
I SAY-- **BURN IT  
TO THE GROUND!**

I WANT  
ALL OF YOU  
GENTLEMEN AT  
MY OFFICE THIS  
EVENING--WE  
MUST DO  
SOMETHING  
QUICKLY!



WHAT CAN IT BE, **BATMAN?**  
IT'S-- IT'S ALMOST  
**UNCANNY!**

I DON'T KNOW  
YET, **ROBIN!** BUT WE MUST  
DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER  
TO FIND OUT QUICKLY. THERE  
MUST BE SOME  
EXPLANATION.





# BATMAN



THAT NIGHT, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS ...

BATMAN'S TESTIFYING IN NIGHT COURT. AS SOON AS HE, PERKINS AND VINCENT ARRIVE, WE CAN BEGIN...

COMMISSIONER! PERKINS JUST PHONED! VINCENT HAS IGNORED HIS PLEAS **AND IS PREPARING TO GO DOWN THE CELLAR**

MINUTES LATER, AT THE ESTATE...

THE PROFESSOR SUDDENLY SLUGGED ME... (GROAN)

I TRIED TO STOP HIM! BUT HE FELT **GUILTY**! SAID ALL THIS WAS HIS FAULT--THAT IT WAS UP TO HIM TO SOLVE



SUDDENLY...

IT'S VINCENT, ALL RIGHT--AND HIS VOICE SOUNDS HARDLY HUMAN!

I WISH NOW I HADN'T SENT **BATMAN** TO COURT...



A SPINE-FREEZING MOMENT LATER...

THAT TERRIBLE **THING**--IN THE CELLAR--WHATEVER IT IS--HAS NOW CLAIMED PROFESSOR VINCENT, TOO!

WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT GUN!



THE DEAN--HE'S BEEN HIT BADLY!

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE DIVERSION, VINCENT FLEES INTO DARKNESS--EVEN AS THE DYNAMIC DUO RUSHES UP!

IT'S VINCENT, **BATMAN**--MAD LIKE THE OTHERS! HE FLED THAT WAY!

COME ON, ROBIN!



# BATMAN

A WILD CHASE FOLLOWS, INTO AN INDUSTRIAL SECTION OF THE CITY...

LOOK--I SEE  
HIM CLEARLY!

YES--THAT  
BUILDING ON FIRE  
IS LIGHTING UP  
THE SKY...



THE FOOL!  
HE'LL BE BURNED  
TO DEATH IF HE  
ISN'T CAREFUL!



THEN, WITH  
SPLIT-SECOND  
TIMING...

NICE ROPING,  
**ROBIN!**

I'VE SEEN LOONIES IN  
MY DAY, BUT THIS GUY  
TAKES THE CAKE!



ANOTHER  
CANDIDATE FOR  
A STRAITJACKET!  
LET'S HOPE WE  
DON'T GET  
ANYMORE!



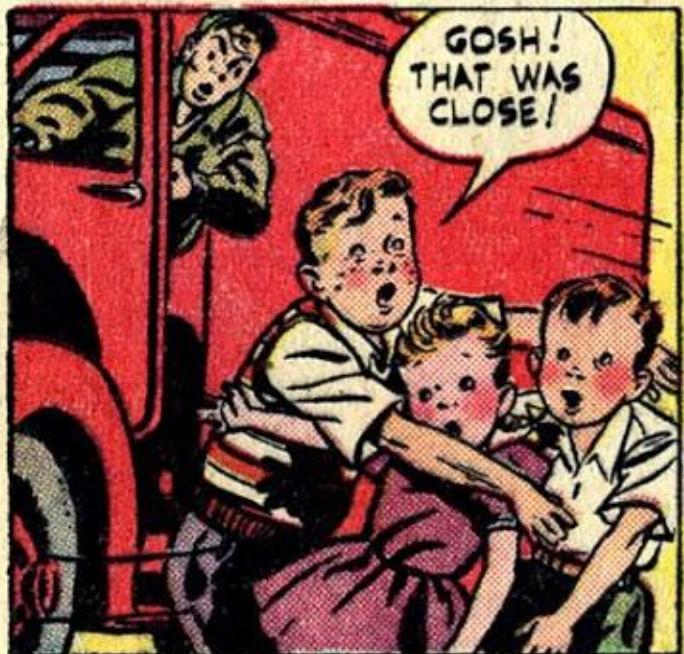
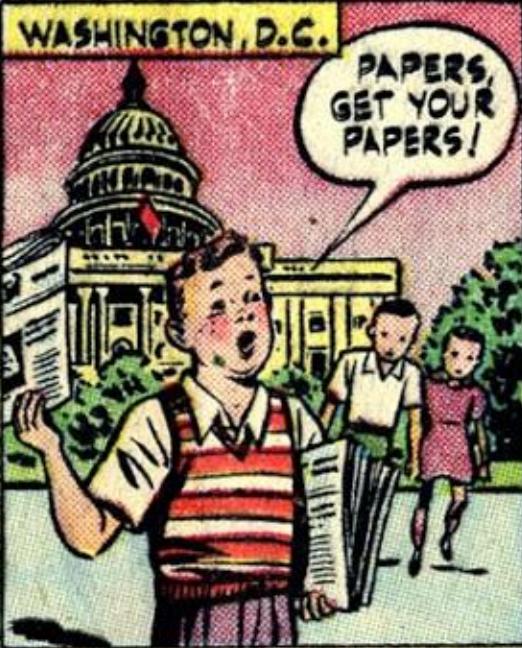
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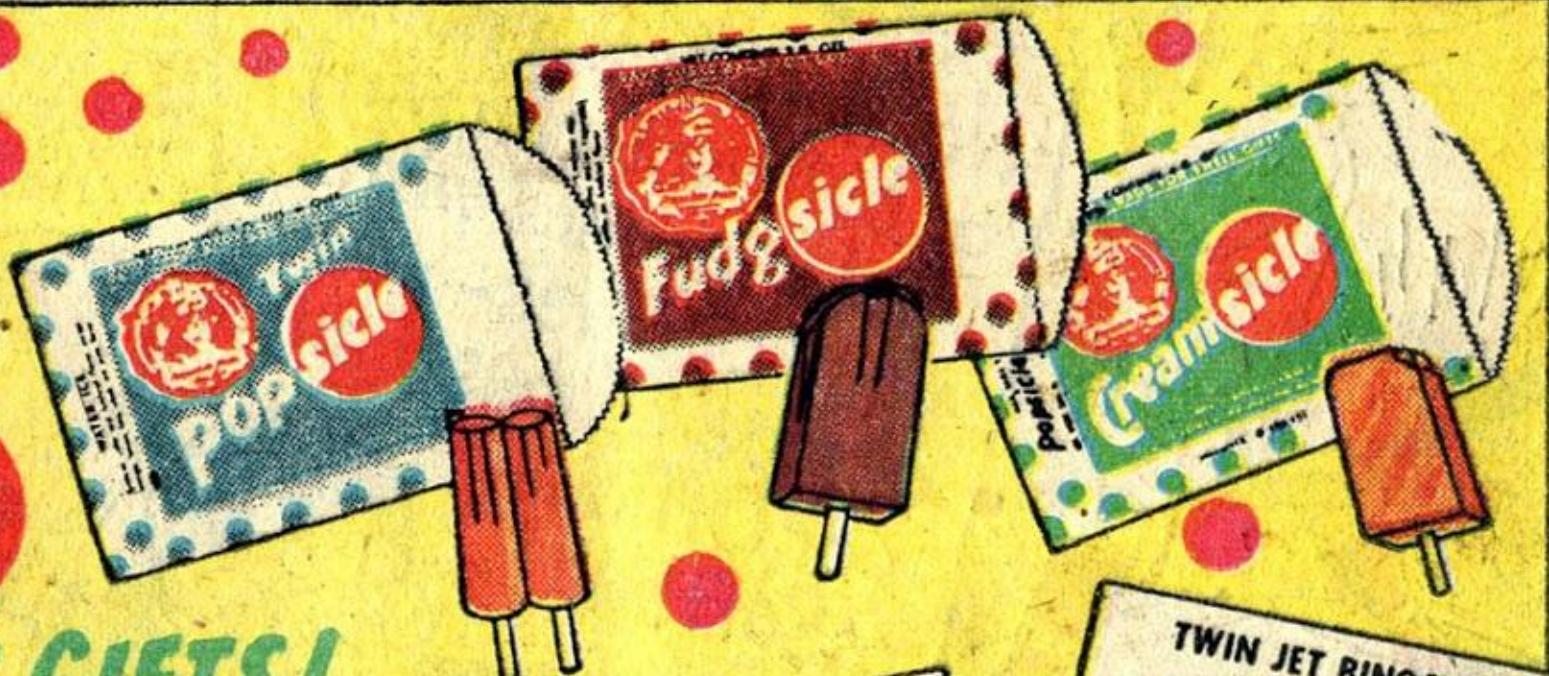
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# BATMAN



NEXT DAY, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

DEAN HEDGE DIED THIS MORNING, BATMAN! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT CELLAR.

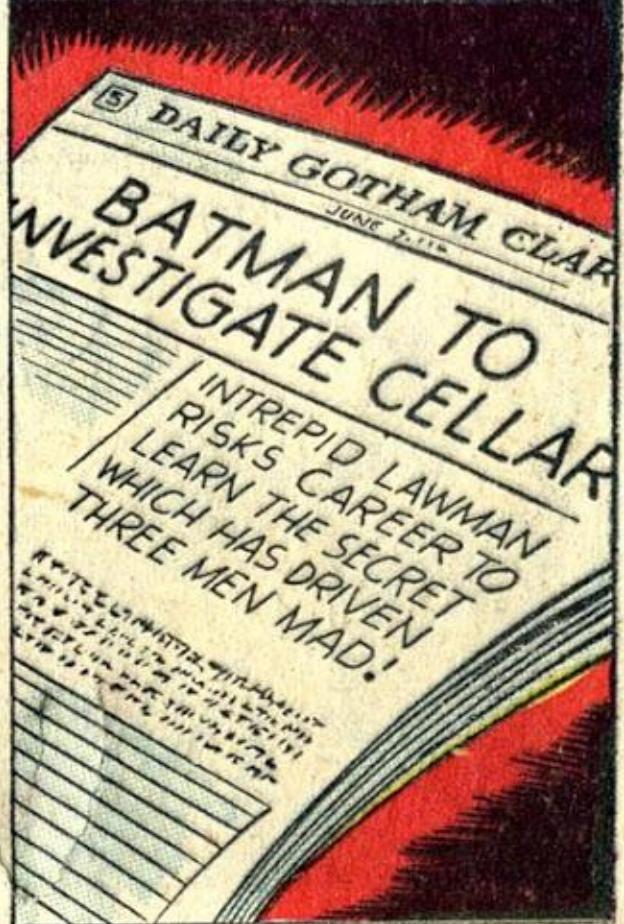
THAT'S JUST WHAT WE CAME TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT...

LATER, WHEN IMPATIENT NEWSMEN CROWD INTO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

COMMISSIONER-- MILLIONS OF READERS ARE WAITING TO LEARN WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT THAT CURSED CELLAR!

WE'VE REACHED A DECISION. BATMAN IS GOING DOWN THERE HIMSELF!

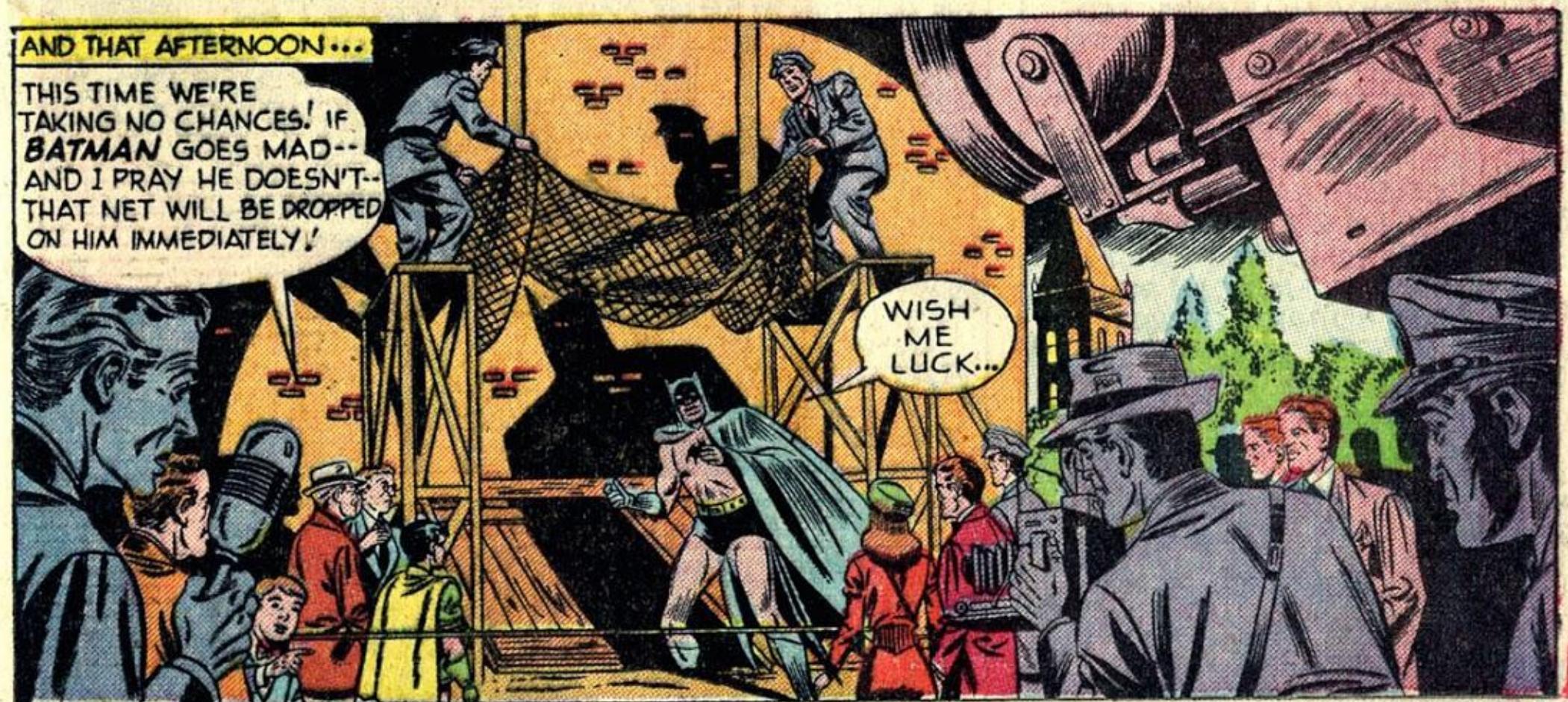
WOW! WHAT A YARN!



AND THAT AFTERNOON...

THIS TIME WE'RE TAKING NO CHANCES! IF BATMAN GOES MAD-- AND I PRAY HE DOESN'T-- THAT NET WILL BE DROPPED ON HIM IMMEDIATELY!

WISH ME LUCK...



DEATH-LIKE SILENCE GRIPS THE CROWD AS BATMAN DESCENDS INTO THE CELLAR! THEN, AS MINUTES AGONIZINGLY PASS...

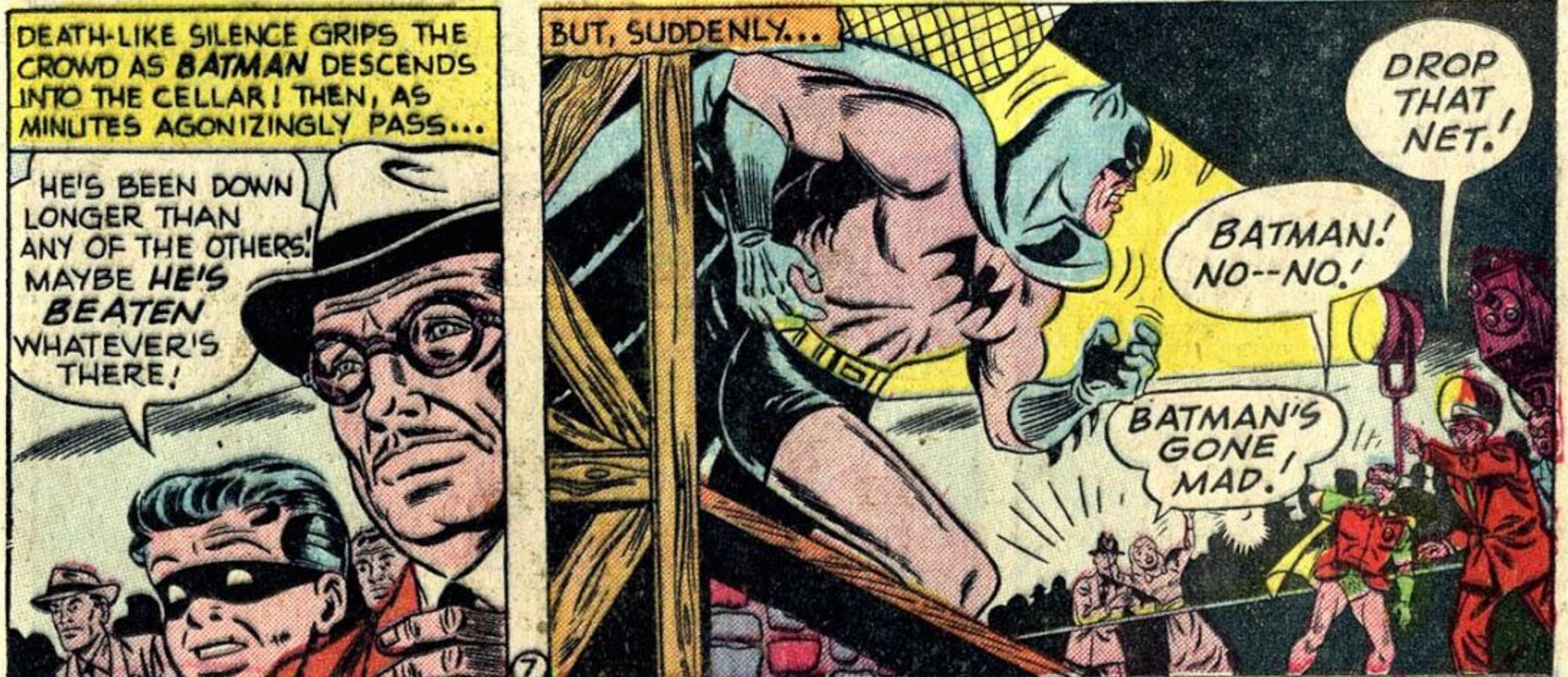
HE'S BEEN DOWN LONGER THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS! MAYBE HE'S BEATEN WHATEVER'S THERE!

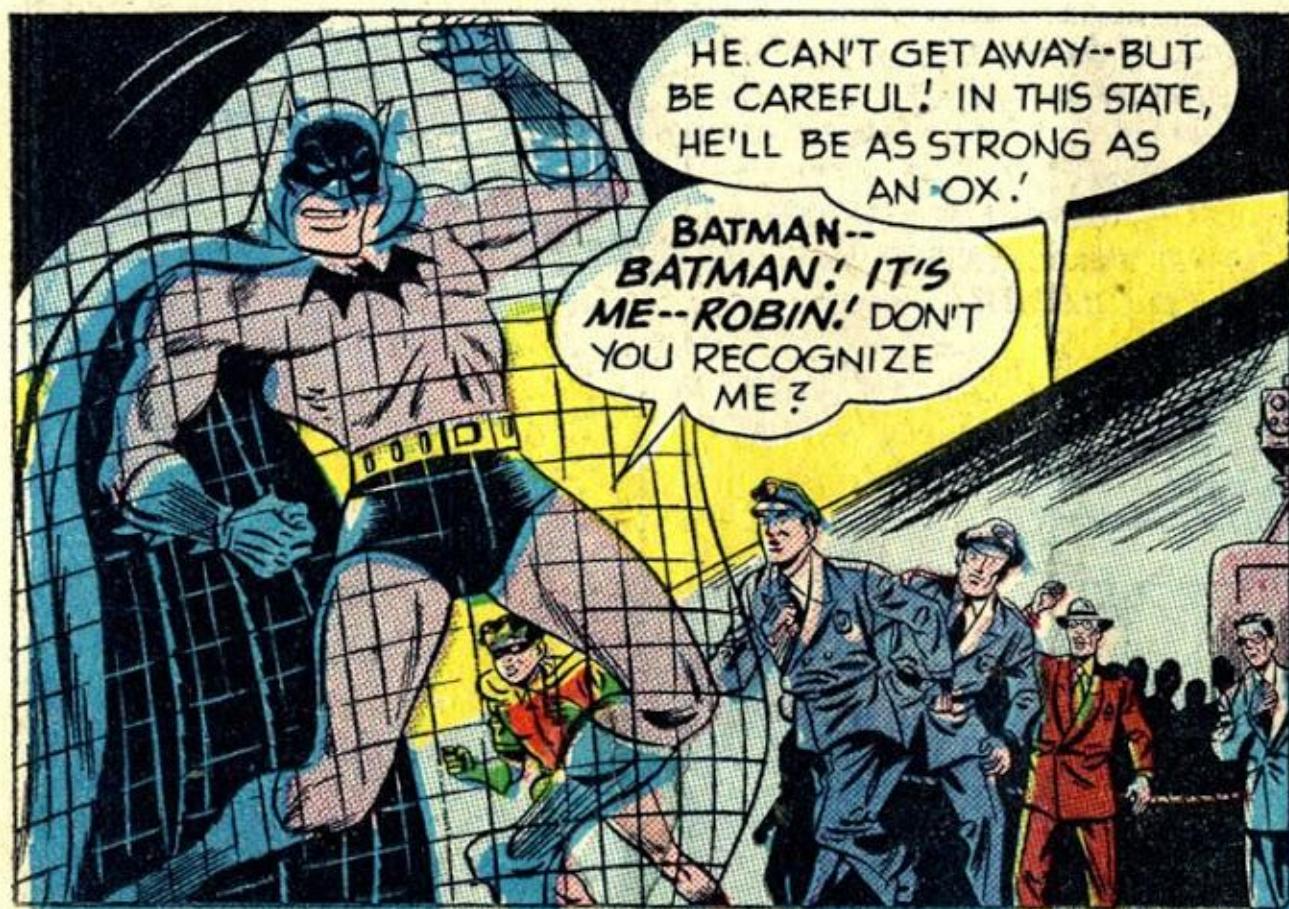
BUT, SUDDENLY...

BATMAN! NO--NO!

BATMAN'S GONE, MAD.

DROP THAT NET!





THEN SUDDENLY, AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT BRINGS NEW HOPE TO THE DAZED CITIZENS OF GOTHAM CITY... ?

**FLASH!** REPORTER PHIL EAST, FIRST TO DESCEND THE "FORBIDDEN" CELLAR, HAS JUST REGAINED **COMPLETE SANITY!** APPARENTLY SUFFERING FROM A TEMPORARY BLACKOUT, EAST CAN REMEMBER NOTHING OF WHAT WENT ON!



OF COURSE, PROFESSOR, YOU FACE  
A TECHNICAL HOMICIDE CHARGE. BUT  
IT WILL BE A MERE FORMALITY--YOU  
CAN'T BE CONVICTED FOR SOME-  
THING YOU DID IN AN INSANE STATE.

HOW MAD CAN A PERSON  
BE TO KILL HIS BEST  
FRIEND?



THE NEXT DAY IN THE  
PSYCHOPATHIC WARD  
OF GOTHAM  
HOSPITAL...

YES! LET'S  
HOPE  
**BATMAN**  
RECOVERS  
SHORTLY!



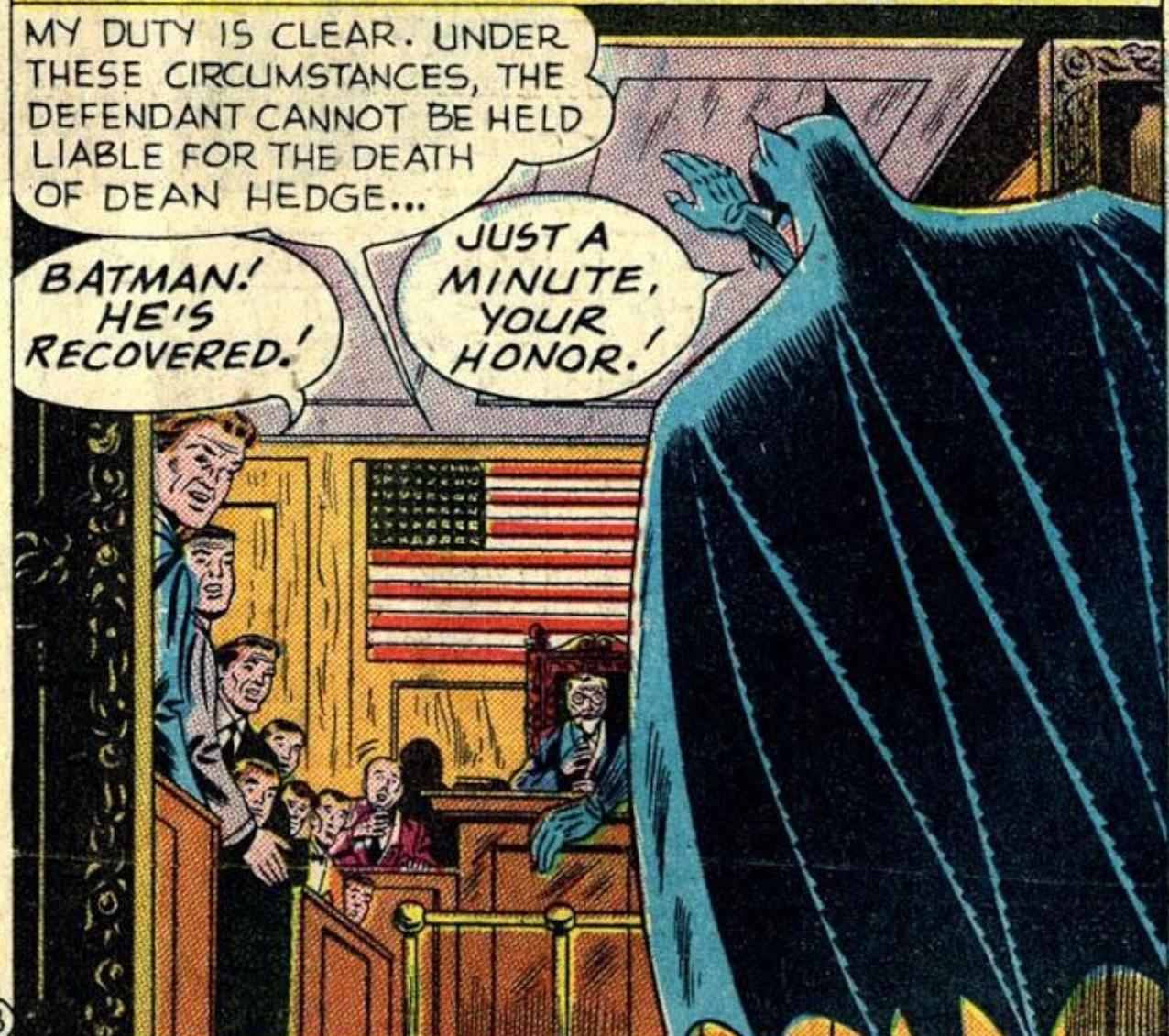
JUST LIKE PHIL EAST, LAIT  
AND VINCENT HERE ARE NOW  
COMPLETELY NORMAL! AN  
AMAZING CASE OF  
TEMPORARY,  
INSANITY!

THEN, NEXT DAY IN A CROWDED GOTHAM CITY COURT ROOM...

MY DUTY IS CLEAR. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEFENDANT CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE DEATH OF DEAN HEDGE...

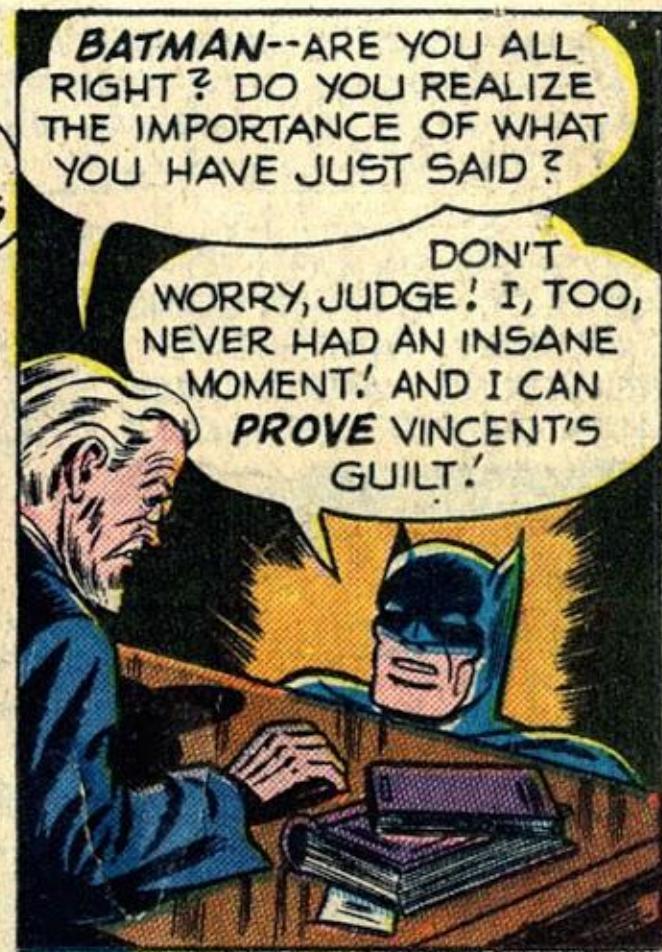
**BATMAN!  
HE'S  
RECOVERED!**

JUST A  
MINUTE,  
YOUR  
HONOR!





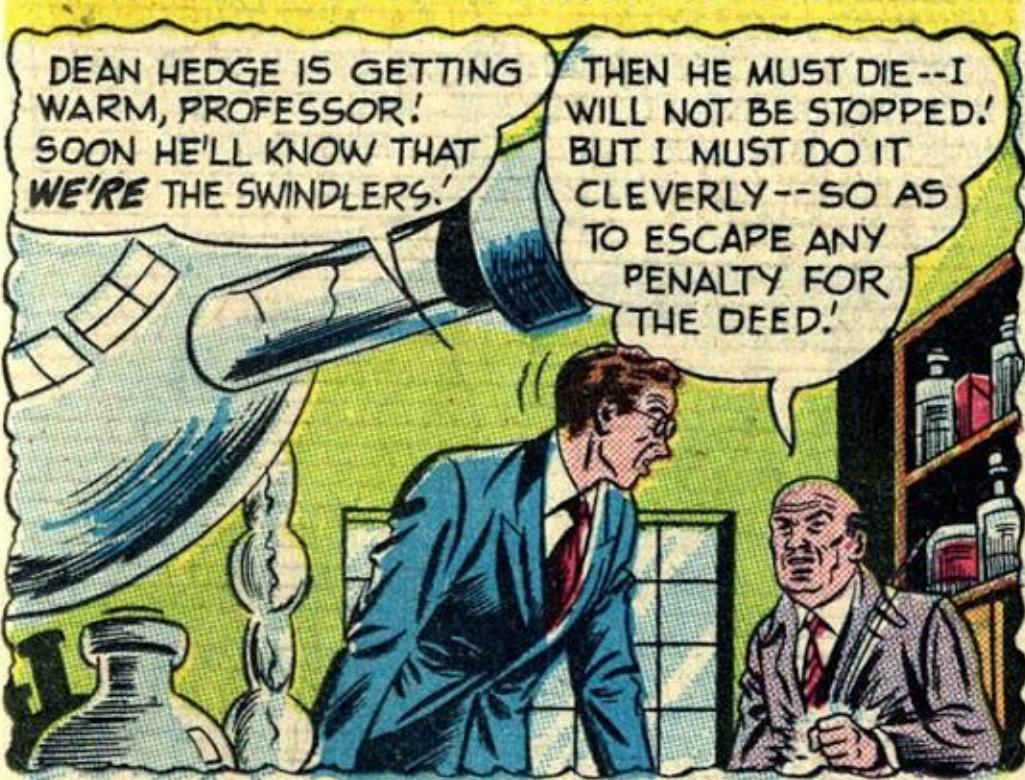
# BATMAN



**BATMAN'S STORY:** "TO START AT THE BEGINNING, VINCENT AND HIS ASSISTANT, PERKINS, HAD BEEN SWINDLING HUGE SUMS FROM THE COLLEGE..."

DEAN HEDGE IS GETTING WARM, PROFESSOR!  
SOON HE'LL KNOW THAT WE'RE THE SWINDLERS!

THEN HE MUST DIE--I WILL NOT BE STOPPED!  
BUT I MUST DO IT CLEVERLY--SO AS TO ESCAPE ANY PENALTY FOR THE DEED!



"THE BEQUEST OF THE 'HAUNTED' CELLAR WAS A BREAK THAT FITTED IN PERFECTLY WITH VINCENT'S FIENDISH SCIENTIFIC IMAGINATION..."

A "HAUNTED" CELLAR--HA-HA!  
JUST THE PLACE TO DEPOSIT THIS RARE AND DEADLY MUSHROOM, WHOSE FUMES STRIKE AT THE BRAIN AND CAUSE HOMICIDAL MANIA FOR 72 HOURS!



"IF YOU REMEMBER, VINCENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEWSPAPER ASSIGNMENT GIVEN EAST. VINCENT ALSO TRICKED LAIT INTO GOING DOWN THE CELLAR, AND THEN..."

THE STAGE IS SET! WITH EAST AND LAIT MADMEN, WHO WILL ASSUME I AM OTHERWISE WHEN I COME UP FROM THIS CELLAR? AND EVEN NOW, PERKINS' PHONE CALL LURES MY VICTIM HERE...



WHEN VINCENT CAME OUT OF THAT CELLAR, HE WAS AS SANE AS YOU OR I! HIS SHOOTING OF THE DEAN WAS NO ACCIDENT--

**IT WAS DELIBERATE!**

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS?



BATMAN'S STORY CONTINUES: "MY SUSPICIONS WERE FIRST AROUSED THE NIGHT WE CHASED VINCENT AFTER THE MURDER. HIS BEHAVIOR PATTERN WAS OFF-KEY..."

THAT'S STRANGE! HE HAD SENSE ENOUGH TO PROTECT HIS HAND, USING THAT RAG! THAT SHOWS REASONING--AND A MAD-MAN CANNOT REASON!



"BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE--EVEN MORE IMPORTANT! FOR A MAN ALLERGIC TO TOBACCO SMOKE, VINCENT WAS SINGULARLY UNAFFECTED BY A WHOLE FACTORY OF CIGARS ON FIRE!"

FILTERS IN HIS NOSTRILS! THAT EXPLAINS WHY HE ISN'T SNEEZING! BUT--WHY FILTERS? UNLESS--THAT'S IT! TO GUARD AGAINST WHATEVER WAS IN THAT CELLAR!



"TO CONFIRM MY SUSPICIONS, I WENT INTO THE CELLAR AFTER ASSURING COMMISSIONER GORDON THAT SIMILAR NOSE-FILTERS WOULD PROTECT ME, TOO!"

SO THERE'S THE VILLAIN--A MUSHROOM, PROBABLY POISONOUS. I'LL JUST KILL ITS FUMES AND TAKE IT TO THE CRIME LAB FOR ANALYSIS...



AN EXAMINATION OF THE MUSHROOM REVEALED ITS STRANGE AND LETHAL POWERS. THE REST, FINDING THE MOTIVE FOR THE MURDER, WAS JUST A RESULT OF ROUTINE POLICE WORK.

INCREDIBLE! BUT ONE THING MORE--HAVING LEARNED THE SECRET OF THE MUSHROOM, WHY DID YOU, TOO, PRETEND TO BE MAD?

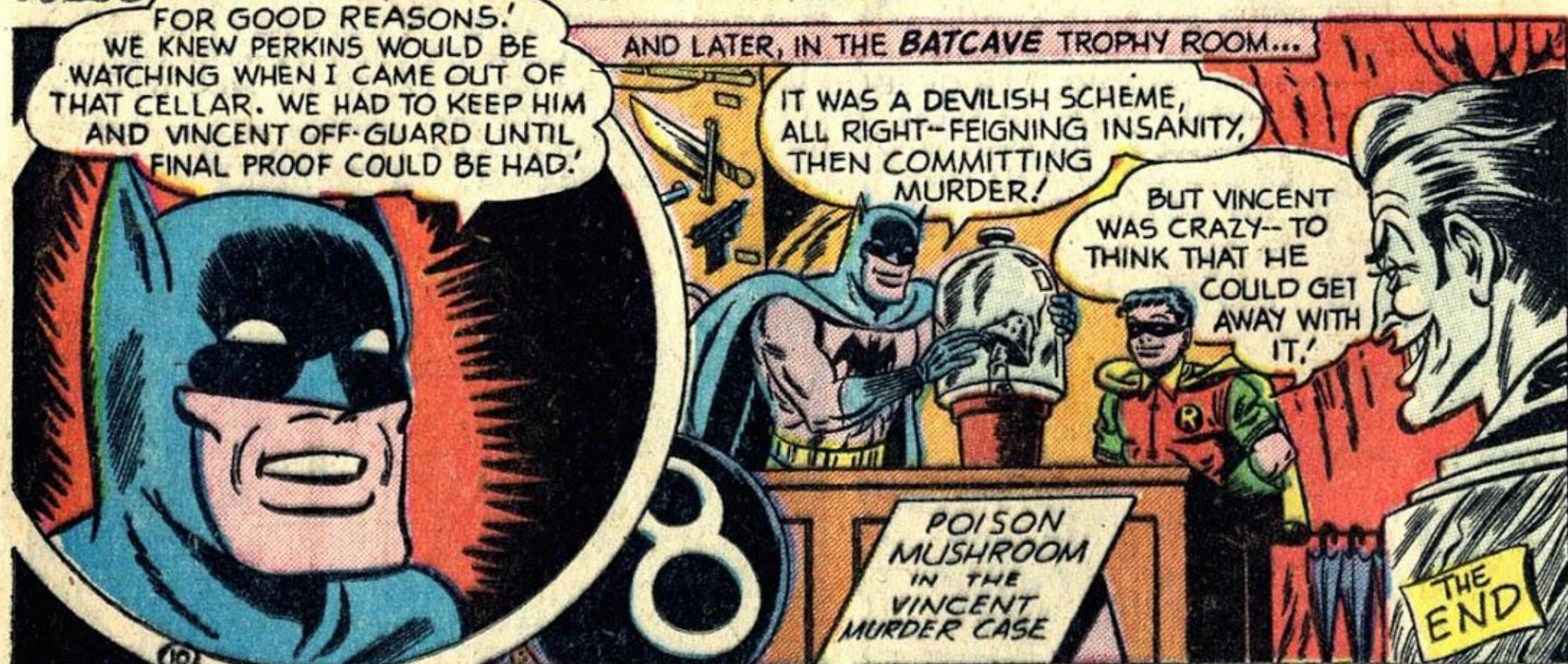


FOR GOOD REASONS! WE KNEW PERKINS WOULD BE WATCHING WHEN I CAME OUT OF THAT CELLAR. WE HAD TO KEEP HIM AND VINCENT OFF-GUARD UNTIL FINAL PROOF COULD BE HAD!

AND LATER, IN THE BATCAVE TROPHY ROOM...

IT WAS A DEVILISH SCHEME, ALL RIGHT--FEIGNING INSANITY, THEN COMMITTING MURDER!

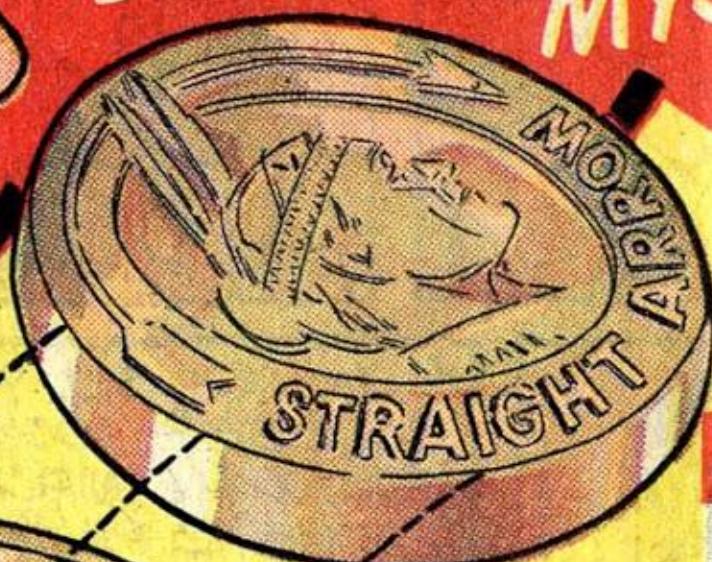
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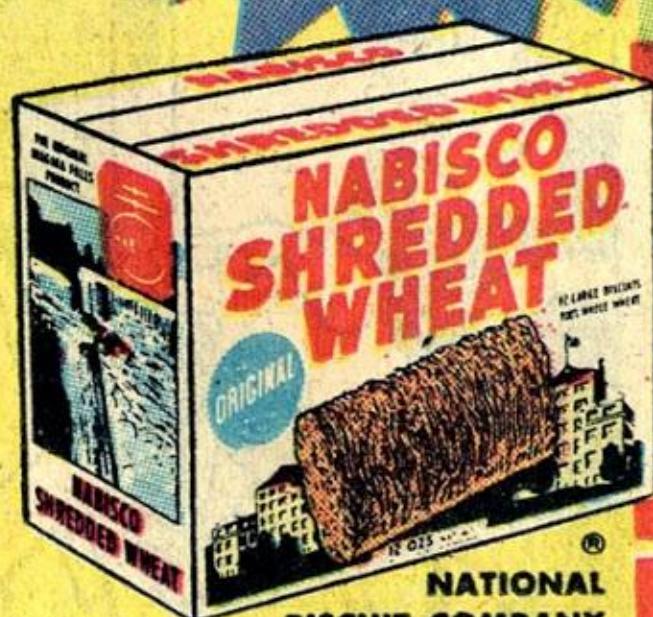
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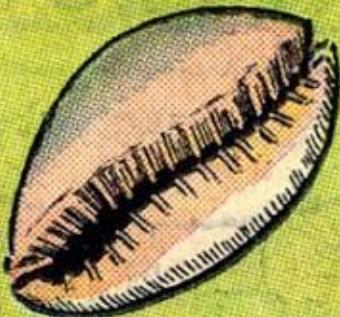
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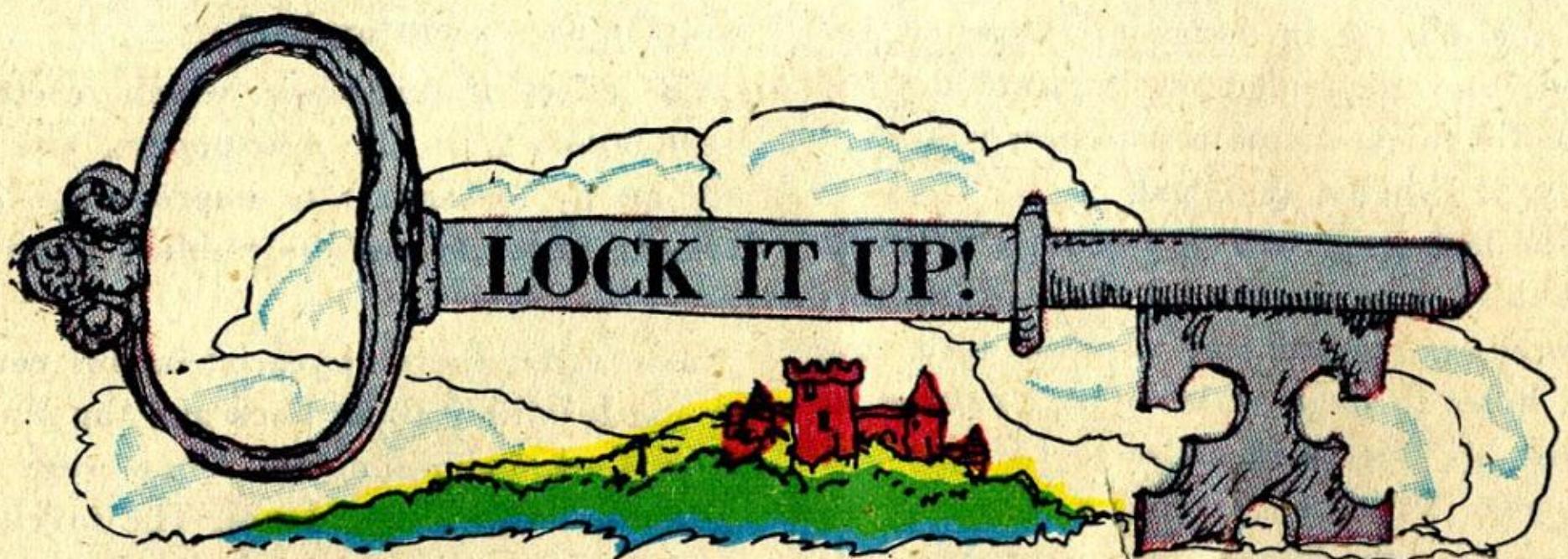
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**I**N ancient times, before Man began to acquire possessions, he had no lock on his door because there was no need for locks.

Gradually, however, as Man accumulated wealth and property, he found it necessary to protect his gains. And that is how locks came to be.

But just when locks were first used cannot be exactly determined as the details concerning their first invention and use are entirely lost.

The oldest known lock was discovered in ruins of ancient Babylonia and is thought to be at least 4,000 years old. Until this time, primitive peoples probably fastened their doors by sliding a wooden bar into a staple at the side of the door.

The Egyptian solution to their security problem was to house several pins or "tumblers" inside the staple. When the bolt was shot to its full length, the tumblers dropped into corresponding holes bored in the bolt, barricading its movement. The key was a straight piece of wood, having on one end pegs placed in positions corresponding to the tumblers.

The Egyptian locksmiths were so skillful that they were in great demand throughout the ancient empires. The type of lock that was found in Ninevah, in ancient Ba-

bylonia, is even mentioned in the Bible as being used in "the house of David."

The Greeks developed a method of opening a bolt from the opposite side of the door. But, unfortunately, the Greek lock required the most cumbersome and yet picturesque key ever developed. It was in shape and size much like a reaper's sickle. These keys were carried crooked over the shoulder and must have been extremely inconvenient.

It is among the Romans that the fullest variety of locks became known. The Romans made a wide use of padlocks, in addition to their numerous other designs for locks and keys. The simple padlock mechanism was a favorite among all Mediterranean and Eastern peoples, especially the Chinese. Generally, the small simple key was designed to fit on the finger of a ring and was often used on its reverse end as a signet. It was particularly suited for the women of the day to lock their vanity cases!

In 64 A.D., the great volcano at Vesuvius erupted and buried the city of Pompeii. In one house, which is thought to be that of a locksmith, excavators saw how far the art of the locksmith and metal-worker had advanced.

In the Middle Ages, locksmiths tried in

every way to improve on the security of locks and keys, but they failed to make any real change in design or efficiency. Instead, they depended on intricate devices to baffle thieves. One royal chest was curiously, if cruelly, designed.

The lock itself was easy enough to crack. The thief, opening the lid of the chest, discovered an empty tray pierced with several holes through which it was natural to thrust his fingers in order to lift this last obstacle. Without warning, a spring snapped shut on the fingers and he was trapped, fastened to the chest (which was secured to the floor) and unable to escape without leaving several fingers behind!

Another determined locksmith built a chest which shot a pistol straight at anyone tampering with the lock, though the rightful owner could disengage the mechanism by turning the proper knob.

And so it went through the centuries. Locks were made beautiful but no more efficient. They were, of course, handmade and therefore expensive. And thievery went on at a great rate.

While other designers were amusing themselves with trick locks, Robert Barron, an Englishman, invented in 1778 a lever tumbler lock that was infinitely harder to pick.

Almost at once another Englishman, Joseph Bramah, used many of the same principles in a lock; and for many years it was believed that the English locks had finally solved the problem of security against theft.

At the London Exhibition in 1851, an American lockmaker, Hobbs, announced that he could pick all the best English locks made. On being challenged, he picked them all, to the great astonishment of their makers! The English, on the other hand, were unable to touch Hobbs' own lock.

However, Hobbs' lock was so complicated and expensive that it was entirely impractical for use except on banks.

The effect of this affair, which received great notoriety in the newspapers, was an attempt by locksmiths to improve existing locks in order to put the public's mind at rest.

Soon after, there appeared in this country the Infallible Bank Lock and the Magic Bank Lock, whose names alone were intended to inspire confidence. The inventor of these two locks, Linus Yale, Jr., was a brilliant young locksmith, son of one of America's leading bank lock manufacturers.

Linus Yale, Jr., was never associated with his father in the lock manufacturing business, having started out in life to be a portrait painter and only later developing his great mechanical gifts. But within a few years he created a total change in the structure and manufacture of three separate types of locks—bank locks, door and cabinet locks, and post office locks.

Toward the end of the 19th century, various patents and improvements yielded the now well-known Pin-Tumbler Cylinder Lock by Yale.

Of course a lock need be no stronger than the material to which it is attached. Weber and Fields, the famous vaudeville comedians, had an act which illustrated this point.

They appeared on the stage as burglars, bearing a satchel of tools, and set to work on a heavy safe with a steel door and a combination lock. They tried to work the combination and they tried to break it; they tried to pry the door off and they tried to blow it open with nitroglycerin. Having failed with all these methods, they turned the safe around in a rage and kicked open the back!

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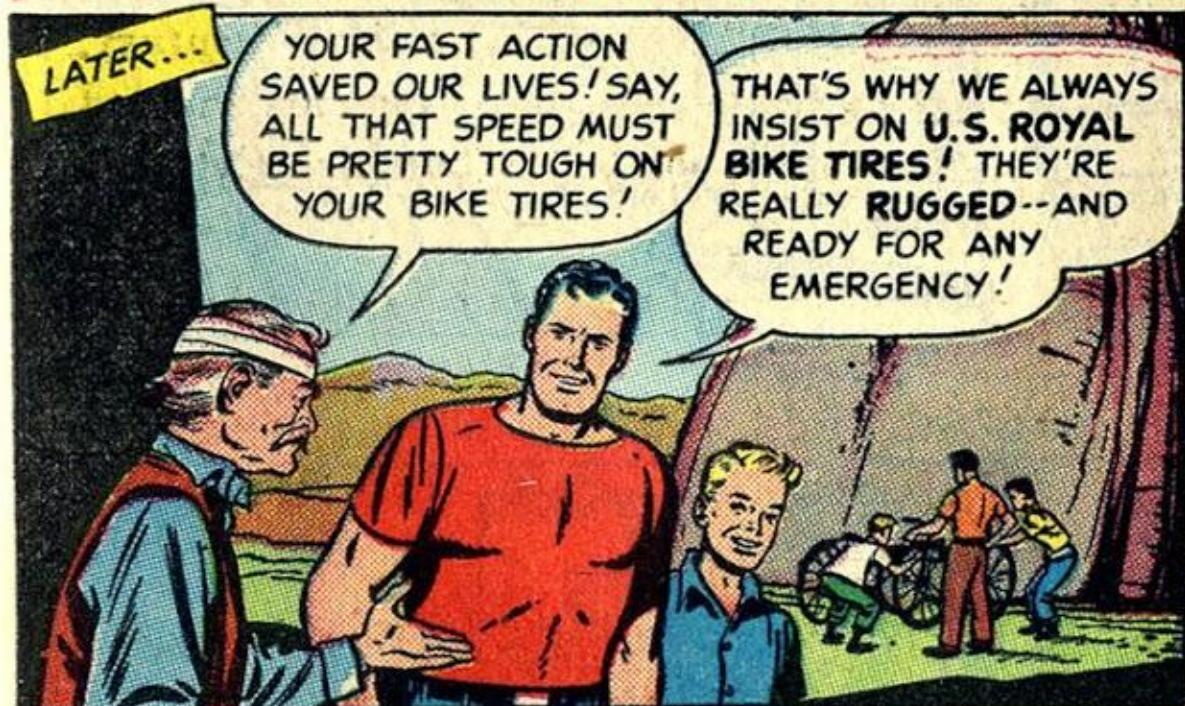
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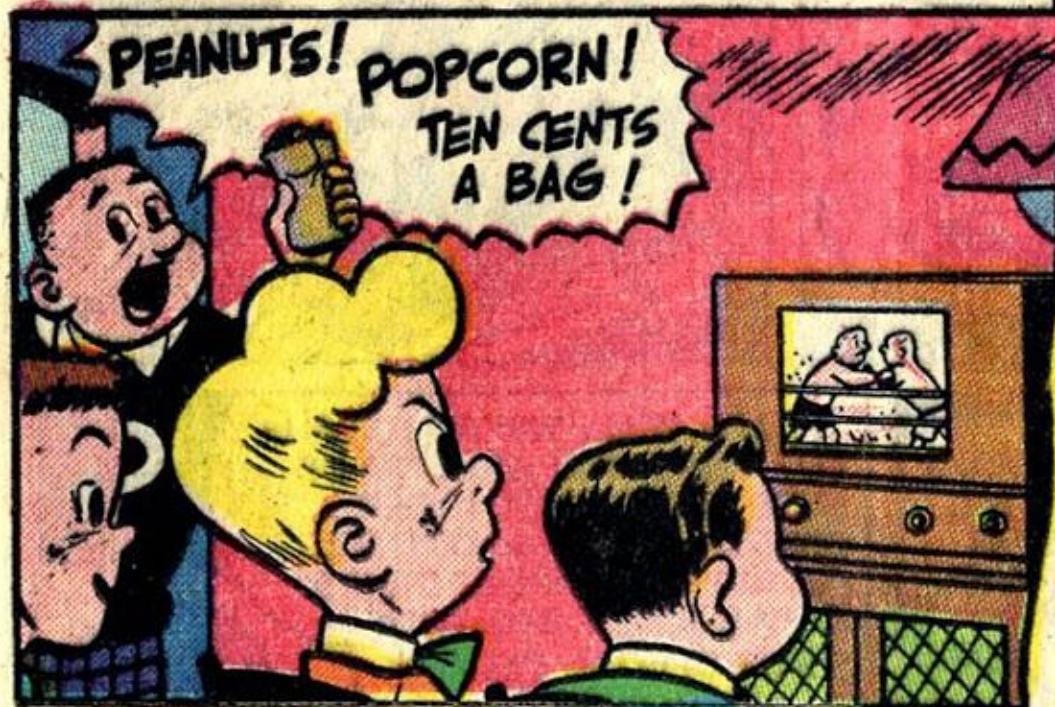
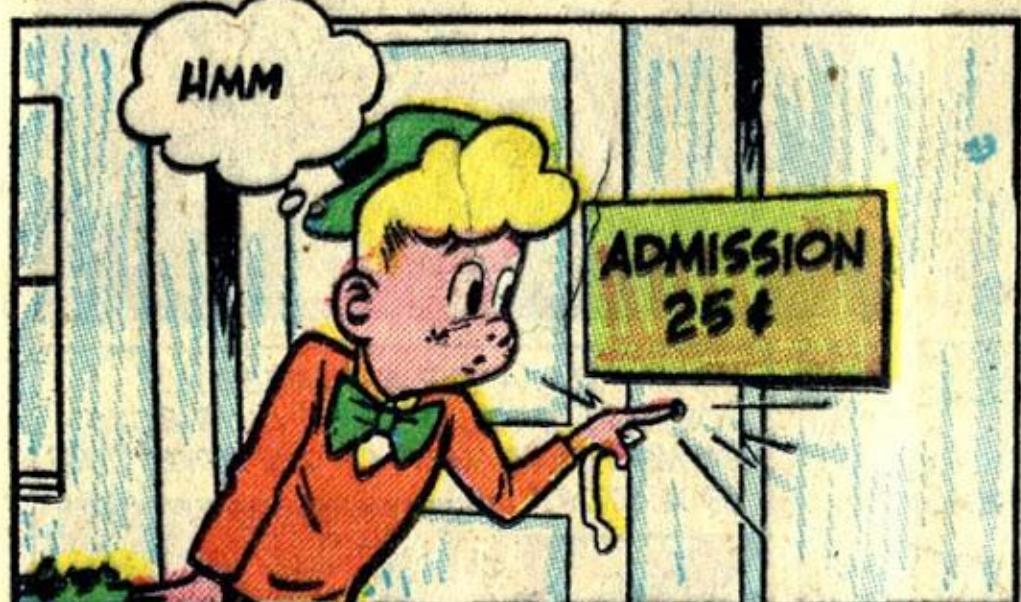
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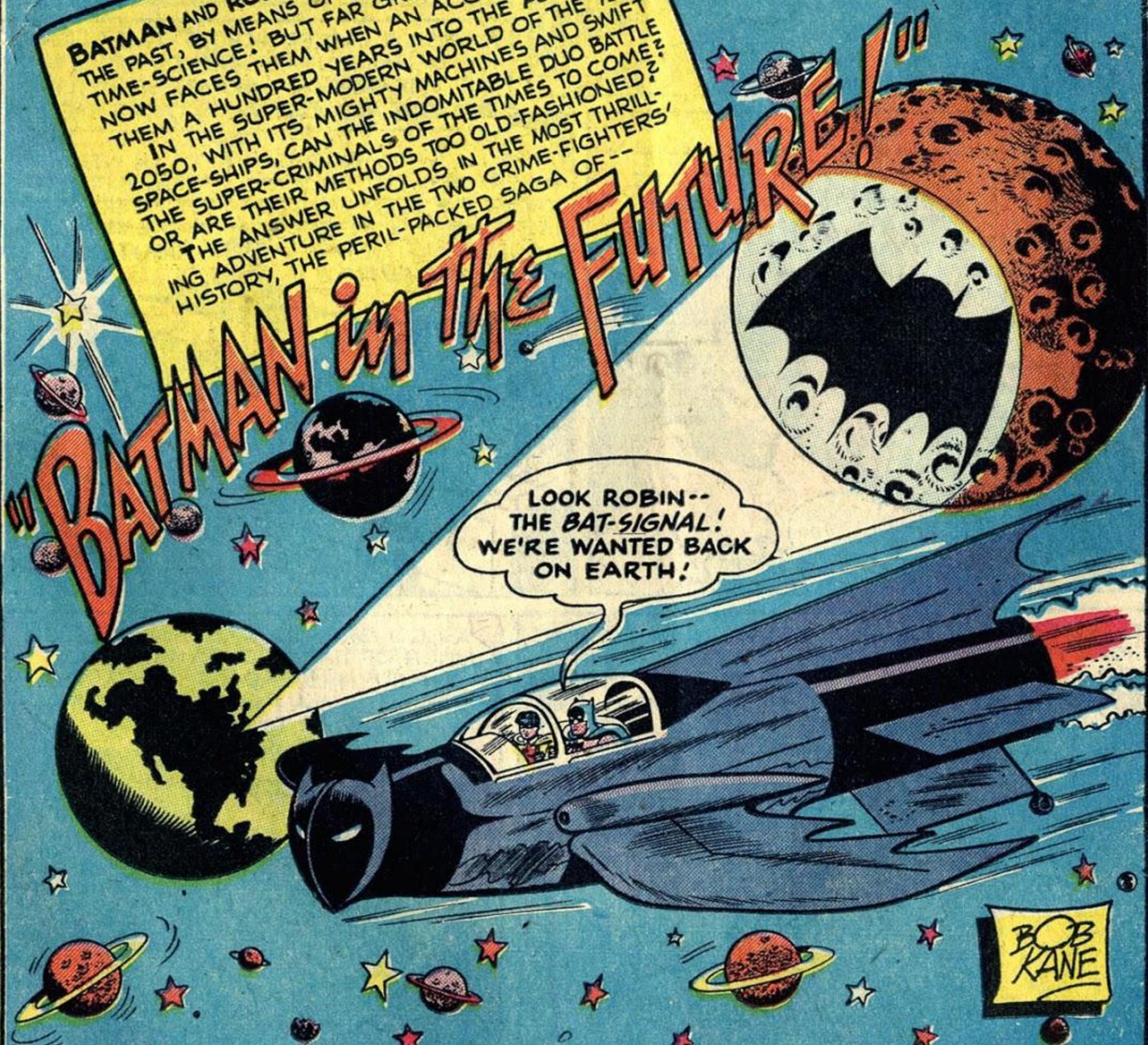
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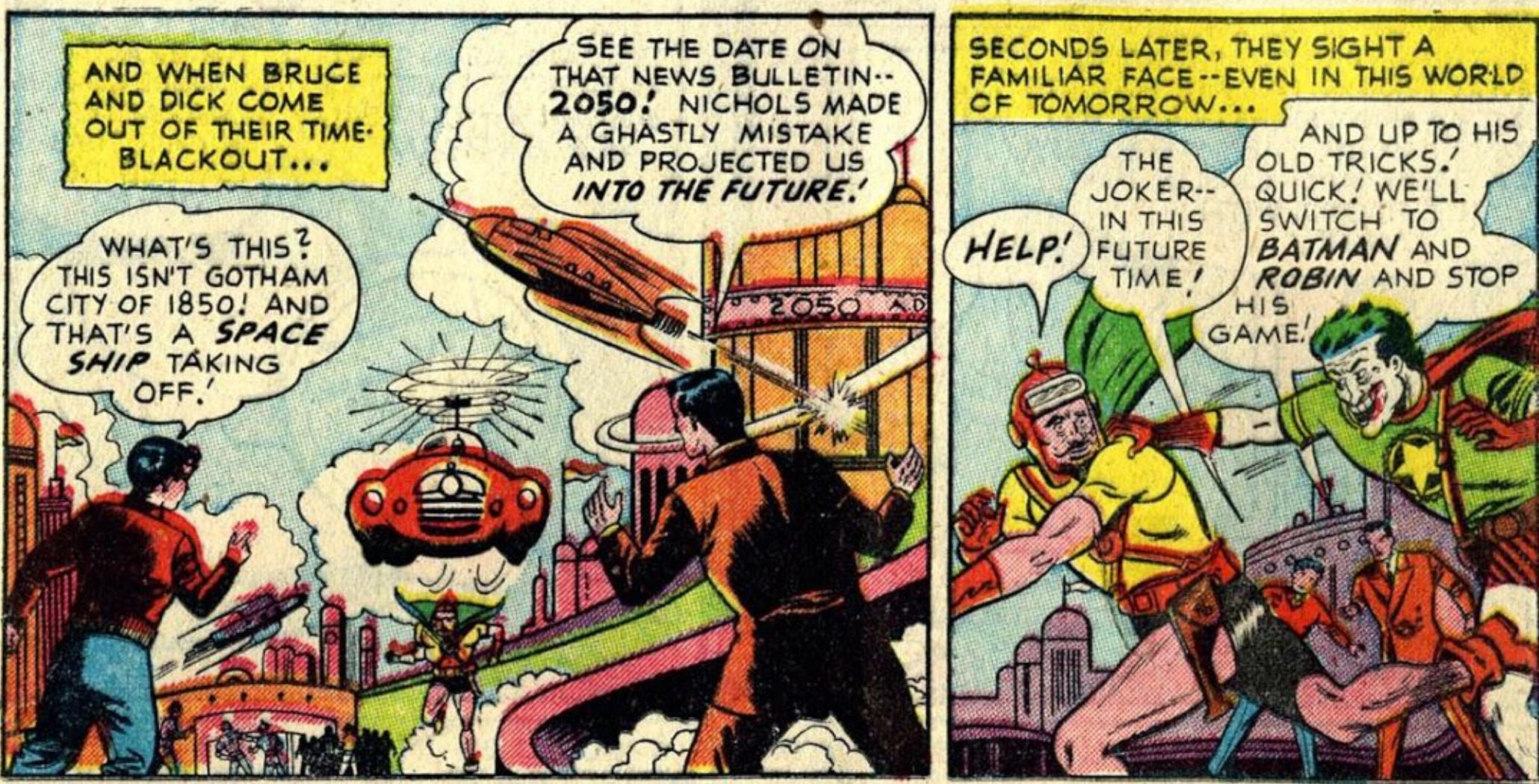
WITH  
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BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE OFTEN TRAVELED INTO THE PAST, BY MEANS OF A GREAT SCIENTIST'S TIME-SCIENCE! BUT FAR GREATER DANGER NOW FACES THEM WHEN AN ACCIDENT HURLS THEM A HUNDRED YEARS INTO THE FUTURE! IN THE SUPER-MODERN WORLD OF THE YEAR 2050, WITH ITS MIGHTY MACHINES AND SWIFT SPACE-SHIPS, CAN THE INDOMITABLE DUO BATTLE THE SUPER-CRIMINALS OF THE TIMES TO COME? OR ARE THEIR METHODS TOO OLD-FASHIONED? THE ANSWER UNFOLDS IN THE TWO CRIME-FIGHTERS' HISTORY, THE PERIL-PACKED SAGA OF --





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I'VE GOT IT--SKIN PORE PATTERNS ARE DIFFERENT IN EVERY PERSON, LIKE FINGERPRINTS! WITH A MAGNIFYING GLASS YOU CAN COMPARE THE PORE-PATTERN OF **BATMAN'S** CHIN IN THAT BIG PHOTO, WITH MINE!

I'LL TRY IT!

BATMAN  
HISTORY'S GREATEST DETECTIVE

THE PORE-PATTERN IS THE SAME AS IN THAT AUTHENTIC PHOTO OF **BATMAN**--YOU REALLY ARE **BATMAN**!

AND YOU ARE AN EXACT DOUBLE OF A CHARACTER IN OUR TIME CALLED THE JOKER!

THE JOKER WAS MY ANCESTOR! BUT I DECIDED TO WORK **WITH** THE LAW INSTEAD OF AGAINST IT, AND WORKED UP TO POLICE CHIEF!

IF WE'D ONLY KNOWN THAT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE INTERFERED AND LET ZARRO ESCAPE! WE'LL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN, TO MAKE UP FOR OUR BLUNDER!

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE THE GREAT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HELPING ME AGAINST THESE SPACE-PIRATES!

SPACE-PIRATES? THEY'RE NEW TO US! REMEMBER, EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD OF 2050 IS STRANGE TO US!

ROKEJ EXPLAINS! "SPACE-SHIPS OF MANY DIFFERENT MAKES NOW TRAVEL BETWEEN THE SOLAR SYSTEM WORLDS!"

HERE THEY COME IN THE FINISH OF THE RACE--A COMET IS FIRST, A SHOOTING STAR SECOND, AND A LIGHTNING THIRD!

THOSE COMETS THAT JOHN MILMAN MAKES ARE THE FASTEST SHIPS IN SPACE!

"BUT RECENTLY SPACE-PIRATES HAVE BEEN PREYING HEAVILY ON THE COMET-MADE SHIPS..."



"...AND MILMAN SUSPECTS A COMPETITOR IS SABOTAGING THE COMET SHIPS AT HIS FACTORY, TO MAKE THEM EASY PREY FOR PIRATES!"

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IF YOU TWO WORKED IN MILMAN'S SPACE-SHIP FACTORY AS SECRET AGENTS, YOU MIGHT FIND OUT WHO IS SABOTAGING HIS COMET SHIPS!

WE'LL DO IT!

SO BATMAN AND ROBIN BECOME WORKERS IN THE GREAT SPACE-SHIP FACTORY OF THE FUTURE!

I'M SUPERINTENDENT SMITH! I'LL HIRE YOU TWO--BUT WHY DO YOU WEAR THOSE MASKS?

THEY'RE A SAFETY PRE-CAUTION!

IN CASE SOMEONE ELSE FROM THE PAST EVER VISITS THIS TIME, WE STILL WANT OUR IDENTITIES KEPT SECRET.

THEY BECOME PART OF THE MIGHTY MOVING ASSEMBLY-LINE ON WHICH SPACE-SHIPS ARE BUILT!

THE SHIPS ARE ASSEMBLED ON THIS SLOW-MOVING CONVEYOR LINE! I'LL TRY YOU AT SEVERAL JOBS TO SEE WHICH ONE YOU'RE BEST AT!

THAT'LL TEACH US EVERY PHASE OF THE WORK!

AND WE CAN SPOT SABOTAGE BETTER THAT WAY!

ONE WEEK LATER...

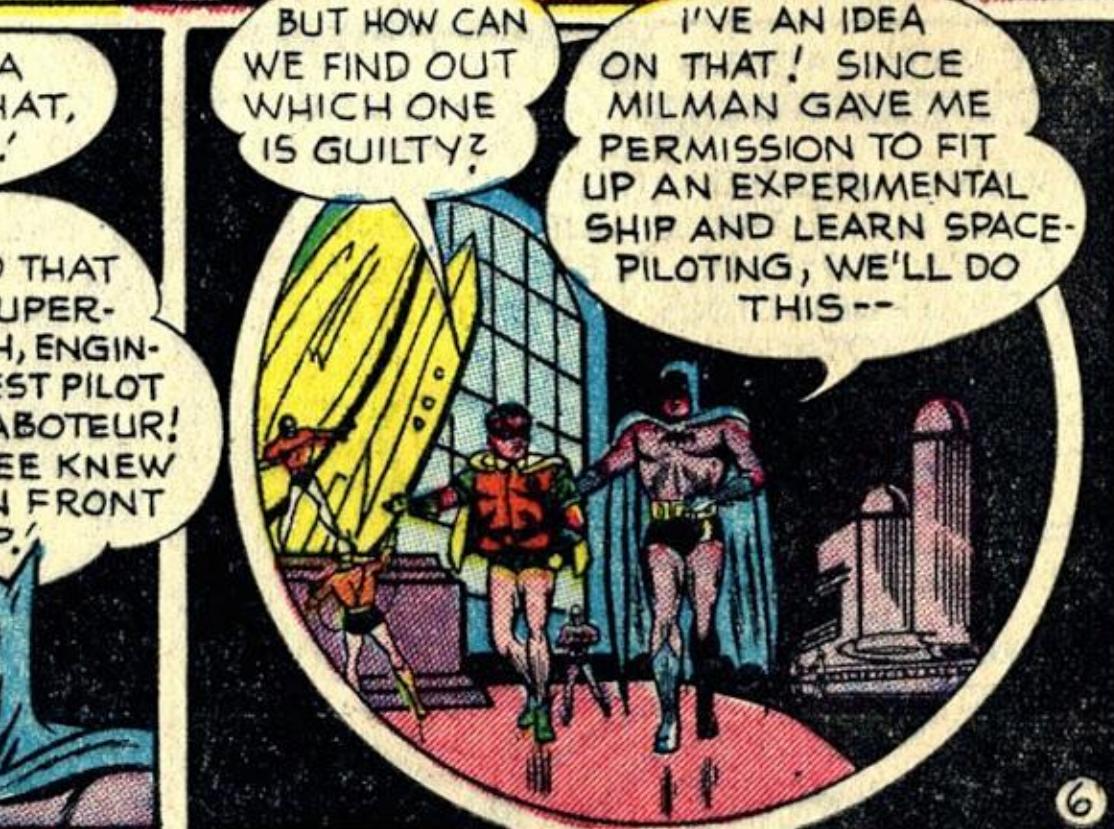
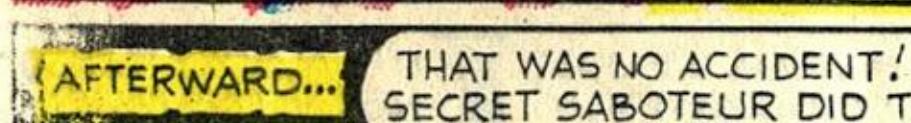
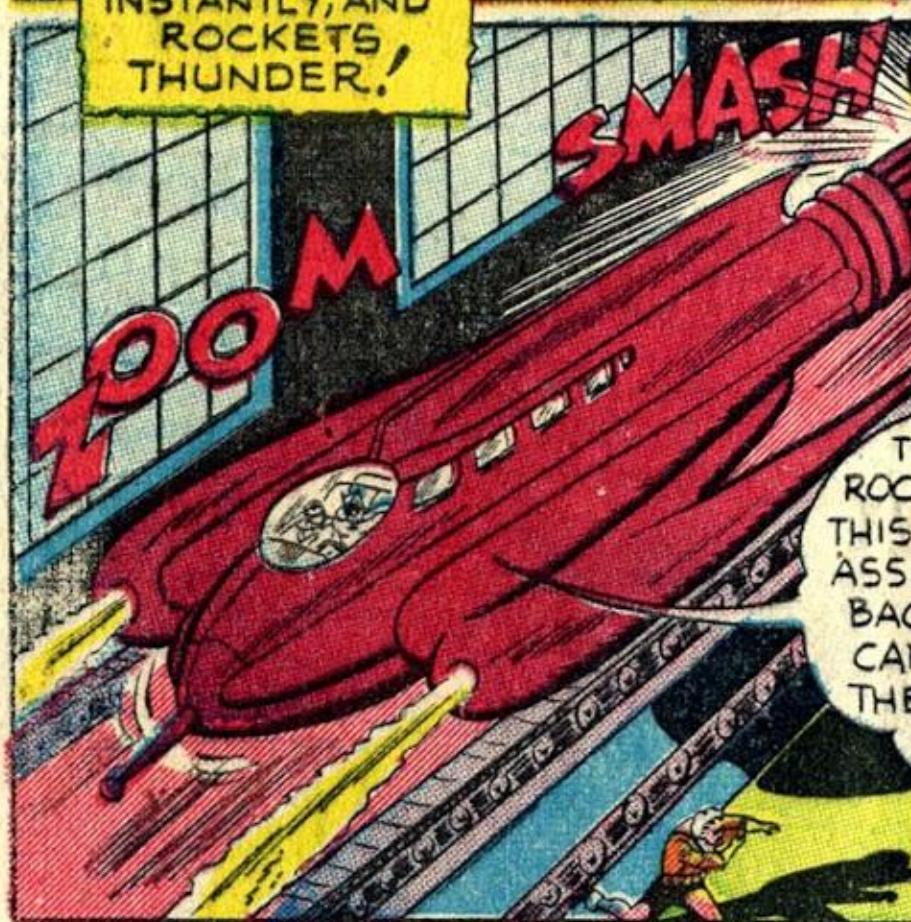
WE'VE WATCHED ALL ALONG THE ASSEMBLY-LINE, WITHOUT DETECTING ANY SABOTAGE!

QUIET--HERE COMES JOHN MILMAN HIMSELF, WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT, ENGINEER AND CHIEF TEST PILOT!

MR. MILMAN, WE JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY SO MANY COMET SHIPS FAIL IN SPACE AND BECOME PREY TO SPACE-PIRATES!

IT'S ALMOST RUINED ME! IF ONE OF MY SHIPS FAILS TO WIN THE BIG ROUND-THE-SYSTEM RACE THIS YEAR, I'LL BE FINISHED!

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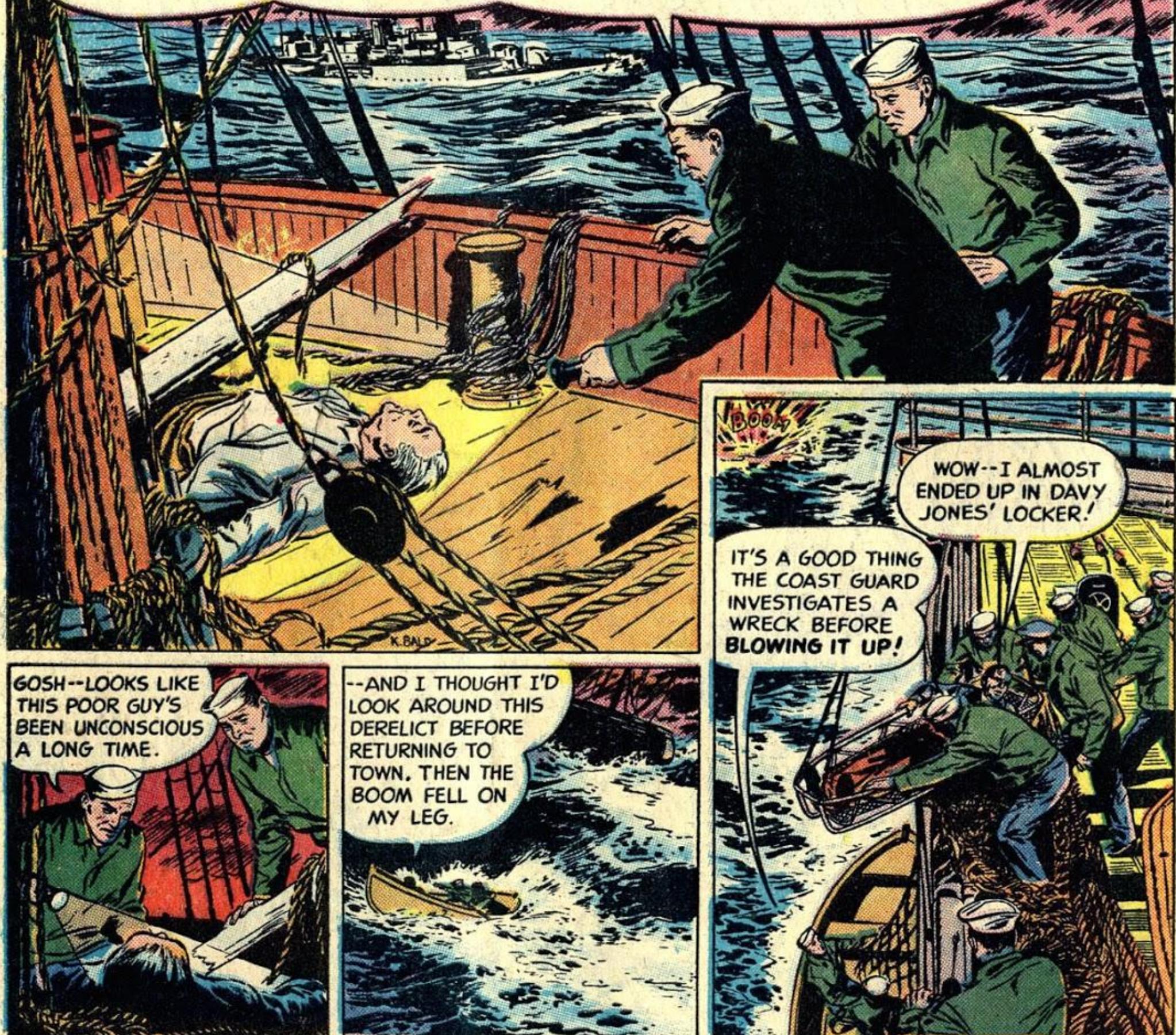
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PRESENTLY, SPACE-PIRATES RACING IN FOR AN EASY CAPTURE GET A BAD SHOCK!

THE SHIP THAT WAS TO BE SABOTAGED MUST BE IN THIS SECTOR -- IT'LL BE AN EASY PREY!

LOOK, ZARRO-- AN UNCHARTED COMET, COMING RIGHT AT US! WE HAVE TO AVOID IT!

FRIGHTENED PIRATES SEEK TO ESCAPE A COMET THAT SEEMS BENT ON PURSUING THEM.

FALL BACK TOWARD MARS! WE DAREN'T LET IT GET TOO CLOSE!

IT'S AS THOUGH THAT COMET IS CHASING US. ITS ORBIT IS WILD!

THE RADAR SHOWS THE PATROL CRUISERS COMING! YOUR "COMET" HAS SCARED THE SPACE-PIRATES RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS!

PLANET PATROL CRUISERS SWIFTLY HEM IN AND CAPTURE SCARED PIRATES!

SURRENDER, OR WE'LL BLAST YOU!

WE SURRENDER! THAT CRAZY COMET HAS RUINED OUR PLANS!

THAT MAKES UP FOR OUR LETTING ZARRO ESCAPE ON EARTH! NOW WE CAN TURN OFF MY FAKE "COMET" DEVICE --

BATMAN, LOOK! LOOK AT THE MOON!

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SOON REFUELED, THE BAT-SHIP ROARS OUT OF THE SARGASSO TO CONTINUE THE INTERPLANETARY RACE!

IT MAY SEEM HOPELESS, BUT FOR MILMAN'S SAKE WE'VE GOT TO TRY.

WE'RE MANY HOURS BEHIND THE OTHER SHIPS NOW!

RACING ON AT HIGHEST SPEED, AROUND THE SYSTEM TO URANUS, NEPTUNE AND PLUTO, THEN BACK TOWARD VENUS AND MERCURY..

THE OTHER SHIPS ARE STILL AN HOUR AHEAD OF US, BATMAN!

WE'LL CATCH UP BY GOING CLOSER TO THE SUN THAN THEY DARE -- OUR COMET-PARTICLE DEVICE WILL PROTECT US A LITTLE FROM THE HEAT!

PRESENTLY, AS THEY NEAR THE FIERY, MOLTEN ORB...

THE SUN'S HEAT IS OVERCOMING US!

HANG ON-- WE'RE ALMOST PAST THE SUN NOW!

SOON, THUNDERING SHIPS ROAR DOWN THE LAST HOME-STRETCH TO EARTH!

THE COMET WINS!

MILMAN'S SHIP WINS THE RACE!

YOU'VE SAVED ME -- IF WE COULD ONLY FIND THE SABOTEUR, EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALL RIGHT, NOW!

MAYBE WE CAN! WILL YOU AND SUPERINTENDENT SMITH AND ENGINEER ERKHAM COME TO YOUR OFFICE?

THAT SABOTEUR ALMOST DOOMED US BY SECRETLY TAKING OUT OUR RADIOACTIVE FUEL AND SUBSTITUTING DUST! BUT THAT GIVES US A CLUE TO HIS IDENTITY!

SUDDENLY SWITCHING OFF THE LIGHTS, SO THAT THE ROOM IS DARK...

SEE, ENGINEER ERKHAM SHINES IN THE DARK! HE GOT RADIOACTIVE DUST ON HIM WHEN HE SECRETLY TOOK OUT OUR FUEL!



ALL RIGHT--I'LL CONFESS! YOUR COMPETITOR OF THE "METEOR" COMPANY PAID ME TO SABOTAGE COMET SHIPS!

THEN HE'LL GO TO THE MOON PRISON WITH YOU!



SOON...

YOU TWO ARE AS GREAT AS HISTORY TELLS!

BATMAN, I FEEL DIZZY--STRANGE--

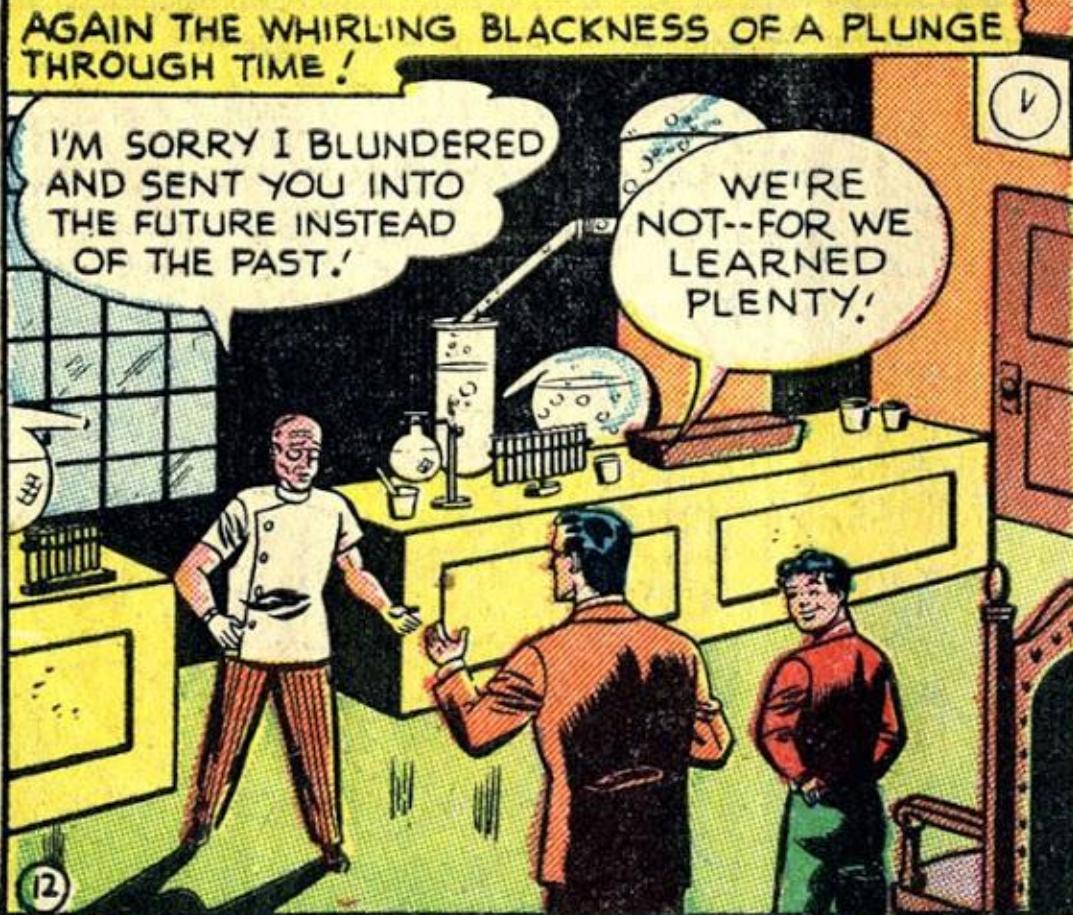
NICHOLS IS DRAWING US BACK TO OUR OWN TIME! QUICK, CHANGE YOUR COSTUME BEFORE WE GO BACK!



AGAIN THE WHIRLING BLACKNESS OF A PLUNGE THROUGH TIME!

I'M SORRY I BLUNDERED AND SENT YOU INTO THE FUTURE INSTEAD OF THE PAST!

WE'RE NOT--FOR WE LEARNED PLENTY!



AND ONE THING WE LEARNED IS THAT THE JOKER WILL BE A REFORMED CHARACTER--A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW! BUT IN THE MEANWHILE-- HE'S AN OUTLAW!



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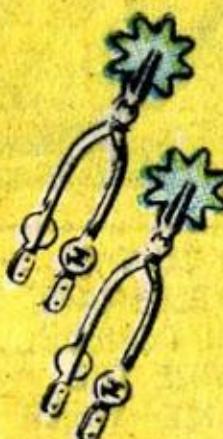
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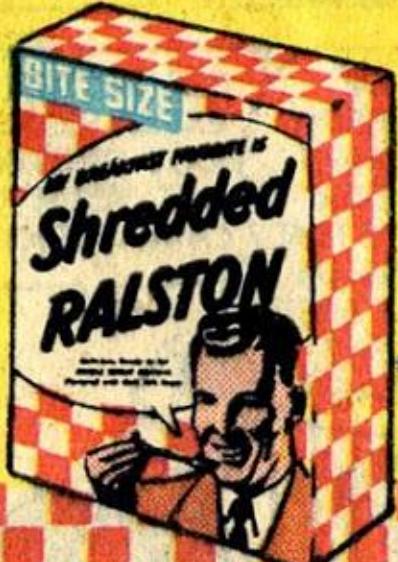
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LOOK AT THAT OLD STAGE-COACH GO!

IT'S ON ITS WAY TO THE PAGEANT... CARRYING A VERY VALUABLE BAG OF GOLD, TOO!

SUDDENLY, FROM AMBUSH...

YIPPEE! WE'RE RICH, PARDNER--ONCE WE GET OVER THE BORDER WITH THIS BAG O' GOLD!

QUIT YAPPIN'  
AND LET'S GET GOIN'!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE BORDER, JIM!

YOU BOYS RUN TO THE ROCK RIDGE TELEGRAPH OFFICE ON THE DOUBLE... HAVE THEM WIRE THE BORDER POLICE-- WHILE I GET THOSE WOUNDED COACHMEN BACK TO TOWN!

PHEWW! THIS IS TOUGH GOING! GLAD I'M WEARING MY "P-F" S... GLAD I TOLD THE BOYS ABOUT THEM, TOO-- THEY'LL NEED SOME EXTRA SPEED AND ENERGY!

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MEANWHILE, AT ROCK RIDGE...

BOY! WHAT A RUN THAT WAS! I JUST HOPE WE MADE IT IN TIME!

LATER...

...APPOINT YOU MY HONORARY DEPUTIES! YOUR SPEED SAVED THOSE COACHMEN'S LIVES... PUT THOSE THIEVES BEHIND BARS... 'N GOT US BACK OUR GOLD!

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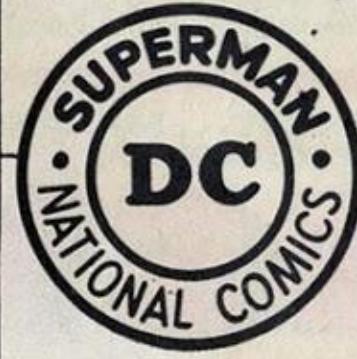
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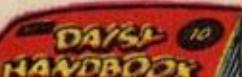
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