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In this issue
THE JOKER
STEALS THE
BATMAN'S
THUNDER!



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

BOB
KANE

A HOSPITAL-HUSHED THEATER WHERE THE DRAMA OF LIFE AND DEATH PLAYS A CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE—SHADY STAGE WHERE LAUGHTER ECHOES AGAINST A BACKDROP OF TRAGEDY—A SHUT-IN WORLD WITH A HEART AND SOUL REFLECTING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO STAFF IT AND THOSE WHO LIE IN ITS BEDS! AND VERY HUMAN ARE ALL OF THESE, FROM THE ABLEST SURGEON TO THE HUMBLEST PATIENT—AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PROVES IN—

**"CALLING DR.
BATMAN!"**



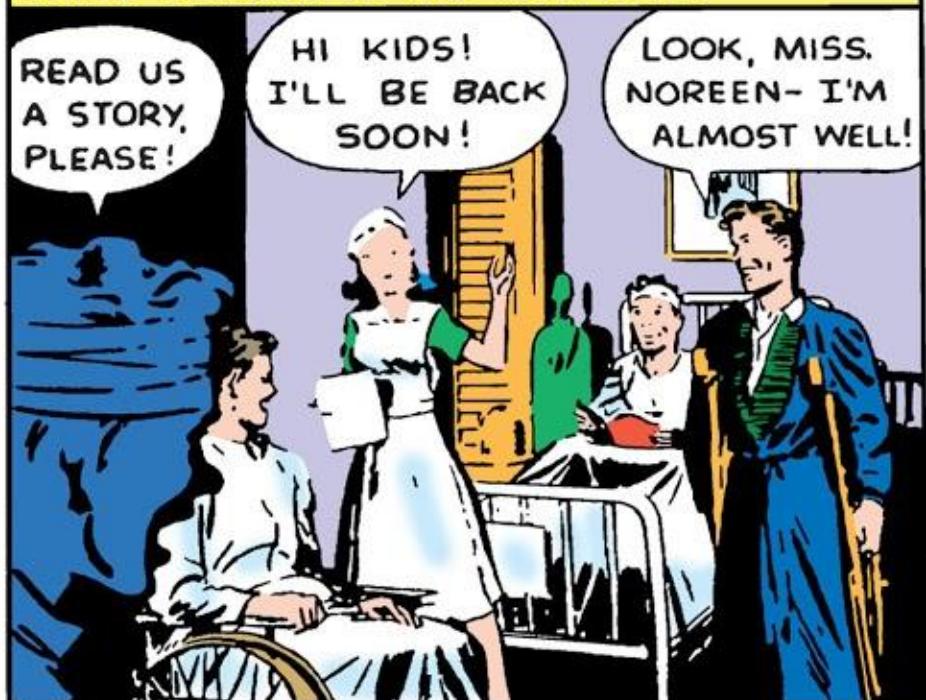
GOTHAM HOSPITAL, HAVEN FOR SUFFERING HUMANITY,
IS TYPICAL OF ITS KIND THROUGHOUT AMERICA....



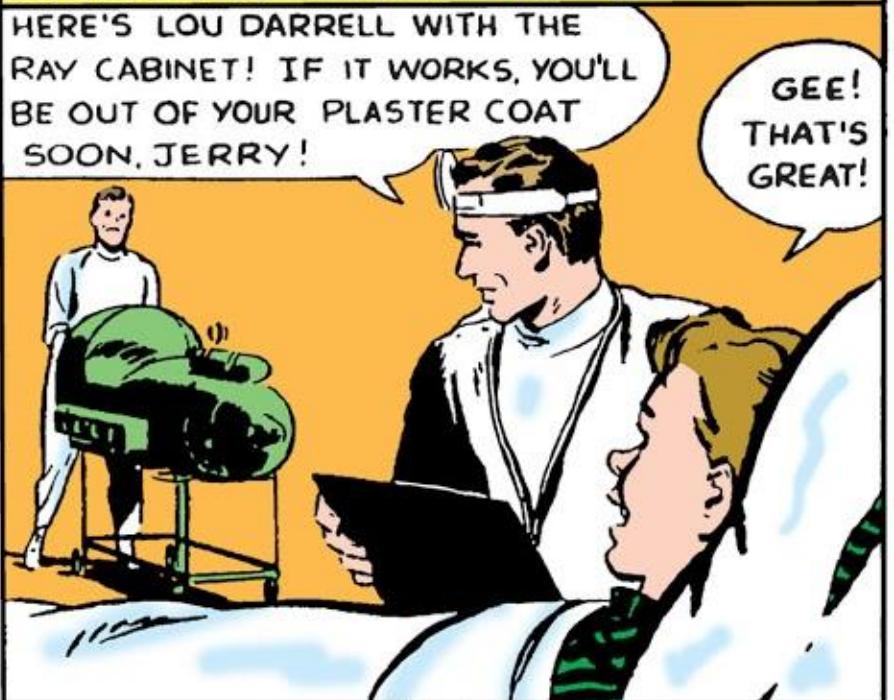
AND DR. AVERY BURTON, ITS CHIEF, IS
TYPICAL OF ALL MEDICAL MEN WHO DEDI-
CATE THEIR LIVES TO HELP OTHERS....



NURSE NOREEN O'DAY IS ONE OF THE BEST-
LOVED NURSES IN THE HOSPITAL!

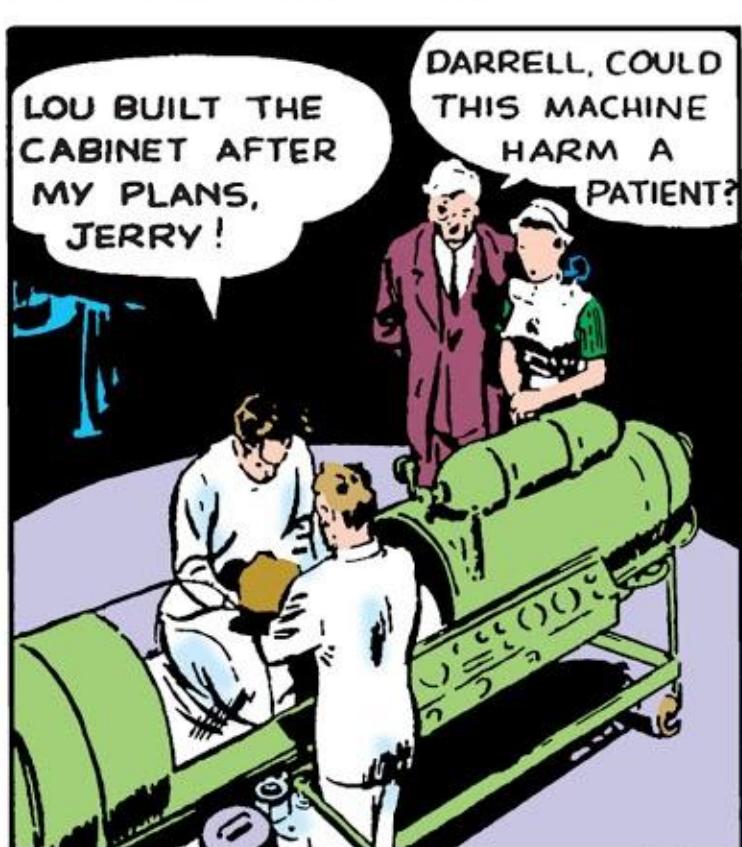


YOUNG, AND WITH NEW IDEAS FOR TREATING
OLD DISEASES IS DR PHIL KING, INTERNE...



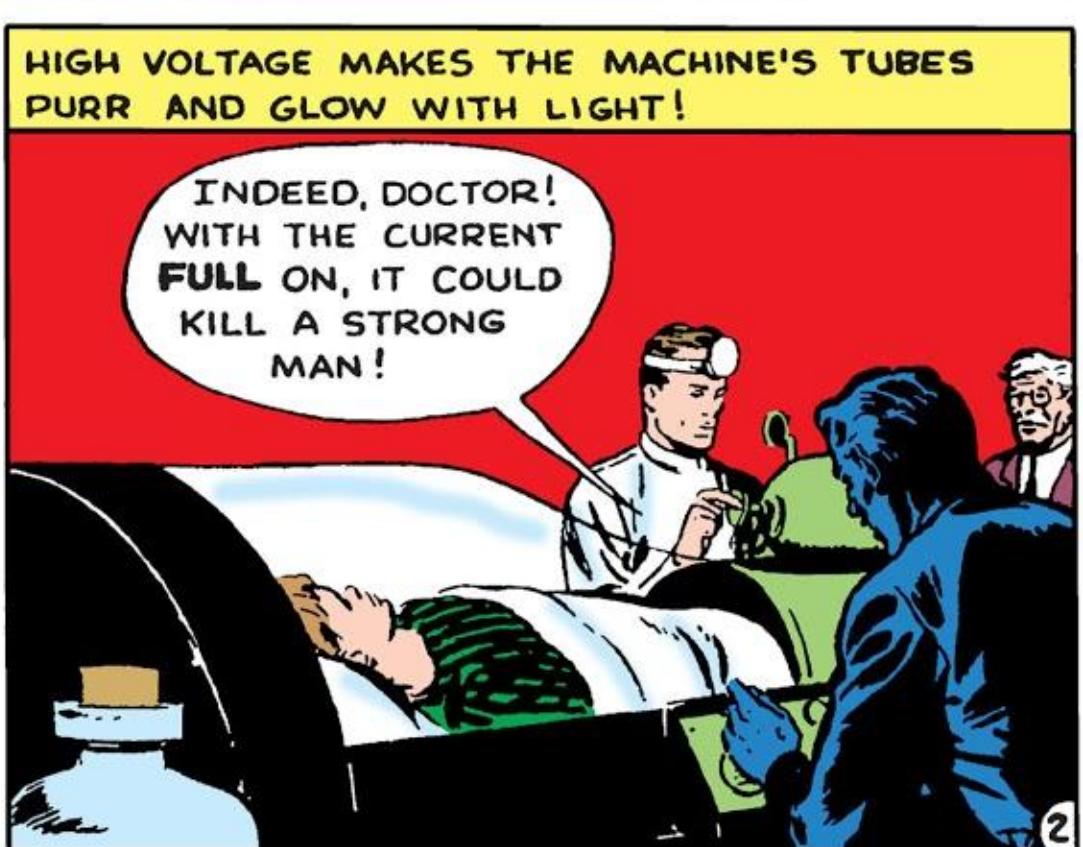
LOU BUILT THE
CABINET AFTER
MY PLANS,
JERRY!

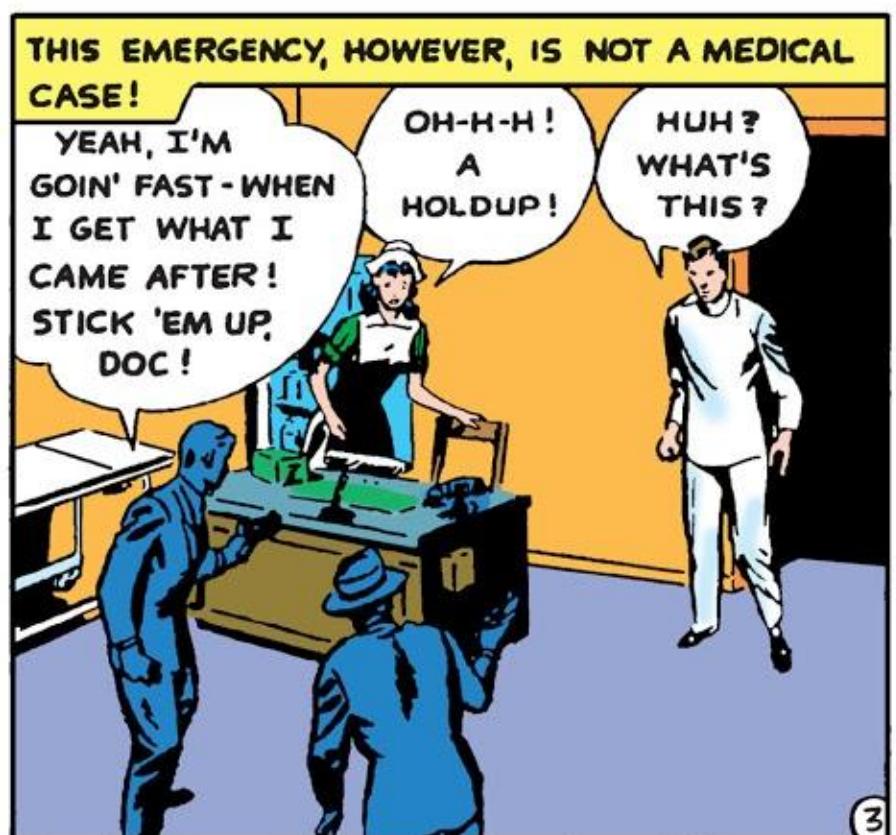
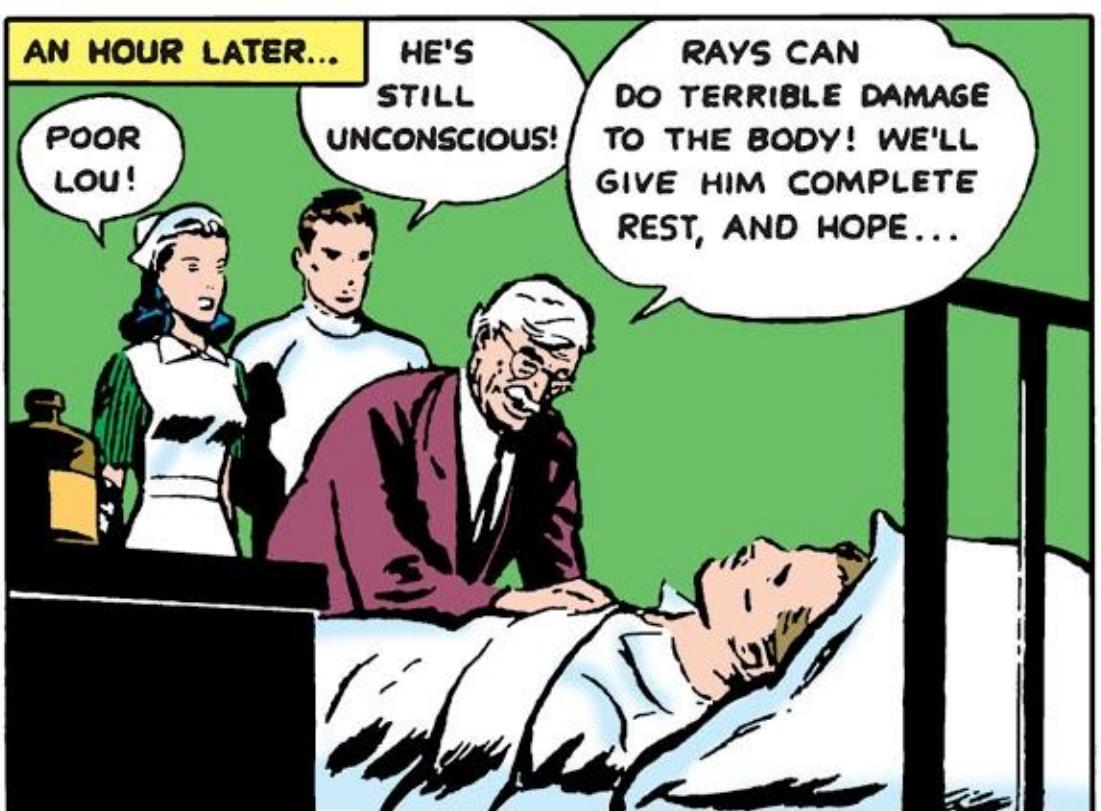
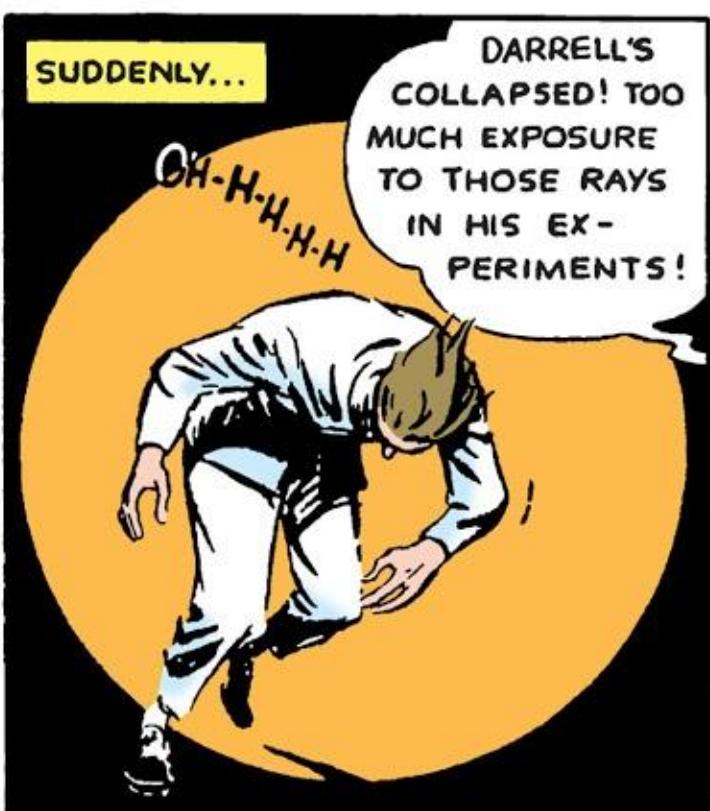
DARRELL, COULD
THIS MACHINE
HARM A
PATIENT?

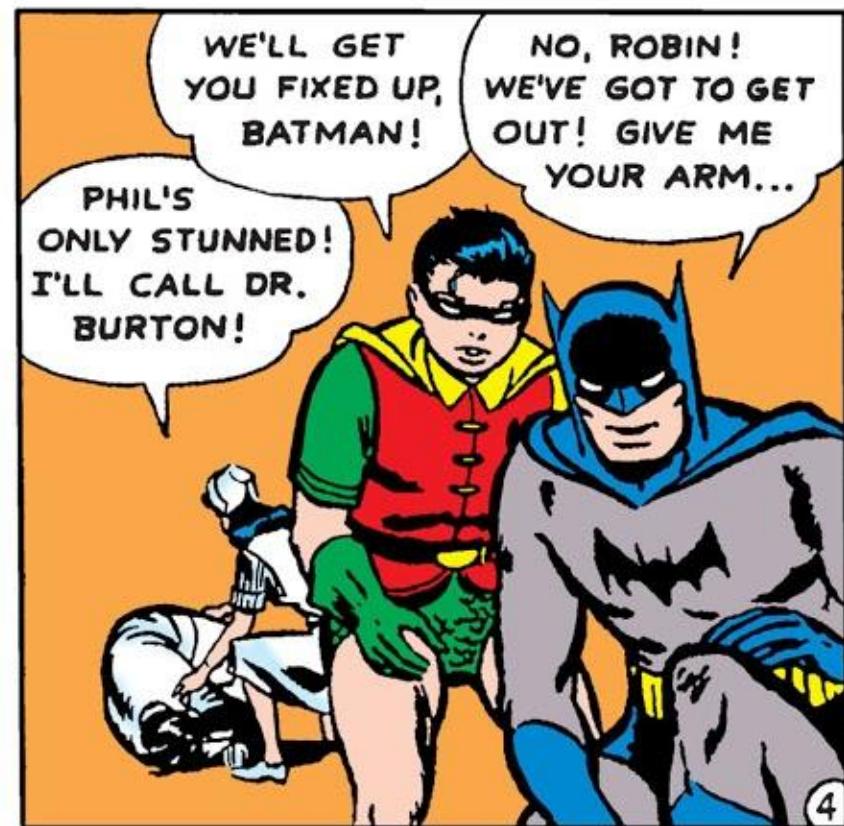
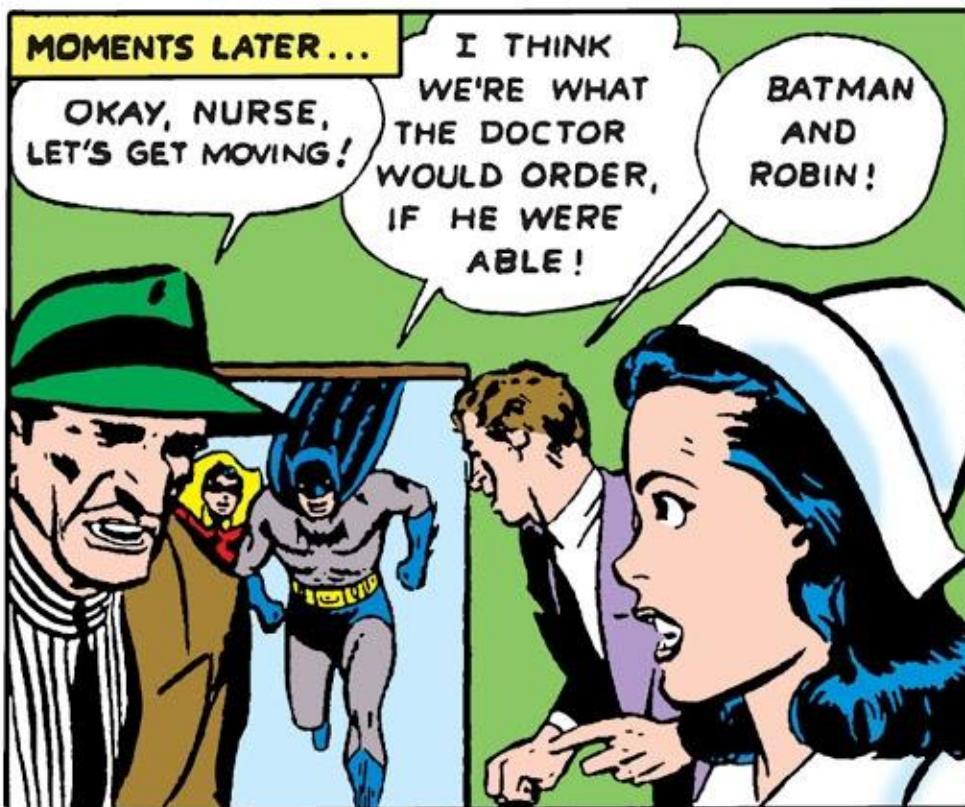
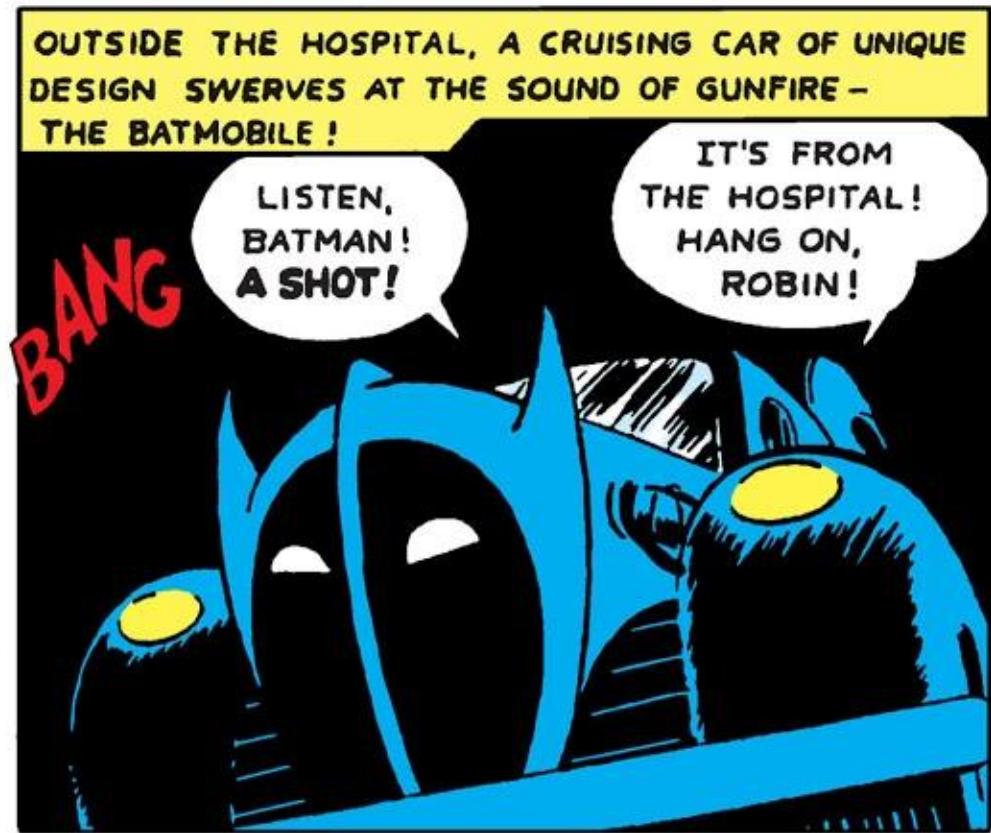


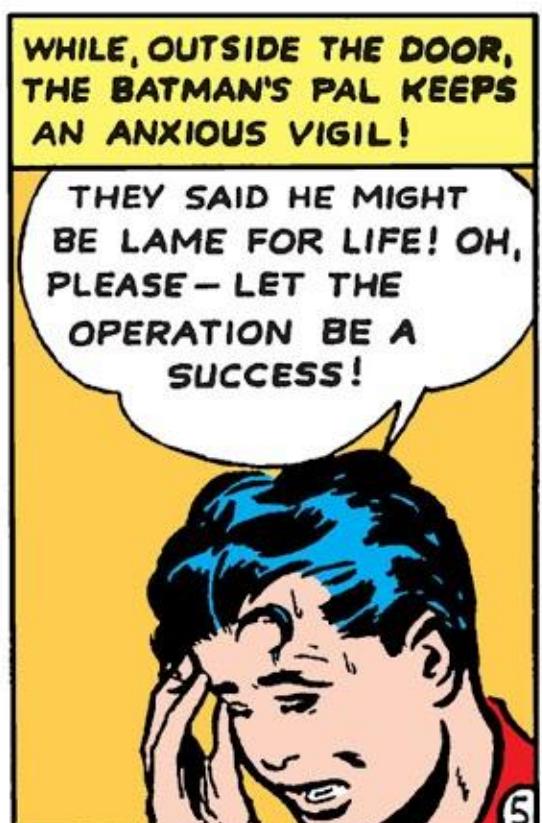
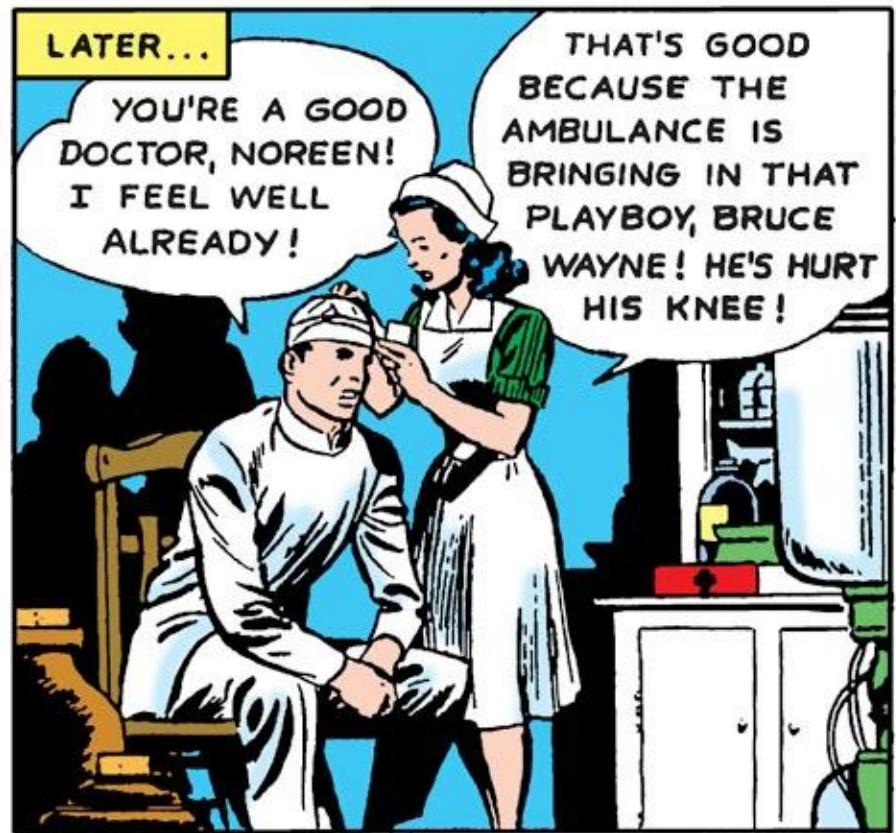
HIGH VOLTAGE MAKES THE MACHINE'S TUBES
PURR AND GLOW WITH LIGHT!

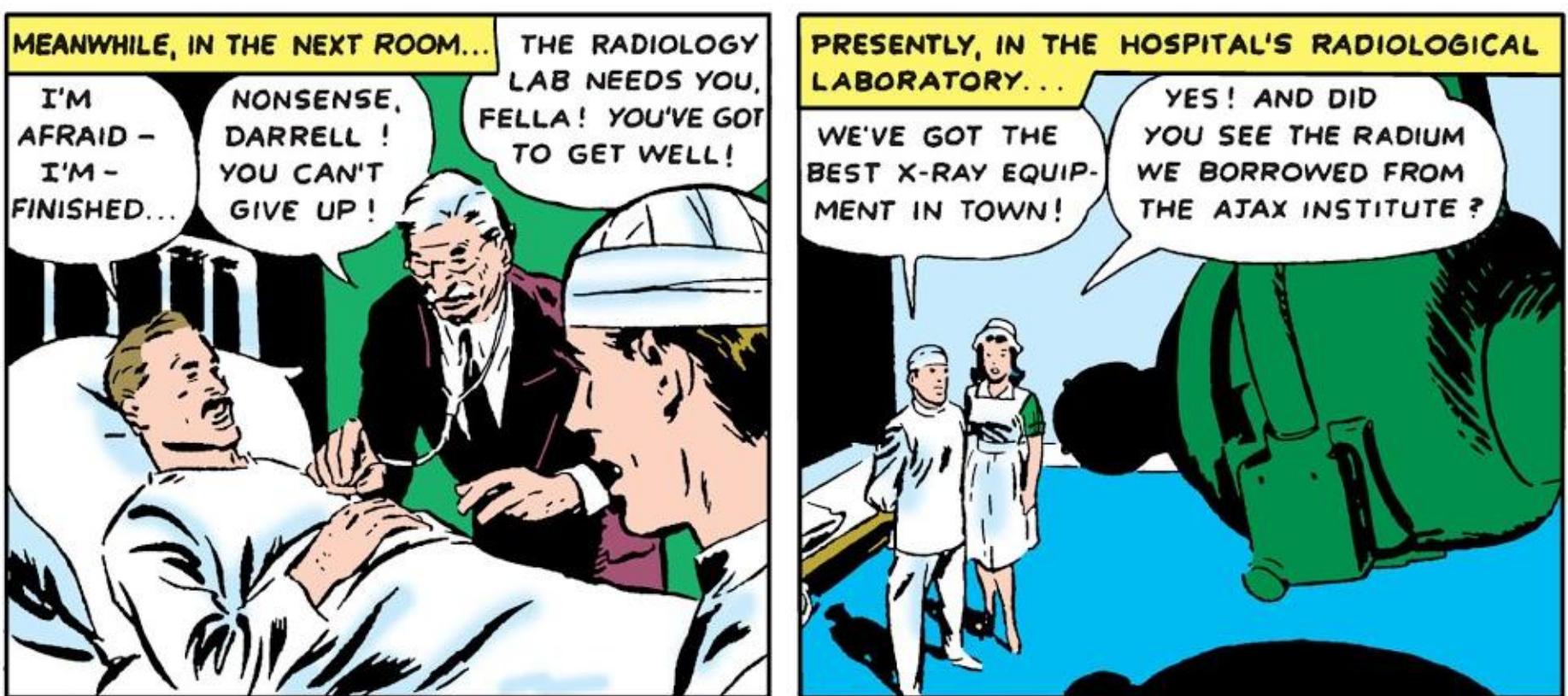
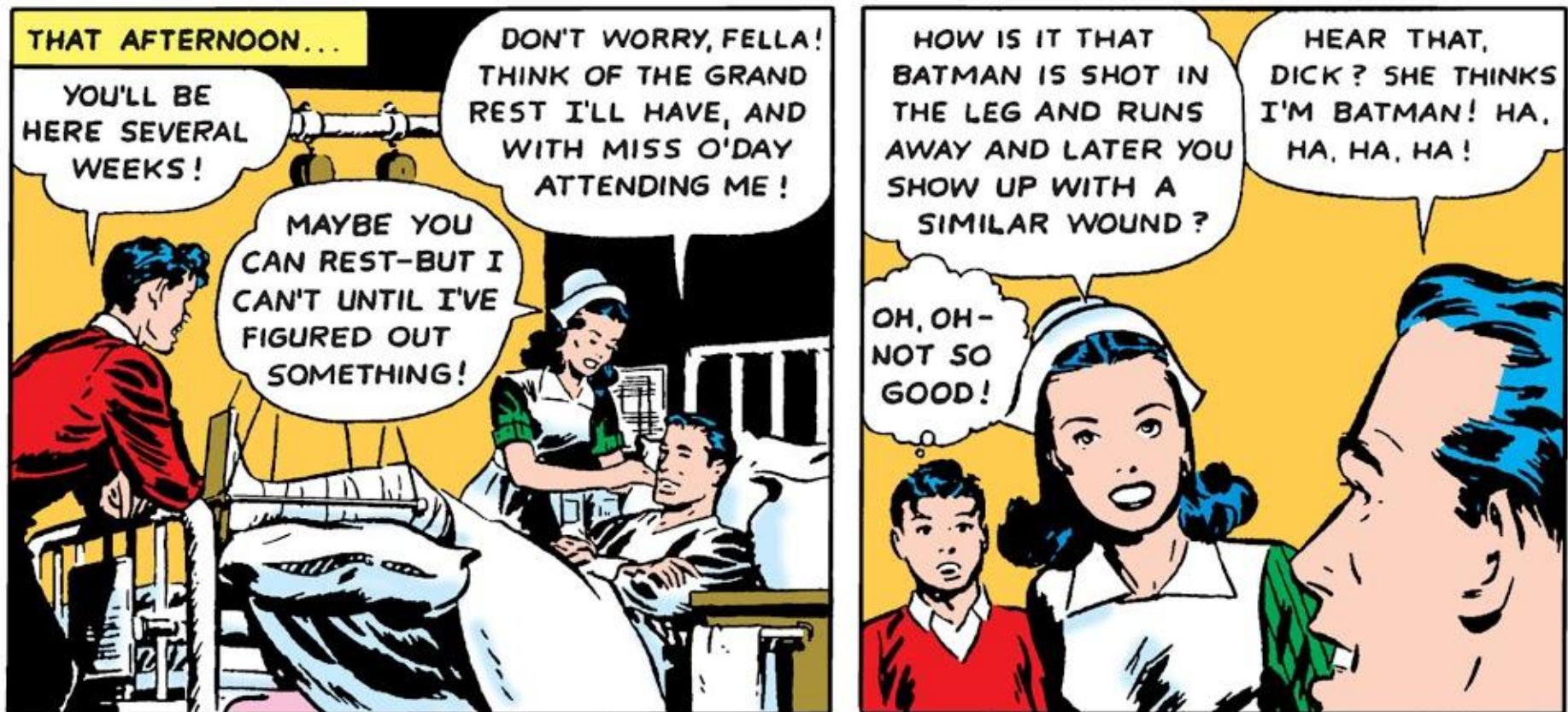
INDEED, DOCTOR!
WITH THE CURRENT
FULL ON, IT COULD
KILL A STRONG
MAN!

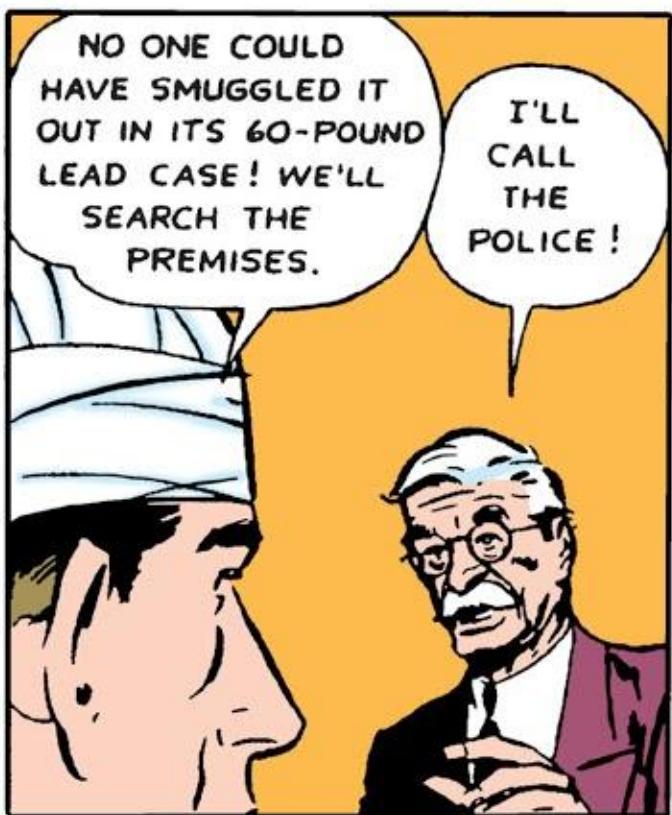
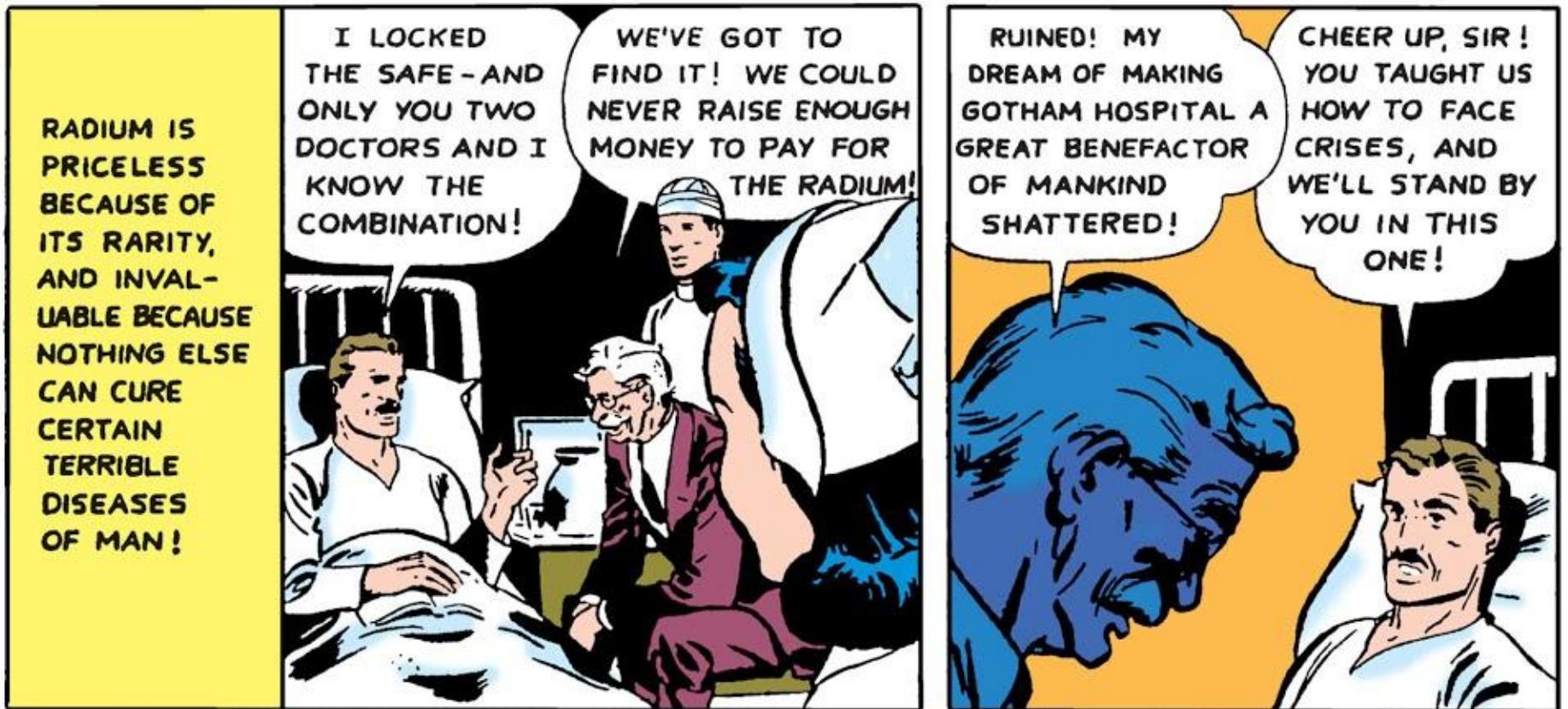




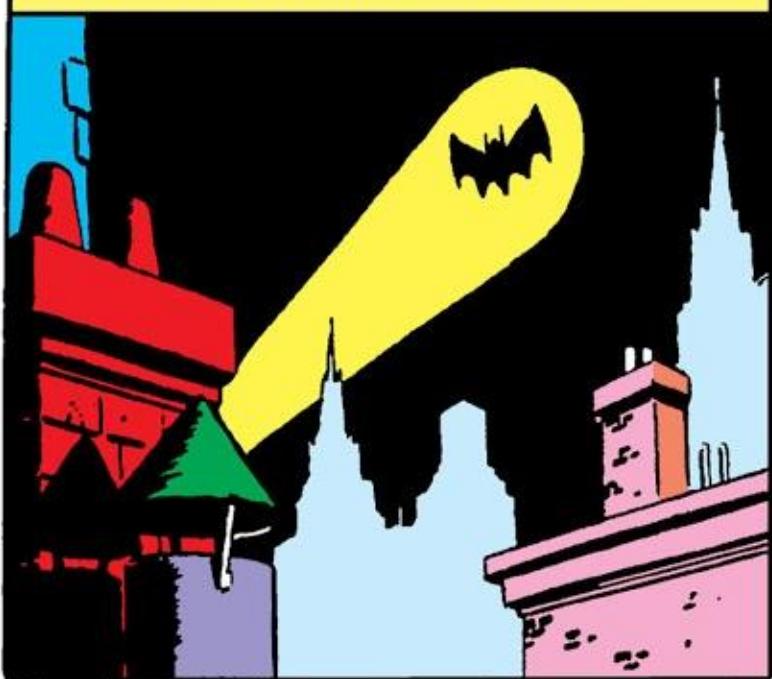








THAT NIGHT, FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
A SEARCHLIGHT PAINTS THE EERIE
BAT SYMBOL AGAINST THE SKY!



AND BRUCE WAYNE, LYING SLEEPLESS, CANNOT
ANSWER THE CALL FOR HELP!



MINUTES LATER...

I SAW THE SIGNAL AND CALLED GORDON - AND GUESS WHERE THE CASE IS? RIGHT HERE IN GOTHAM HOSPITAL!

ROBIN!



MY BATMAN COSTUME IS IN THE FALSE BOTTOM OF MY BAG - AND THIS SAW FROM MY UTILITY BELT WILL CUT THE CAST!

BUT IF YOU BREAK YOUR KNEE AGAIN, THEY'LL FIND OUT BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN!



BUT THE BATMAN RISKS ALL TO ANSWER THE URGENT SUMMONS!

YOUR IDEA ABOUT BATMAN WAS GOOD NORREEN, BUT HE WON'T SHOW UP!

WANT TO BET, DR BURTON?



PRESENTLY-

WE'RE PRETTY SURE IT WAS AN INSIDE JOB AND THAT THE RADIUM'S STILL HERE, BUT WE CAN'T FIND IT!

THE GOOD WORK YOU DO MUST NOT STOP! I'LL DO MY BEST!



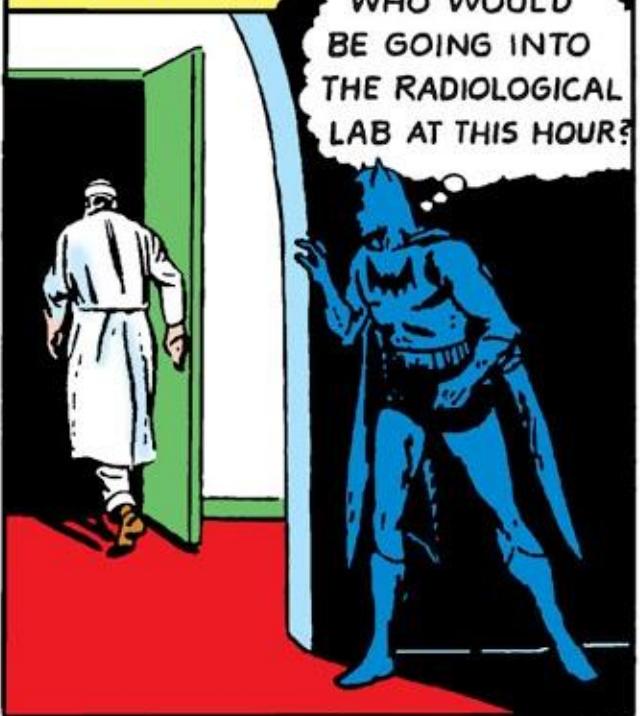
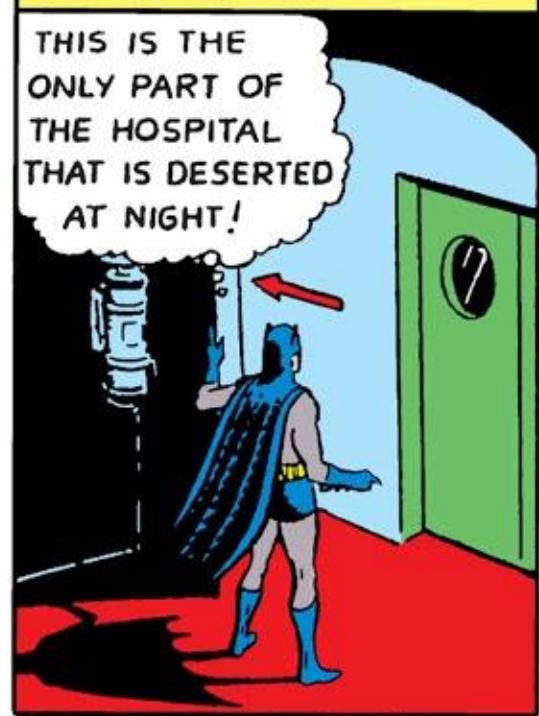
TELL THE PATIENTS I'M HERE WORKING ON A CASE, SO THEY WON'T BE ALARMED. I'LL BEGIN IN THE LAB...

LEAVING ROBIN TO WATCH BELOW, BATMAN ASCENDS TO THE TOP FLOOR...

THEN, SUDDENLY, A FIGURE IN WHITE MOVES SILENTLY DOWN THE HALL...

THIS IS THE ONLY PART OF THE HOSPITAL THAT IS DESERTED AT NIGHT!

WHO WOULD BE GOING INTO THE RADIOLOGICAL LAB AT THIS HOUR?



NEXT MOMENT...



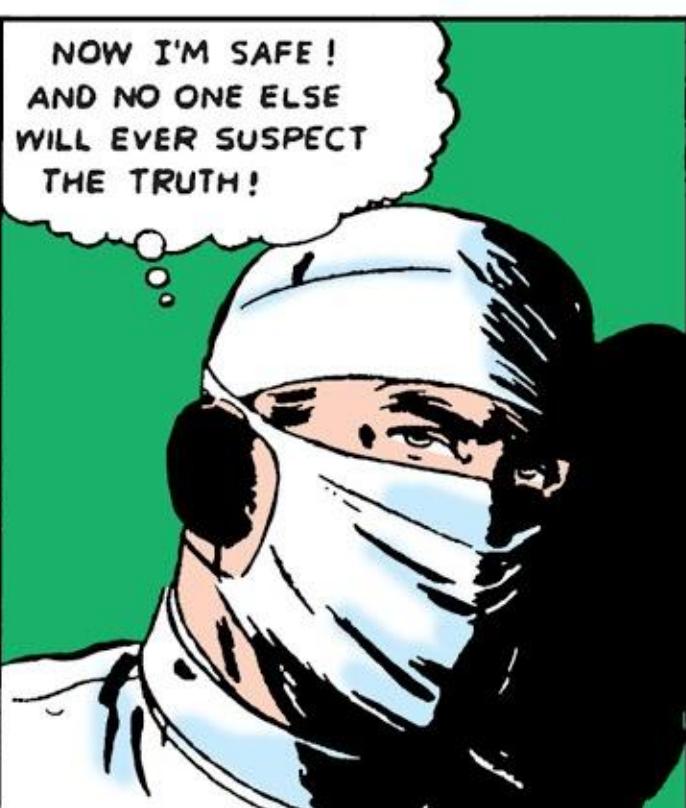
THE MASKED MAN FLEES INTO THE OPERATING ROOM - WITH BATMAN LIMPING IN PURSUIT!



BUT AGAIN BATMAN'S WOUNDED LEG GIVES WAY - AND BEFORE HE CAN RECOVER...



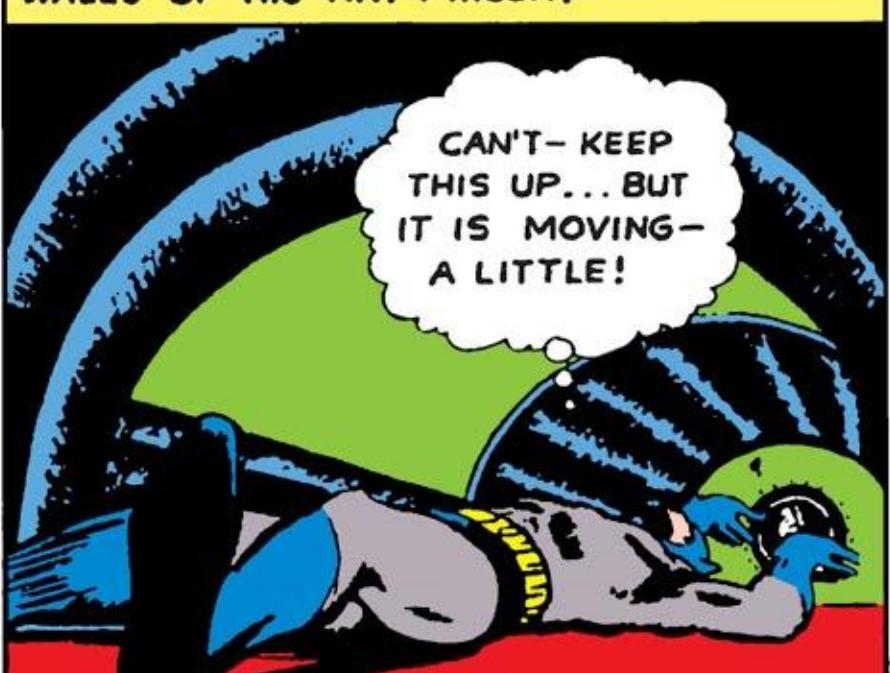
DRAGGED INTO THE LABORATORY, THE LAWMAN IS LIFTED INTO THE DEVICE DESIGNED TO SAVE LIVES...



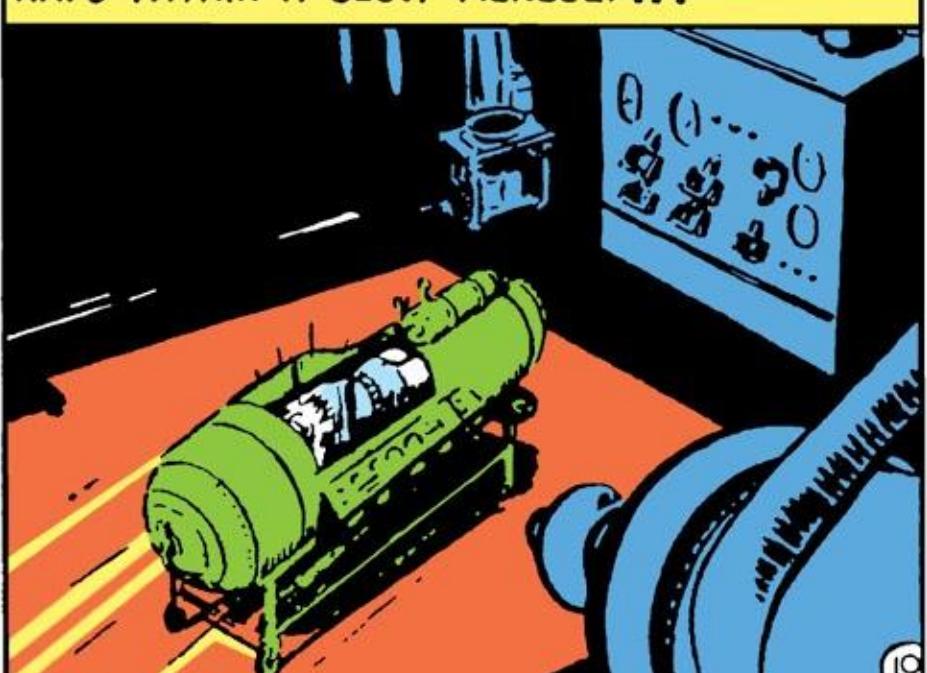
IMPRISONED BY METAL AND PLASTIC, DAZED BY POWERFUL DEATH RAYS, BATMAN'S STRENGTH WANES FAST...

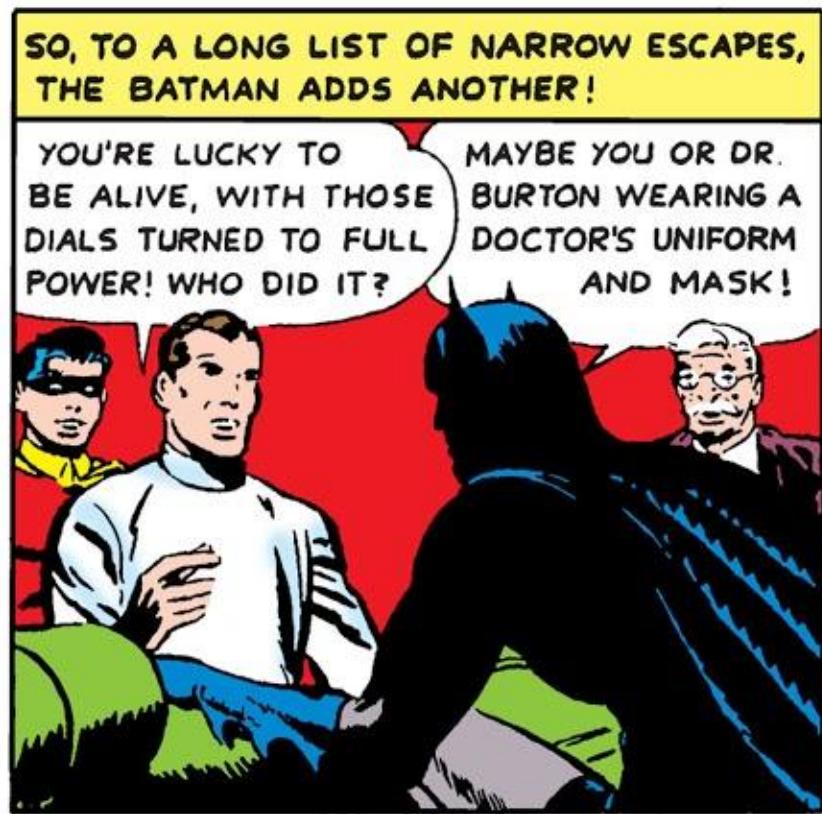


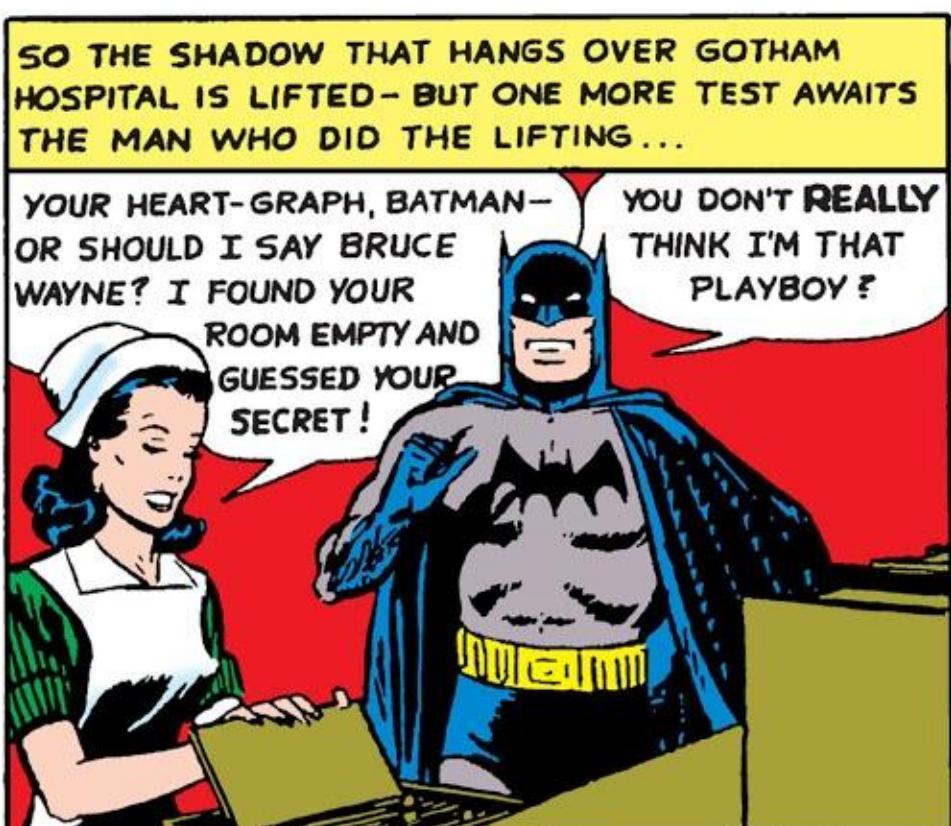
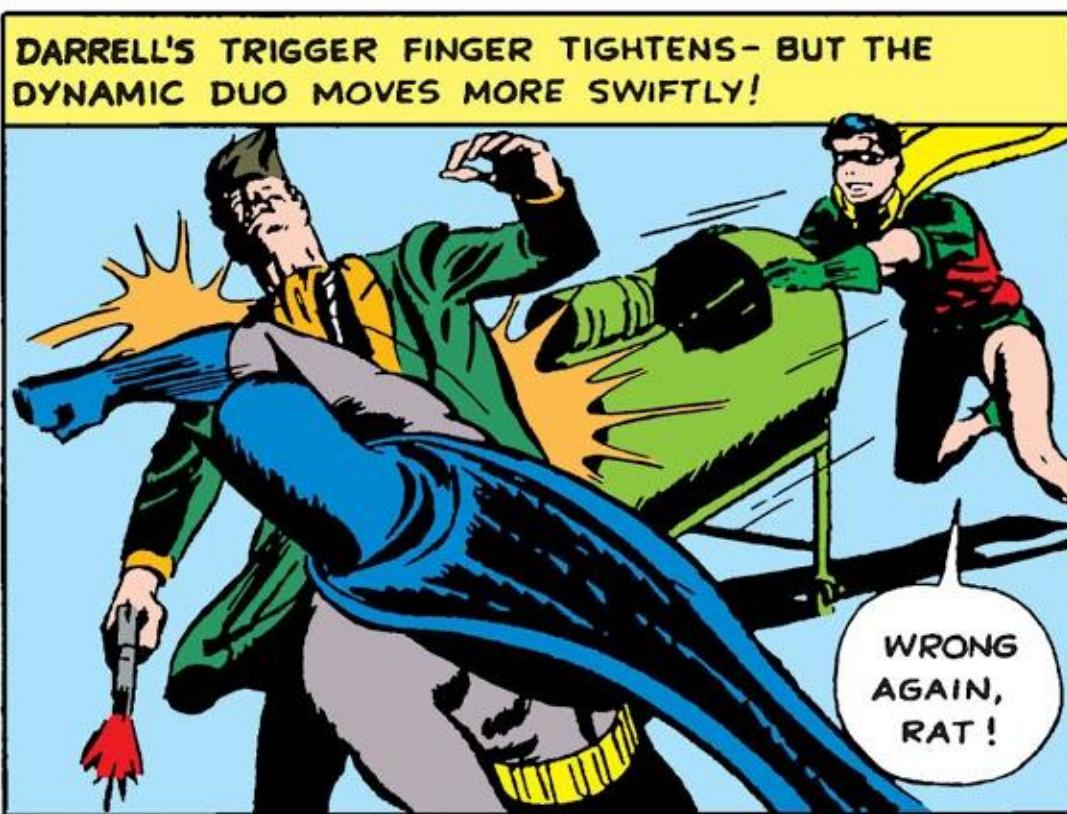
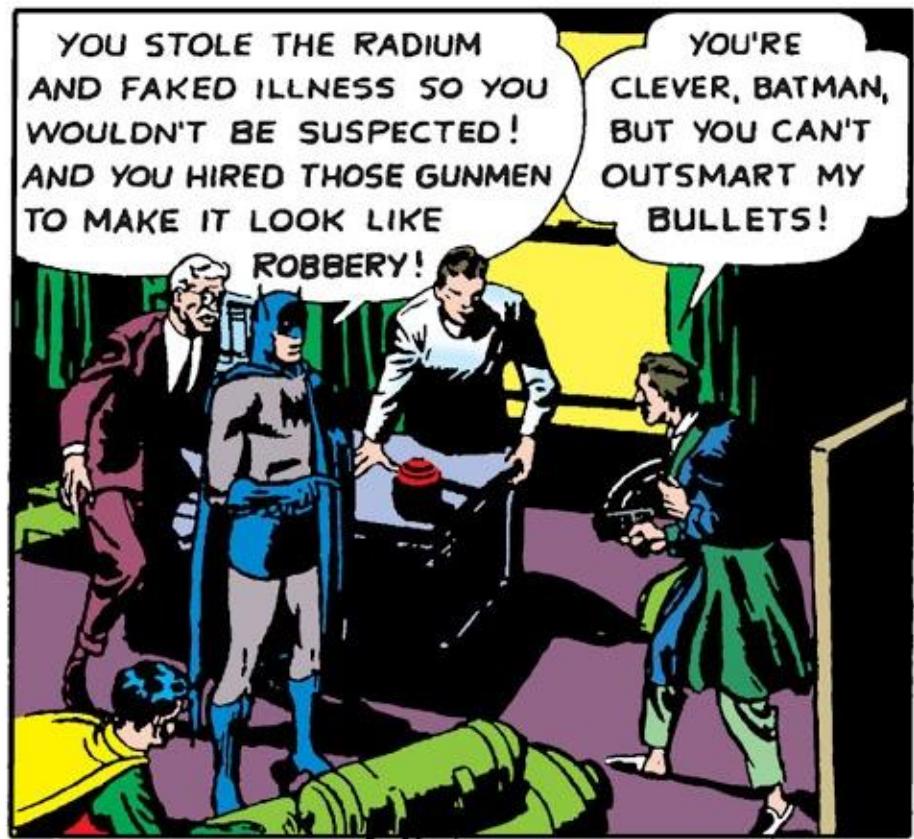
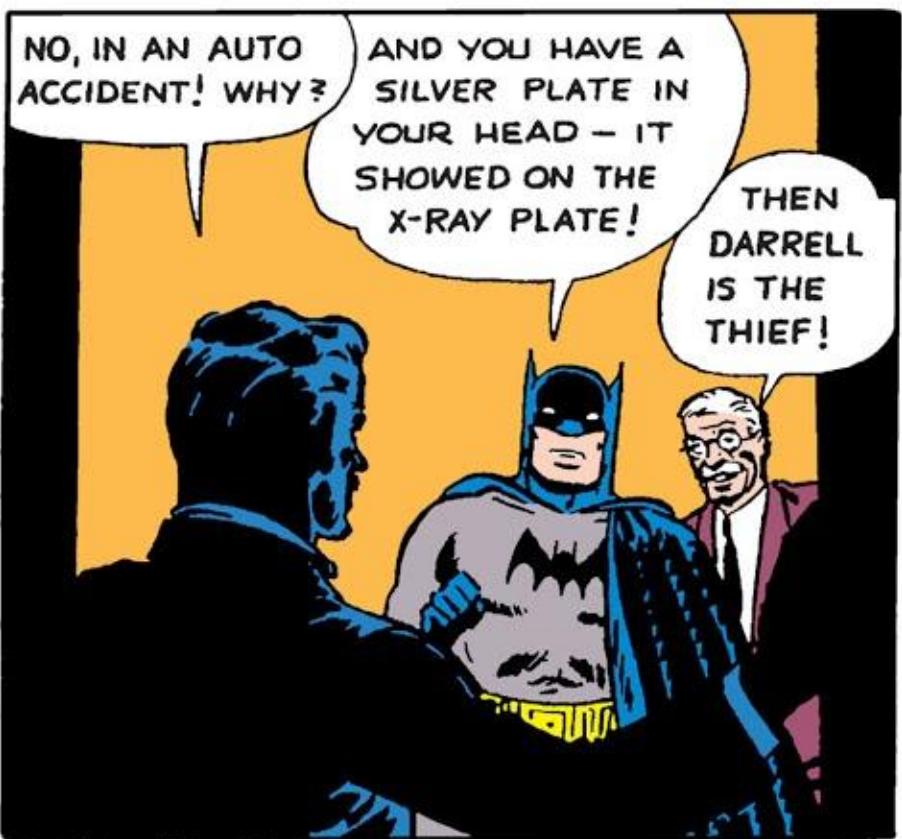
PAIN WRACKING HIS LEG, BATMAN HURLS HIS WEIGHT DESPERATELY AGAINST THE WALLS OF HIS TINY PRISON !

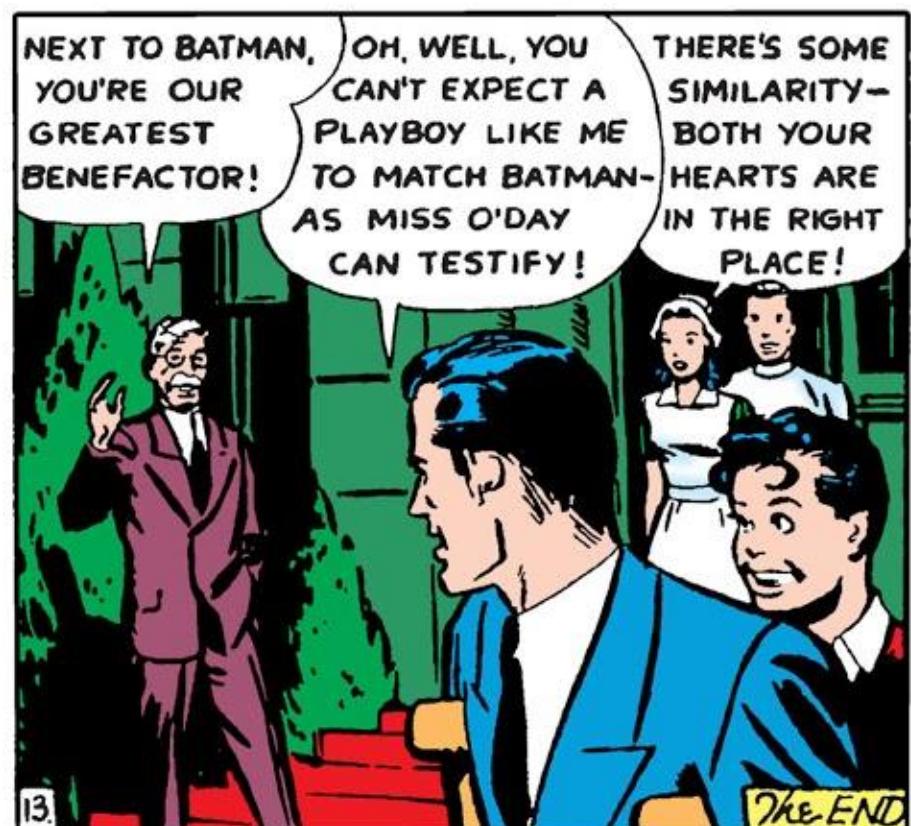
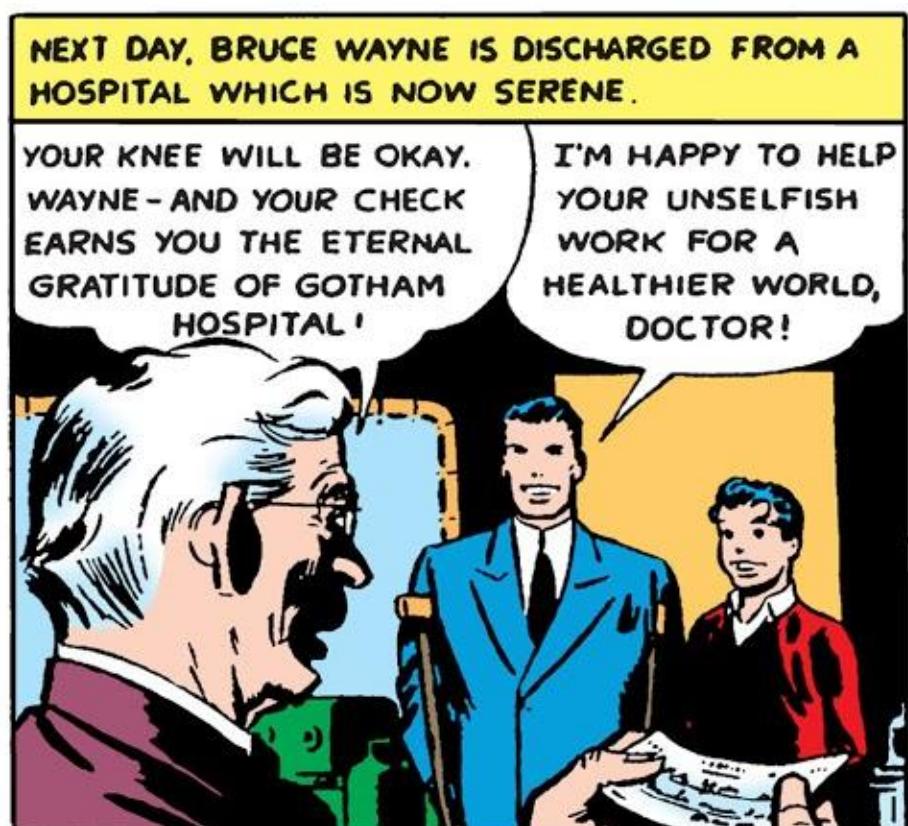
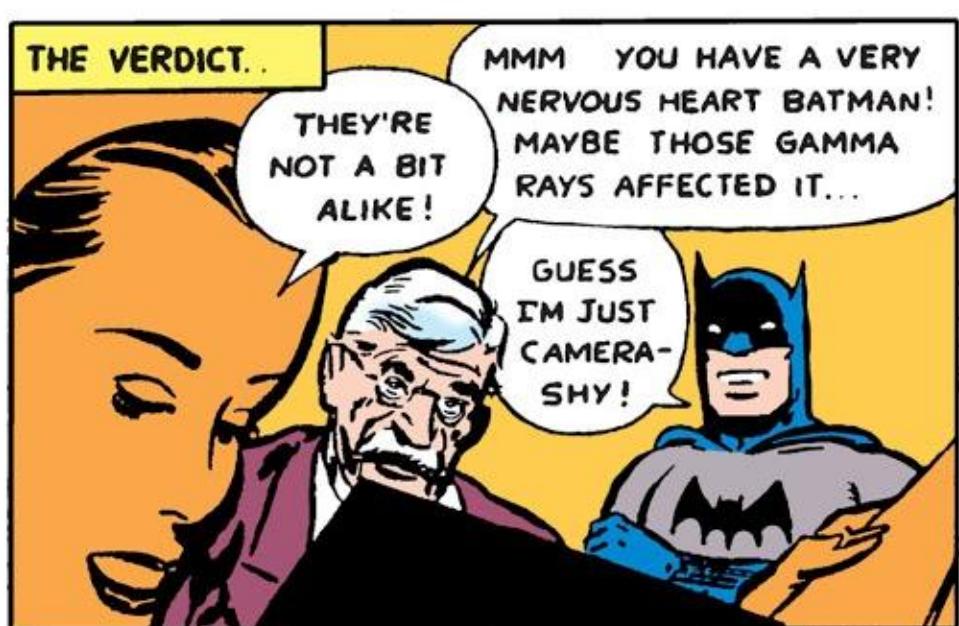
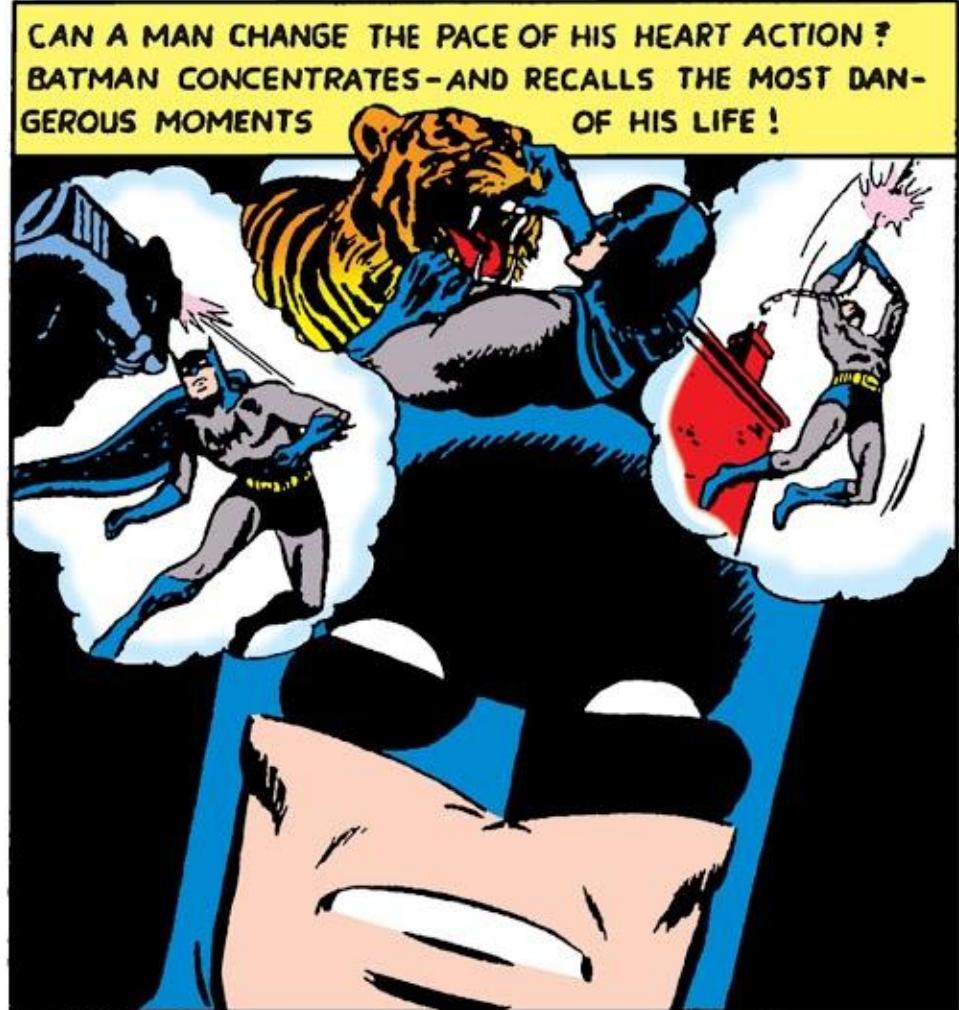


INCH BY AGONIZING INCH, THE HEAVY MACHINE CREEPS ACROSS THE FLOOR - WHILE THE DEATH-RAYS WITHIN IT GLOW FIERCELY...









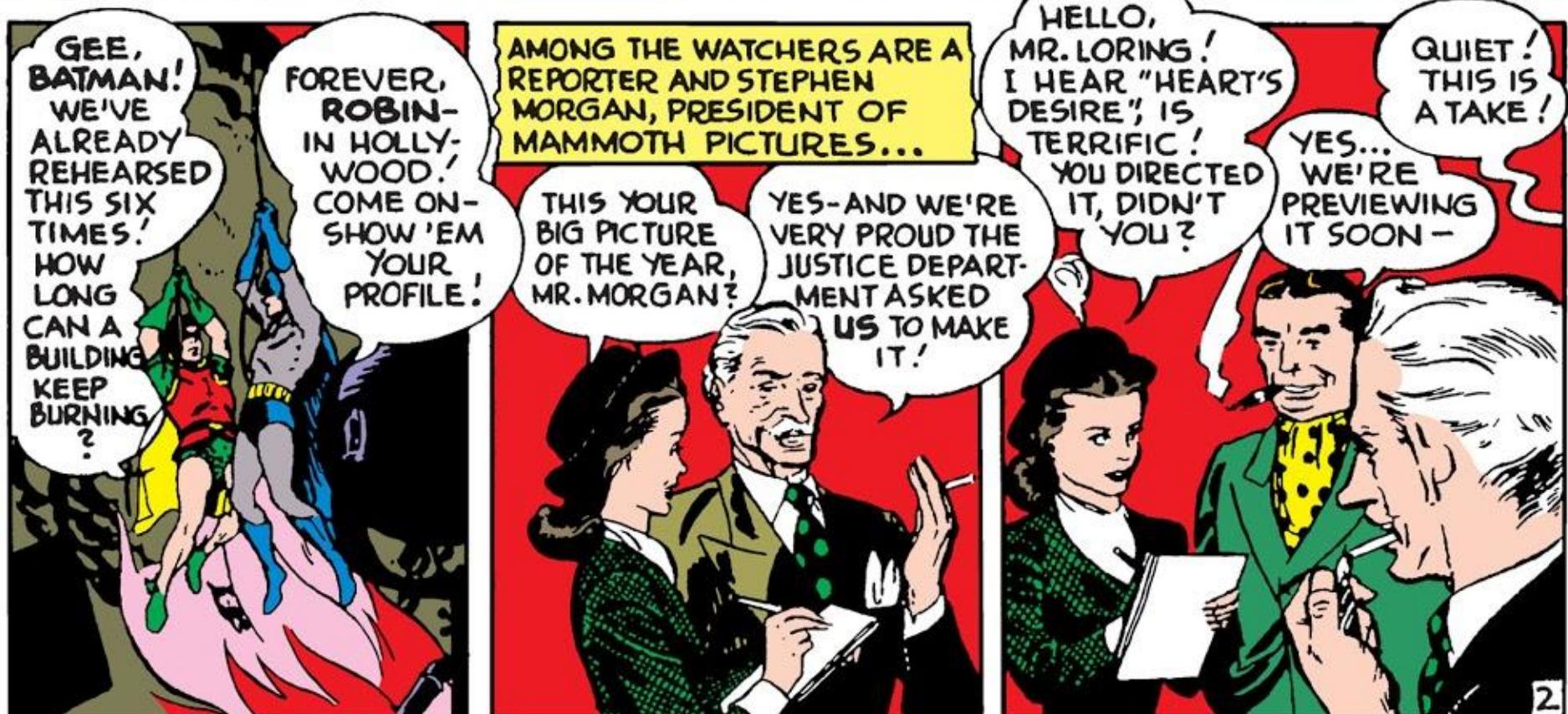
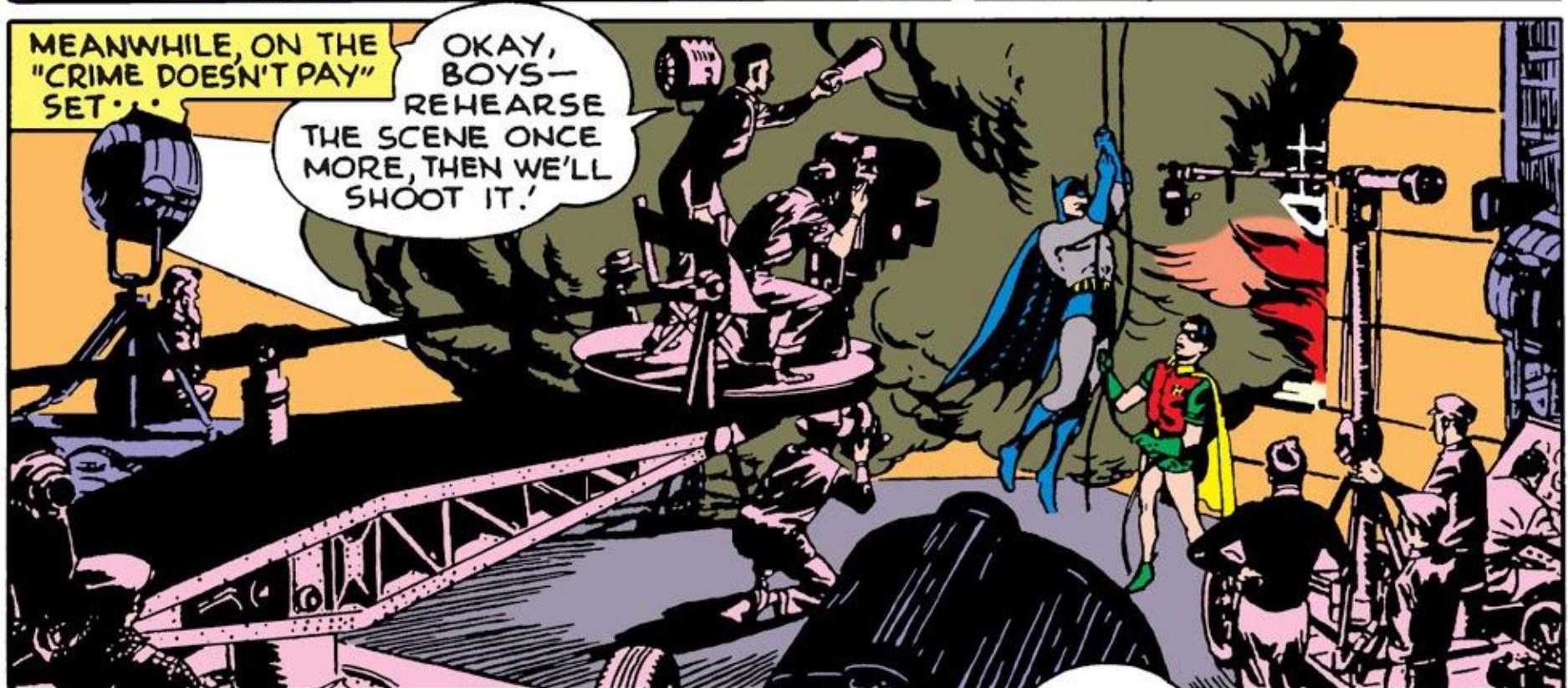
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WITH
ROBIN

HOLLYWOOD! CITY OF GLAMOR, EXCITEMENT AND INTRIGUE— WHERE, AMID A BACKGROUND OF COSTUME AND GREASEPAINT, THE MOST AMBITIOUS CRIME OF THE DECADE IS CONCEIVED—FILM-NAPING! THE THEFT OF A FEATURE FILM WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS GALVANIZES BATMAN AND ROBIN INTO ACTION IN A PICTURESQUE FAIRYLAND SUDENLY TURNED SINISTER AND DEADLY FOR THE BIG...

'Hollywood Hoax!'







WHAT A SHOT!
BATMAN AND
ROBIN IN
REAL
ACTION! WOW!

CLEVER GAG,
THAT—GETTING
THE FILM OUT OF
THE STUDIO BY
BALLOON!

YES—BUT
WE KNOW
SOME
TRICKS,
TOO!

MEANWHILE, ON THE GROUND...

NEVER
MIND THE
PLANE.
SHOOT
DOWN THE
BALLOON!

IT'LL BE A
BREEZE, PUTTIN'
A SLUG IN THAT
CRAZY-LOOKIN'
PLANE!

THEY'RE
SHOOTING
AT US!

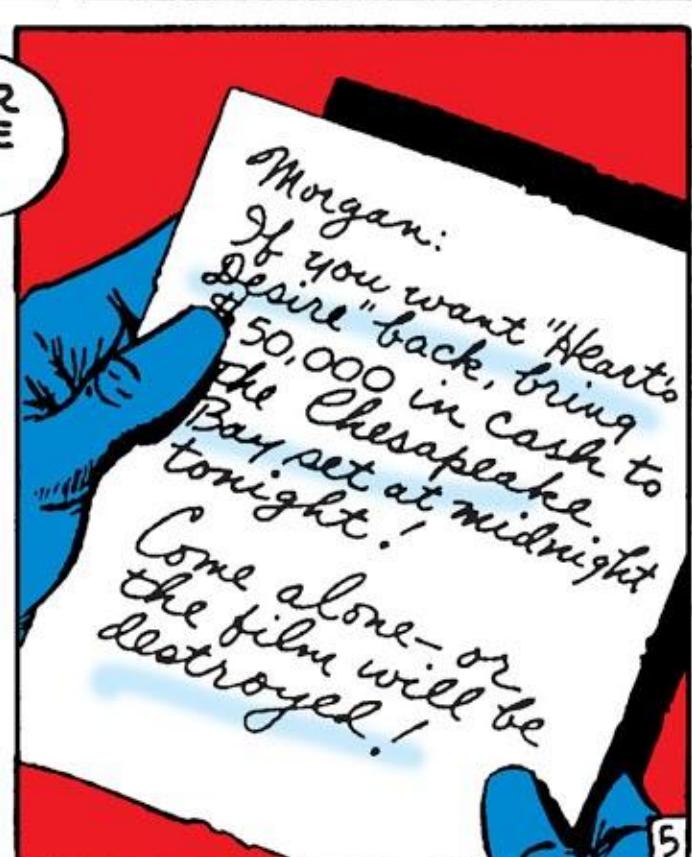
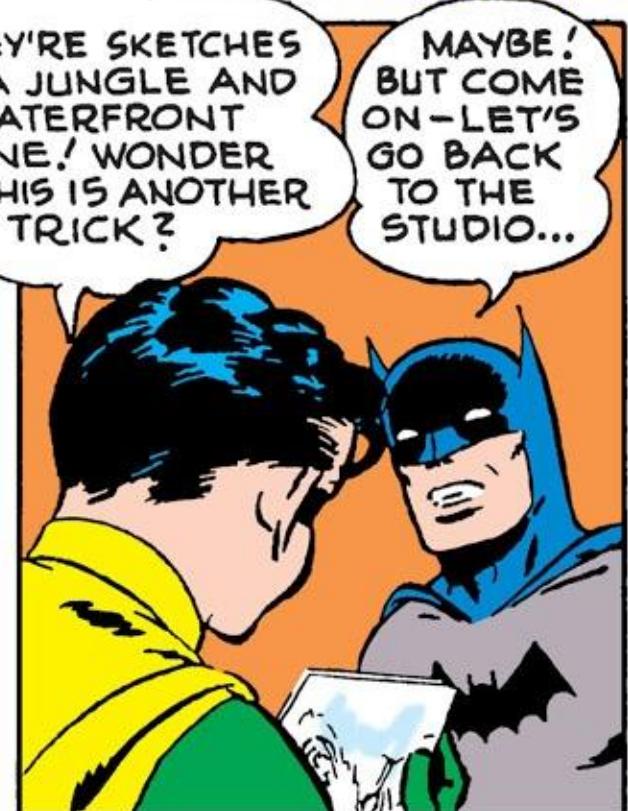
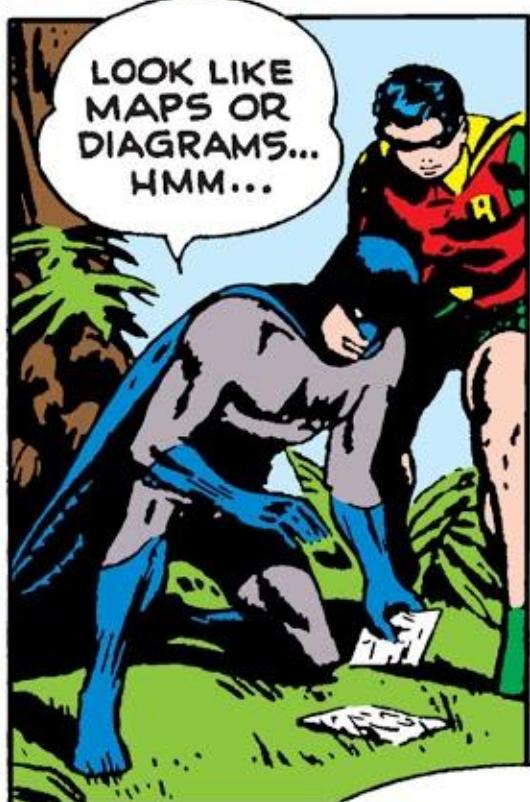
NOT AT US,
ROBIN—AT THE
BALLOON. HOLD
YOUR HAT—WE'RE
GOING DOWN!

OH-OH—
MORE
TRICKS!
IT'S
EMPTY!

HMM... COME
ON, LET'S LOOK
FOR THE GUNMAN
WHO FIRED THAT
SHOT!

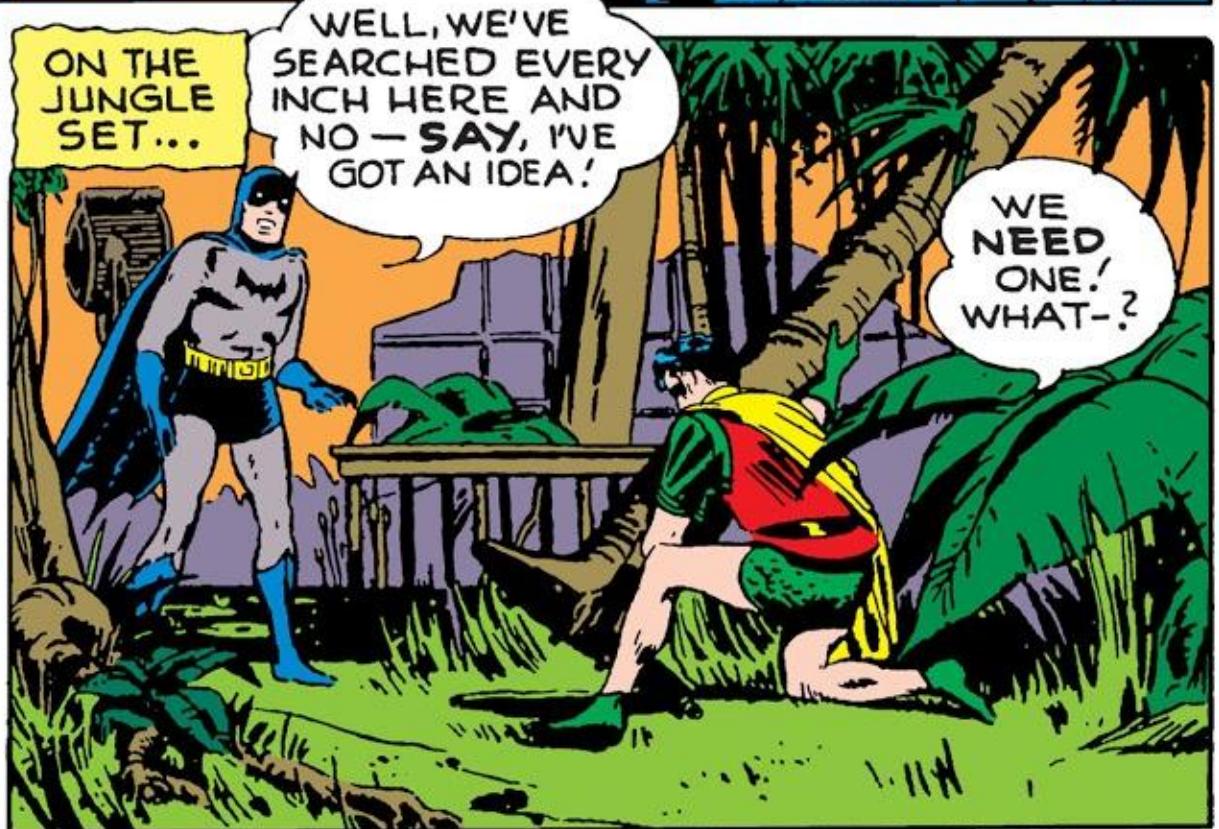
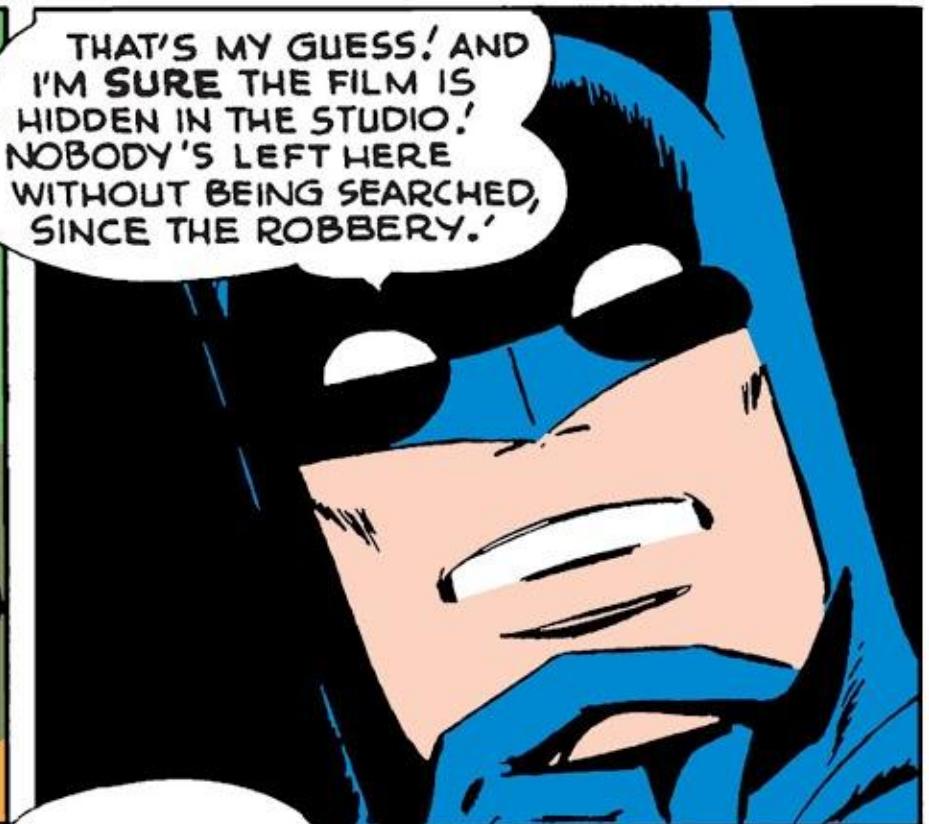
THE SHOT
CAME FROM
THOSE,
TREES.

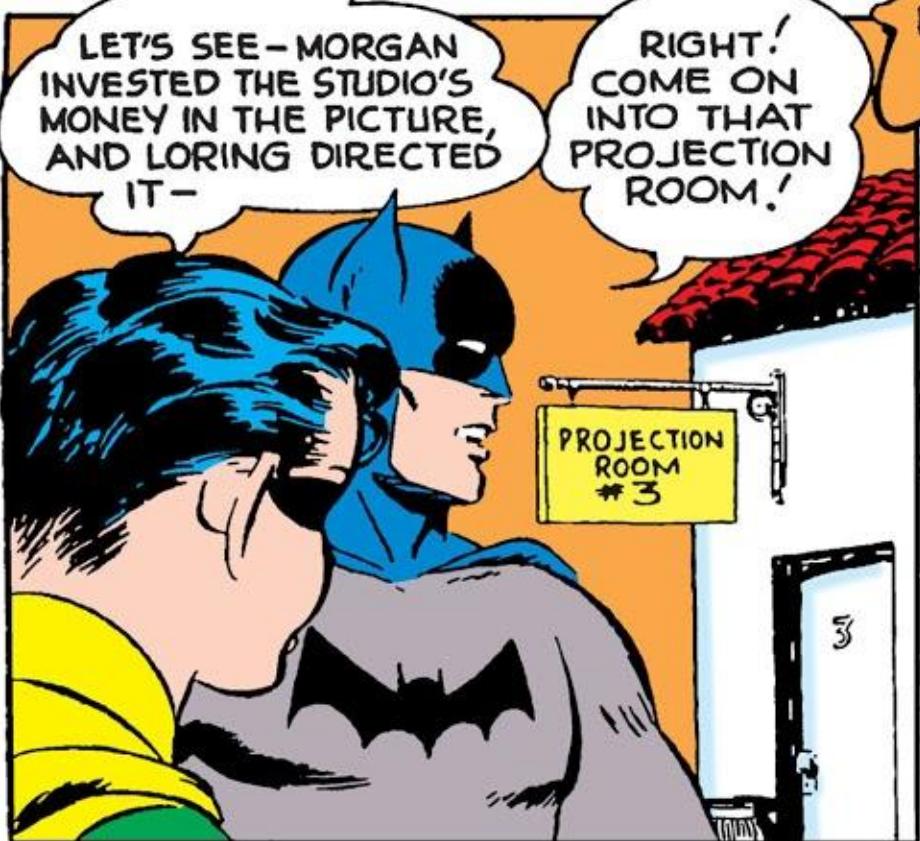
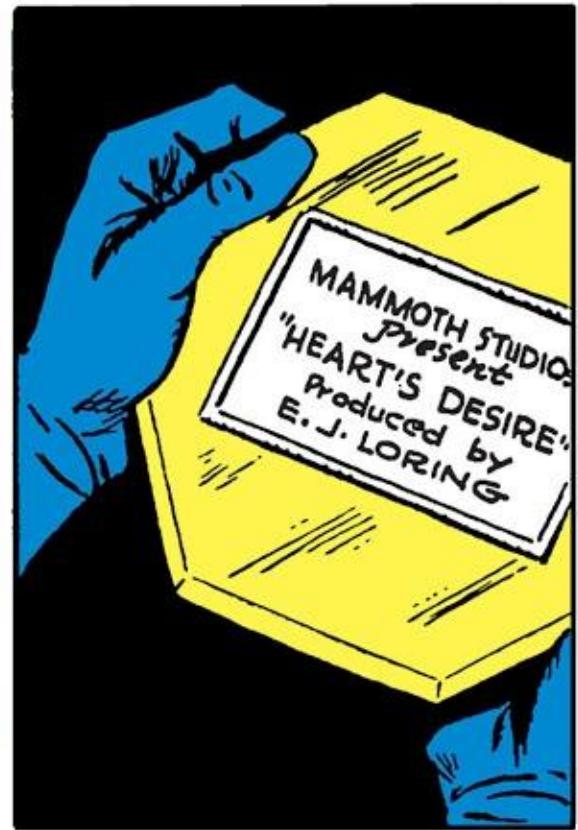
RIGHT!
YOU CLOSE IN
FROM THE LEFT
AND I'LL GO RIGHT!
BUT BE CAREFUL!
HE'S A GOOD
SHOT!

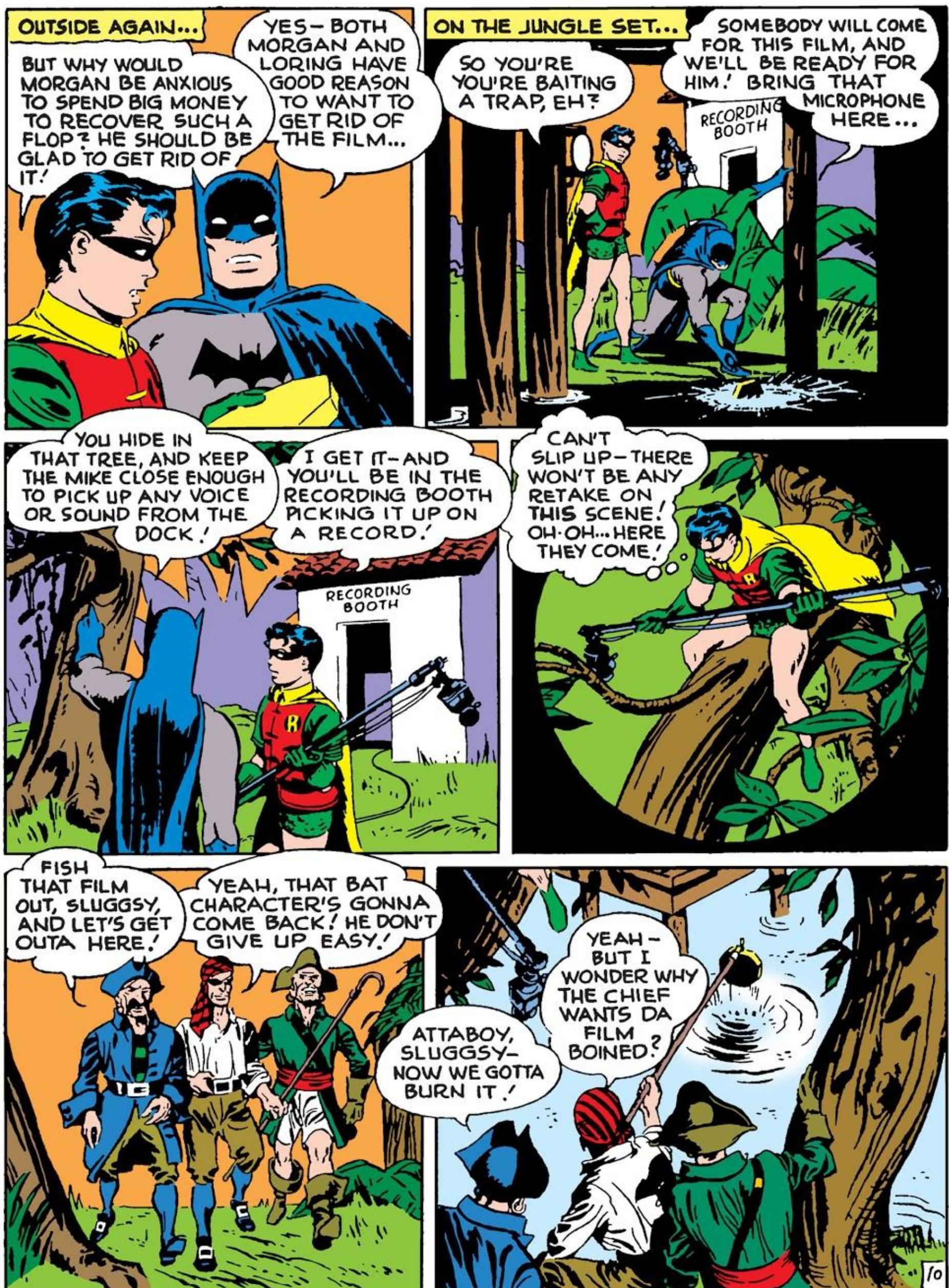




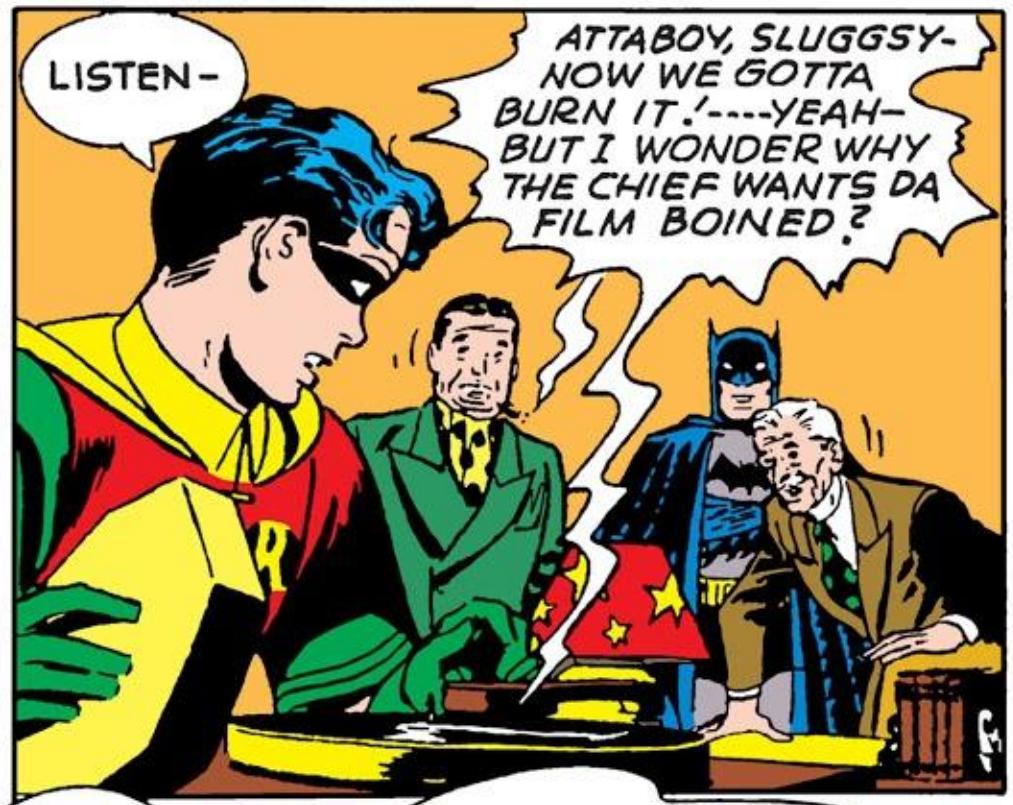












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THE BOY WONDER -

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IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY—BUT WHEN THAT CACKLING CUT-UP OF THE CRIME WORLD, THE JOKER, APES THE SENSATIONAL TACTICS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN. GOTHAM CITY WITNESSES A BEWILDERING GAME OF DOUBLE-DEALING, INDEED. FACING AN OPPONENT WHOSE MOVES ARE FAMILIAR, THE DYNAMIC DUO PROVES THAT SOMETIMES FLATTERY CAN BE ALMOST FATALLY EMBARRASSING WHEN

"THE JOKER
FOLLOWS SUIT!"

LIKE A GLEAMING DAGGER SUDDENLY UNSHEATHED,
A SEARCHLIGHT BEAM STABS INTO THE NIGHT SKY
OVER GOTHAM CITY....



AND BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON DRAW
THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION!

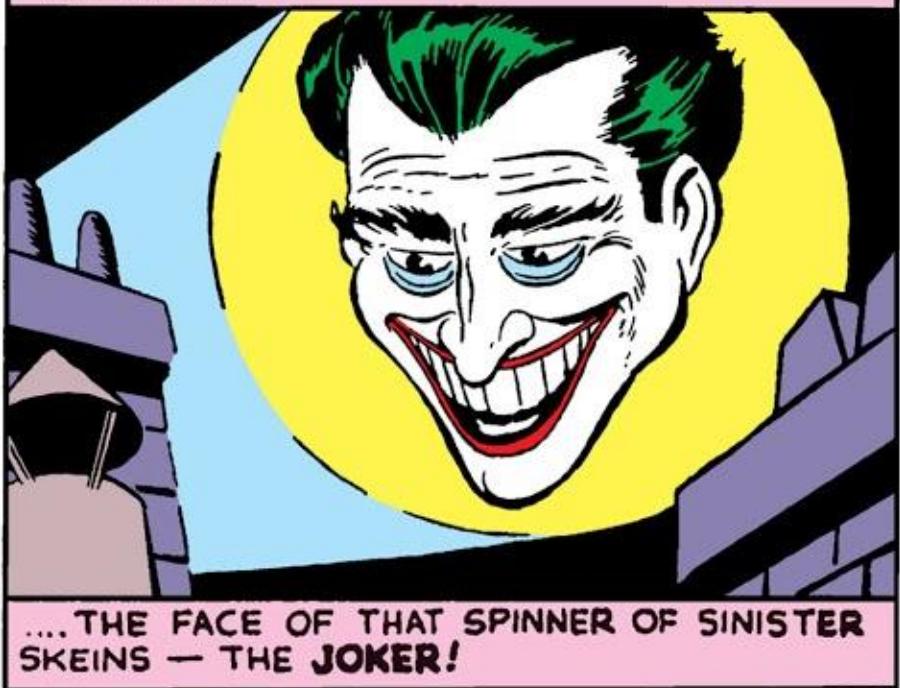
THE SURPRISE AND CONSTERNATION OF THE
DYNAMIC DUO ARE REFLECTED IN OTHER
FACES ALL AROUND THE TOWN!



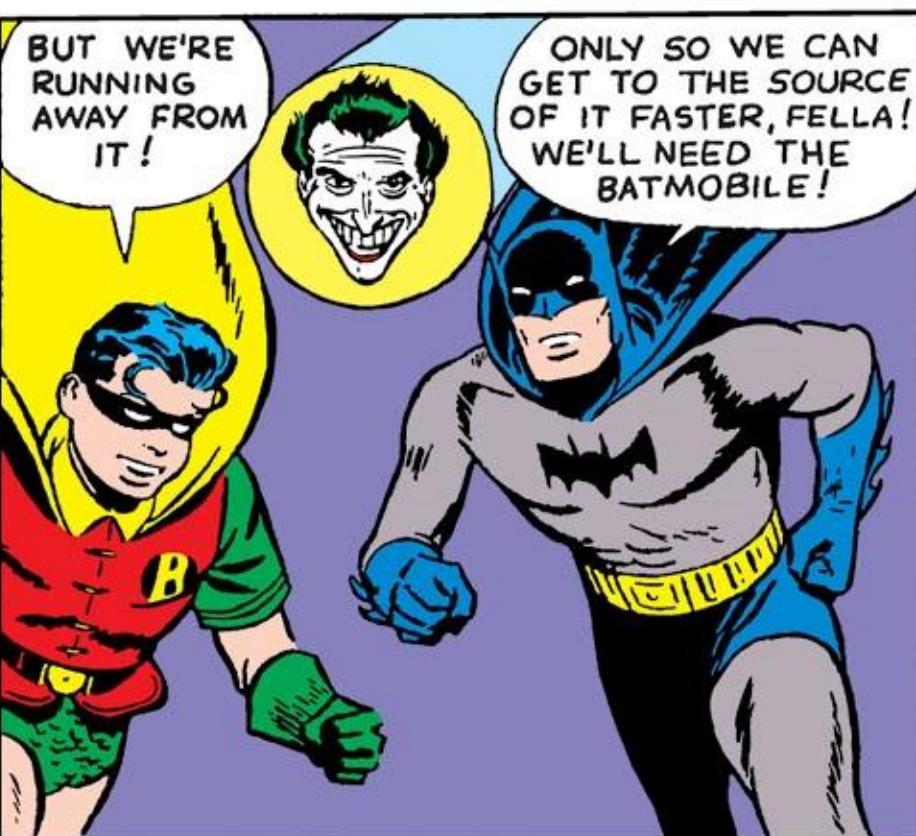
BUT NEXT MOMENT...



AND NO WONDER! FOR, FRAMED IN A LURID GLARE, A FIENDISH FACE GRINS DOWN UPON THE CITY....



....THE FACE OF THAT SPINNER OF SINISTER SKEINS — THE JOKER!



SECONDS LATER, A STREAMLINED CAR OF WEIRD DESIGN STREAKS THROUGH SHADOWS!

THE JOKER ESCAPED FROM PRISON LAST MONTH — BUT WOULD HE DARE ADVERTISE HIMSELF THIS WAY, BATMAN?

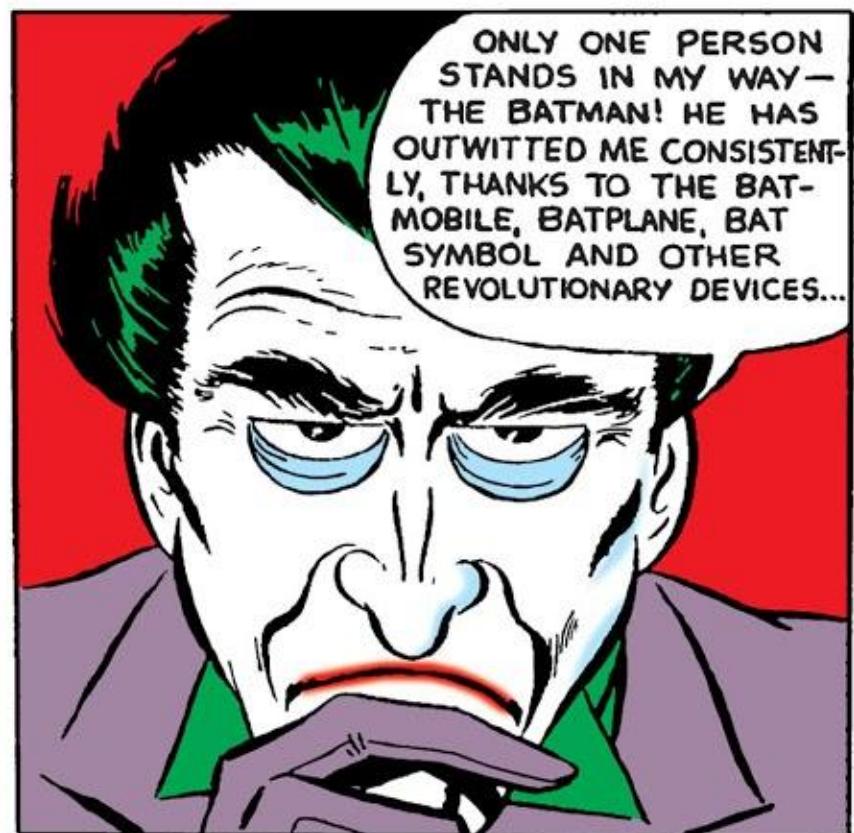
WE CAN EXPECT ANYTHING OF THAT HARLEQUIN!



WHAT LIES BEHIND THE FANTASTIC PHENOMENA OF THE "JOKER SYMBOL"? LET US LOOK BACKWARD FOR THE ANSWER, TO A DAY FOLLOWING CLOSELY UPON THE CUNNING CRIME CLOWN'S ESCAPE...



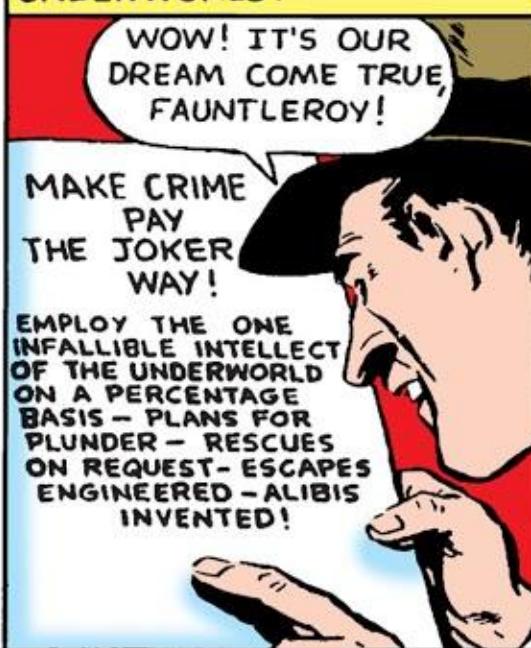
ONLY ONE PERSON STANDS IN MY WAY—THE BATMAN! HE HAS OUTWITTED ME CONSISTENTLY, THANKS TO THE BATMOBILE, BATPLANE, BAT SYMBOL AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY DEVICES...



BUT NO MORE! THE SAME WEAPONS HE HAS USED AGAINST ME, I CAN TURN AGAINST HIM—WITH SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AS ONLY MY GENIUS COULD DEVISE! HO, HO, HO. HO!



PRESENTLY, NEWS OF AN AMAZING INSURANCE PLAN SPREADS THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD!



GANG CHIEFTAINS AND LONE-WOLF OPERATORS FLOCK TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SLY SCHEMER!



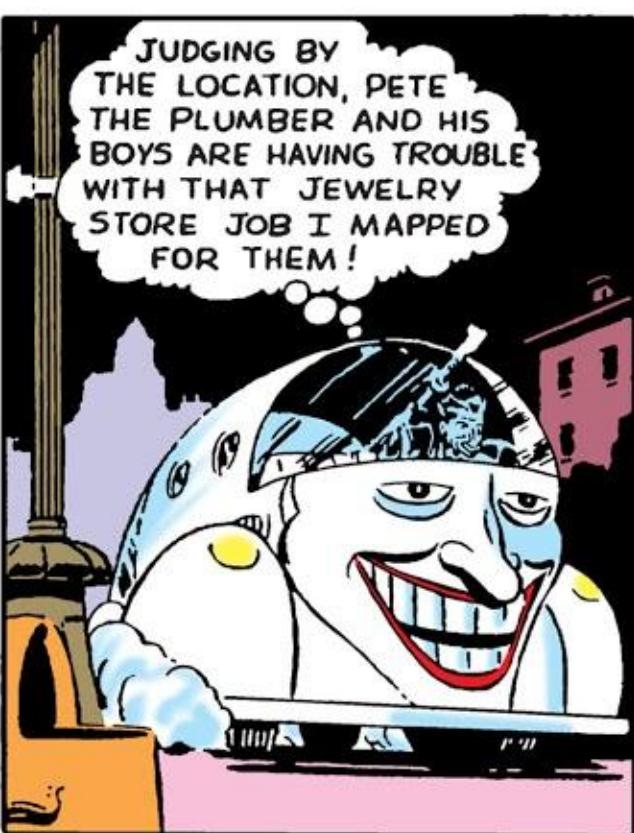
REMEMBER, GENTLEMEN, WHEN YOU NEED ME TO HELP YOU ESCAPE, PRESS THE BUTTON OF THIS JOKER SIGNAL! THERE'S ONE IN FRONT OF EVERY STORE IN GOTHAM CITY! HA HA!

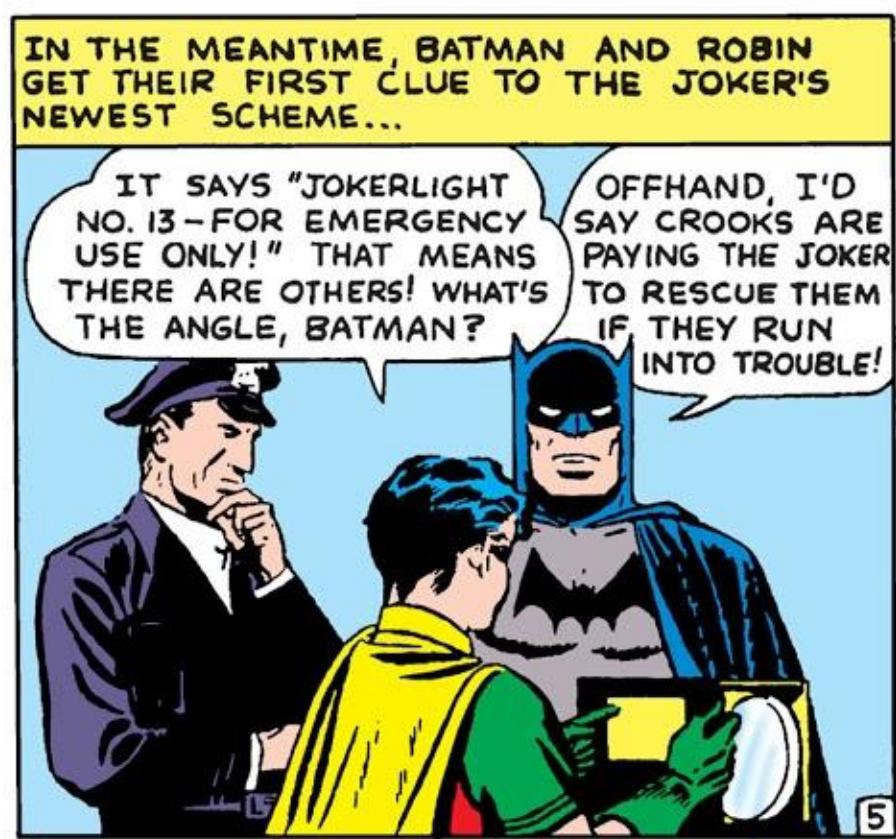
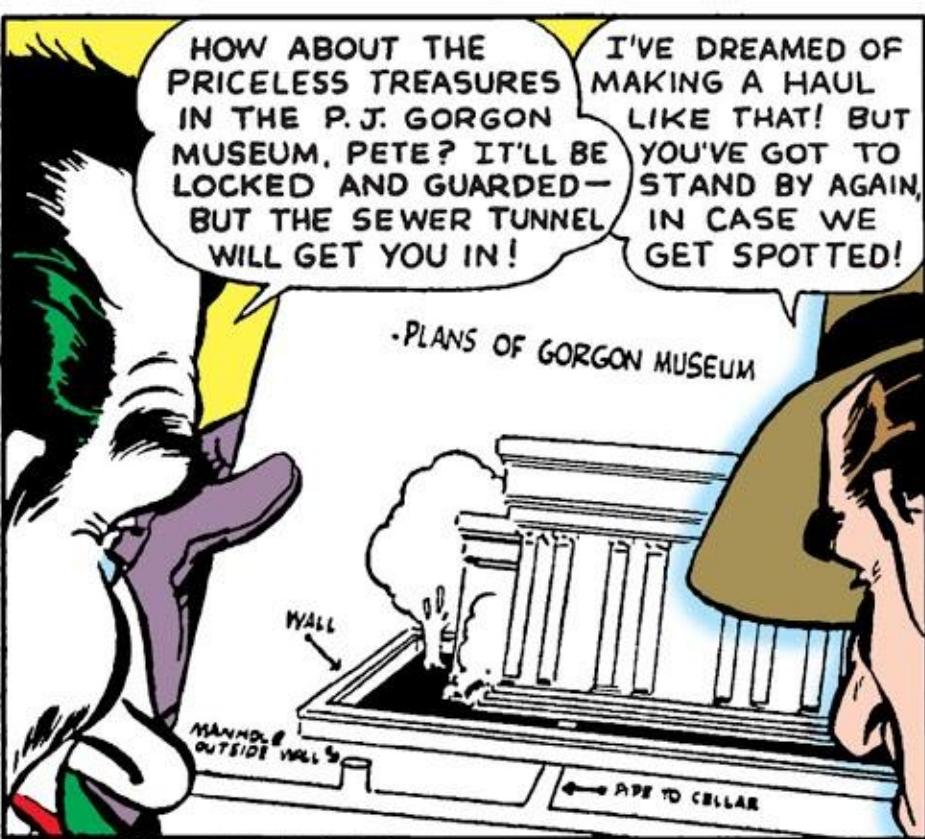
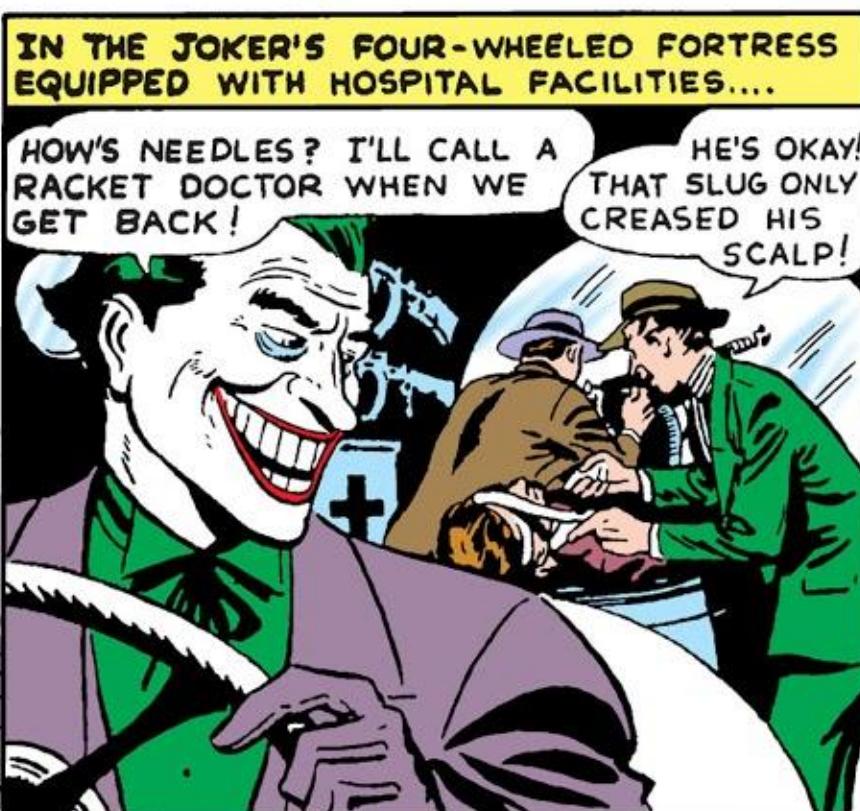
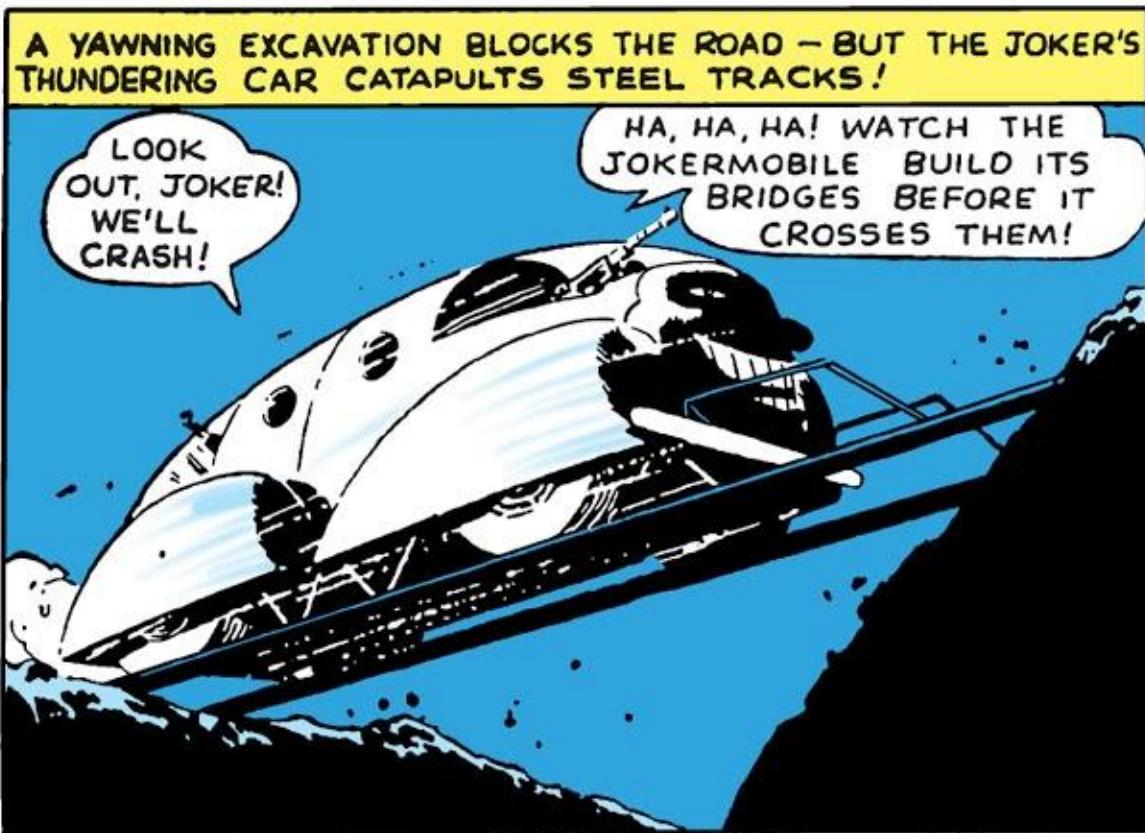


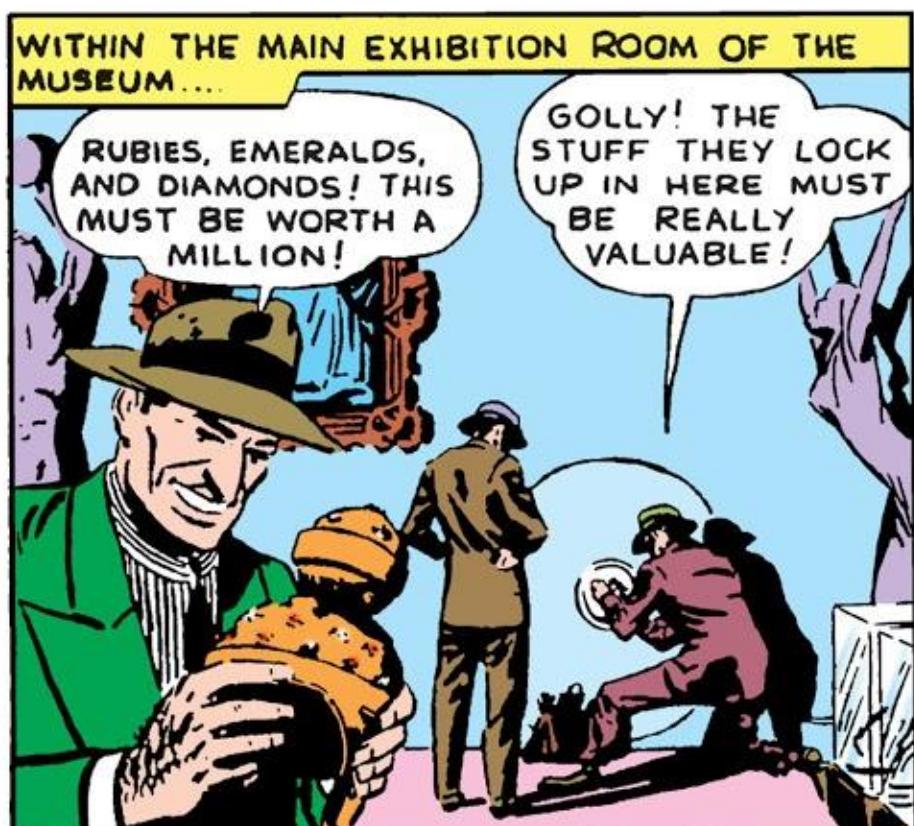
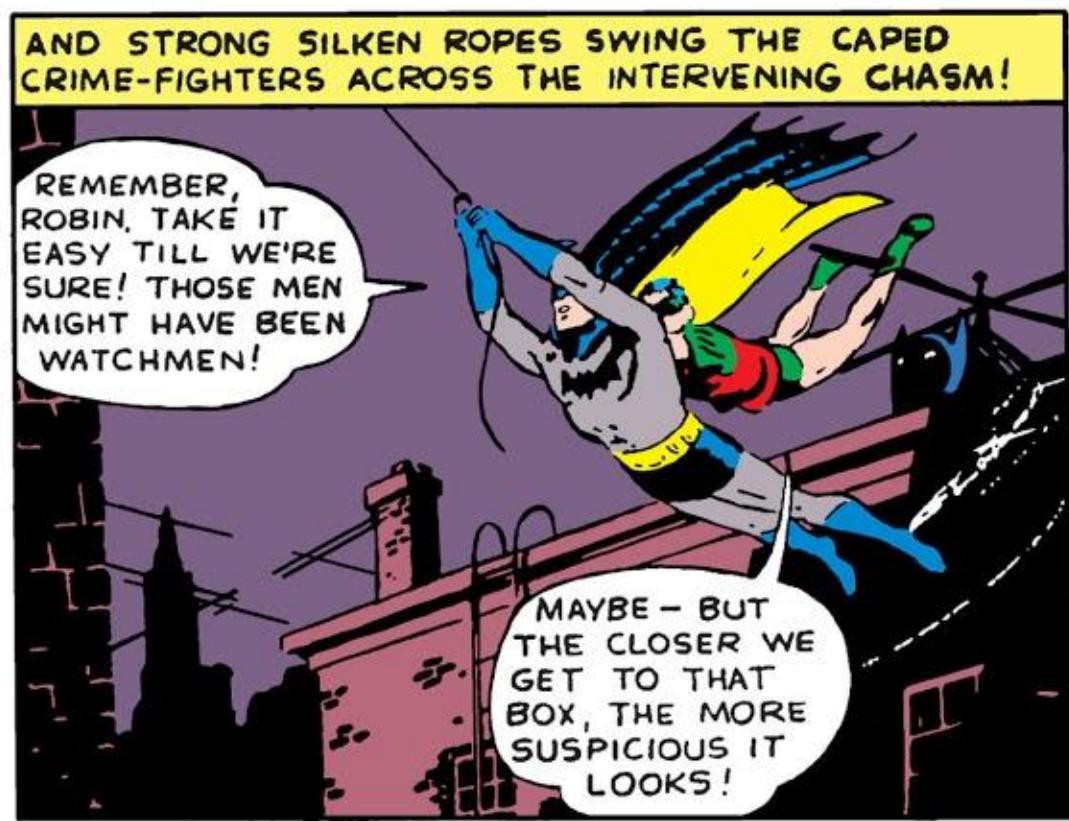
SO IT IS THAT, RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, WE FIND AN OBSERVER IN THE WATCHTOWER OF AN ABANDONED FIREHOUSE, HEEDING THE STRANGE SIGNAL!



IF THE BATMAN COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW, SPEEDING TO THE RESCUE IN MY JOKERMOBILE! HO, HO, HO!









LEAVING TWIN TRAILS OF FLAME, THE BAT-PLANE ROARS IN PURSUIT OF THE CRIME CLOWN!

WHAT'S THE PLAN OF ATTACK, BATMAN?

WE'LL SQUEEZE THEM INTO A FORCED LANDING AND TACKLE THEM ON THE GROUND!

BUT THE JOKER, IT APPEARS, IS PREPARED FOR PRACTICALLY ANYTHING!

THEY GOT US! THIS CRATE IS CRAWLING COMPARED TO THE BATPLANE!

IN A MINUTE, I'LL CRAWL RIGHT AWAY! WATCH!

FROM OPENINGS IN THE SIDE OF THE JOKERYRO MULTIPLE STRANDS OF CABLE WITH SILKEN PACKS AT THEIR ENDS WHIRL FORTH!

WHAT'S THIS - ?

HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!

AND AS THE CABLES TWIST ABOUT THE BATPLANE, PARACHUTES SNAP OPEN!

JOKER, YOU'RE A WIZARD!

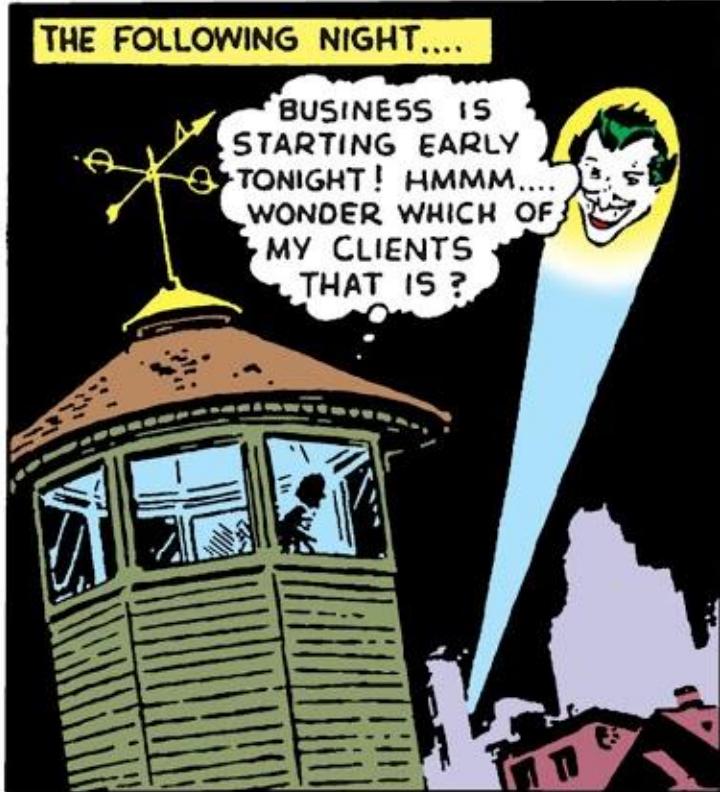
PARACHUTES! NOT A CHANCE OF CATCHING THEM NOW! ALL WE KNOW IS THE SECTION OF TOWN THEY'RE HEADING FOR!

SO, EVEN THOUGH A CUNNINGLY PLANNED ROBBERY HAS BEEN FOILED, THE JOKER HAS THE LAST LAUGH AGAIN! AND LATER, IN THE HOME OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON....

NOT INTRUDING, ARE WE COMMISSIONER? I WAS SENDING OUT A CALL FOR YOU TWO!

THE JOKER IS TURNING GOTHAM CITY INTO A THREE-RING CIRCUS! HE'S MAKING MONKEYS OF US! BUT WITH YOUR COOPERATION ROBIN AND I HAVE A PLAN TO PUT HIM BEHIND BARS!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT....



AS BEFORE, THE JOKERMOBILE DARTS FORTH....BUT WHAT'S THIS? ANOTHER SIGNAL APPEARS—AND ANOTHER!



AND NOW—A GLEAMING FOREST OF RAYS... WITH THE AWESOME BAT SYMBOL DOMINATING THEM ALL—AND THE BATMOBILE AT LAST WITHIN REACH OF ITS RIVAL!



A FLASHING CHASE AT BREAK-NECK SPEED ENDS AT THE ABANDONED FIREHOUSE!



THERE IS A THUNDEROUS CRASH....



AND THEN—THE DELUGE!



BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS BY THE BRUTAL FORCE OF THE HIGH-PRESSURE STREAM, BATMAN AND ROBIN BECOME EASY PREY FOR THE MIRTHFUL MUNTEBANK....

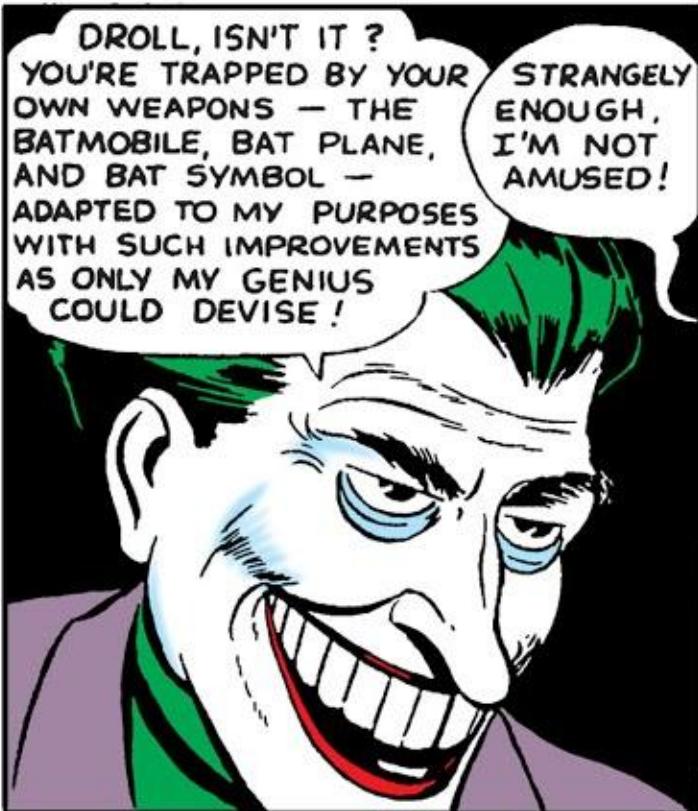
NOW FOR THE FUNNIEST EPISODE OF MY CAREER! I TRUST THE BATMAN'S SENSE OF HUMOR WON'T FAIL HIM IN THE CRISIS!



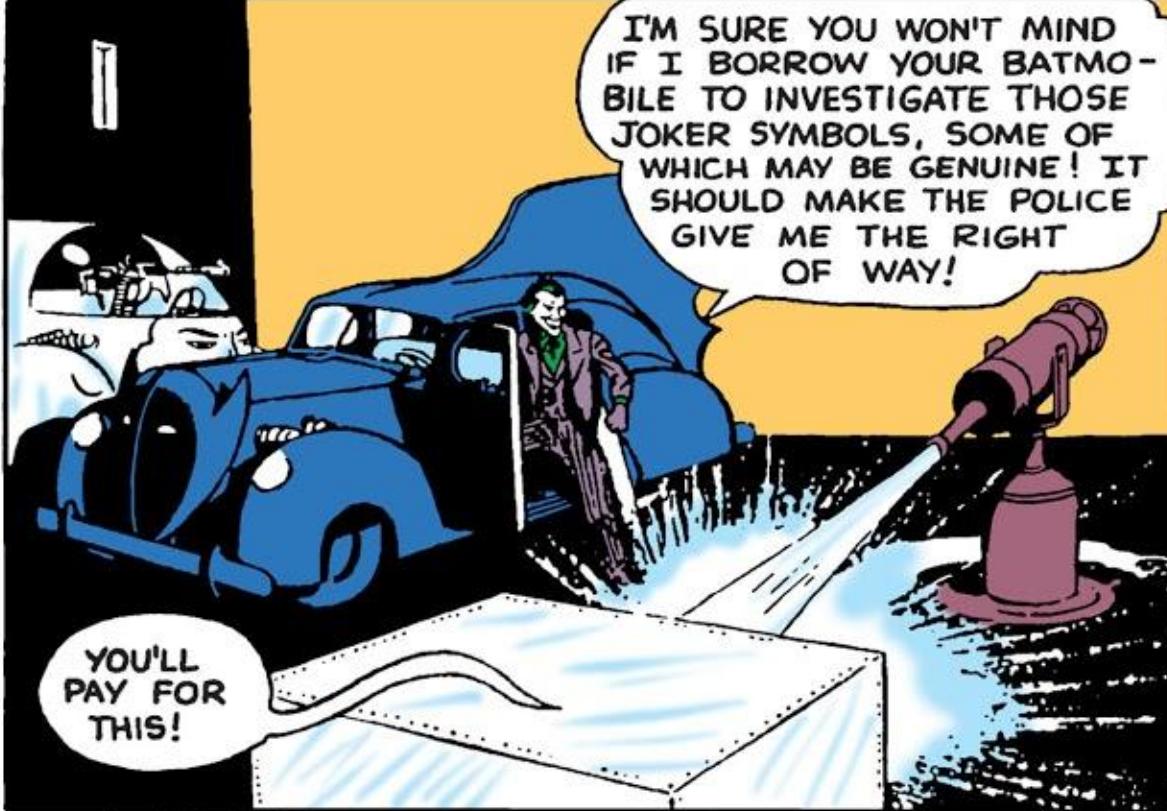
WHEN THEY AWAKE, IT IS TO THE SCREECHING OF DEMONIAL LAUGHTER!

WH-WHAT HAPPENED? MY RIBS!....

HA, HA, HA.
HA, HA, HA, HA!
OH-H-H —
HO, HO, HO,
HO, HO!



I'M SURE YOU WON'T MIND IF I BORROW YOUR BATMOBILE TO INVESTIGATE THOSE JOKER SYMBOLS, SOME OF WHICH MAY BE GENUINE! IT SHOULD MAKE THE POLICE GIVE ME THE RIGHT OF WAY!



LEFT SHIVERING IN THE ICY TORRENT, THE DYNAMIC DUO CASTS ABOUT DESPERATELY FOR A MEANS OF ESCAPE!



IF ONLY WE COULD PRY THE BARS LOOSE! BUT WE HAVE NOTHING BUT THIS STICK—AND IT WON'T DO!

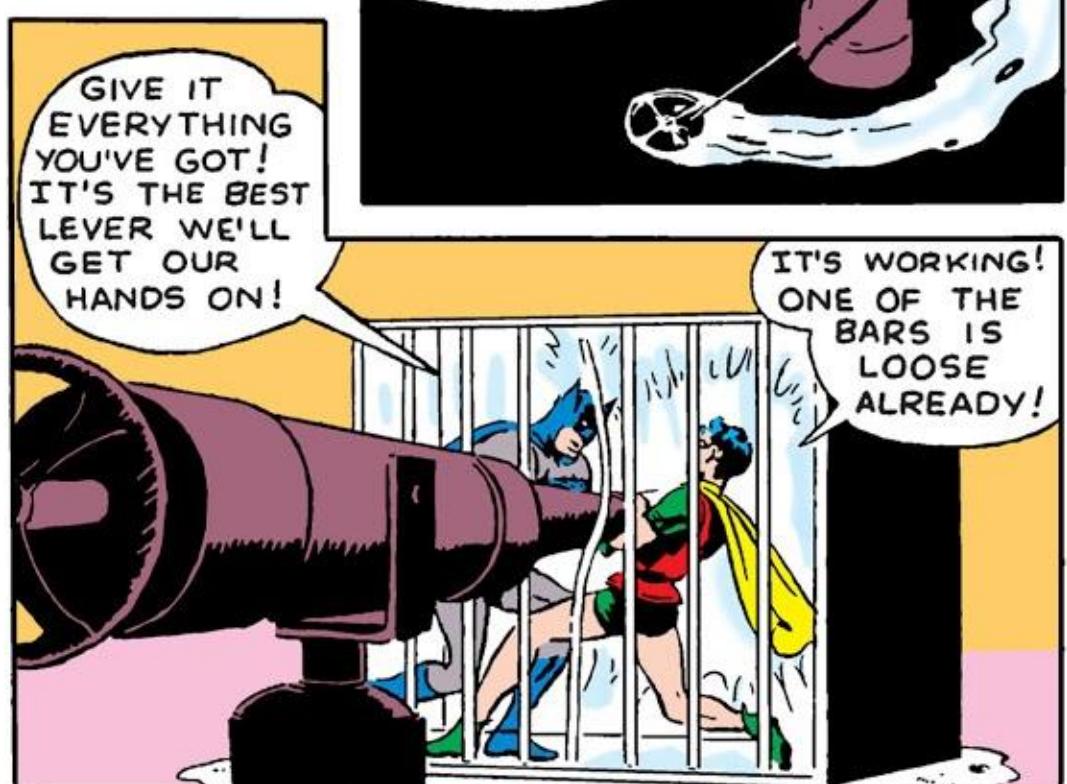
GIVE IT TO ME, ROBIN! MAYBE IT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!

AN ARGOSY OF HOPE, THE BIT OF WOOD FLOATS OUT ON THE MINIATURE RIVER THAT GUSHES FROM THE CAGE BEARING THE END OF THE BATMAN'S SILKEN ROPE....



AND NOW THE ROPE IS USED TO PULL THE IMPRISONED PAIR CLOSER TO THE SOURCE OF THE TERRIFIC WATER PUNISHMENT!



SO, DRENCHED AND CHILLED — BUT MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER — THE HEROES RACE INTO ACTION ONCE MORE!



HEADING AT TOP SPEED FOR THE NEAREST OF THE JOKER SYMBOLS, BATMAN AND ROBIN QUICKLY SIGHT THEIR QUARRY — AND TROUBLE IN AN UNACCUSTOMED SHAPE!



BULLETS AND A HASTILY CONSTRUCTED BARRICADE ARE AMONG THE HAZARDS OF THE HUNT....

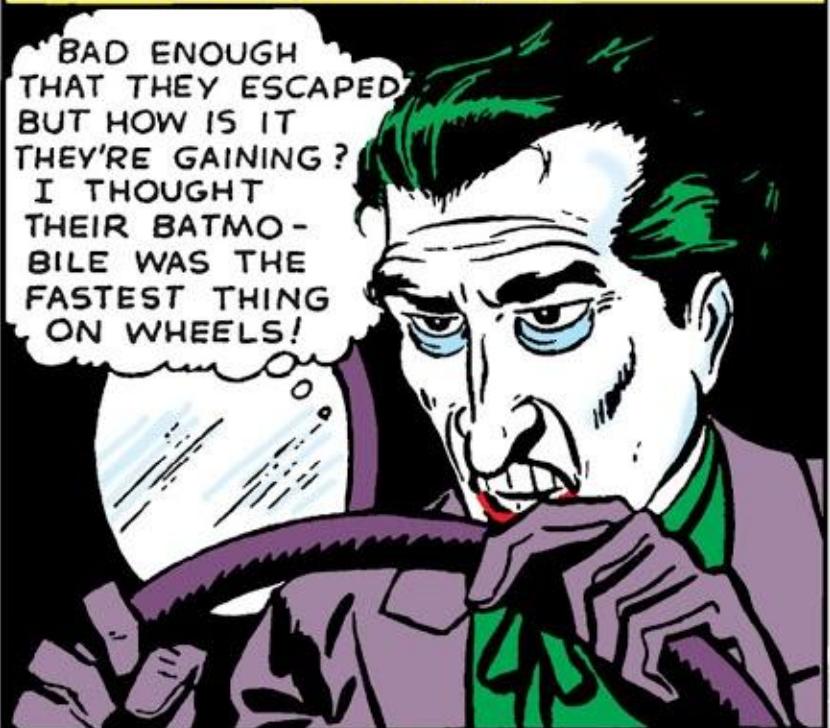
THE JOKER MUST BE HAVING A LAUGH! THERE'LL BE POLICE STATIONED AT EVERY JOKERLIGHT WE RIGGED UP!

MAYBE NOT ROBIN - BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE JOKERMOBILE IS BULLETPROOF!



NOR IS THE JOKER ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENT!

BAD ENOUGH THAT THEY ESCAPED? BUT HOW IS IT THEY'RE GAINING? I THOUGHT THEIR BATMOBILE WAS THE FASTEST THING ON WHEELS!



CAN'T FIND THE SECRET THROTTLE FOR HIGH-SPEED TRAVELING, EH, JOKER? LET ME HELP YOU!

DON'T TRY TO BE HUMOROUS WITH ME, BRAT! YOU'RE DEALING WITH A PAST MASTER!



YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET LEFT AT THE POST - IF YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN! HA, HA, HA!

GOT TO GRAB THE WHEEL FAST OR THE BATMOBILE WILL PILE UP!



NEXT INSTANT...

NICE OF YOU TO PUT GOOD BRAKES ON THAT FREAK JALOPY, RAT!

THEY'RE NOTHING TO THE "BREAKS" YOU'LL GET WITH THIS! THEY'LL BE COMPOUND FRACTURES! HA, HA, HA!



MISS! BUT THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU, ANYWAY! SO LONG!

DON'T BE IN A RUSH! LET'S BOTH GET OFF!



