

BAT MAN

Would *You* like to wear Batman's famed costume?

Don't be so sure -- because it becomes a killer's target when others wear...

"The Costume of Doom!"



BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

C'MON,
YOU LITTLE
PUNK—
DANCE!
HO, HO,
HO!

WOW!
BATMAN--
WHATTA HAUL
YOU MADE
TODAY! YOU'RE
SURE THE NEW
JOKER OF
GOTHAM
CITY!

EVERYBODY KNOWS BATMAN,
FAMED LAWMAN OF GOTHAM CITY!
AND HIS ARCH-RIVAL, THE JOKER,
THE HARLEQUIN OF HATE! SO WE
WON'T TELL YOU MUCH MORE THAN
THIS: IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN THEY TRADE PLACES--
WHEN BATMAN TAKES OVER
THE JOKER'S CRIMINAL DOMAIN
WHILE THE CRIME-CLOWN STARTS
UPHOLDING LAW AND ORDER!!
FOR ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL
STORIES YOU EVER READ, START
RIGHT NOW ON—

**"BATMAN—
CLOWN
OF
CRIME!"**

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ONE DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, PROWL THROUGH GOTHAM CITY ON A ROUTINE PATROL...

ROBIN--LOOK! THE JOKER'S CAR! WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING IN THERE? WE'D BETTER GO SEE! EVEN THOUGH THE JOKER HAS SERVED OUT HIS PRISON TERM AND IS NOW A FREE MAN, HE BEARS WATCHING!

SOON AFTER...

WE'LL SPLIT UP HERE! SHOULD YOU LOCATE THE JOKER, CONTACT ME VIA YOUR BELT RADIO!



ALL AT ONCE...

AH, THERE YOU ARE, JOKER! IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FEW WORDS WITH YOU!

HA-HA! SORRY, BATMAN--I'M NOT IN A VERY TALKATIVE MOOD TODAY! COME ON, MEN--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



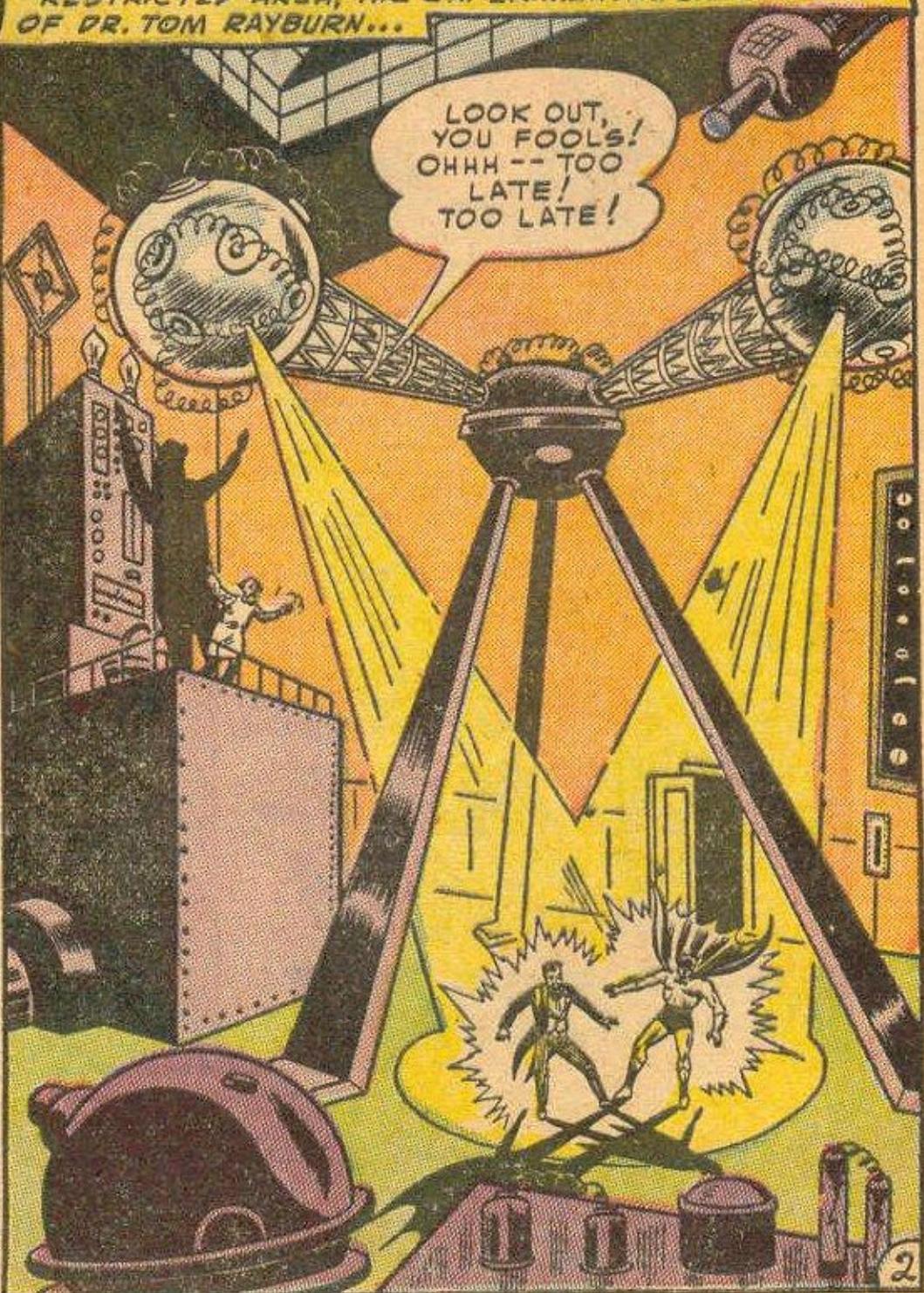
AND AS BATMAN PURSUES THE INFAMOUS CLOWN OF CRIME...

HA-HA! THIS IS LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS! NOTHING GIVES ME AS MUCH FUN AS PLAYING CAT-AND-MOUSE WITH BATMAN!



BUT SO INTENT ON THE CHASE ARE BATMAN AND THE JOKER, THEY FAIL TO REALIZE THEY'VE ENTERED A RESTRICTED AREA, THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY OF DR. TOM RAYBURN...

LOOK OUT, YOU FOOLS! OHHH -- TOO LATE! TOO LATE!





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WHEN THE BLINDING FLASH SUBSIDES, TWO INERT FORMS LIE ON THE FLOOR! AND WHEN ROBIN APPEARS ON THE SCENE ...

WHY--WHY--NO!

IS HE...
IS HE...
DEAD???

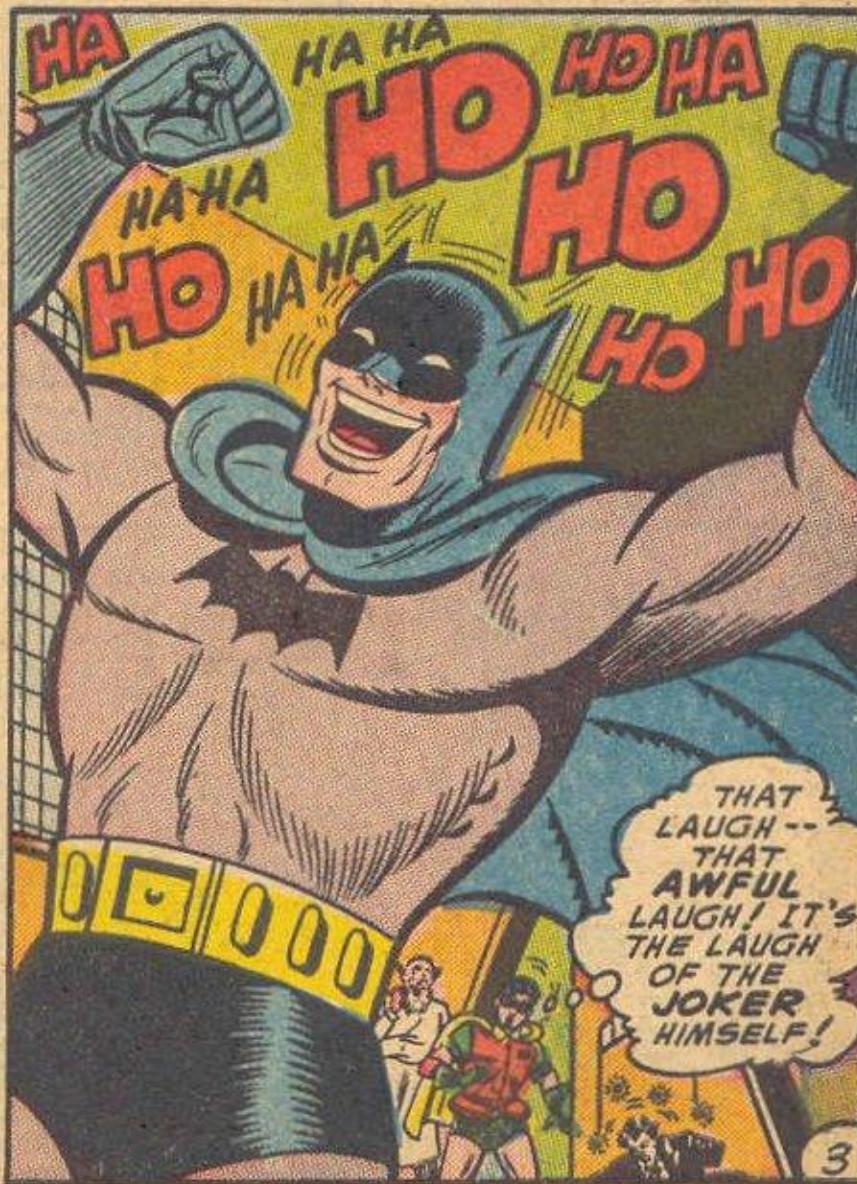
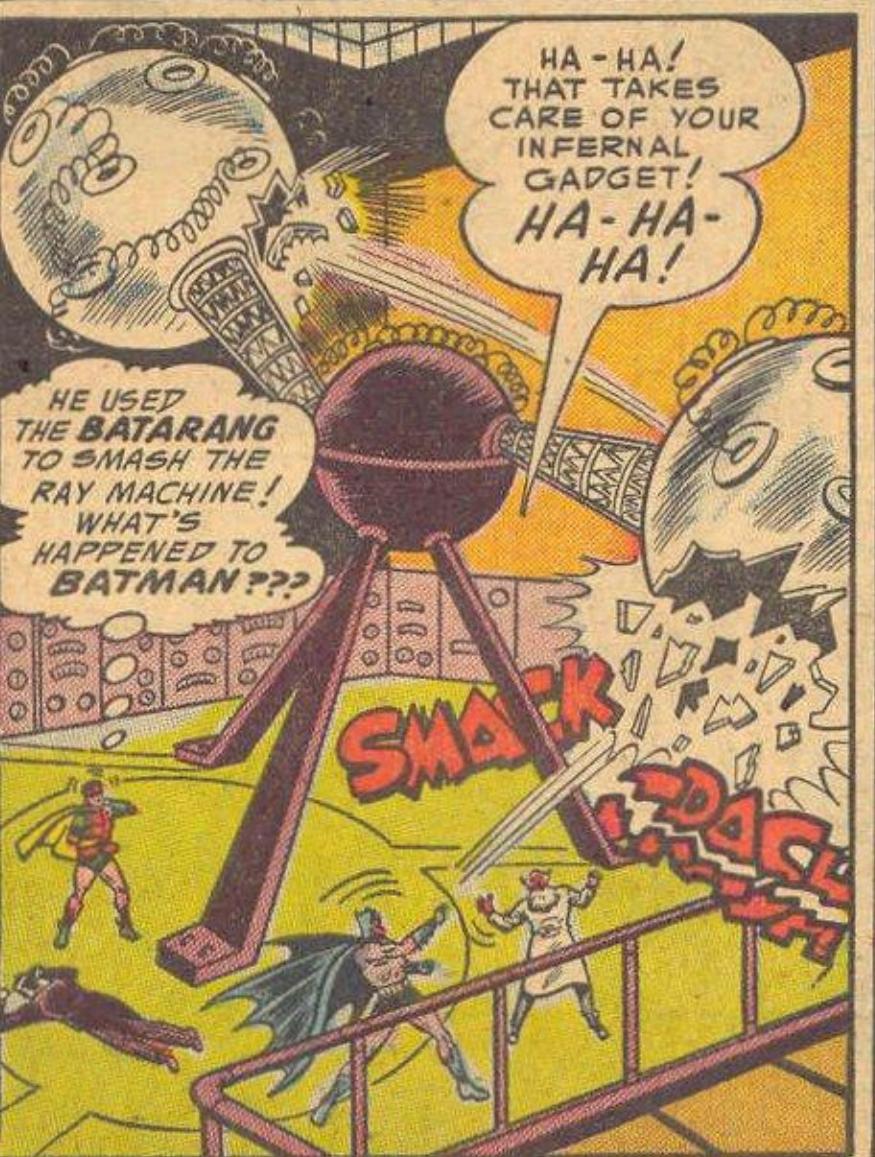
AMAZING! NO HUMAN BEINGS WERE EVER SUBJECTED TO THE SMASHING FORCE OF THE EPSILON RAYS BEFORE THEY WERE CONSIDERED DEADLY! AND YET--THESE MEN

LIVE!

IT'S A MODERN MIRACLE! THESE MEN WERE BARELY STUNNED! THEY'LL BE STIRRING IN A MOMENT! IMAGINE IT! HIT BY THE EPSILON RAYS, AND NOTHING HAPPENED TO EITHER OF THEM!



BUT IS THE LEARNED DR. RAYBURN CORRECT? IS EVERYTHING THE SAME AS BEFORE? WATCH--AS BATMAN REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...



HE USED
THE BATARANG
TO SMASH THE
RAY MACHINE!
WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO
BATMAN???

HA-HA!
THAT TAKES
CARE OF YOUR
INFERNAL
GADGET!
HA-HA-HA!

SMACK!
CRACK!

THAT LAUGH--
THAT AWFUL
LAUGH! IT'S
THE LAUGH
OF THE
JOKER
HIMSELF!



BATMAN



AND BEFORE THE BADLY-SHAKEN ROBIN CAN RECOVER FROM HIS SHOCK, ANOTHER SURPRISE GREETES HIM!

ROBIN! ROBIN--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

AM I DREAMING ??? THE JOKER NEVER SHOWED SUCH CONCERN FOR ME BEFORE!

WELL, NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK! LET'S GET TO HEADQUARTERS AND FILE A REPORT, ROBIN!

IT'S CRAZY! BATMAN ACTS LIKE THE JOKER-- AND THE JOKER ACTS LIKE BATMAN!

DOCTOR, CAN I SEE YOU ALONE FOR A MOMENT?



AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD IN THE PRIVACY OF DR. RAYBURN'S OFFICE...

A STRANGE CASE--BUT THEN, WE WERE DEALING WITH STRANGE AND POWERFUL FORCES! YES-- IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT A TRANSFER OF PERSONALITIES HAS TAKEN PLACE -- ALL EVIDENCE POINTS TO IT!



THAT MEANS THAT THE BATMAN BRAIN, THE BATMAN SOUL, AND THE BATMAN PERSONALITY ARE CLOAKED WITHIN THE BODY OF THE JOKER! AND THE REVERSE IS EquALLY TRUE-- THE BODY OF BATMAN ACTUALLY CONTAINS THE MAN WE KNOW AS THE JOKER!

BUT THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW CAN WE HELP BATMAN BECOME HIS NORMAL SELF AGAIN?



THE SCIENTIST TALKS-- AND ROBIN LISTENS. LATER, WHEN THE WHOLE INCREDIBLE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD TO COMMISSIONER GORDON...

GOOD GRIEF! WHAT A FIX! AND YOU SAY OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT ANOTHER BLAST OF THE EPSILON RAY WILL RE-TRANSFER THEIR PERSONALITIES?

YES! BUT DR. RAYBURN MUST FIRST REPAIR HIS EQUIPMENT-- AND I MUST SECURE FOR HIM A SUPPLY OF ISOTOPES BY SCOURING ATOMIC LABS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! I'M FLYING TO DENVER TONIGHT!



GO AHEAD, ROBIN-- AND GOOD LUCK! MEANWHILE, WE MUST KEEP THIS NEWS SECRET AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, LEST IT ENCOURAGE THE UNDERWORLD AND PANIC THE PUBLIC!





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THAT NIGHT, IN A DINGY UNDERWORLD BAR...

HEY, LOOK! BATMAN'S
BECOME ONE OF THE
BOYS! HE'S PASSING
OUT FREE SMOKES!

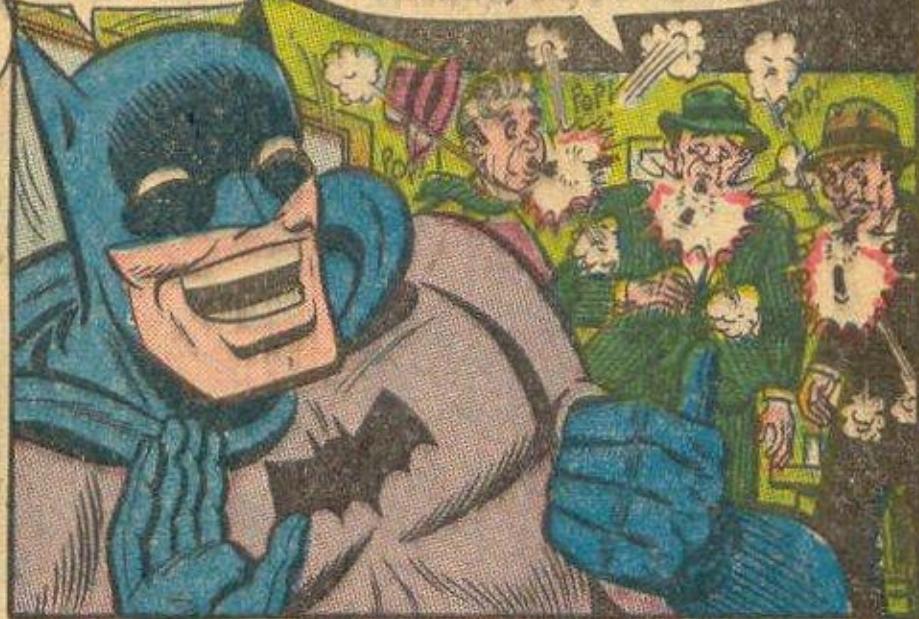
ALL RIGHT, BOYS --
I'M CELEBRATING!
CIGARS
ON ME!

THANKS,
BATMAN!
YOU'RE OKAY,
PAL!

THEN...

HO-HO-HO!
WHAT A BUNCH
OF SUCKERS!

SAY--WHAT KIND OF A GAG IS
THIS? THAT'S NOT BATMAN--
THAT'S THE JOKER WEARIN' A
BATMAN UNIFORM FOR
LAUGHS, OR SOMETHIN'!



YOU'RE WRONG, KID--THE JOKER NEVER HAD
THEM MUSCLES! THAT'S BATMAN, ALL RIGHT--
AND I THINK HE'S OFF HIS ROCKER--AND
NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF IT!

HEY, BATMAN--YOU'RE
AMONG FRIENDS, HAVIN' A
GOOD TIME! LET'S HAVE
SOME REAL FUN--LET'S
SEE WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE
BEHIND THAT MASK!!!

HAI IF THEY
ONLY KNEW
I'M REALLY
THE JOKER
INSIDE BATMAN'S
BODY!



NEXT MORNING, NEWSPAPERS BLAZE
WITH HEADLINES THAT SHOCK THE WORLD...

HMM--HE'S
GIVEN ME AN
IDEA! EVERY
CROOK IN THE
WORLD IS JUST
ITCHING TO SEE
MY FACE! WHY
NOT MAKE 'EM
PAY FOR IT--AND
PAY PLENTY?
ENOUGH FOR
ME TO RETIRE
ON!

ALL RIGHT, MY FRIEND--TELL YOU WHAT:
PASS THE WORD ALONG THE UNDER-
WORLD--TELL THE BOYS TO GET
UP THE DOUGH! FOR
ONE MILLION BUCKS--
CASH ON THE LINE--
I'LL TAKE OFF
THIS MASK--AND
THAT'S A PROMISE--
A BATMAN
PROMISE! HA-HA-HA-HA!

WOW!
DIDJA HEAR
THAT???

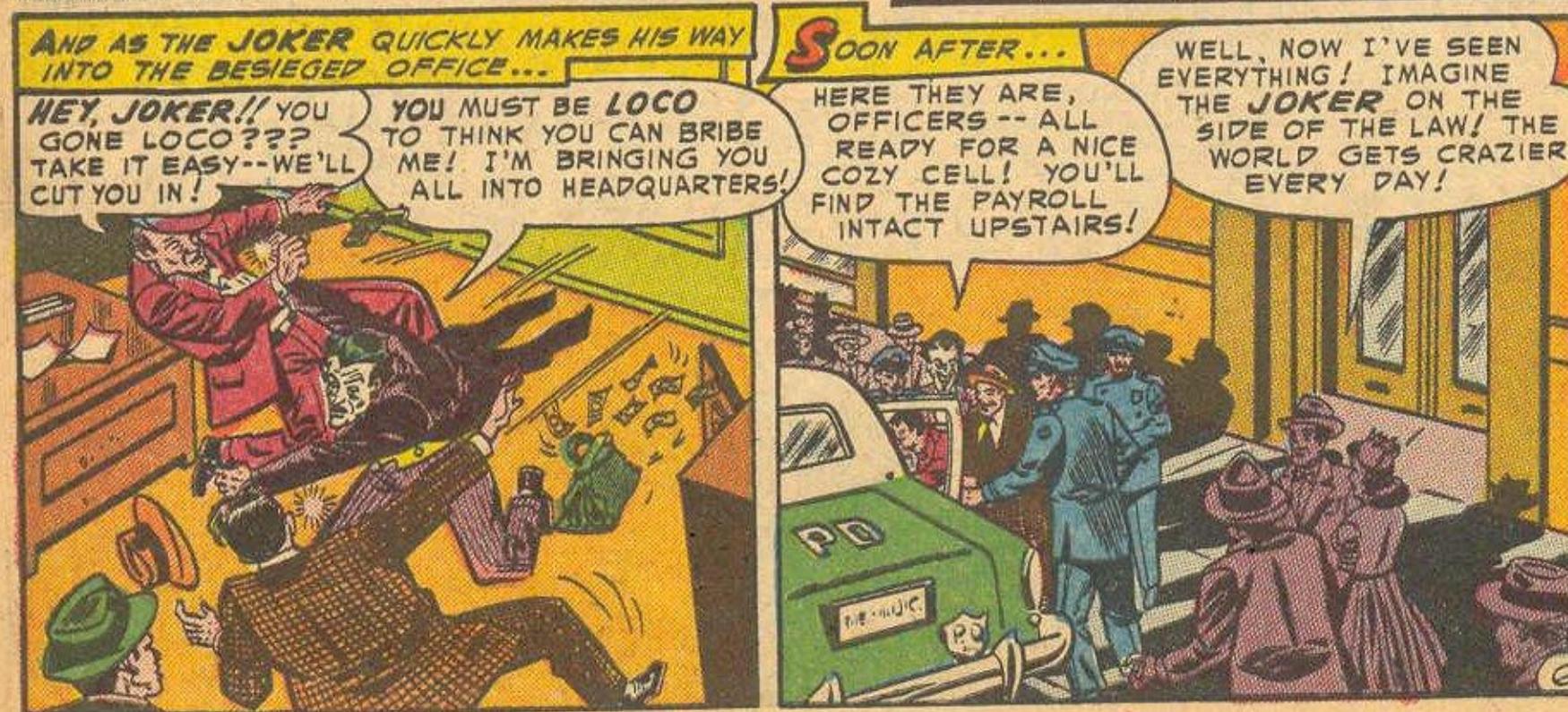
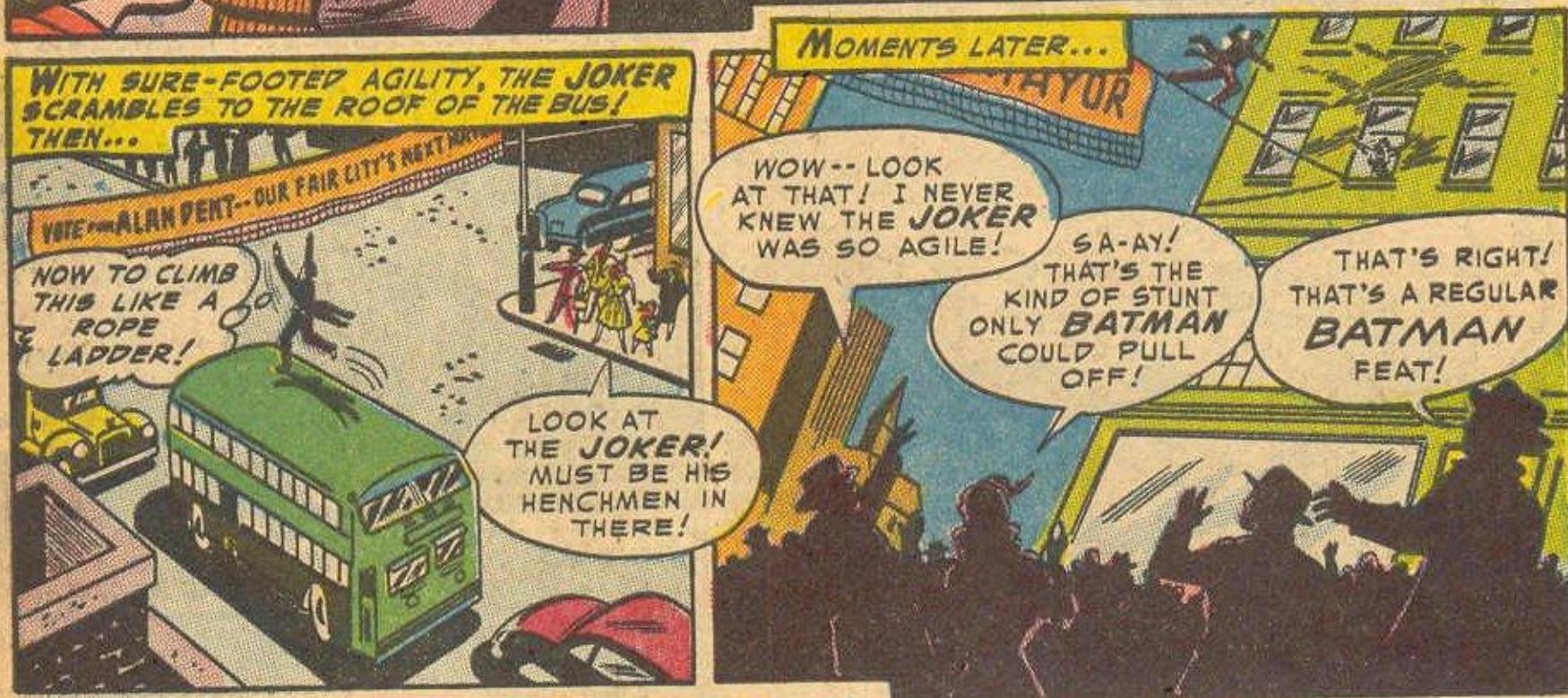
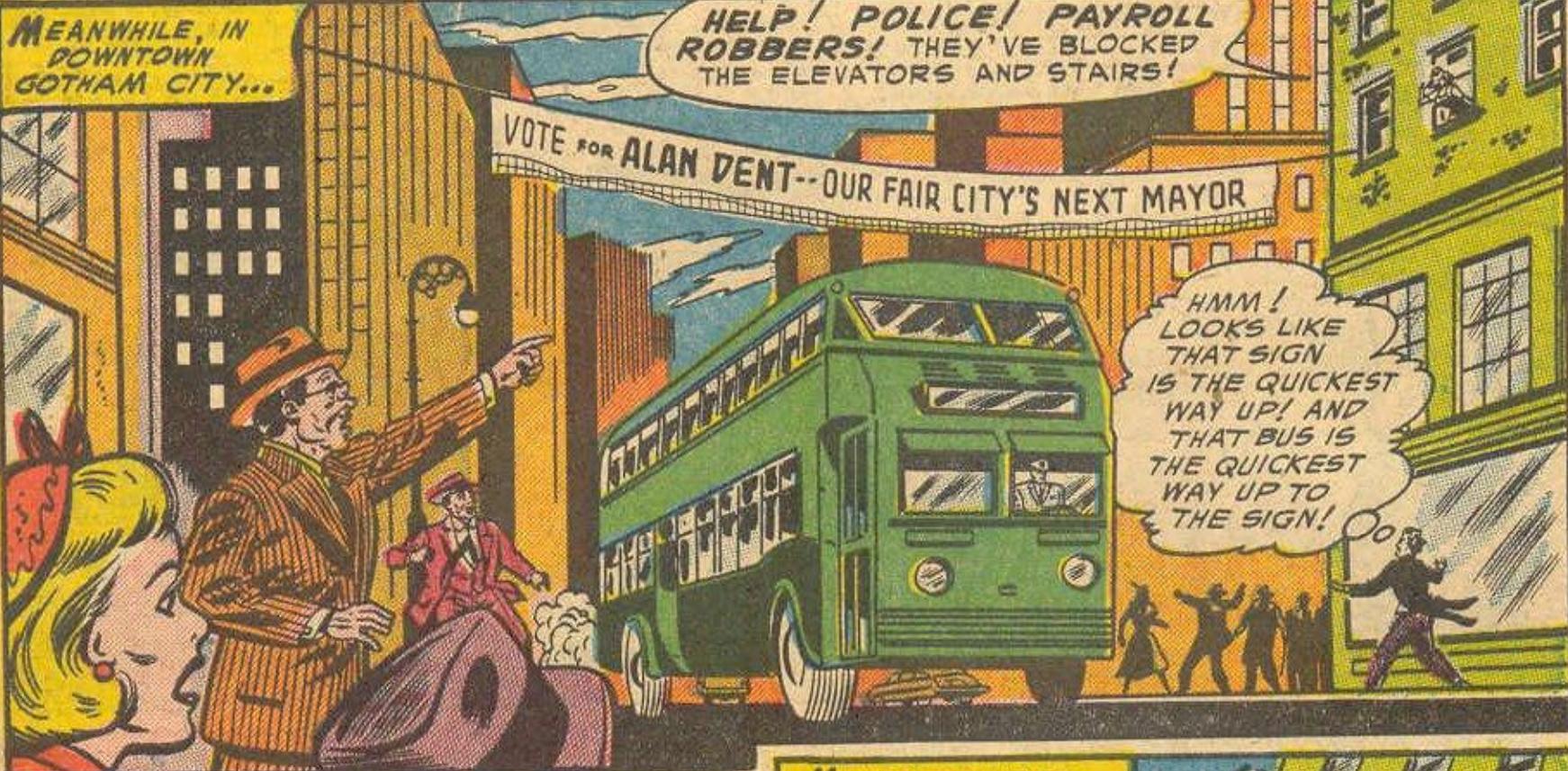
BATMAN
NEVER GOES
BACK ON HIS
WORD!
C'MON--

LET'S START
THE COLLECTION!





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AND AS WORD REACHES ROBIN
ACROSS THE CONTINENT...

HERE'S THE LATEST IN THE
BATMAN-JOKER MIX-UP!
THE JOKER HAS TURNED
LAWMAN AND IS STARTING
A WAR AGAINST CROOKS!
HE HOPES TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH ROBIN!

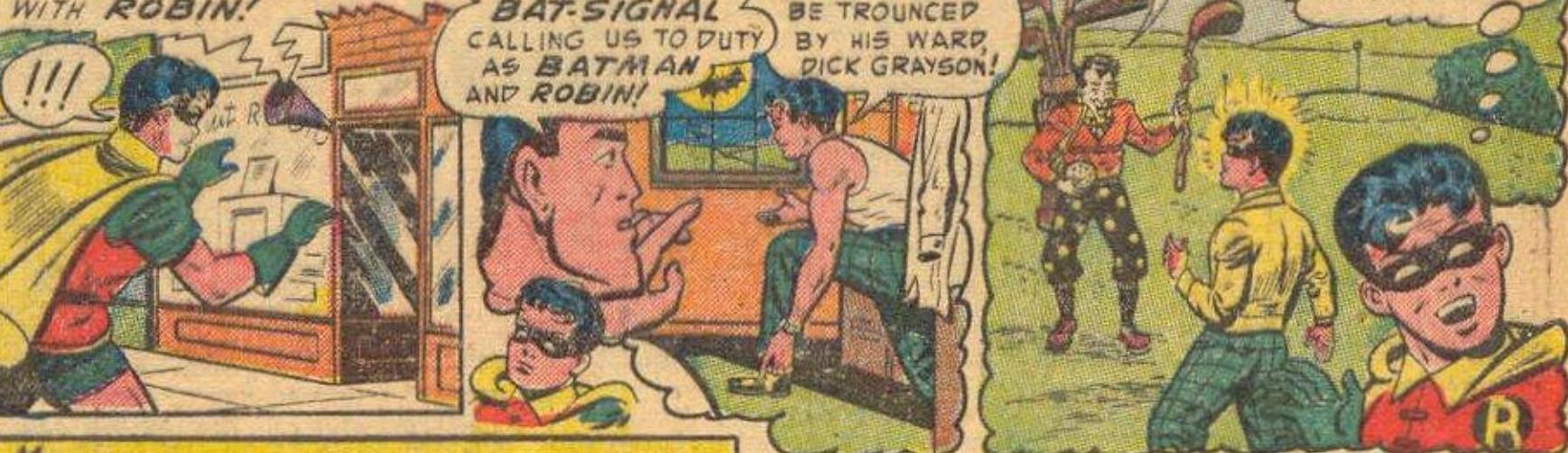
THEN, FOR A MOMENT, THE
DISTRAUGHT LAD ALLOWS
HIS MIND TO WANDER BACK
TO HAPPIER DAYS...

LOOKS LIKE OUR
GOLF MATCH IS
OFF, DICK!
THERE'S THE
BAT-SIGNAL
CALLING US TO DUTY
AS **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN**!

AND
JUST WHEN
SOCIALITE
BRUCE WAYNE
WAS GOING TO
BE TROUTCHED
BY HIS WARD,
DICK GRAYSON!

ALL AT ONCE ANOTHER VISION
CROWDS OUT THE FIRST...

C'MON, KID...
READY FOR
ANOTHER GAME
OF GOLF? ??
NO! NO! IT MUST
NEVER HAPPEN!
I'VE GOT TO
LOCATE THOSE
EPSILON ISOTOPES
QUICKLY!



MEANWHILE, BACK IN GOTHAM CITY, THE DAZED
POPULACE REELS BEFORE THE LIGHTNING
ATTACKS OF THE BATMAN-TURNED-JOKER...

THIS IS THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE
SEASON! EVERY BLUEBLOOD IN
TOWN IS HERE!

HA-HA! BLUEBLOODS, EH?? WAIT TILL THEY
GET A DOSE OF SOME OF THESE CHEMICALS
I FOUND IN THIS WONDERFUL BELT OF MINE!
THEN THEY'LL REALLY BE
BLUEBLOODS! HA-HA!

MOMENTS LATER, AS BATMAN'S
CHEMICALS ACT!

WHY--IT'S SUDDENLY
TURNED TO ICE!
BRRR! I'M
F-F-FREEZING!
AND C-C-AN'T
GET OUT! L-L-LOOK!
B-B-BATMAN
D-D-DID IT!

HA-HA-HA-HA!
NOW YOUR BLOOD
WILL SURELY RUN
BLUE! AND I'VE
TRAPPED YOU, WHILE
I RELIEVE YOUR
CLOTHES IN THE
CABANA OF ALL
JEWELRY AND
CASH! HO-
HO-HO!

AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION...

HA-HA! THIS SILKEN CORD IS
TERRIFIC! I CAN FORGET
ABOUT USING DOORS! AND
NOW TO WRITE A NEW CRIME
CHAPTER, WITH THE JANeway
PEN! HO-HO!

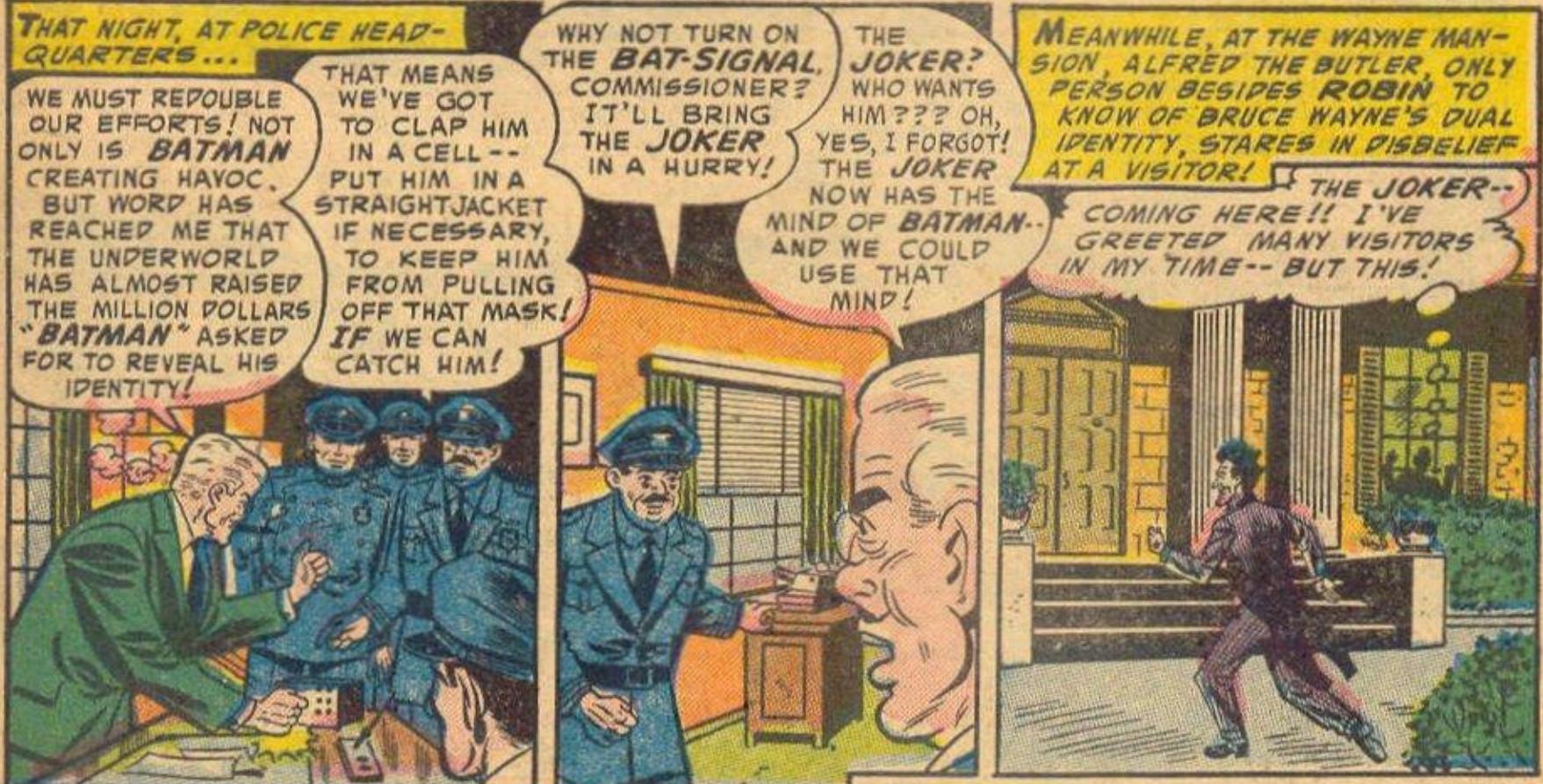


WATCH
HOW EASILY THE
JANEWAY
PEN LOADS!
SEE ITS BARREL
FILL
WITH
INK ON ONE THRUST
OF THE
PLUNGER

JANEWAY
BLUE BLACK
INK



BATMAN





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SOON AFTER...

I'M WORKING
ON THE CASE,
COMMISSIONER!
I'VE GOT A
LEAD THAT MAY
PAN OUT!

SOMEBODY
PINCH ME-- SO
I'LL KNOW I'M
NOT DREAMING
THAT THAT'S
THE JOKER
FLYING THE
BATPLANE!

NEXT DAY...

TINY HARPER'S RECORD
SHOWS HIS HIDEOUTS
WERE ALWAYS NEAR
A BOWLING ALLEY--
HE LOVES THE GAME!
I'LL JUST CHECK
ALL OF THEM!

AND THEN, AN HOUR LATER, AS THE
"JOKER'S" THOROUGHNESS IS
REWARDED!

YOU CAN STOP
LAUGHING NOW,
BATMAN-- I
MEAN JOKER.
I'M ON MY WAY TO
GRAB YOU!

HO-HO-HO! STOP
LAUGHING ??? WHY,
YOU MAKE ME
HYSTERICAL! HO-
HO-HO! YOU'LL
NEVER GET ME,
JOKER-- I MEAN,
BATMAN!

A WILD CHASE FOLLOWS, ACROSS THE
CITY'S ROOFTOPS! THEN, ATOP
THE BUILDING OF THE ACME
MAGNIFYING LENS COMPANY...

YOU'RE
TRAPPED
NOW,
BATMAN!
THAT'S A
DEAD-END!

MAYBE! BUT I'LL STILL
HAVE THE LAST LAUGH--
THANKS TO THE WORK-
MEN WHO POLISH THIS
LENS, AND WHO SET
UP THIS TEMPORARY
PLATFORM!

I GET A
MILLION BUCKS FROM
MY UNDERWORLD PALS FOR
TAKING OFF MY MASK, JOKER!
AND I'M GOING TO GIVE THEM
THEIR MONEY'S WORTH! WITH
THIS MAGNIFYING GLASS,
THE WHOLE CITY CAN
SEE WHAT'S GOING
ON! HO-HO-HO!

HO!!

HO HO

RRR

I CAN NEVER
GET UP THERE IN
TIME TO STOP HIM!
AND EVEN IF I
HAD A ROCK, I
COULDN'T BREAK
THAT LENS-- IT'S
MUCH TOO THICK!
WHAT TO DO???



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SUDDENLY, A DESPERATE IDEA COMES TO THE JOKER!

HA-HA-HA! I'M TOYING WITH YOU! IN A MOMENT, I'LL YANK OFF MY MASK AND THE WHOLE CITY WILL KNOW BATMAN'S IDENTITY! HA, HA!

BUT BEFORE BATMAN CAN MAKE A MOVE, THE JOKER GRABS THE BOTTLE OF MILK AND FLINGS IT WITH UNERRING AIM TOWARD THE MAGNIFYING LENS!

TOO LATE, "BATMAN"! NOW NO ONE CAN SEE YOUR ACT! AND THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK!

THE WORKMEN! THEIR LUNCH! IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!

CONFOUND HIM! THE GLASS IS COMPLETELY OPAQUE!

STUNNED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS, BATMAN STUMBLERS ON THE RICKETY PLATFORM AND CRASHES DOWN THE STEPS, A DEFEATED PRISONER!

VERY CLUMSY OF YOU, BATMAN! NOW TO SLIP THESE HANDCUFFS ON, SO THAT THERE'LL BE NO MORE NONSENSE WITH YOUR MASK!



AND THAT NIGHT, AS ROBIN RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY...

NOW LET'S KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED AND HOPE FOR THE BEST!

AND HOW!

SOON AFTER...
ROBIN--

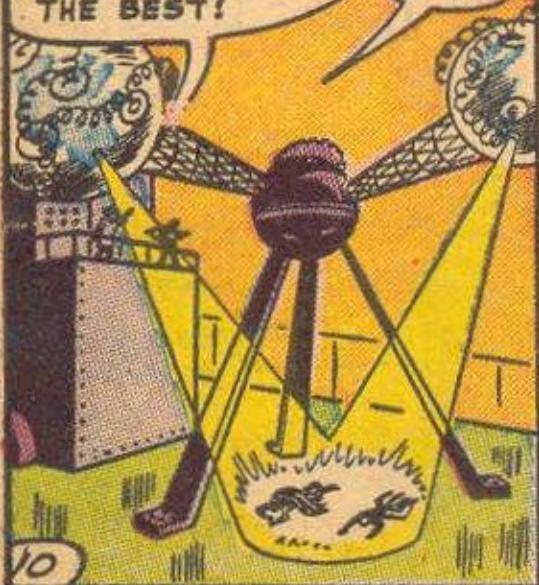
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT ARE THESE
HANDCUFFS
DOING ON ME?

SUCCESS, ROBIN!
HE'S THE REAL
BATMAN AGAIN!
AND HE WON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING OF HIS
CRAZY LIFE IN THE
JOKER'S
OUTER SHELL!

NEXT DAY...

WELL, BRUCE,
I'M GLAD THIS
ADVENTURE HAD
A HAPPY
ENDING--
AND THAT
YOU'RE YOU
NOW!

RIGHT, DICK!
AND IF THE
STAKES
WEREN'T SO
STEEP, I'D
CALL THIS
CASE "A
COMEDY OF
ERRORS!"





BATMAN



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

A SHAFT OF LIGHT STABS INTO THE SKY, AND A GRIM AND EERIE SIGN APPEARS OVER GOTHAM CITY! YES, IT IS THE FAMED BAT-SIGNAL THAT CALLS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO ACTION... A SIGNAL OF DOOM FOR MANY WHO FOLLOWED CRIME! BUT THE SUMMONING SKY-SIGN FAILS, AND BRINGS DANGER TO THE DYNAMIC DUO THEMSELVES, WHEN A SINISTER FATE STRIKES AT..."The

GUARDIAN of the BAT-SIGNAL!"

WITH NO
BAT-SIGNAL TO
CALL US, WE'RE TOO
LATE AGAIN TO
PREVENT A CRIME!

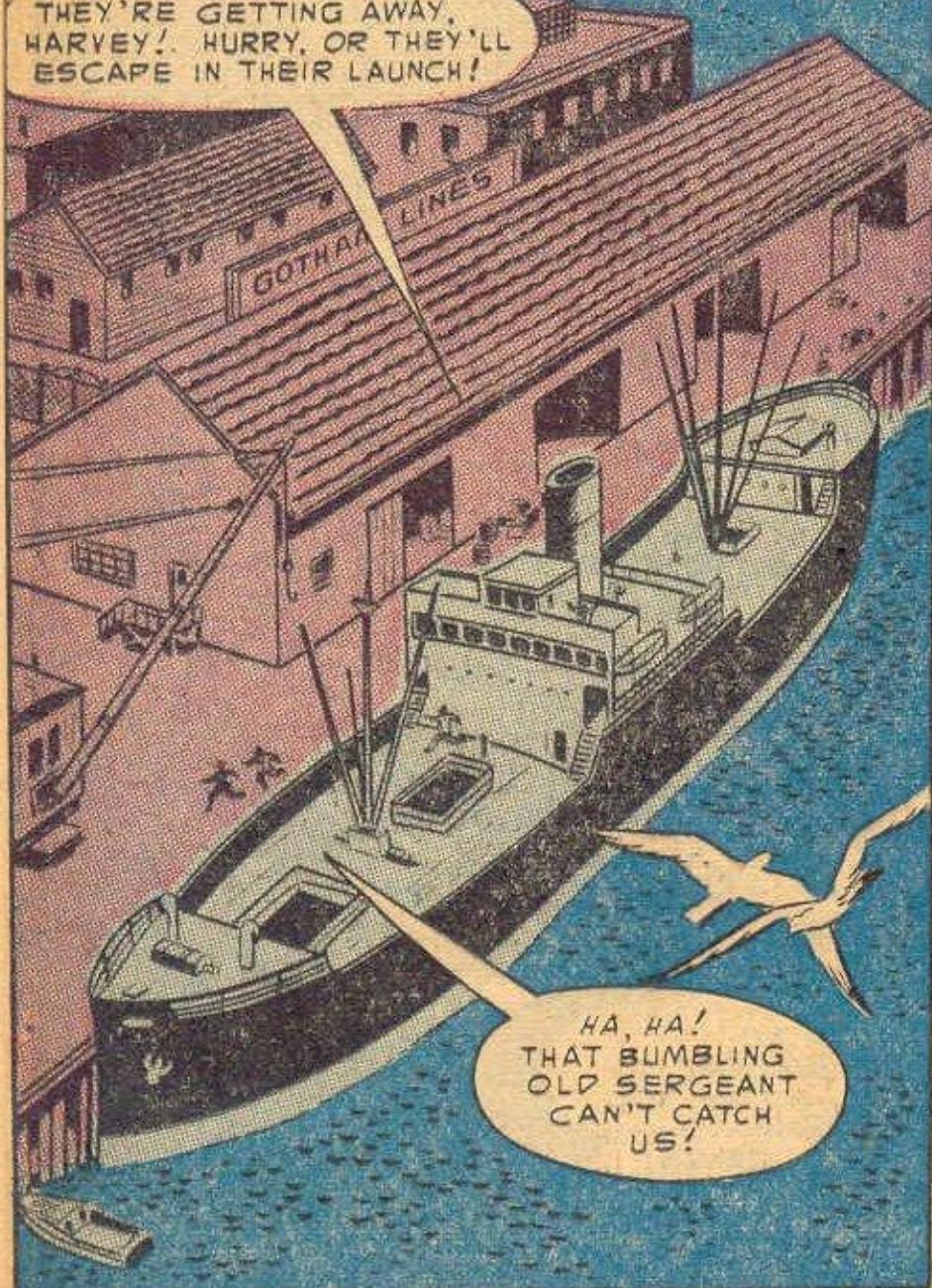
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ONE NIGHT, AS TWO CRIMINALS ATTEMPT A ROBBERY
AT GOTHAM CITY HARBOR...

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY,
HARVEY! HURRY, OR THEY'LL
ESCAPE IN THEIR LAUNCH!



BUT AT THAT INSTANT, ANOTHER LAWMAN
JOINS THE CHASE...

NICE WORK AT THE
CRANE-CONTROLS,
ROBIN! THAT
DOES IT!

HUH?
BATMAN!
HE DROPPED
OUT OF THE
SKY ON US!



LATER, AS POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON
REPRIMANDS A VETERAN OF THE FORCE...

THIS OLD BULLET-WOUND FROM
A CROOK'S PISTOL MAKES
ME SLOW SOMETIMES... BUT
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN,
COMMISSIONER!

I'M AFRAID IT'S
HAPPENED ONCE
TOO OFTEN, HARVEY!
YOU'RE A FINE
OFFICER, BUT TOO
SLOW NOW! I'LL HAVE
TO RETIRE YOU FROM THE
FORCE!



BUT, COMMISSIONER...
THE POLICE FORCE IS
MY WHOLE LIFE! YOU--
YOU JUST CAN'T
RETIRE ME!

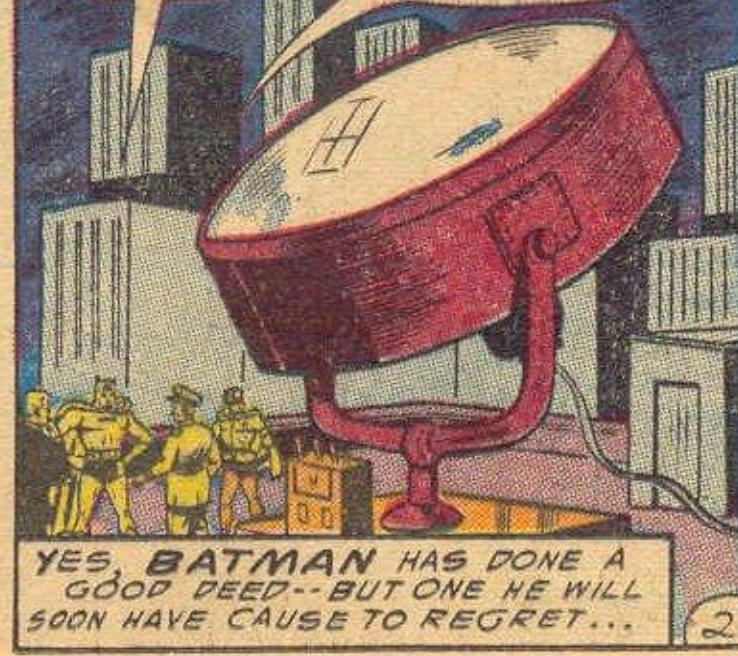
GOSH--THIS IS BREAKING THE OLD
SERGEANT'S HEART... BUT I'VE
AN IDEA THAT MAY SAVE HIM!

COMMISSIONER, YOU NEED A MAN TO
TAKE CHARGE OF THE BAT-
SIGNAL! WHY NOT LET SERGEANT
HAINER DO THAT?



TAKE GOOD CARE
OF IT... IT'S 100
TIMES AS POWERFUL
AS ANY ORDINARY
LIGHT-- AND THAT
GLASS IS BULLET-
PROOF!

DON'T WORRY... I'LL
KEEP IT IN GOOD
CONDITION! I
APPRECIATE YOUR
GETTING ME KEPT
ON THE FORCE,
BATMAN!



THUS, ON THE HIGH ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AN
OLD POLICEMAN SOON TAKES OVER NEW DUTIES...

WHEN I WANT THE BAT-SIGNAL
FLASHED, I'LL BLINK THIS RED
WARNING LIGHT!

YOU CAN DEPEND ON
ME, COMMISSIONER!

YES, BATMAN HAS DONE A
GOOD DEED-- BUT ONE HE WILL
SOON HAVE CAUSE TO REGRET...



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...FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AS HE AND ROBIN RELAX IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON...

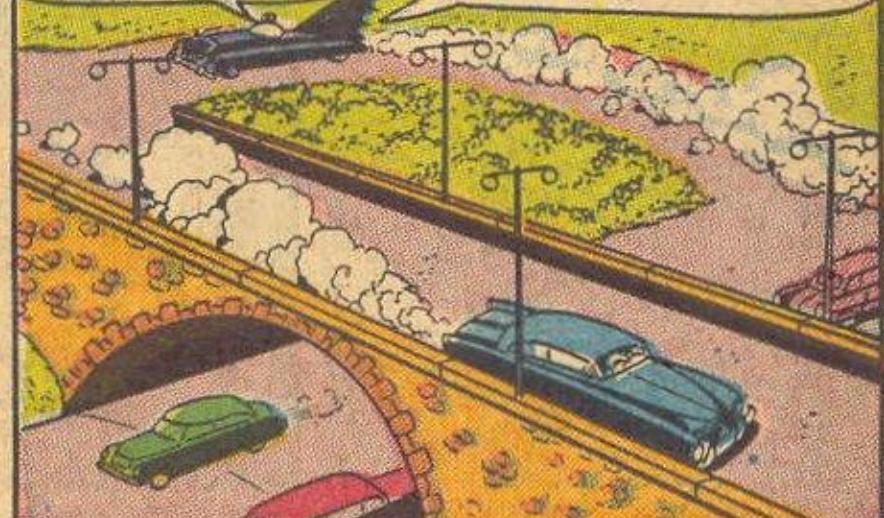
BRUCE! A POLICE-RADIO FLASH! THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE WAS JUST ROBBED, AND THE THIEVES ARE SPEEDING NORTH!

BUT WHY WASN'T THE BAT-SIGNAL USED TO CALL US IN? WELL—NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW!

A QUICK CHANGE OF GARMENTS, AND THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE ROARS FROM THE HIDDEN BAT-CAVE BEHIND THE WAYNE MANSION, AND SPEEDS TOWARD GOTHAM CITY...

THE LAST RADIO-FLASH SAID THE THIEVES WERE IN A BLACK SEDAN, HEADING NORTH!

THERE THEY GO UP THE ELEVATED HIGHWAY, AS I GUessed THEY WOULD! HOLD ON, ROBIN!



AND AS BULLETS PUNCTURE THE TRUCK'S TIRES...

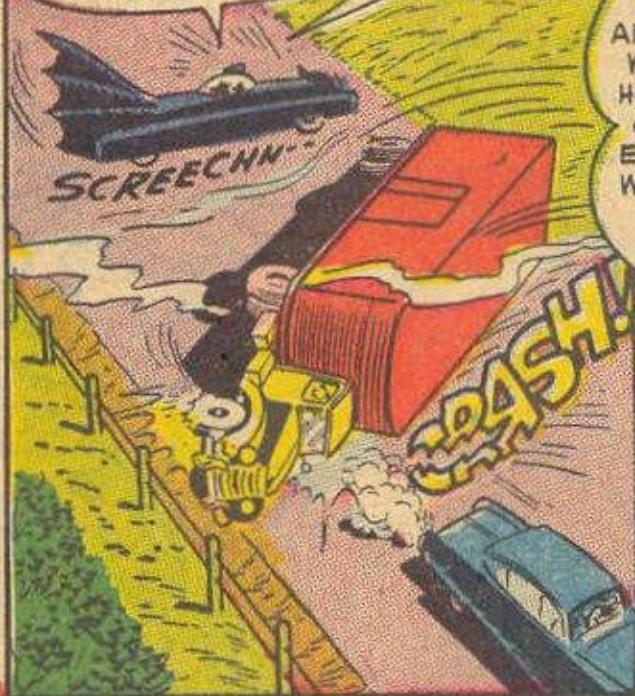
WE CAN'T CATCH THEM NOW--BUT I RECOGNIZED THAT BUNCH...THEY'RE THE LEW LAKERS MOB!

GUESS WE'D BETTER GO ON TO THE DIAMOND EXCHANGE AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT!

BUT AT THE SCENE OF THE ROBBERY, COMMISSIONER GORDON GREETS THEM WITH A STRANGE PROBLEM...

EXACTLY...AND THE ELECTRONIC EYE DID SOUND THE ALARM WHEN THE CROOKS ESCAPED

HMM...THESE FOOTPRINTS HAVE TRACES OF TAR ON THEM! LET'S LOOK AT THE ROOF!



THE WATCHMAN INSIDE WAS STUNNED AND THE DIAMONDS WERE STOLEN--BUT HOW COULD ANY CROOKS GET IN? EVERY DOOR AND WINDOW WAS GUARDED BY THE MODERN NEW ELECTRIC-EYE ALARMS!

IN OTHER WORDS, AN ALARM SHOULD'VE GONE OFF THE MOMENT A WINDOW OR DOOR WAS OPENED!



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SHORTLY, ATOP THE BUILDING ...

YES, THE TARRED ROOF PUT THOSE TRACES ON THEIR SHOES, AND-- AND... THERE'S A PARACHUTE!

BATMAN, THIS IS SOMETHING BRAND-NEW! ONE OF THEM GOT IN FROM THE ROOF, A PARA-CROOK, WHO MUST HAVE JUMPED FROM A LOW-FLYING PLANE!

PARA-CROOKS ARE SOMETHING NEW AND DANGEROUS! A ROOF IS ANY BUILDING'S LEAST-GUARDED SPOT!

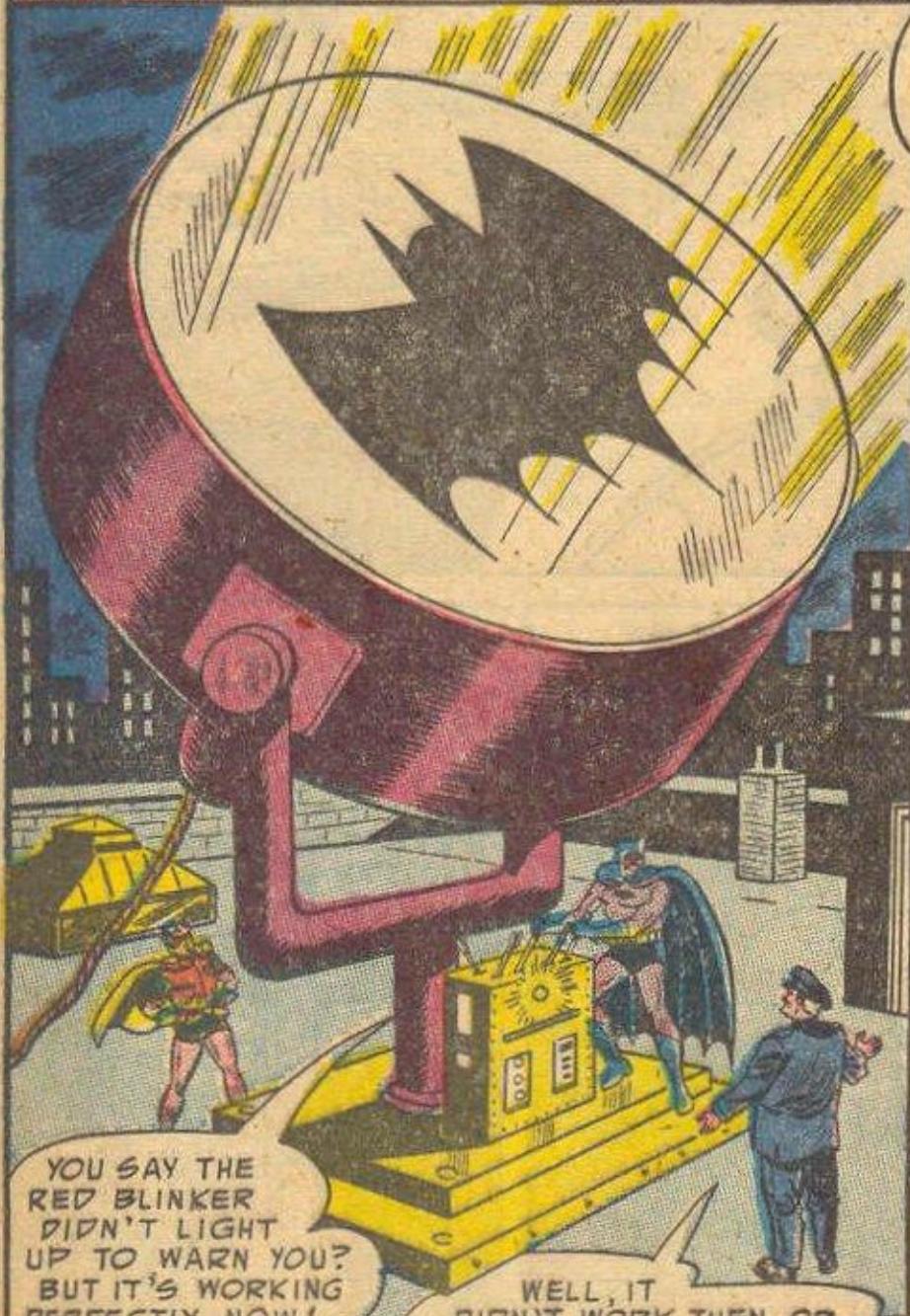
YES, THIS IS SERIOUS... SO SERIOUS, IN FACT, THAT I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T FLASH THE BAT-SIGNAL WHEN YOU GOT THE ROBBERY ALARM!

BUT I DID ORDER THE BAT-SIGNAL FLASHED! I TURNED ON THE BLINKER THAT ALERTS SERGEANT HAINER!

YET IT DIDN'T SHOW! I'D BETTER CHECK WITH THE SERGEANT!



AT HEADQUARTERS, SERGEANT HAINER HAS AN EXPLANATION--BUT NOT A VERY CONVINCING ONE...



YOU SAY THE RED BLINKER DIDN'T LIGHT UP TO WARN YOU? BUT IT'S WORKING PERFECTLY NOW! SO IS THE BAT-SIGNAL!

WELL, IT DIDN'T WORK THEN, OR I'D CERTAINLY HAVE TURNED ON THE BAT-SIGNAL! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A TEMPORARY WIRE FAILURE!

AFTERWARDS...

BATMAN, SERGEANT HAINER ACTED AS THOUGH HE WERE HIDING SOMETHING! DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S DELIBERATELY STALLING ON THE JOB?

IT'S UNLIKELY--YET HE MAY RESENT HIS DEMOTION! WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH, BUT RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE SOME INVESTIGATING TO DO!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, TWO MASTER DETECTIVES CONSULT THEIR CRIME-FILES...

THIS MAN, JOE POLMAN, IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MIGHT FIT! HE'S A PROFESSIONAL TRICK PARACHUTE JUMPER, WHO HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD!

I'LL START CHECKING THE CARNIVALS WHERE SUCH TRICK PARACHUTISTS WORK!



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AND WHILE ROBIN BEGINS HIS SEARCH, BATMAN CONDUCTS AN AERIAL VIGIL OVER THE CITY...

NO SIGN YET OF LEW LAKERS' MOB! FUNNY, THOUGH... I CAN'T KEEP FROM WORRYING ABOUT OLD HARVEY! WHY DID HE ACT SO STRANGELY?

JUST THEN...

OH, OH... THOSE POLICE CARS... HEADING FOR THE FIRST SUBURBAN BANK... SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG! I'D BETTER LAND IN THE PARK AND INVESTIGATE!



BUT ALREADY, THERE HAS BEEN A FATAL DELAY, SO THAT BY THE TIME BATMAN REACHES HIS DESTINATION...

YOU'RE TOO LATE! IT WAS A ROBBERY BY PARACHUTE AGAIN! THE NEW ELECTRONIC ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF UNTIL THEY ESCAPED OUT A WINDOW!

THE BAT-SIGNAL WOULD'VE GOTTEN ME HERE IN TIME! I'M GOING TO SEE WHY IT DIDN'T FLASH!

AT HEADQUARTERS, HOWEVER, THE UGLY MYSTERY ONLY DEEPENS...

SORRY... I DIDN'T GET ANY BLINKER-ORDER TO FLASH THE BAT-SIGNAL!

BUT YOU MUST HAVE! I PRESSED THE BUTTON! SERGEANT HAINER, I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT YOU'RE IN LEAGUE TO PROTECT THESE PARA-CROOKS!

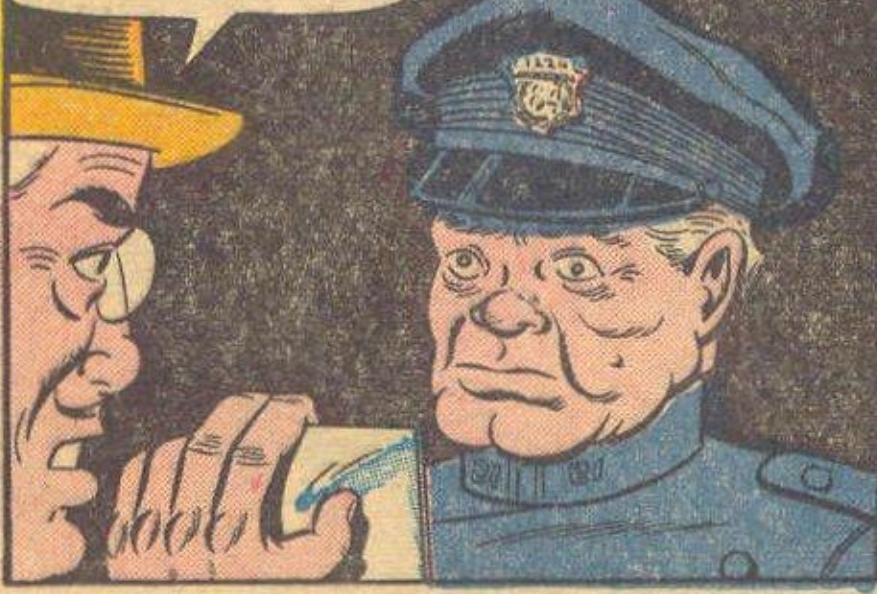


THIS IS THE MAN WHO HEADS THAT MOB! ARE YOU PROTECTING HIM BY NOT TURNING ON THE BAT-SIGNAL?

WHY SHOULD I? I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE IN MY LIFE!

NOW I KNOW HE'S LYING, BATMAN-- BECAUSE HE TWICE ARRESTED LEW LAKERS, AND KNOWS HIM WELL!

WE'LL LEAVE HIM IN CHARGE OF THE BAT-SIGNAL FOR THE TIME BEING! I'LL FOLLOW HIM WHEN HE GOES OFF DUTY, TO SEE IF HE'S CONTACTING LAKERS' MOB!





BATMAN



AND NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE GUARDIAN OF THE BAT-SIGNAL STARTS HOME...

HE'S TAKING A TAXI... AN EXPENSIVE HABIT FOR A POLICEMAN! I'LL TRAIL HIM FROM A SAFE DISTANCE!



SOON...

HE STOPPED AT HIS DOCTOR'S OFFICE FIRST, THEN CAME STRAIGHT HOME! I'LL KEEP TABS ON HIM FROM A NEIGHBORING ROOFTOP!



MINUTES LATER, BATMAN GETS A STRANGE SURPRISE...

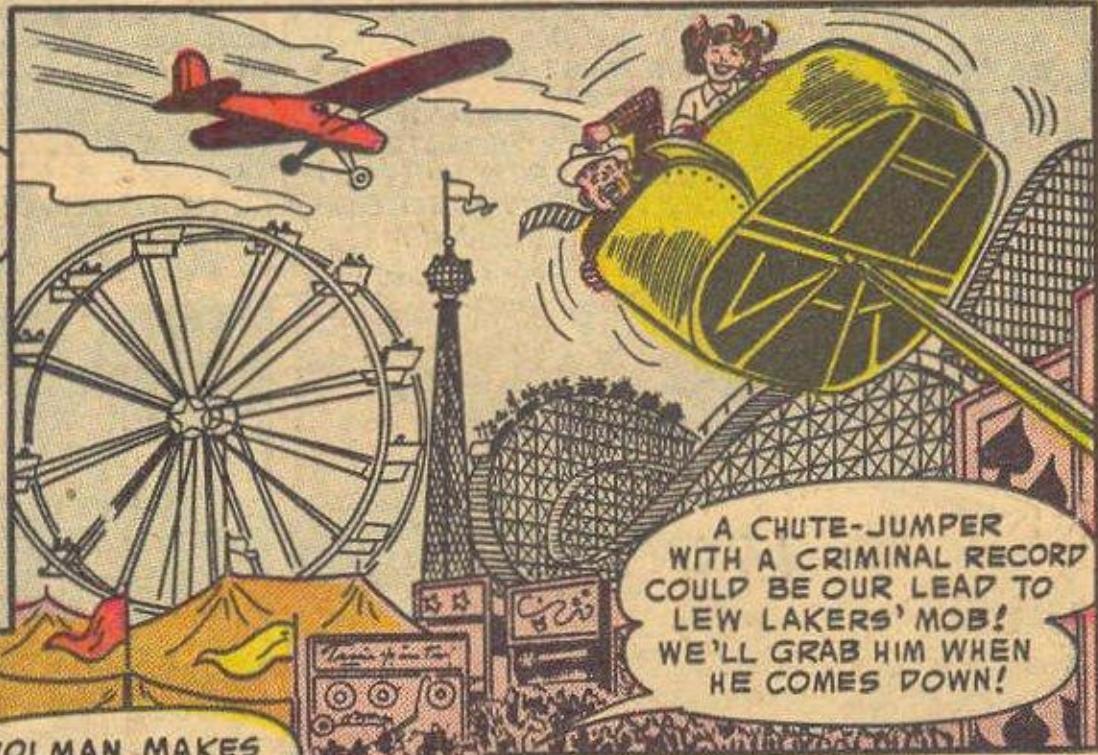
GREAT SCOTT! THE WAY HE'S SEATED AT THE WINDOW, EATING HIS BREAKFAST... NOW I THINK I UNDERSTAND HIS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR!



WHAT CLUE HAS THE CAPE CRIME-BUSTER UNCOVERED? CAN YOU GUESS?

AT THAT MOMENT, FROM BATMAN'S BELT-RADIO...

ROBIN CALLING! GOOD BOY! I'VE LOCATED THAT PARACHUTIST, JOE DOLMAN, AT THE BIG CARNIVAL OUTSIDE TOWN!



PRESENTLY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

ZITA THE AMAZING SNAKE CHARMER
CARNIVAL
POLMAN MAKES A JUMP HERE EACH DAY TO ADVERTISE THE CARNIVAL! HE'S DUE NOW!



BUT AS THE EXPERT PARACHUTIST LEAPS...

TOUGH BREAK! HE SAW US WAITING AND SIDE-SLIPPED HIS CHUTE SO HE'D LAND A LONG WAY FROM HERE!

COME ON... WE CAN STILL CATCH HIM WITH THE BATMOBILE, IF WE'RE FAST ENOUGH!





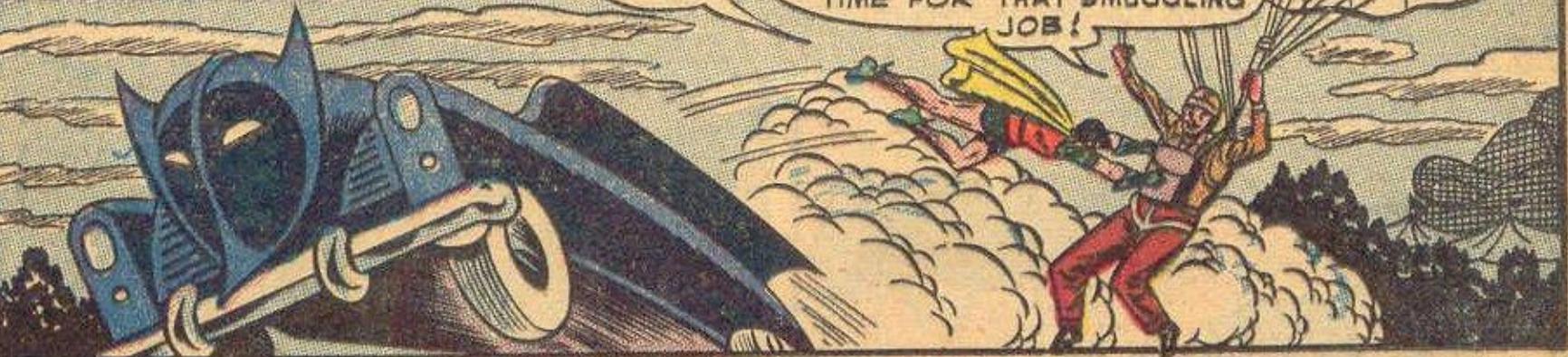
BATMAN



EXPERT MANEUVERING BRINGS THE BATMOBILE TO THE RIGHT SPOT AT THE RIGHT TIME...

GOT HIM!

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME, BATMAN? I'VE GONE STRAIGHT SINCE I SERVED TIME FOR THAT SMUGGLING JOB!



WITH YOUR EXPERT CHUTE-CONTROL, YOU COULD HAVE LANDED ON DOWNTOWN ROOFS AND OPENED UP BUILDINGS FOR LAKERS' MOB!

BUT I DIDN'T! YOU CAN'T PROVE I DID!

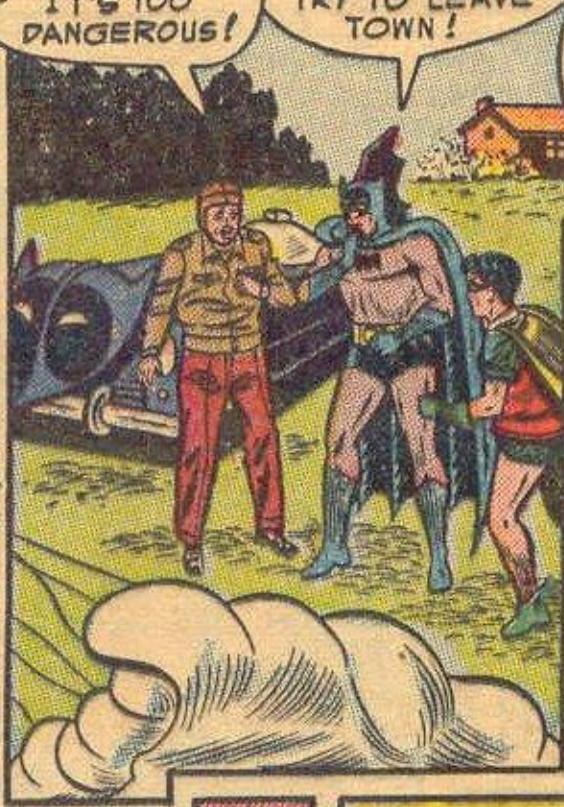
NOT EVEN AN EXPERT PARACHUTIST WOULD TRY SUCH A JUMP ON A SMALL ROOF! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

YOU'D SAY THAT ANYWAY, DOLMAN! BUT I'VE GOT A LEAD NOW-- AND THOUGH WE CAN'T CHARGE YOU WITH ANYTHING, DON'T TRY TO LEAVE TOWN!

LATER, ENROUTE BACK TO THE CITY...

BATMAN, DO YOU THINK OLD HARVEY HAINER IS LAKERS' ACCOMPLICE? AFTER ALL, HOW COULD HE HAVE MISSED SEEING A PARACHUTIST DESCENDING?

I BELIEVE I KNOW WHY HARVEY FAILED IN HIS DUTY... BUT BEFORE I CAN BE CERTAIN, I WANT TO STOP SOMEWHERE FIRST!



AND AFTER A VISIT TO HARVEY'S DOCTOR...

LEARN ANYTHING, BATMAN? YES-- I'VE VERIFIED MY SUSPICIONS! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IT OUT WITH HARVEY WHEN HE COMES ON DUTY!

THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE VETERAN POLICEMAN REPORTS AGAIN TO HIS POST AT THE BATSIGNAL

THAT PROVES IT! YOU WERE GOING TO WALK RIGHT INTO ME! HARVEY, YOU'RE BLIND!





BATMAN



WHEN I SAW YOU SITTING IN THE FULL BLAZE OF THE SUN WITHOUT BLINKING, THIS MORNING, I GUESSED THE ANSWER! THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T FLASH THAT **BAT-SIGNAL**... BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T SEE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S SIGNAL!

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT, **BATMAN**... MY SIGHT HAS BEEN FAILING ME-- BECAUSE OF THAT OLD BULLET WOUND! BUT THE DOCTOR SAID I'D SOON RECOVER-- AND I WANTED TO STAY ON DUTY UNTIL I COULD SEE WELL AGAIN!

I UNDERSTAND, HARVEY-- AND I'M GOING TO HELP YOU OPERATE THE **BAT-SIGNAL** WITHOUT SEEING! FROM NOW ON, WE'LL USE A **PHONE** FOR ORDERS FROM THE COMMISSIONER!

WONDERFUL! I COULD HEAR HIS ORDERS THEN, AND TURN ON THE SIGNAL!



RIGHT! USE ONE HAND TO OPERATE A RHEOSTAT-CONTROL, AND PLACE THE OTHER ON THE LENS! THAT WAY, YOU CAN TELL BY THE HEAT IF THE BEAM IS ON!

SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH!

NOW WE'RE GOING TO TRACE DOWN A LEAD! BUT IF ANOTHER ROBBERY BREAKS, IT'S VITAL THAT YOU NOTIFY US BY THE **BAT-SIGNAL** AT ONCE!

DON'T WORRY... FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN DEPEND ON ME!



LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RE-VISIT THE SCENE OF THE FIRST PARACHUTE CRIME...

YES, OUR ALARM SYSTEM WAS JUST RECENTLY INSTALLED BY THAT NEW **ELECTRONIC ALARM COMPANY**! UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T SEEM NECESSARY TO GUARD THE ROOF!

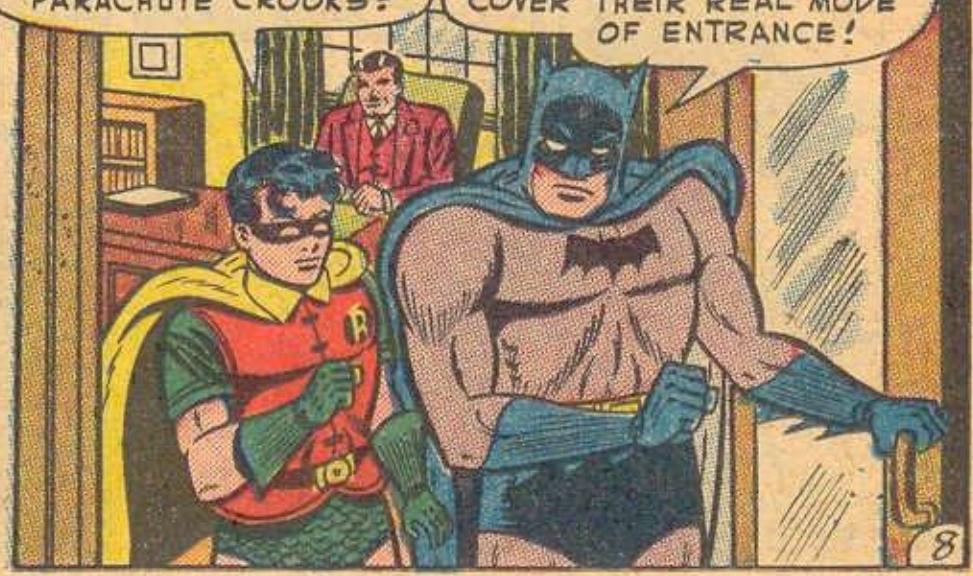
HMM... ALL THE INTERIOR WIRING SEEMS INTACT!



AND IT'S THE SAME STORY AT THE FIRST SUBURBAN BANK...

SO THE BANK'S SYSTEM WAS ALSO INSTALLED BY THE **ELECTRIC ALARM COMPANY**-- BUT HOW DOES THAT HELP US NAB THE PARACHUTE CROOKS?

THERE NEVER WERE SUCH CROOKS, ROBIN! THOSE CHUTES WERE PLANTED ON THE ROOFS, AS A BLIND TO COVER THEIR REAL MODE OF ENTRANCE!





BATMAN



YOU MEAN, THE CROOKS NEVER CHUTED DOWN AT ALL? EXACTLY... AND THE CHUTES PROVED IT! THEY WERE STILL WRINKLED FROM PACKING! ONE THAT'S BEEN USED, LIKE DOLMAN'S, IS SMOOTHED OUT BY THE AIR-PRESSURE!

THEN HOW DID THEY ENTER WITHOUT SOUNDING ONE OF THE ELECTRONIC ALARMS WHEN THEY WENT?

MAYBE WE CAN LEARN THAT BY LOOKING OVER OTHER PLACES FITTED WITH THE ELECTRONIC ALARMS!

MEANWHILE, SERGEANT HAINER GETS A SUDDEN CALL TO DUTY... THIS IS COMMISSIONER GORDON! ANOTHER PARACHUTE ROBBERY JUST BROKE! FLASH THE BAT-SIGNAL!

YES, SIR! RIGHT AWAY!



BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS TO OBEY, THE BLIND MAN MAKES A FATAL MISTAKE...

THE LENS IS COLD--THE LAMP DIDN'T COME ON! I MUST HAVE PUSHED THE RHEOSTAT TOO FAR OPEN, AND BLEW THE FUSES!

I'VE LET BATMAN DOWN! IT'LL TAKE TOO LONG TO REPAIR THE FUSES! UNLESS--WAIT... MAYBE THERE'S STILL A WAY!

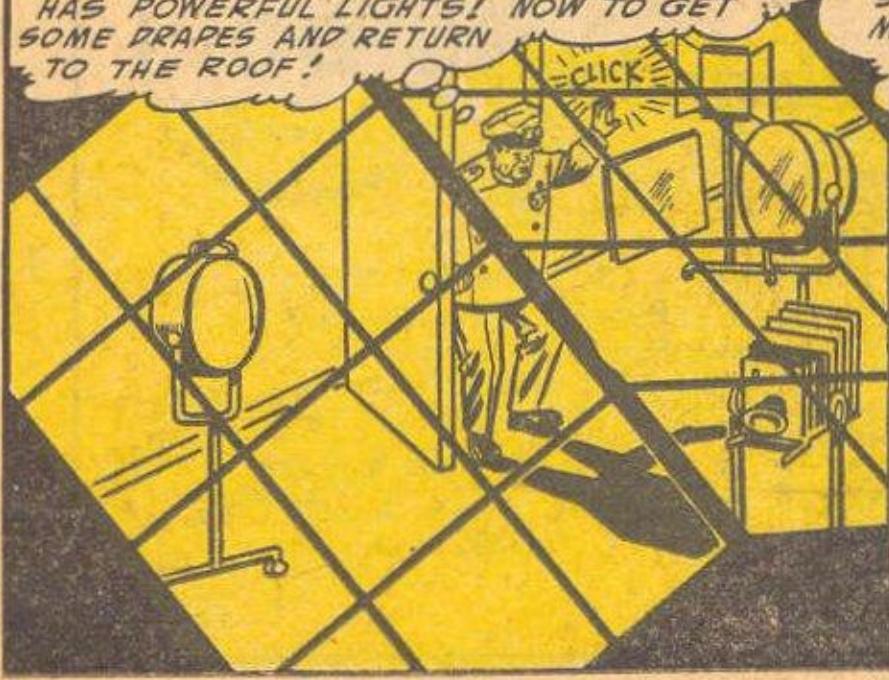


GROPING HIS WAY TO A ROOM DOWNSTAIRS, SERGEANT HAINER SEARCHES FRANTICALLY FOR REMEMBERED SWITCHES...

YES, HERE ARE THE LIGHT-SWITCHES... AND I KNOW THIS POLICE-PHOTOGRAPH STUDIO HAS POWERFUL LIGHTS! NOW TO GET SOME DRAPES AND RETURN TO THE ROOF!

MOMENTS LATER...

BY BLANKING OFF PART OF THIS SKYLIGHT WITH THE DARK DRAPES, IT'LL BECOME A SEARCH-LIGHT WITH A BAT-SILHOUETTE AT ITS CENTER! I CAN'T SEE--BUT A BLIND MAN'S FINGERS ARE VERY SENSITIVE!

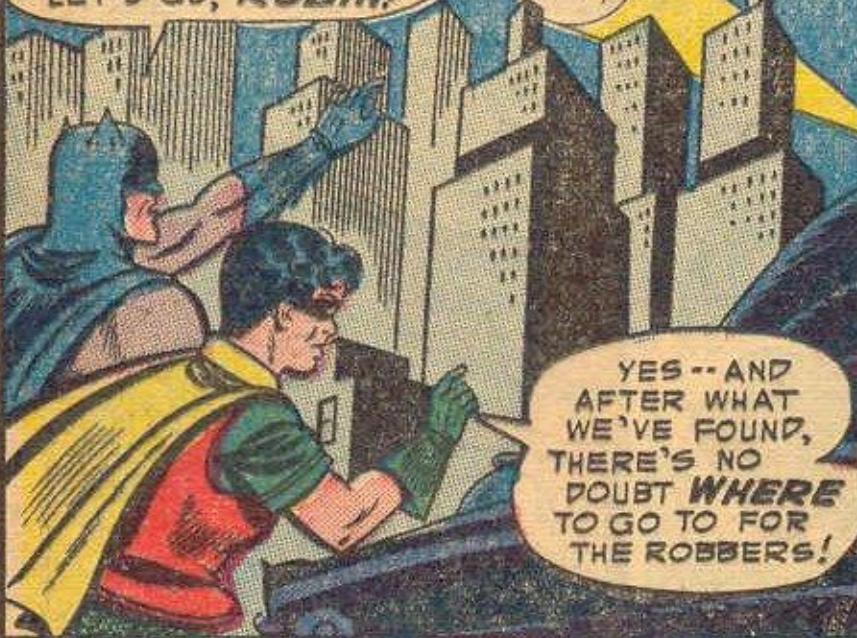


BATMAN



AND IN THE NIGHT SKY, AN EERIE SIGN FLARES ABOVE GOTHAM CITY...

THE BAT-SIGNAL!
THAT MEANS ANOTHER
"PARA-CROOK" ROBBERY!
LET'S GO, ROBIN!



WITHIN A FEW MINUTES, AS JUBILANT CRIMINALS RETURN TO THEIR HIDEOUT...

THIS BURGLAR-ALARM COMPANY IS A PERFECT FRONT FOR OUR JOBS! NOBODY'LL EVER FIGURE OUT HOW-- HEY! ALL THESE WIRES AND BELLS ... WHAT--?

WE DON'T WANT TO ALARM YOU BOYS, BUT WE HAD THESE WIRE TRAPS READY FOR YOU!



LATER, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

WHEN THEY INSTALLED ALARM SYSTEMS, THEY LEFT ONE WINDOW DISCONNECTED-- SO ENTRANCE WAS EASY! THEN THEY CONNECTED THE ALARM, JUST AFTER "BREAKING OUT" OF THAT SAME WINDOW!

AND WITH THE PARACHUTE THEY LEFT ON THE ROOF, NO ONE WOULD DREAM HOW THEY REALLY GOT IN!



SERGEANT HAINER,
YOUR QUICK THINKING HAS EARNED YOU A VACATION WITH PAY!

THANKS, SIR! AND WHEN MY SIGHT IS NORMAL AGAIN, I WANT THIS SAME JOB AT THE BAT-SIGNAL! IT ISN'T EVERYONE WHO CAN SAY HE'S A PARTNER OF BATMAN!



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BATMAN



BATMAN

with ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

THE VIVID COSTUME OF BATMAN,
WHICH IS THE TERROR OF THE UNDER-
WORLD, IS KNOWN TO EVERYONE...
BUT FEW PEOPLE KNOW THAT
OTHERS BESIDES BATMAN
HAVE, FOR GOOD REASONS, WORN
THE BAT-COSTUME! AND
WHEN A SINISTER FATE STRIKES
AT THOSE OTHERS, ONE BY ONE,
THE GRIM GARB OF BATMAN
BECOMES ...

THE COSTUME OF DOOM!



BOB KANE



BATMAN



IN THE OFFICE OF VUE MAGAZINE, ONE MORNING, GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER VICKI VALE COMES UP WITH A SENSATIONAL IDEA...

WHAT A PICTURE STORY IT'LL MAKE, CHIEF!...A REUNION OF ALL THE MEN WHO HAVE LEGALLY IMPERSONATED BATMAN!

HMM... BATMAN IS ALWAYS NEWS, VICKI--BUT WHO WOULD YOUR IMPERSONATORS BE?

"WELL--FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS POLICEMAN JERRY WEILER, WHO TOOK BATMAN'S PLACE ON A TV SHOW, SO THAT BATMAN COULD CATCH SOME CROOKS OFF GUARD..."

THANKS, JERRY! I'LL EXPLAIN NOW TO THE AUDIENCE WHY I HAD YOU GIVE MY TALK FOR ME!

"THEN THERE'S FARLEY MARDEN, THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S MODEL, WHO'S POSED FOR MANY MAGAZINE ARTICLES ABOUT BATMAN..."

ALL READY FOR THE NEXT SHOT, MARDEN!

"AND VERREAU, THE CIRCUS ACROBAT, WHO TOOK BATMAN'S PLACE WHEN HE WAS WOUNDED AND COULDN'T APPEAR AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL..."

AND THIS IS HOW BATMAN DOES HIS ROPE-SWING!

"EVEN NOW, A NEW ACTOR, NAMED HUBERT HALL, IS REHEARSING FOR A MOVIE ABOUT BATMAN..."

HALL'S A TERRIBLE ACTOR, MR. WELDON!

I KNOW... BUT HE DOES BATMAN'S STUNTS PRETTY WELL, AND HE BEARS A CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO BATMAN-- SO WE'LL HAYE TO TAKE A CHANCE ON HIM!

"AND THERE WAS ONE OTHER... THAT SOCIETY PLAYBOY, BRUCE WAYNE!"

THANKS FOR POSING AS BATMAN IN OUR CHARITY PARADE, BRUCE! WE ASKED YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ATHLETIC TYPE!

GLAD TO HELP YOU OUT, MRS. BARTLEY!





BATMAN



GOOD ENOUGH... YOU'VE TALKED ME INTO IT, VICKI! WE'LL FEATURE THE STORY IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!

SWELL, CHIEF! I'LL START LINING UP THOSE MEN RIGHT NOW!

SHORTLY, AT THE MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

SINCE BRUCE REALLY IS BATMAN, AND DICK IS ROBIN, NEITHER OF THEM IS HAPPY ABOUT VICKI'S CALL...

...AND SO I IT SEEMS WANT YOU TO SILLY, BUT-- APPEAR AT OUR WELL... ALL PHOTO STUDIO RIGHT FOR THIS 'BATMAN' REUNION, BRUCE! WEAR THE SAME COSTUME YOU WORE IN THE PARADE!

I MUST ACCEPT HER OFFER, DICK, OR SHE'S LIKELY TO BECOME SUSPICIOUS!

I UNDERSTAND, BUT JUST THE SAME, BRUCE, BE CAREFUL!



SHORTLY, IN VUE'S BIG PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, A REUNION OF FIVE "BATMEN" TAKES PLACE...

FIRST WE'LL PHOTOGRAPH THEM TOGETHER! WON'T IT MAKE A STRIKING PICTURE?

YES! FUNNY THING, THOUGH... THAT HAM ACTOR, HUBERT HALL, IS THE POOREST IMITATOR OF THE LOT! WELL-- HERE GOES...



BUT AS THE PHOTOGRAPHER PRESSES HIS FLOODLIGHT CONTROL...

EEK! MY EYES! WHAT HAPPENED?

SOME BODY SUBSTITUTED FLASHBULBS-- THE LIGHTS BLINDED US!

NEXT INSTANT...

MY LEG!... SOMEONE SHOT ME! IT'S ME-- MARDEN!

WE'RE SO DAZZLED, WE CAN'T SEE THE GUNMAN! BUT IF I CAN DARKEN THE ROOM BY PULLING OUT THE WIRES, IT'LL STYMIE HIM!

AND AS THE REAL BATMAN PLUNGES THE STUDIO INTO DARKNESS...

I CAN HEAR HIM RUNNING AWAY, UP THE STAIRS! NO ONE CAN SEE ME NOW... I CAN GET HIM ON THE ROOF!





BATMAN



BUT ON THE ROOF, WHERE A GIANT ELECTRIC SIGN BLINKS
ON AND OFF...

OW-W! MY EYES HAVEN'T
RECOVERED YET! THAT
SUDDEN BRIGHT LIGHT'S
BLINDED ME AGAIN!

HE CAN'T SEE TO FOLLOW,
AND I GOT ONE OF
THE FIVE!



AFTERWARD, WHEN DAZZLED
EYES HAVE RETURNED TO
NORMAL...

WHY WOULD
ANYONE SHOOT
ME? EVERY-
ONE KNOWS
WE'RE ONLY
IMPERSONATORS
OF BATMAN!

HE'S RIGHT..
WHO WOULD
WANT TO
SHOOT MEN
JUST BECAUSE
THEY ONCE
WORE MY
COSTUME?

AND A LITTLE LATER, UPON
JOINING ROBIN IN THE
SECRET BAT-CAVE...

SOUNDS INCREDIBLE,
BATMAN! NO ONE
COULD SUSPECT
THAT ONE OF THE
IMPERSONATORS
WAS REALLY YOU...
YET WHAT OTHER
MOTIVE COULD
THERE BE?

MAYBE ONE
OF THE OTHER
FOUR HAS
ENEMIES!
WE'D BETTER
CHECK WITH
COMMISSIONER
GORDON!

BUT AT HEADQUARTERS, THE
POLICE COMMISSIONER PROVES
EQUALLY MYSTIFIED...

NO, BATMAN,
I CAN'T
THINK OF
ANYONE
WHO'D
WANT TO
KILL ANY
OF THOSE
IMPERSONATORS!

COMMISSIONER!
THAT ACTOR,
HUBERT HALL,
JUST PHONED FROM
THE MOVIE LOT!
HE SAYS HE'S IN
DANGER!

WHAT--?
WE'LL GO
OVER THERE
AT ONCE!

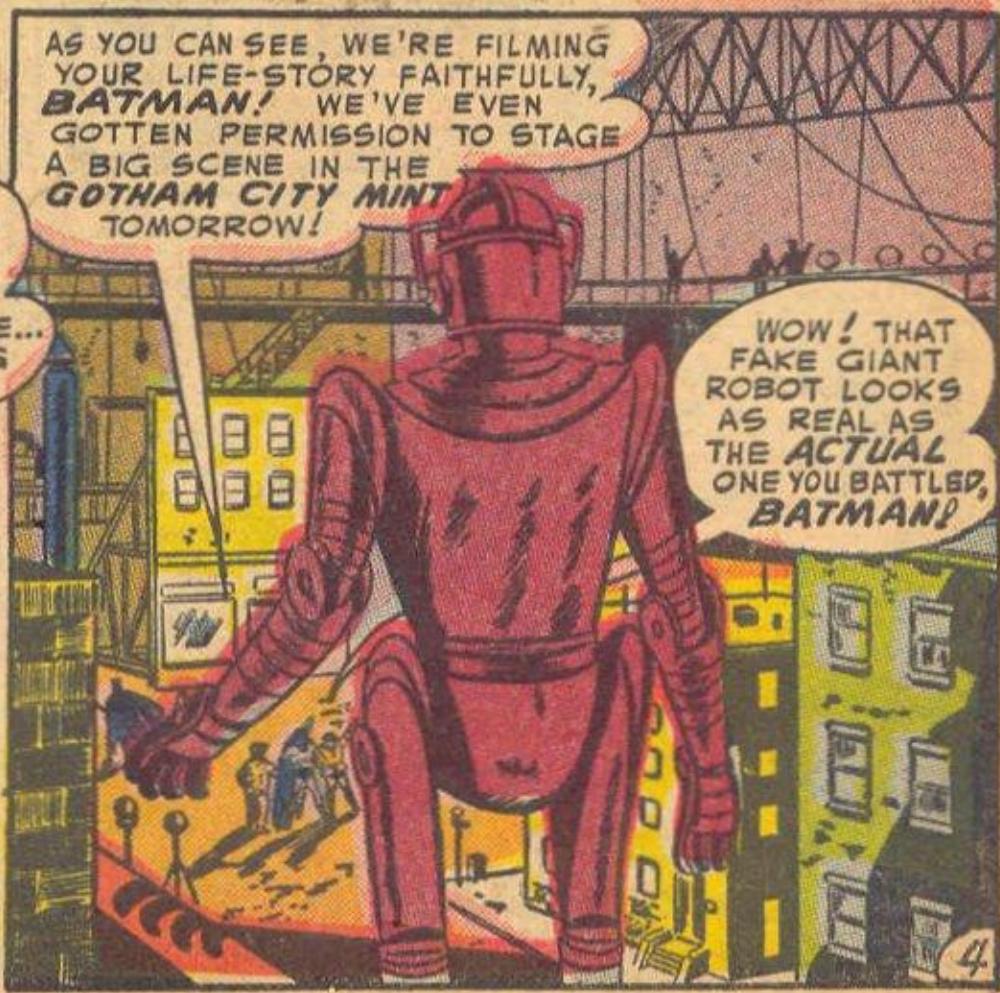


MINUTES LATER, AT GOTHAM MOVIE
STUDIOS...

...THAT'S RIGHT,
BATMAN-- I SAW
A PROWLER! HE
MUST BE AFTER
ME BECAUSE I
WEAR THIS COSTUME!
HE'LL GET ME, JUST
LIKE HE GOT
MARDEN!

BAH! YOU'RE JUST
NERVOUS, HUBERT!
GET READY FOR
THE TAKE ON THE
GIANT ROBOT SCENE...
I'M SURE NOTHING
WILL HAPPEN!

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE FILMING
YOUR LIFE-STORY FAITHFULLY,
BATMAN! WE'VE EVEN
GOTTEN PERMISSION TO STAGE
A BIG SCENE IN THE
GOTHAM CITY MINT
TOMORROW!



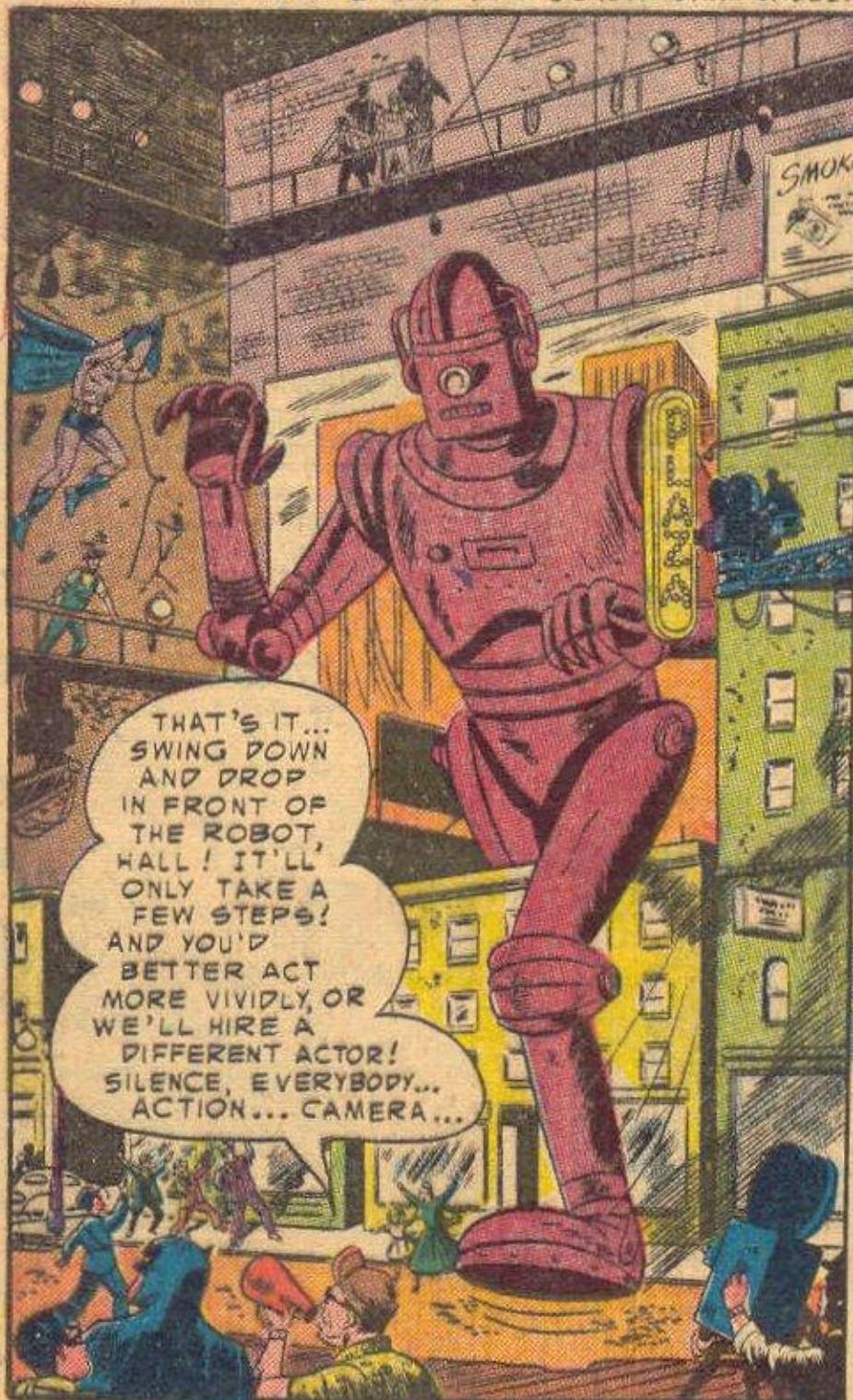
WOW! THAT
FAKE GIANT
ROBOT LOOKS
AS REAL AS
THE ACTUAL
ONE YOU BATTLED,
BATMAN!



BATMAN



PRESIDENTLY, AS ACTOR, PROPS AND CAMERAS RE-CREATE ONE OF BATMAN'S SENSATIONAL CASES...





BATMAN

A WHILE LATER AT A CIRCUS LOT OUTSIDE THE CITY...

YOU COVER VERREAU,
THE ACROBAT,
ROBIN-- AND
I'LL SEE TO
JERRY WEILER,
THE POLICEMAN!

ALL RIGHT,
BATMAN--
BUT BE
CAREFUL!

YET EVEN AS THE SLEEK
BATMOBILE APPROACHES
OFFICER JERRY WEILER'S
TRAFFIC POST...

IT'LL BE
A CINCH TO
KNOCK HIM
OVER!
THAT CAR SPEEDING
DOWN THE STREET...
IT'LL HIT WEILER!
GOT TO STOP IT!

AND A MASTER DRIVER
PERFORMS A MIRACULOUS
FEAT TO AVERT DISASTER...

MADE IT!...
AND NOT A
SECOND
TOO SOON!
YIPE! THE
BATMOBILE!
I GOTTA GET
OUT OF HERE!

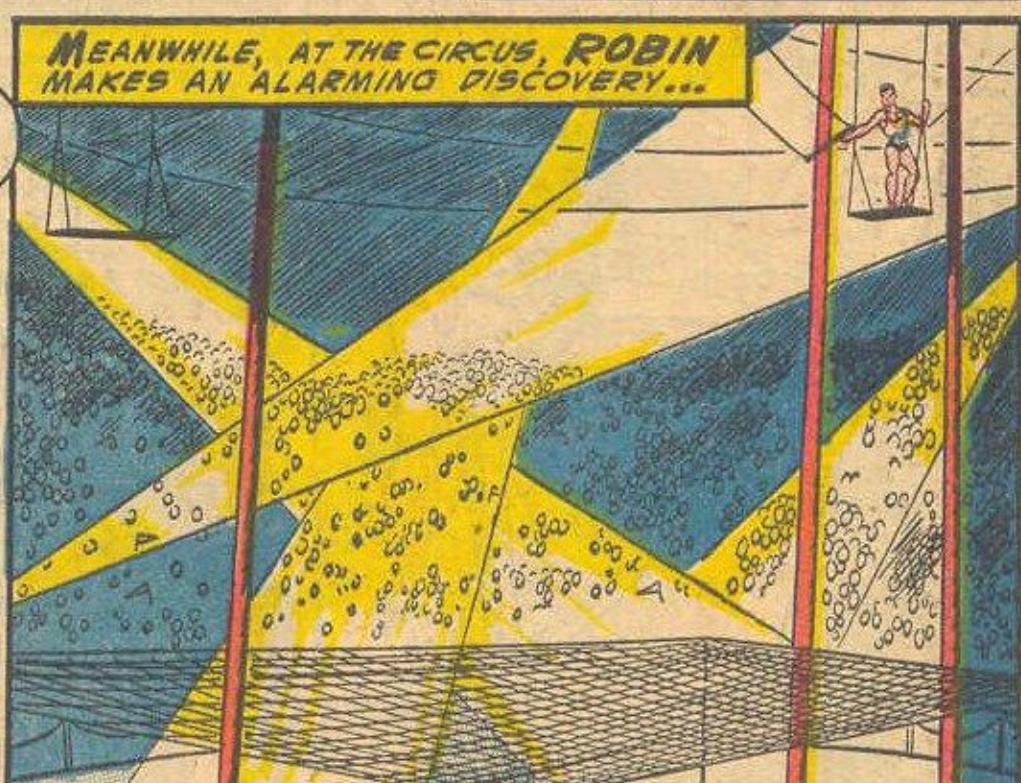
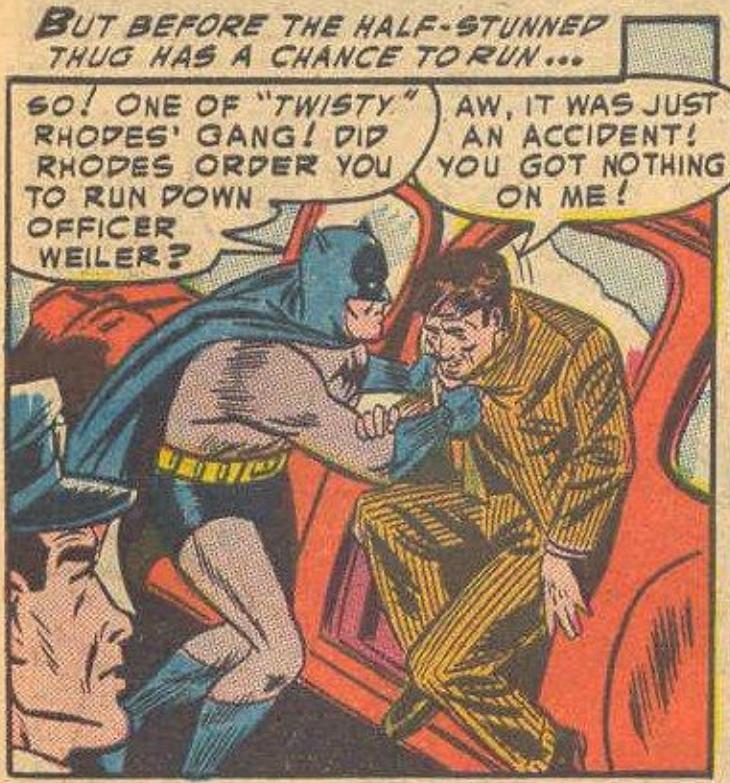


BUT BEFORE THE HALF-STUNNED
THUG HAS A CHANCE TO RUN...

SO! ONE OF "TWISTY"
RHODES' GANG! DID
RHODES ORDER YOU
TO RUN DOWN
OFFICER
WEILER?

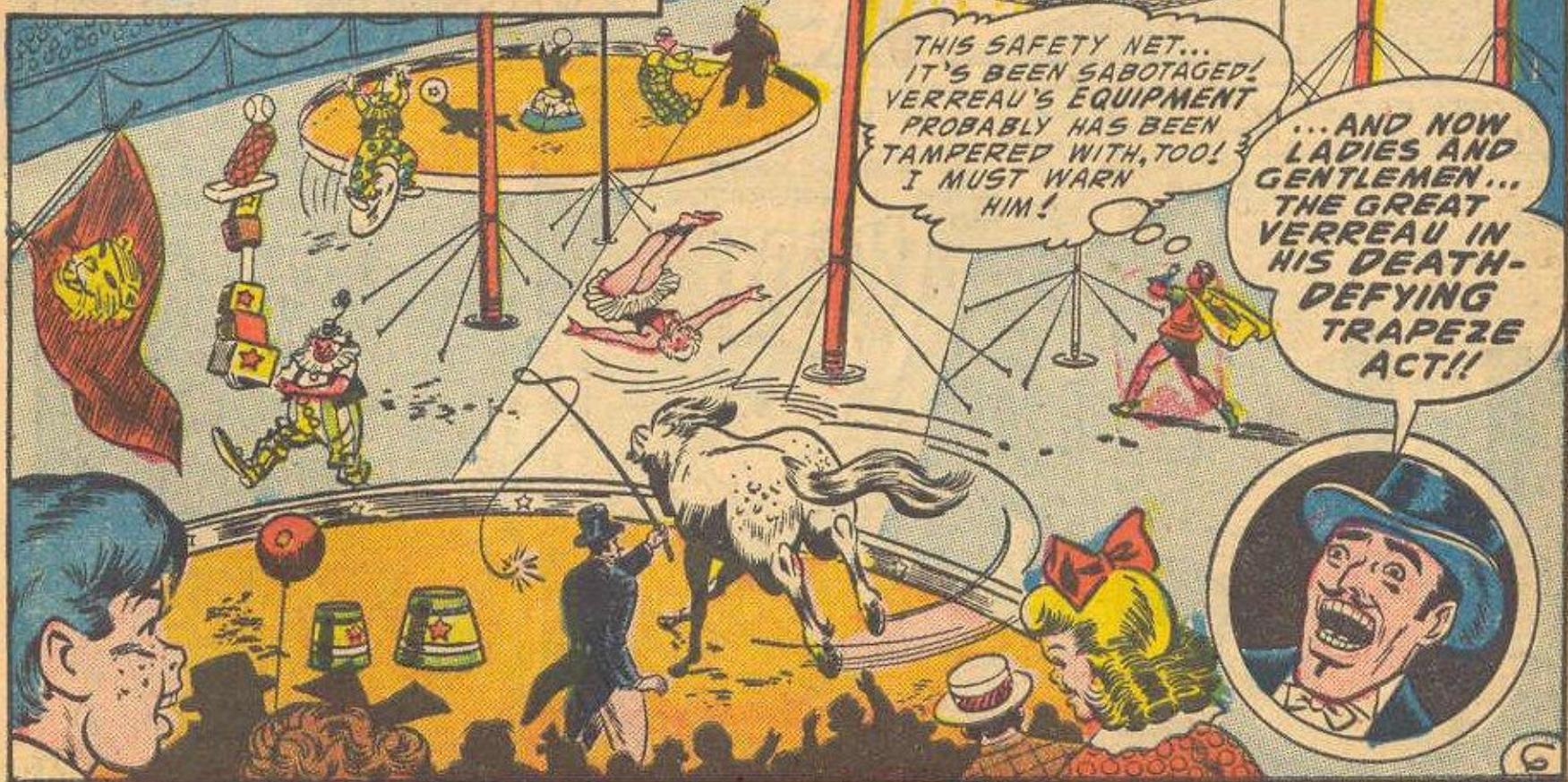
AW, IT WAS JUST
AN ACCIDENT!
YOU GOT NOTHING
ON ME!

MEANWHILE, AT THE CIRCUS, ROBIN
MAKES AN ALARMING DISCOVERY...



THIS SAFETY NET...
IT'S BEEN SABOTAGED!
VERREAU'S EQUIPMENT
PROBABLY HAS BEEN
TAMPERED WITH, TOO!
I MUST WARN
HIM!

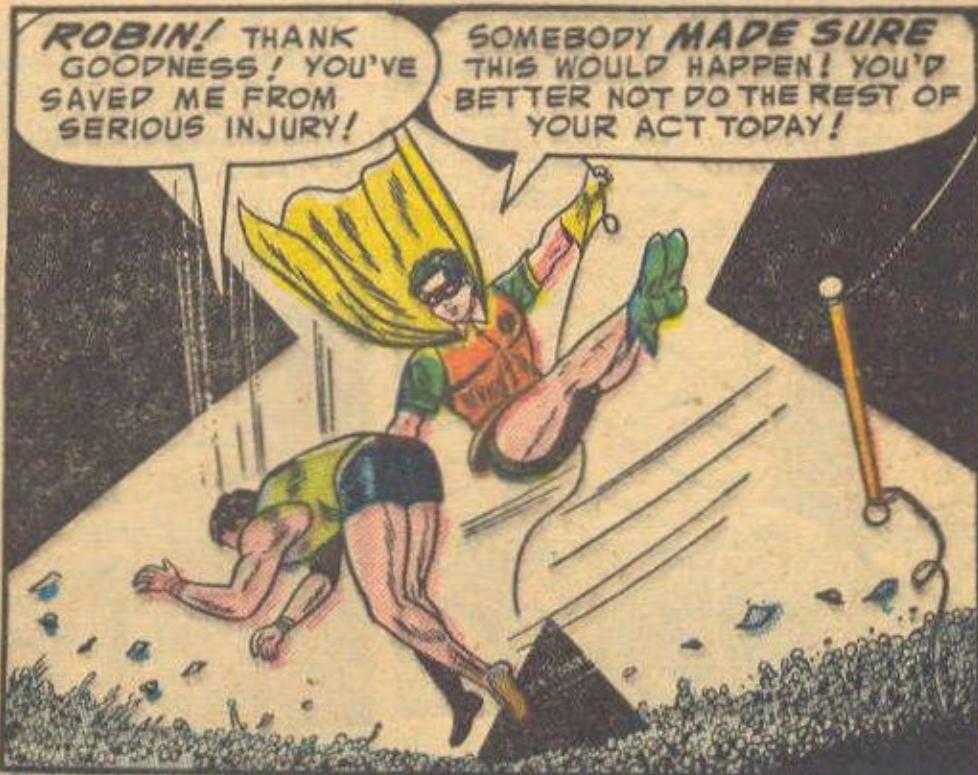
...AND NOW
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN...
THE GREAT
VERREAU IN
HIS DEATH-
DEFYING
TRAPEZE
ACT!!





BATMAN

BUT AS THE BOY WONDER, ONCE A CIRCUS ACROBAT HIMSELF, CLIMBS TO THE RESCUE...



LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I ASKED COMMISSIONER GORDON TO TAKE WEILER OFF DUTY TEMPORARILY--SO HE AND VERREAU SHOULD BOTH BE SAFE ENOUGH NOW!

BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO HARM THEM, AND--AND...

BATMAN! DO YOU REALIZE THAT BRUCE WAYNE MAY BE ATTACKED, TOO?

YES--AND IF THAT HAPPENS, IT'LL GO FAR TO PROVE MY THEORY! THEORY OR NO THEORY, NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU IF I CAN HELP IT!



AND UPON RETURNING TO THE WAYNE MANSION...

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IN EITHER THE HOUSE OR GROUNDS!

LOOK, BRUCE -- A PACKAGE CAME FOR YOU! IT MUST BE THOSE SKATES YOU ORDERED FOR ME!

MAY I OPEN IT?

NO, WAIT! THIS MAY BE IT, DICK! WE'LL OPEN THE PACKAGE IN THE LABORATORY!



AND SURE ENOUGH, USING THE SAFE GUARDS OF THE BAT-CAVE'S LABORATORY, SKILLFUL HANDS UNMASK A HIDDEN PERIL...

VERY CLEVER! A PRESSURE DEVICE THAT WOULD HAVE SPRAYED ACID INTO MY FACE AS SOON AS I TOOK THE LID OFF!

WHY--WHY, THAT WOULD HAVE SCARRED YOU FOR LIFE!





BATMAN



BUT IT WOULD HAVE KILLED I THINK
YOU, BRUCE! THESE THERE'S A
ATTEMPTS SEEM INTENDED GOOD REASON
ONLY TO INJURE THE
BATMAN IMPERSONA-
TORS! BUT WHY?



WHAT IS BATMAN PLANNING? NEXT MORNING, AS
THE MOVIE TROUPE ARRIVES AT THE LARGE COIN
MANUFACTURING PLANT--THE GOTHAM MINT...

WE'RE EXPECTING YOU--
BUT WE MUST SEARCH
EVERYTHING BEFORE
THE ELECTRICALLY-
CONTROLLED GATES
ARE OPENED FROM
INSIDE!

WELL, ONE OF THEM IS
STILL VULNERABLE TO
ATTACK... HUBERT HALL,
WHEN HE DOES THAT
MOVIE SCENE AT THE
MINT TOMORROW!



SOON, ACTORS AND TECHNICIANS
PREPARE TO FILM ANOTHER OF
BATMAN'S PAST EXPLOITS...

GOOD THING WE ARRIVED
EARLIER! NO ONE WILL
NOTICE US UP HERE!

ALL RIGHT, GET THAT
STUFF SET UP... AND
YOU, HALL--GO PUT ON
YOUR MAKEUP! WE'LL
SHOOT THE OUTDOOR
SCENES FIRST!



BUT AFTER A LONG WAIT FOR THE STAR TO
APPEAR...

WHERE'S THAT IDIOT
HALL? WHY ISN'T HE
HERE FOR THIS TAKE?

I THINK I KNOW
WHERE HALL IS!
COME ON,
ROBIN!



AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, INSIDE THE MAIN
ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING...

GOOD--THERE'S NOBODY
AROUND! NOW'S MY
CHANCE!





BATMAN



ABRUPTLY...

IT'S HALL!...
AND HE WAS
GOING TO OPEN
THE GATE! YOUR
THEORY WAS
RIGHT, BATMAN!

YES -- HE'S WORKING
WITH CROOKS OUTSIDE--
UNDoubtedly "TWISTY"
RHODES' MOB! HE
GOT HIS MOVIE-PART
SO HE COULD HELP
THEM IN THIS JOB!

THANKS, BATMAN! IF
YOU HADN'T STOPPED HIM,
HE WOULD'VE... WHY,
BATMAN! NOW
YOU'RE OPENING
THE GATES!

RIGHT-- SO THAT ROBIN
AND I CAN GRAB HALL'S
CONFEDERATES, TOO! YOU
WATCH HALL!



AND AS THE GATES OPEN...

YES, THERE COMES "TWISTY" RHODES --- JUST AS I EXPECTED!

COME ON, RHODES -- I CAN LEAD YOU RIGHT TO THE BULLION!

GOOD WORK, HALL!
GET A MOVE ON,
YOU MUGS!



THERE'S THE BULLION-ROOM!
GRAB IT, BOYS!



YOW! WHAT
HAPPENED?
AN AVALANCHE?

IT'S THAT
ROBIN BRAT!
I'LL GET
HIM!



WAIT, "TWISTY"!
WOULDN'T YOU
LIKE A BEAUTIFUL
SILVER BRACELET
FIRST?

WHAT--? HALL,
YOU CAN'T GET
AWAY WITH
THIS!



AND HERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE FOR
YOU...
PENNIES
FROM
HEAVEN!



BATMAN



SUPERMAN ON TELEVISION!
is
SUPER-TV

SEE YOUR NEWSPAPER FOR TIME AND CHANNEL!