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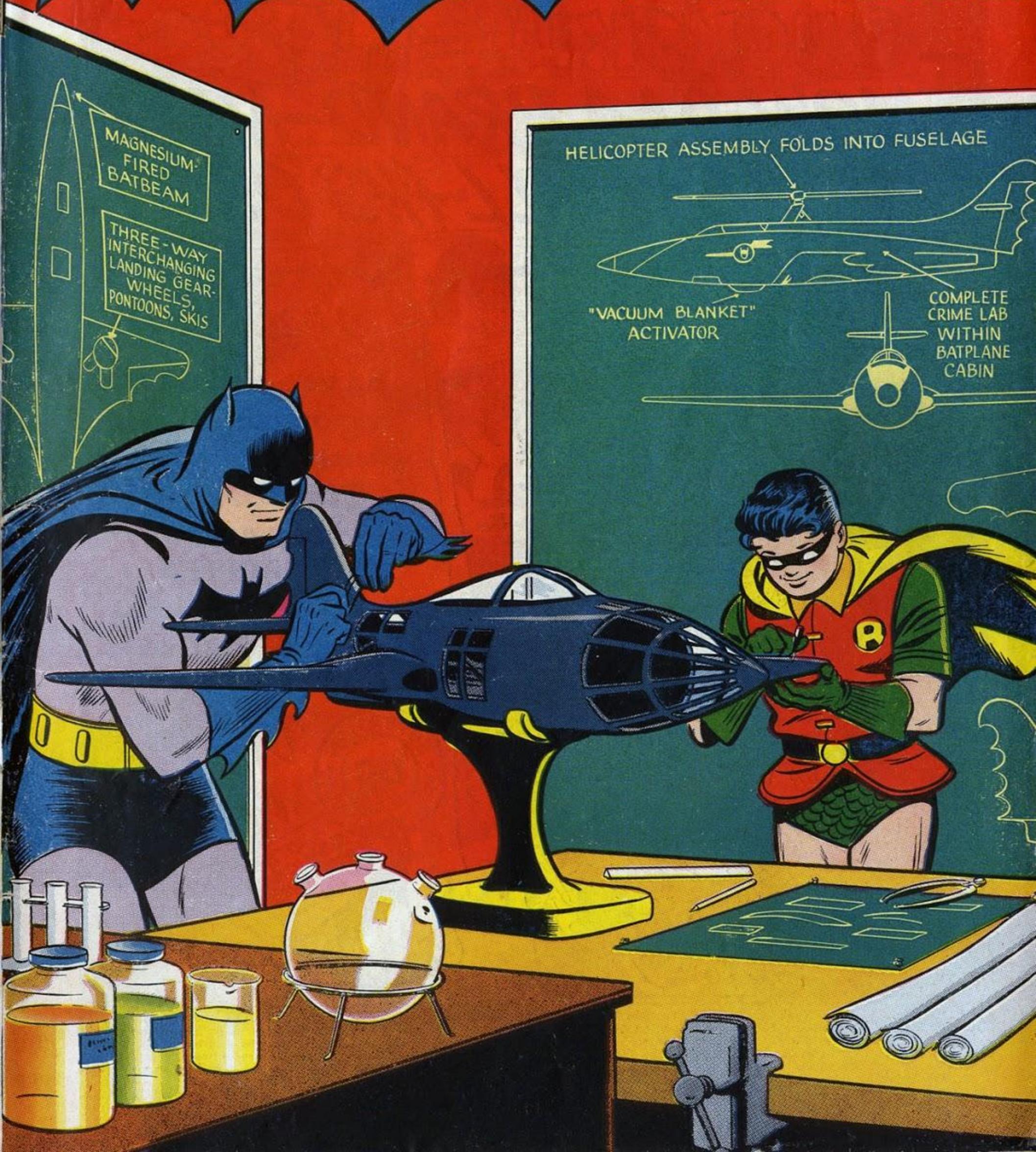
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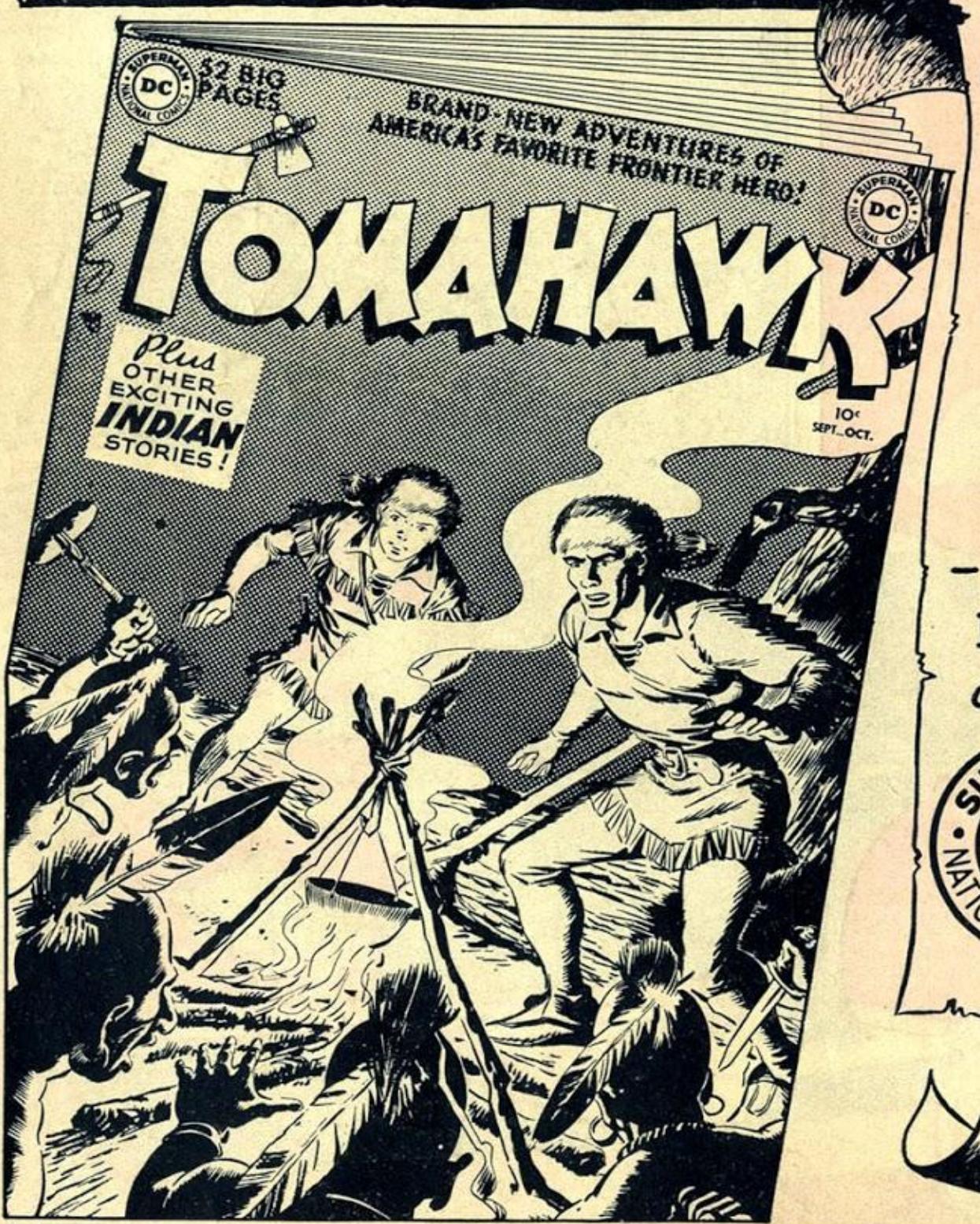
# BATMAN

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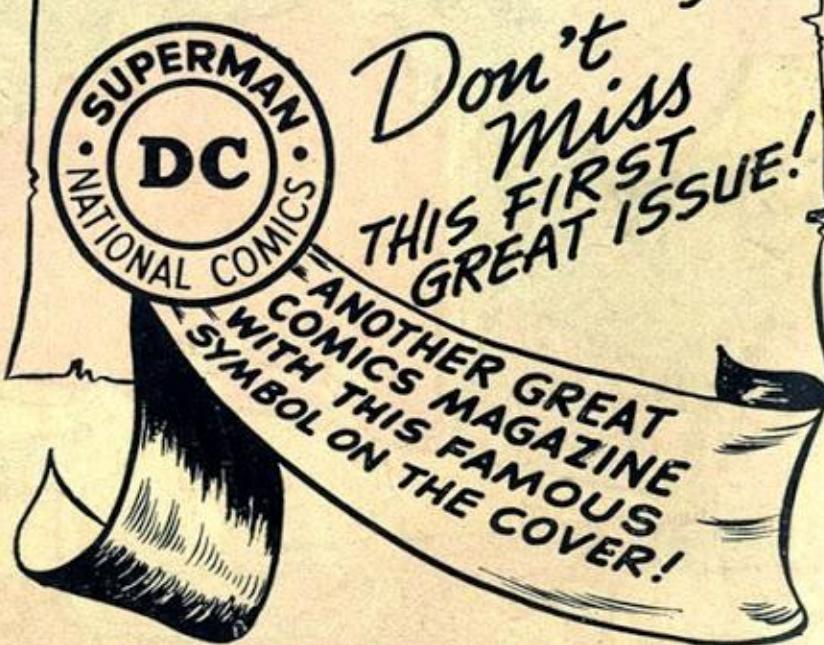


# TOMAHAWK

YOUR FAVORITE  
BUCKSKIN HERO  
NOW IN A BRAND-NEW  
MAGAZINE ALL HIS OWN!



Yes, readers of  
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ing more and more  
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**TOMAHAWK**  
and his young friend  
**DAN HUNTER**  
— those two forest-wise,  
Indian-fighting heroes  
of fearless frontier days!



BATMAN

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WITH  
**ROBIN**

- THE BOY WONDER -

IMAGINE BATPLANE VS. BATPLANE, FOR THE  
MASTERY OF THE SKIES!

WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BATPLANE,  
MOST FORMIDABLE OF ALL BATMAN'S EQUIPMENT,  
FALLS INTO EVIL HANDS. FOR THE ONLY WAY BATMAN  
CAN PUT AN END TO THIS NEW TERROR IS TO DEVISE  
A NEW BATPLANE -- AND MOVE TO THE ATTACK! SO,  
FOR JET-PROPELLED THRILLS AND POWER-DIVING  
ACTION, SLIP ON YOUR OXYGEN TANKS, ADJUST YOUR  
GOOGLES FOR ...

"The Birth of BATPLANE II!"

HURRY,  
ROBIN!  
THE NEW  
BATPLANE  
IS SORELY,  
NEEDED!

GOTHAM NEWS  
**CROOKS NAB  
BATPLANE!**  
CREATE DEADLY  
AIR ARMADA!

BOB  
KANE

# BATMAN



ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICES OF GOTHAM AIRLINES...

I'M SORRY, HAGGERTY... THE DOCTORS HAVE TURNED DOWN YOUR REQUEST TO PILOT ONE OF OUR PLANES!

WHAT? WITH MY WAR RECORD—AND FLYING EXPERIENCE?

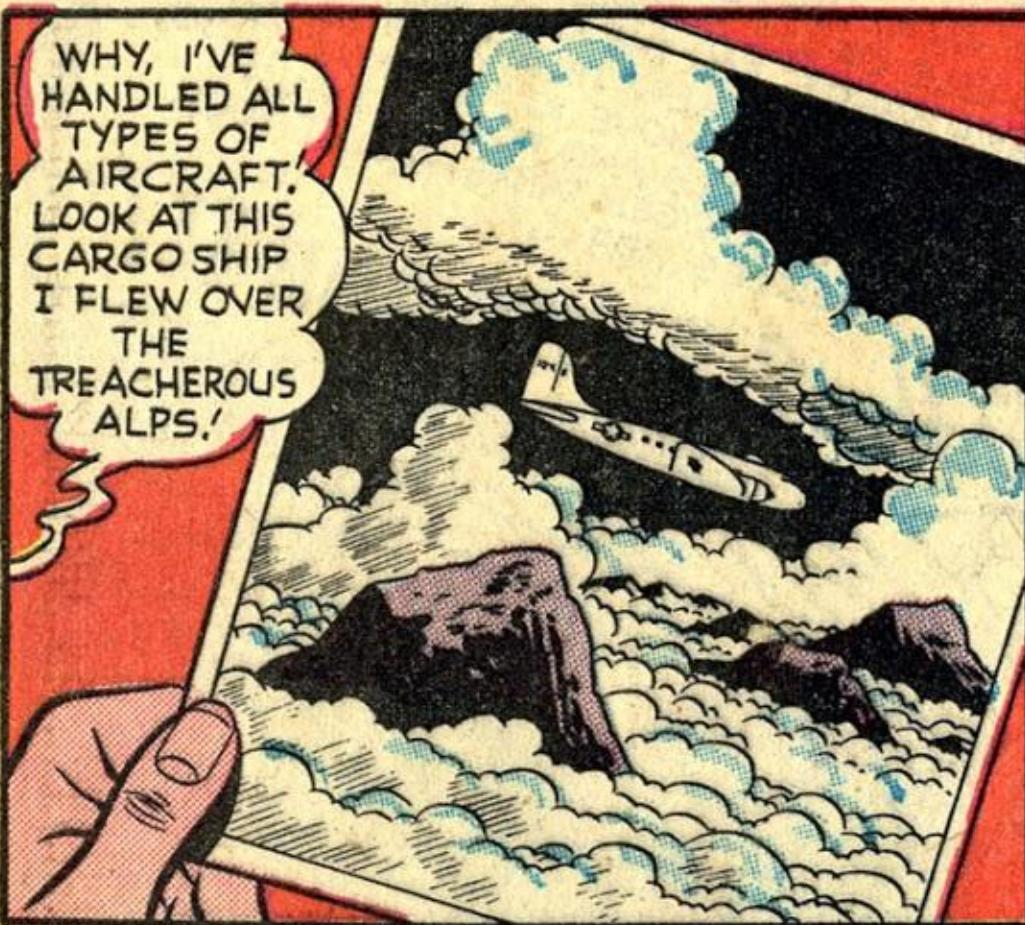


DESPERATELY, "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY PRODUCES PHOTOGRAPHIC TESTIMONY OF HIS SKILL...

SEE? THAT WAS ME PILOTING THAT MUSTANG, MR. LANE! I WAS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN 22 JAP PLANES!



WHY, I'VE HANDLED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT! LOOK AT THIS CARGO SHIP I FLEW OVER THE TREACHEROUS ALPS!



I KNOW—BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN OLDER—YOUR REFLEXES ARE SLOWER! AND YOU KNOW, SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN! BUT REMEMBER—COME SEE ME ANY TIME YOU'RE READY TO TAKE A DESK JOB...

DESK JOB! WHY, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND IT!



LATER, AS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY MAKES ONE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO STAY IN THE GAME HE LOVES...

BUT, COLONEL WEBB—YOU CAN'T TURN ME DOWN! FLYING'S MY WHOLE LIFE!

SORRY, HAGGERTY... REGULATIONS ARE REGULATIONS! I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU--BUT I JUST CAN'T...



MEANWHILE, IN A WAITING ROOM NEAR COLONEL WEBB'S OFFICE...

HE DIDN'T SAY! HE JUST TOLD COMMISSIONER GORDON IT WAS A MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY AND SECRECY!

I WONDER WHAT COLONEL WEBB WANTS OF US, BATMAN?

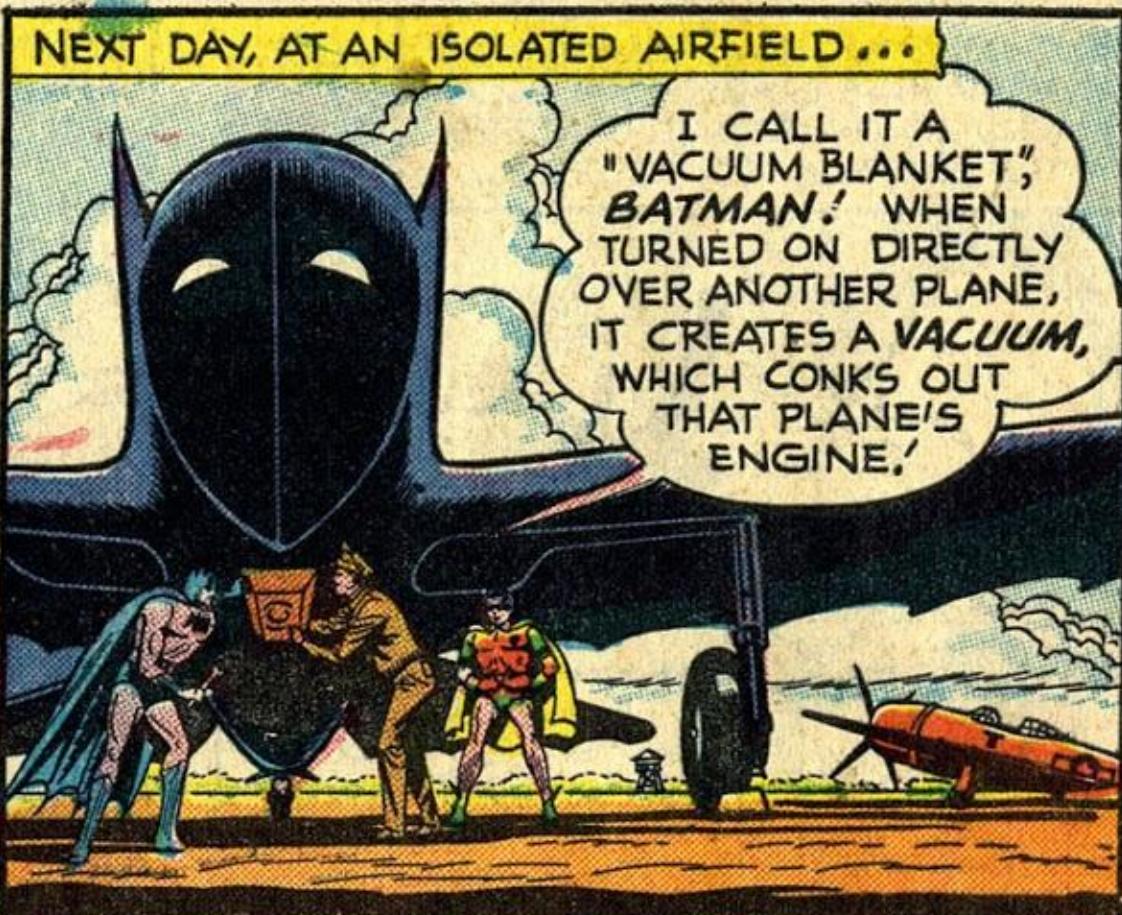
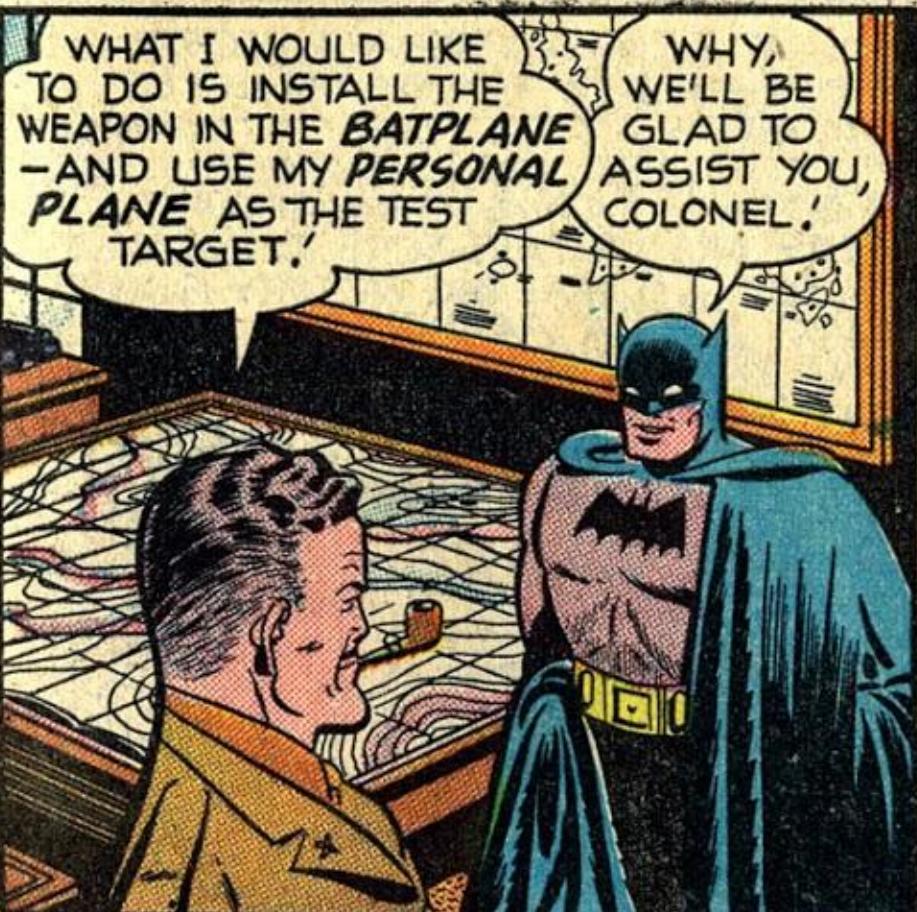




PRESENTLY, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE SUMMONED FOR THEIR INTERVIEW...



AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS ALONE WITH COLONEL WEBB...

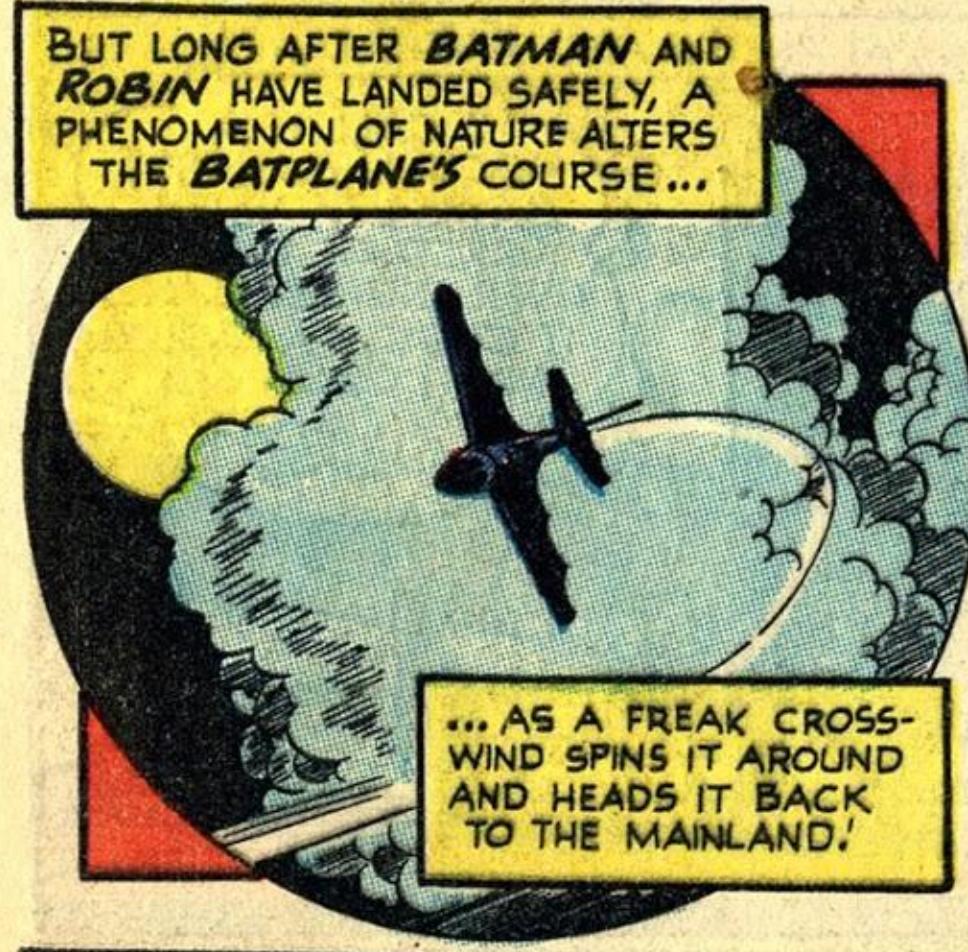
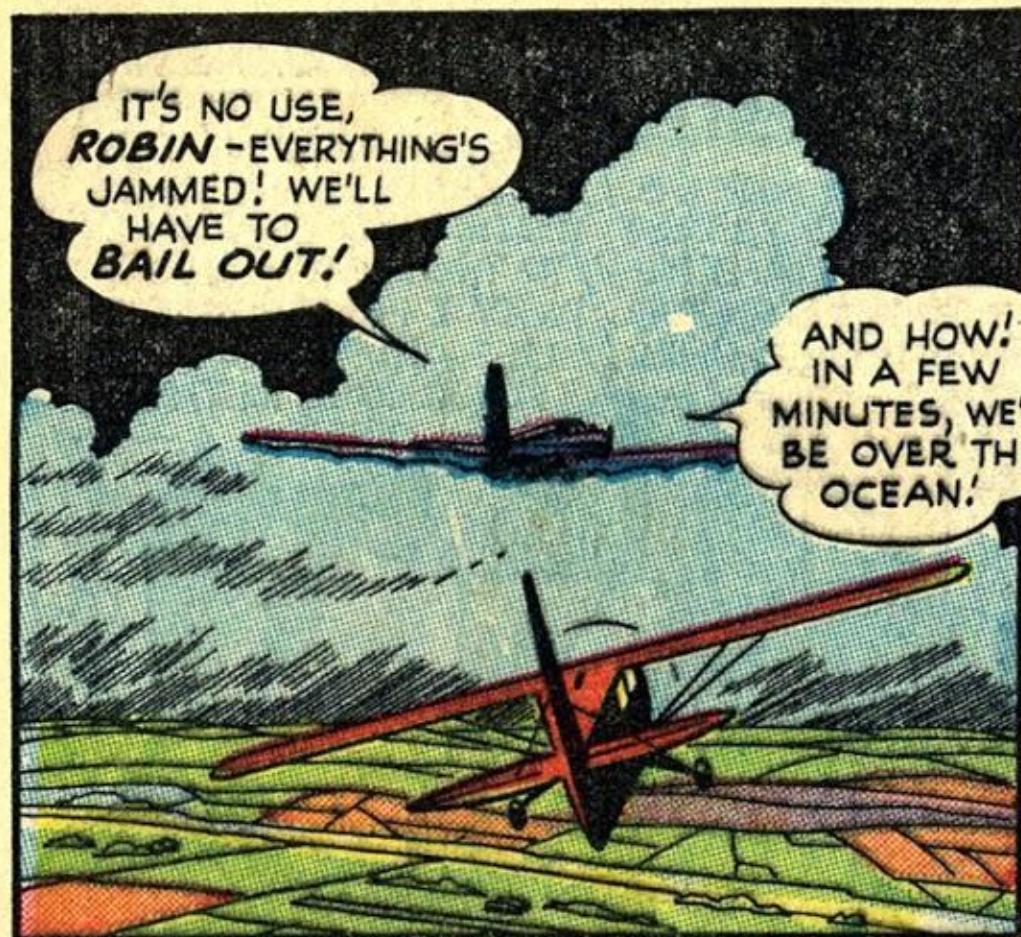


AND AS THEY TAKE TO THE AIR...



BUT AS ROBIN TURNS ON THE NEW WEAPON...





MOMENTS LATER...

LOOK! THE BATPLANE'S LANDED, LIGHT AS A FEATHER, IN THOSE PINE TREES! ARE THEY LUCKY!

MAYBE THEY'RE NOT SO LUCKY! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO CATCH 'EM BY SURPRISE! SHOOT TO KILL!

BUT WHEN THE CROOKS CHARGE THE BATPLANE...

WHY—IT'S EMPTY! THEY AIN'T HERE! WHAT HAPPENED?

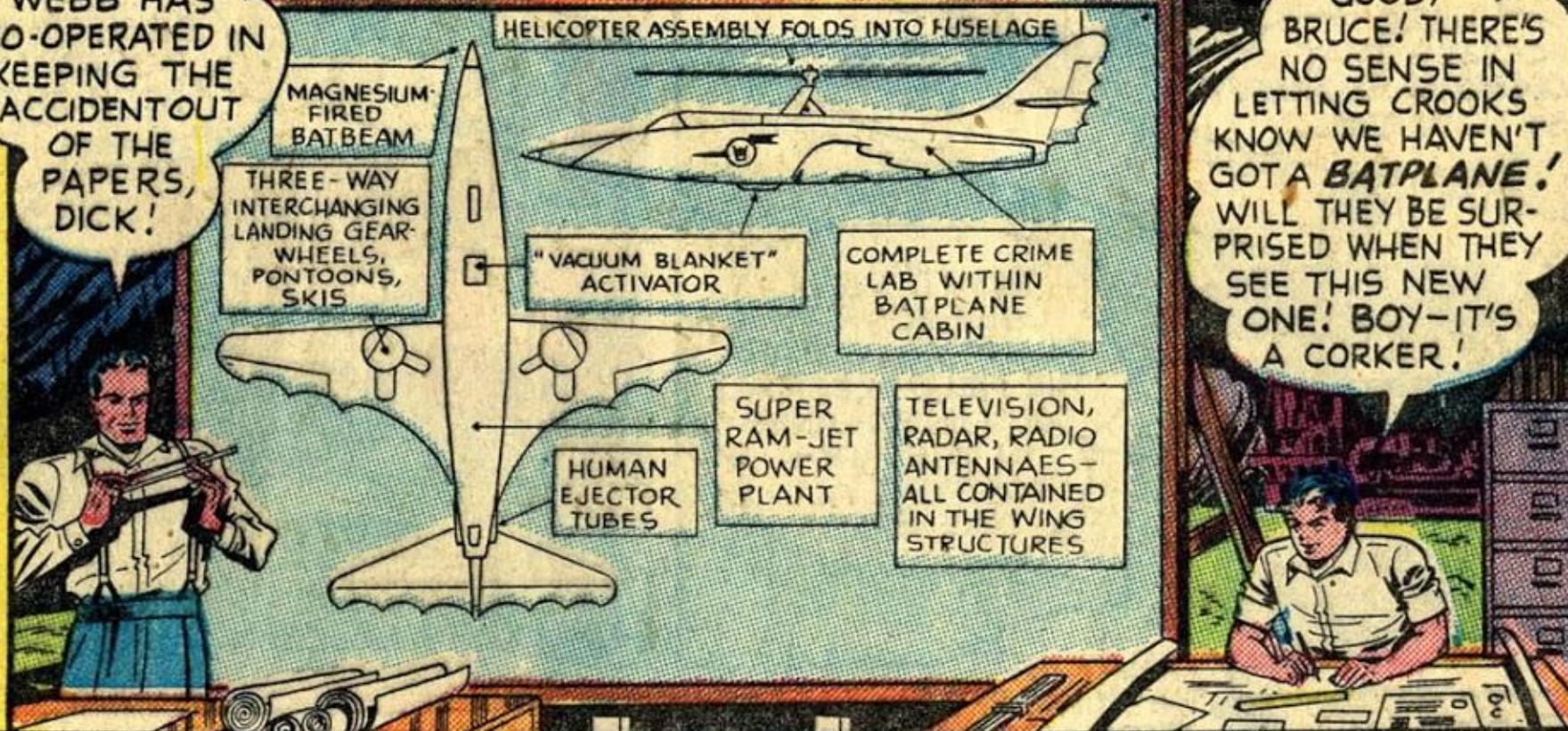
I DON'T KNOW, AND I DON'T CARE! WE JUST GOT OURSELVES A BATPLANE! WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME!

THINK OF THE JOBS WE CAN PULL WITH THE BATPLANE! ALL WE NEED IS A PILOT WHO CAN FIX THE MOTOR! THEN, WE'LL BUILD TWO MORE BATPLANES—ONE FOR EACH OF US! WHY, WE'LL RULE THE CRIME WORLD!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE BATCAVE, BATMAN AND ROBIN, IN THEIR EVERYDAY DISGUISES AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, COMPLETE PLANS FOR A NEW BATPLANE...

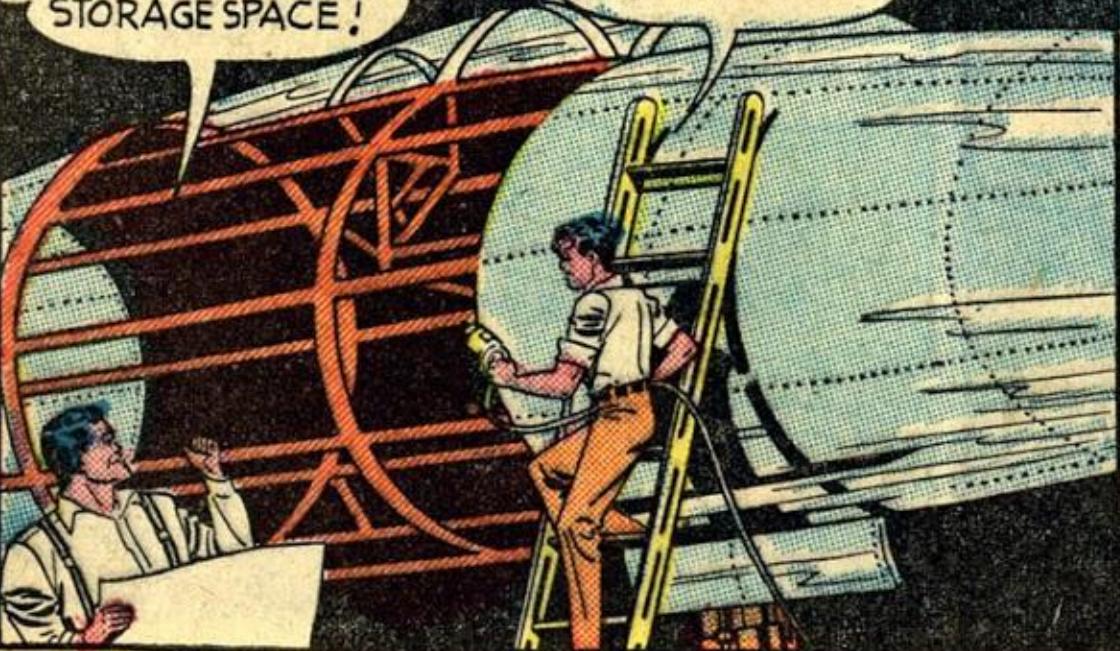
COLONEL WEBB HAS CO-OPERATED IN KEEPING THE ACCIDENT OUT OF THE PAPERS, DICK!



AND AS THE DAYS PASS...

A MINIATURE BUT COMPLETE CRIME LAB WILL FIT IN HERE! BEHIND IT WILL BE OUR STORAGE SPACE!

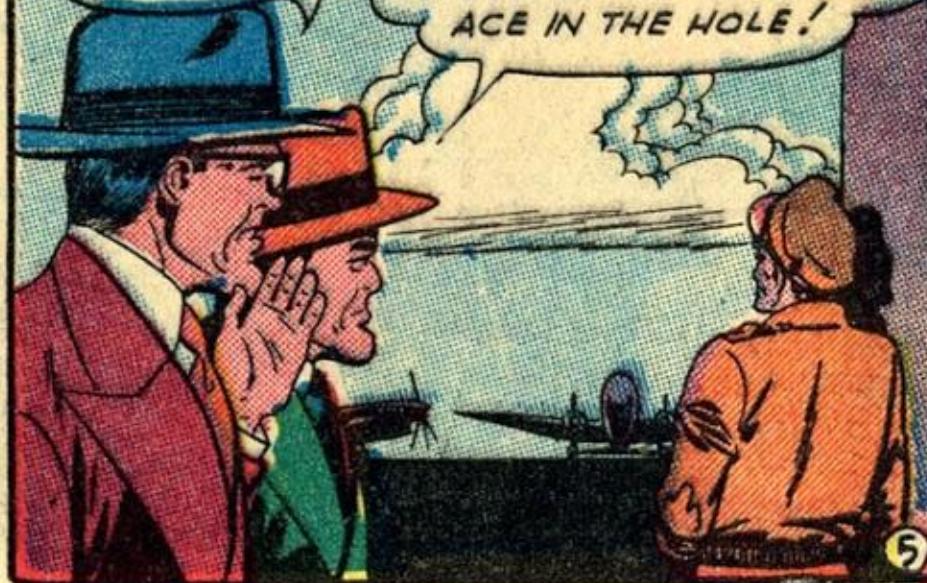
HMM... THAT'S WHERE WE CAN KEEP PROVISIONS, EXTRA UNIFORMS, DUMMIES OF OURSELVES, SPARE EQUIPMENT—AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THIS TERRIFIC PLANE WILL NEED!



MEANWHILE, AS THINGS GO BADLY FOR "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY...

THAT MUST BE THE FLYER THEY TOLD US ABOUT IN THAT FLEA-BAG OF A HOTEL...

YEAH! AN OLD ARMY PILOT WHO'D DO ANYTHING TO FLY AGAIN! AND DON'T FORGET HIS OLD FOLKS, DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI--THAT'S OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!



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WHEN THE CROOKS INVITE HAGGERTY FOR A RIDE...

YES, I COULD USE THE JOB! BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS FLYING DEAL YOU'RE OFFERING IS LEGITIMATE?

SURE, PAL! WE DID SOME REPAIRS ON THE BATPLANE FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN. NOW, ALL WE NEED IS A FERRY PILOT TO DELIVER THE PLANE!

SOON, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DELIVER IT TO THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT... LET'S GO!

GOSH -- THE BATPLANE! WHAT A SWEET JOB TO FLY!

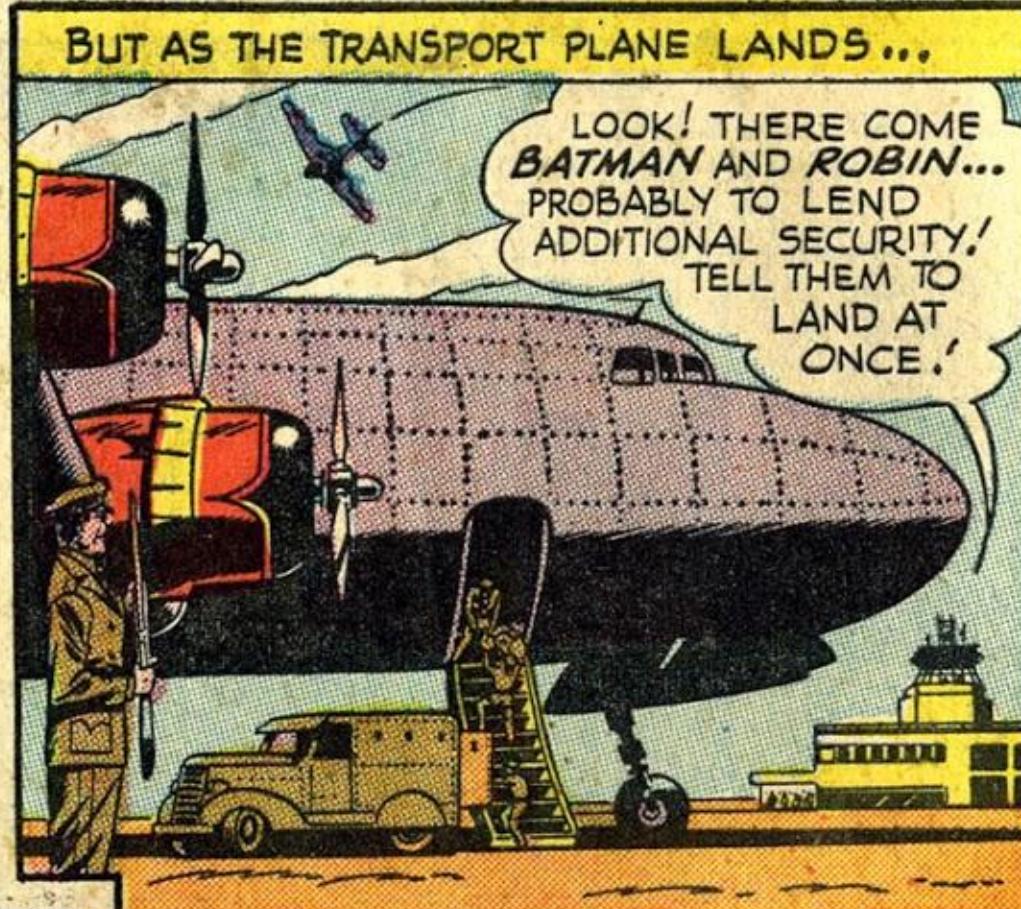
HA-HA! HE'S FALLING FOR THE GAG!



WHILE AT GOTHAM CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT...

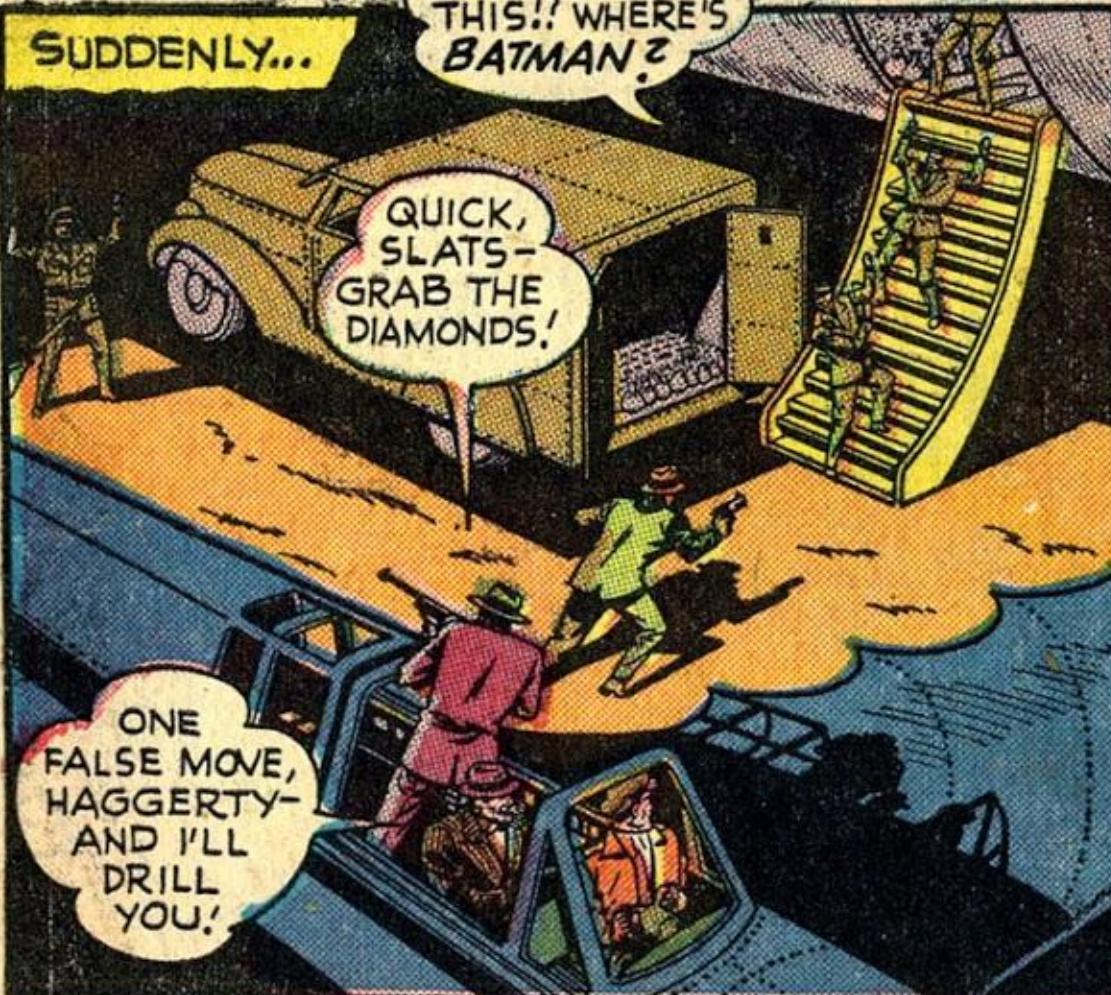


RIGHT! WE'LL USE SECURITY PLAN "Y"! CLEAR THE FIELD - KEEP ALL INCOMING PLANES IN THE AIR - POSTPONE ALL TAKE-OFFS!



SUDDENLY...

WHAT IS THIS? WHERE'S BATMAN?



AND AS THE BRASH THIEVES MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...

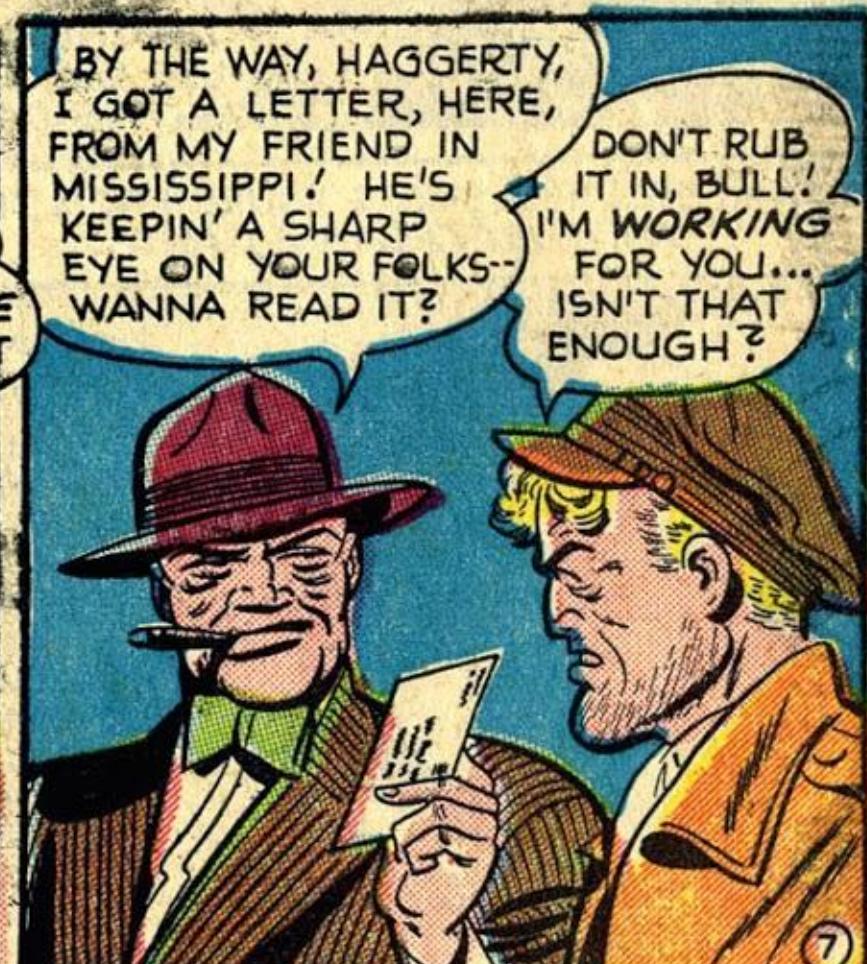
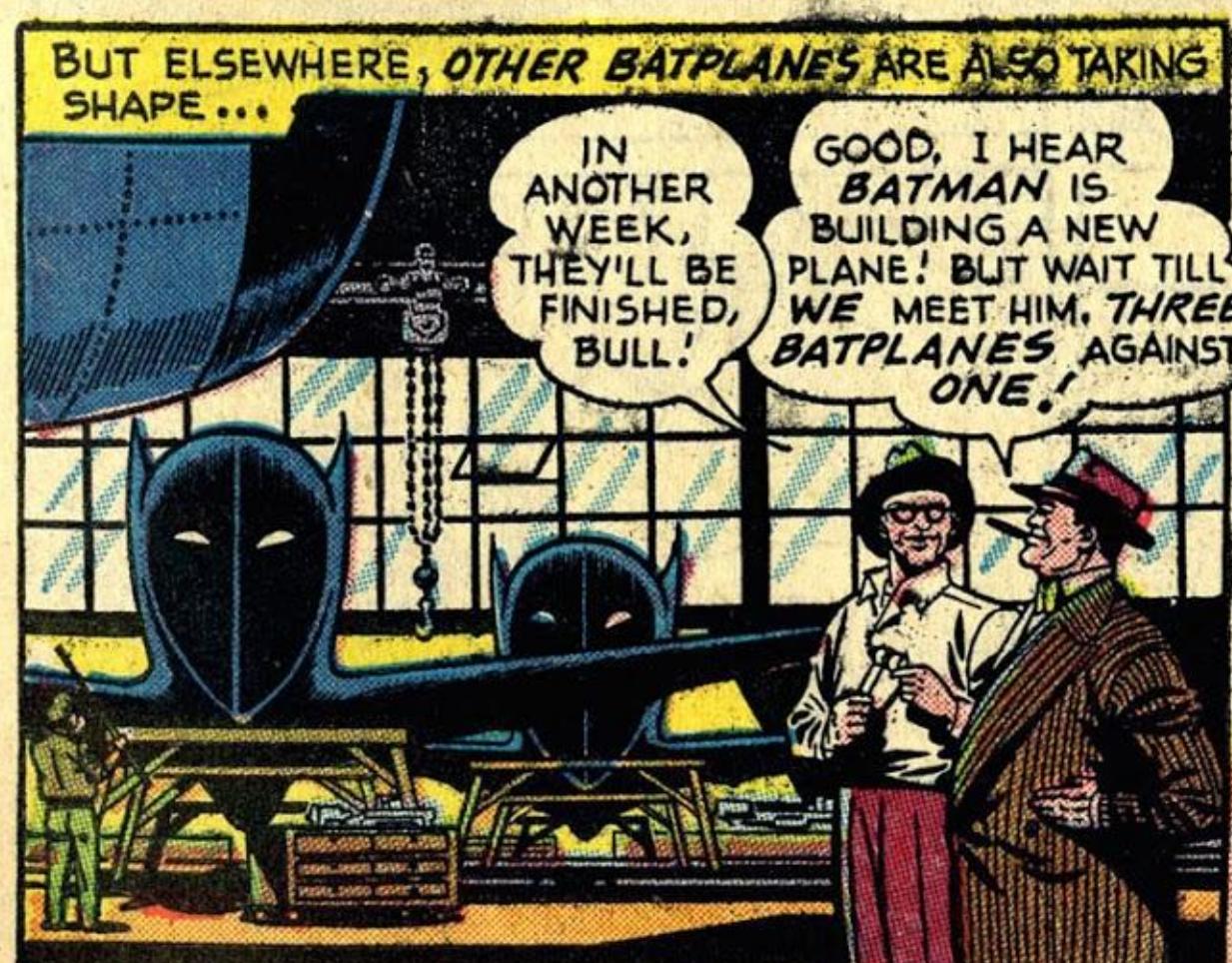
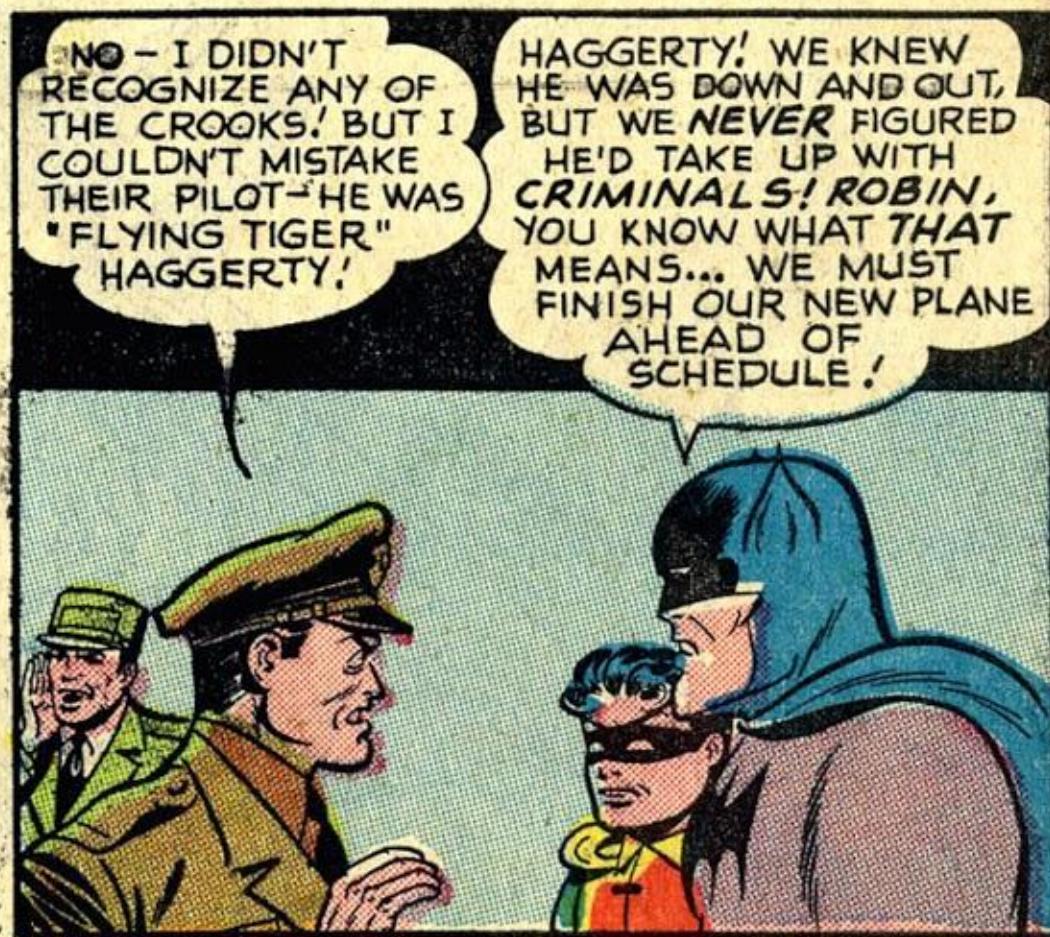
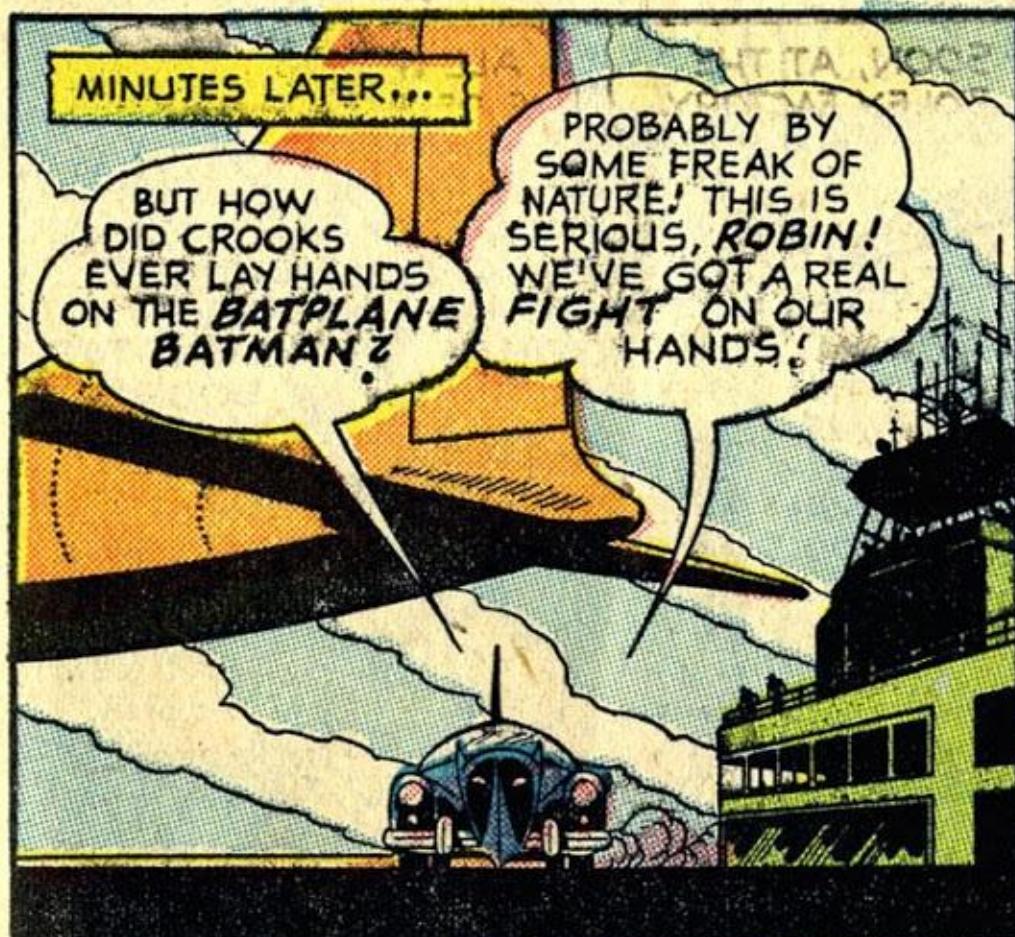
OKAY, HAGGERTY - TAKE OFF! AND DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OLD FOLKS DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI...

YEAH - WE GOT FRIENDS DOWN THERE! YOU PLAY BALL OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN!

YOU RATS!



# BATMAN



# BATMAN



DAYS LATER...

THERE IT IS, DICK—  
THE NEW  
**BATPLANE!**  
COMPLETE WITH  
JET-PROPULSION,  
TELEVISION,  
RADAR, CRIME  
LAB...

... "VACUUM  
BLANKET,"  
**BATMARINE,**  
EJECTORS, THE  
**BAT-BEAM**—GOSH,  
BRUCE—WE COULD  
GO ON AND  
ON!

ABRUPTLY...

FLASH! A **BATPLANE**,  
BELIEVED TO BE THE  
ONE IN POSSESSION OF  
CRIMINALS, HAS BEEN  
SIGHTED IN THE  
AIR, NORTH OF  
GOTHAM CITY...

WHAT?!  
WE  
DIDN'T  
FINISH A  
MOMENT TOO  
SOON!

DICK! IT'S  
TIME FOR  
**BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**  
TO TRY OUT  
THEIR NEW  
PLANE!

SUDDENLY, AS THE COLORFUL  
CRIME-BUSTERS APPROACH BULL'S  
PLANE...

SOON, IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY...

HERE COMES **BATMAN**,  
BULL! THIS COULD  
MEAN OUR  
FINISH!

HA-HA!  
NOT WITH  
DAVE AND  
SLATS  
HIDING IN  
THE CLOUDS  
ABOVE! REMEMBER—  
**BATMAN** DOESN'T  
USE GUNS—AND  
WE DO!

LOOK! THREE  
**BATPLANES**, AND THEY'RE  
FIRING HEAVY CANNON!

TOO MUCH FIRE-  
POWER EVEN FOR  
THIS PLANE,  
**ROBIN**!

WITHIN SECONDS, SMOKE POURS FROM THE  
**NEW BATPLANE**, AND...

NICE  
AIM, BOYS!  
YOU SET  
'EM AFIRE  
AND THEY'RE  
BAILING OUT.  
WHAT A  
TARGET  
THEY'LL MAKE,  
FLOATING DOWN TO  
EARTH!

IT'S MURDER,  
BULL! PLAIN  
COLD-BLOODED  
MURDER!

SO WHAT! HA-HA! THE NEW  
**BATPLANE** DIDN'T LAST  
LONG, DID IT? AND **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN** ARE SHOT  
FULL OF HOLES!

# BATMAN



BUT AS THE NEW BATPLANE HITS THE WATER AND CHANGES INTO THE BATMARINE ...

THOSE DUMMIES AND THE SMOKE BOMB WE RELEASED FOOLED THEM! I STILL HEAR THEM ON THE RADIO...THEY THINK WE'RE DEAD!

IT'S NO FUN TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, BUT IT'S OUR BEST STRATEGY! WE'LL DO BETTER TAKING THEM ONE AT A TIME!

THINKING US OUT OF THE WAY, THEY'LL PROBABLY FEEL THERE'S NO NEED TO COME OUT IN FORCE! THEY'LL STRIKE WITH ONE PLANE AT A TIME!

... AND THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL FALL INTO OUR TRAP!

NEXT DAY, AS THE LUXURY YACHT "TROY" CRUISES OFF-SHORE, WITH A GALA PARTY ABOARD...

LOOK--A BATPLANE! WHAT'S IT DOING? YOU READ THE PAPERS? A CROOK CONTROLS THAT PLANE NOW!

A MESSAGE FROM THAT PLANE, SIR! HE ORDERS US TO CHANGE COURSE -- TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE -- OR HE'LL SINK US WITH BOMBS OR CANNON!

WHY--THE PIRATE! THERE'S A FORTUNE ABOARD THIS VESSEL! HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT... RADIO FOR HELP!

BUT BEFORE A MESSAGE CAN BE SENT THROUGH...

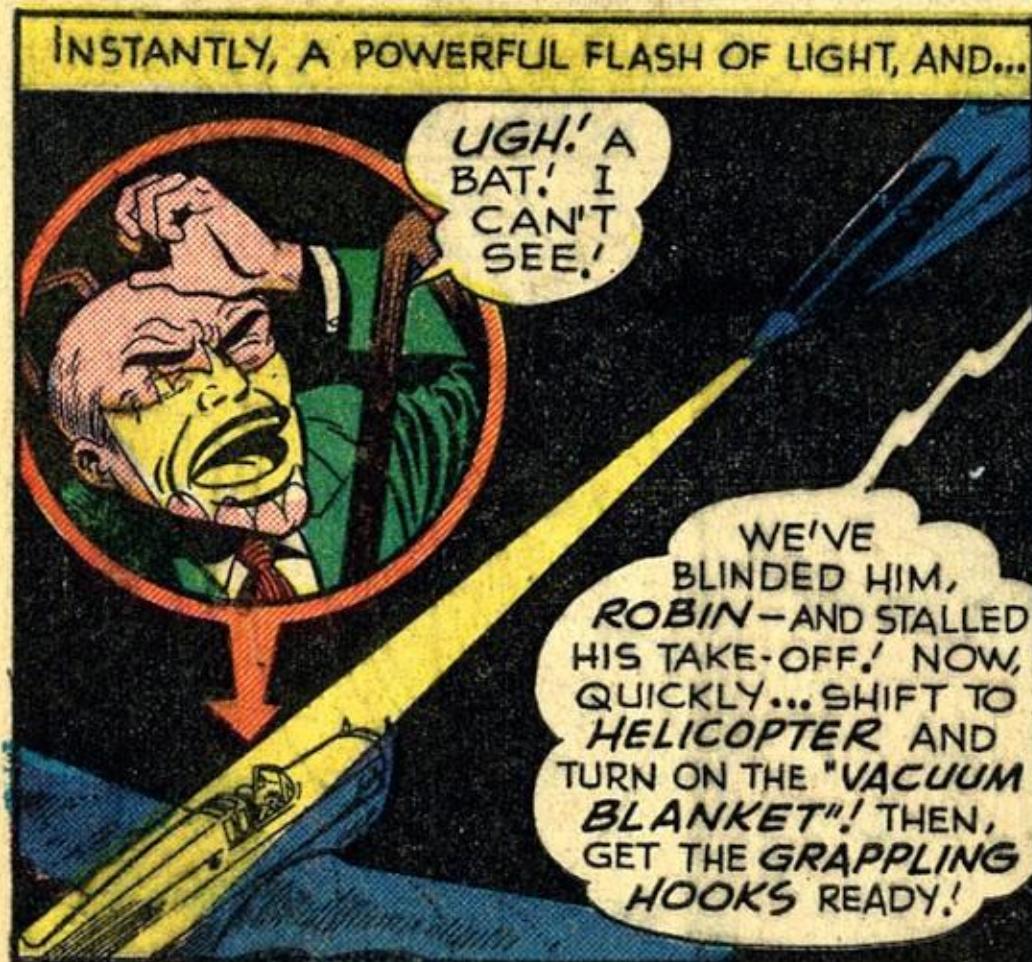
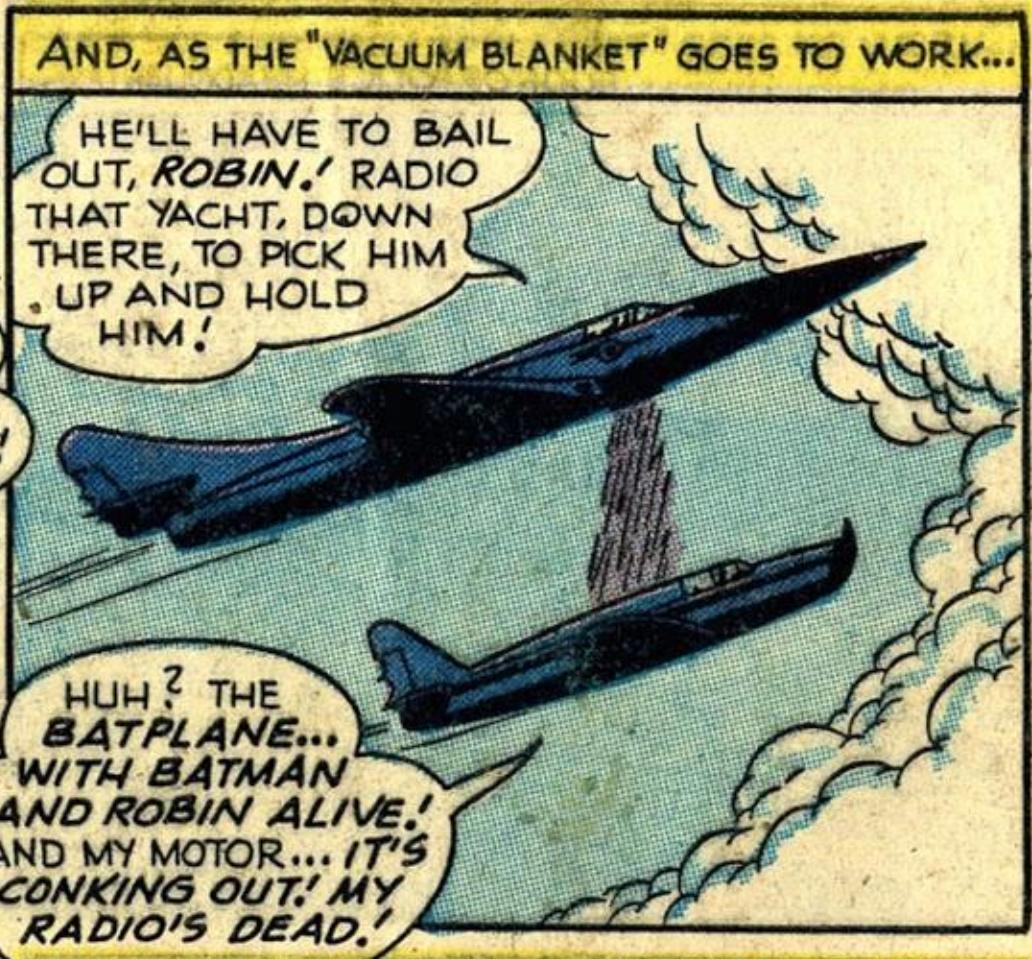
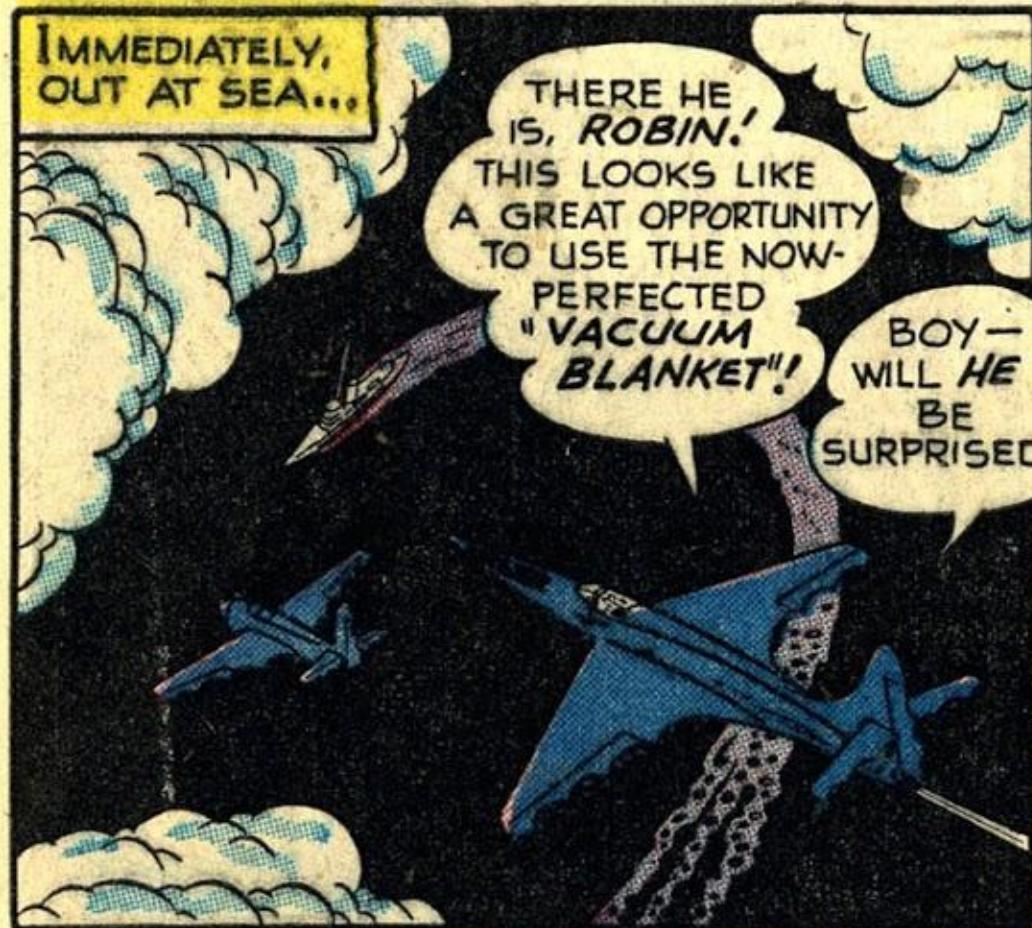
HE'S TUNED TO OUR RADIO CHANNEL, SIR! HE SAYS IF HE HEARS ONE PEEP OF AN SOS, HE'LL SINK US ON THE SPOT! GOOD GRIEF! HE MEANS BUSINESS, I CAN'T RISK THE LIVES OF MY PASSENGERS! WE'LL HAVE TO OBEY!

MEANWHILE, AS BRUCE AND DICK MAINTAIN A CONSTANT VIGIL BEFORE A HUGE RADAR SCREEN IN THE BATCAVE...

THERE IT IS... THE OUTLINE OF A BATPLANE! ACCORDING TO THE CO-ORDINATES, HE'S OUT AT SEA! COME ON-- TIME TO GET STARTED AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!

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THAT NIGHT, ON THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS-

A T-MAN IDENTIFIED THE TWO MEN YOU CAPTURED AS SLATS AND DAVE BOLEY! THEY'VE GOT A BROTHER, BULL, AT AN AIRCRAFT FACTORY NORTH OF HERE...

THAT'S OUR MAN... AND HAGGERTY'S UNDOUBTEDLY WITH HIM! THANKS, COMMISSIONER--LET'S GO, ROBIN!



MEANWHILE, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

THEY GOT MY BROTHERS--BUT THEY AIN'T GETTIN' ME! C'MON, HAGGERTY--YOU'RE FLYIN' ME TO MEXICO!



ABRUPTLY...

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, BULL! WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN JAIL, WHO'S GOING TO TIP OFF YOUR FRIENDS IN MISSISSIPPI, NOW THAT I'M NOT PLAYING BALL ANYMORE?



SECONDS LATER...

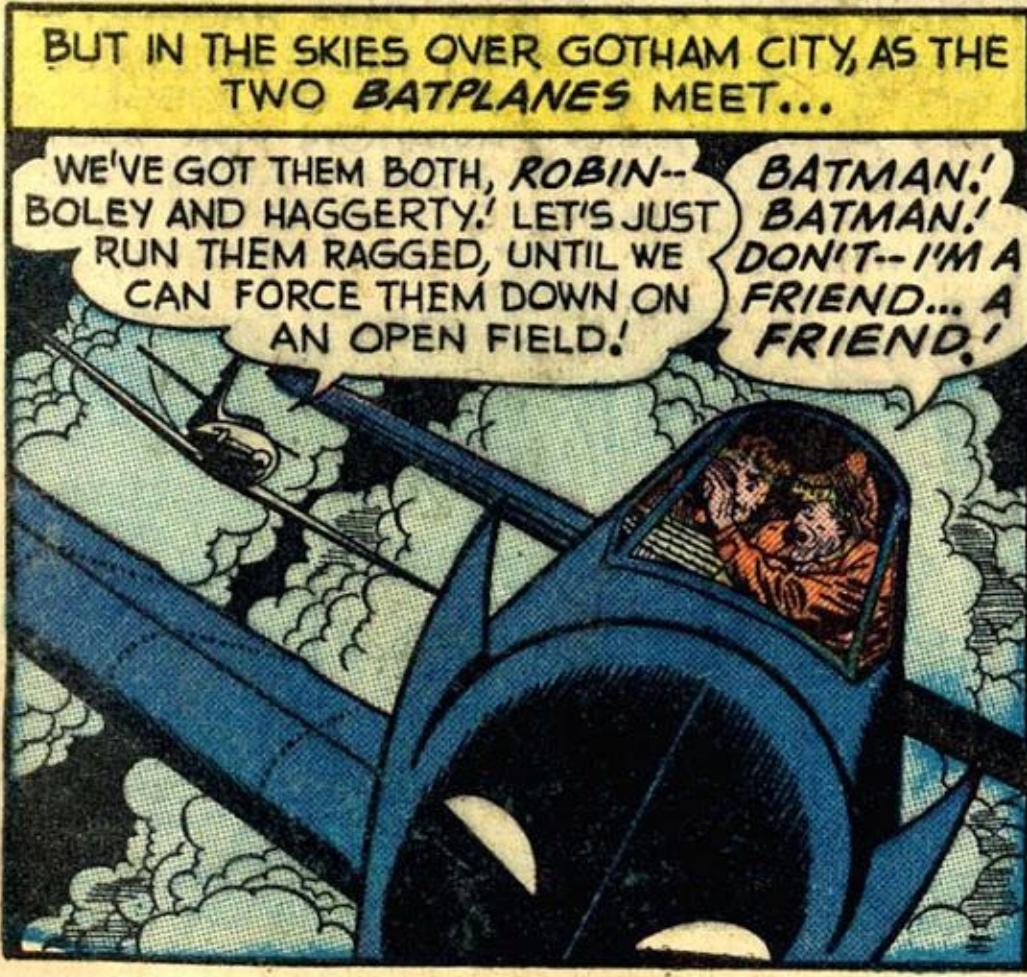
WHAT A PLEASURE IT'LL BE TO TURN YOU OVER TO BATMAN, YOU RAT!



BUT IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY, AS THE TWO BATPLANES MEET...

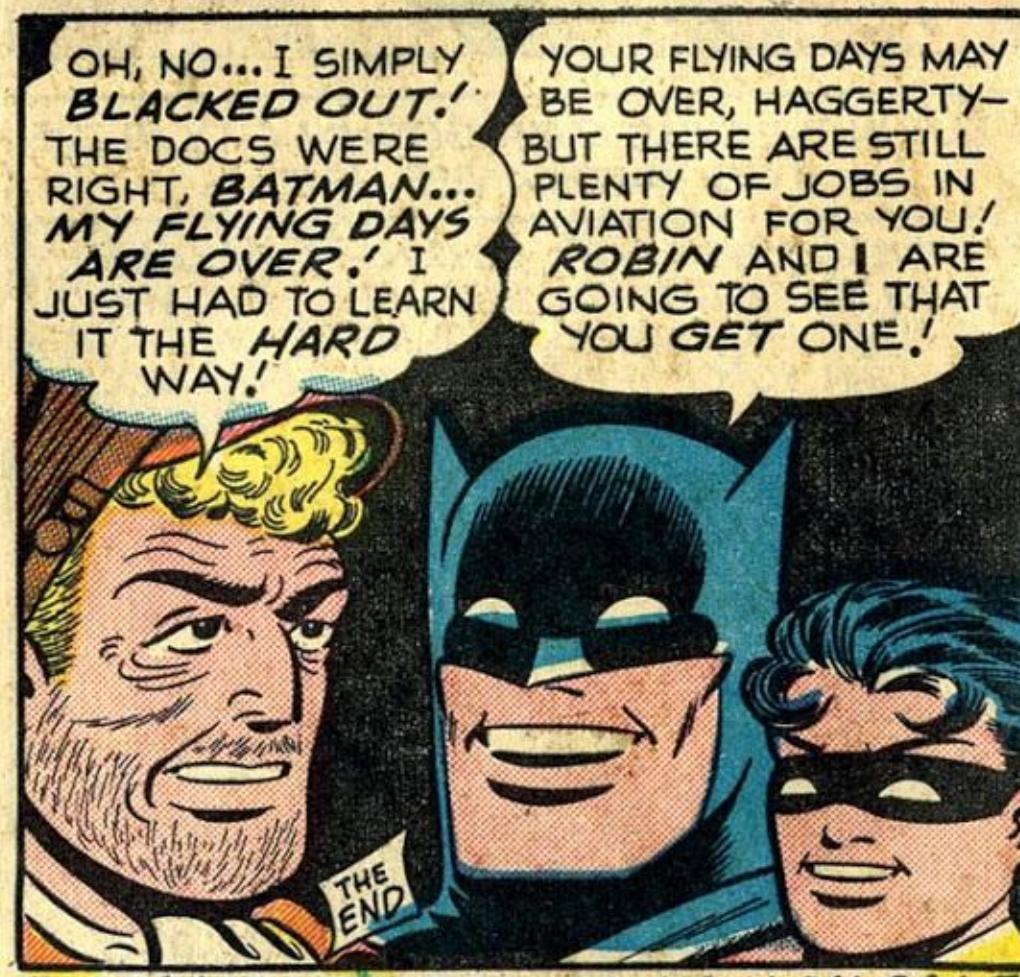
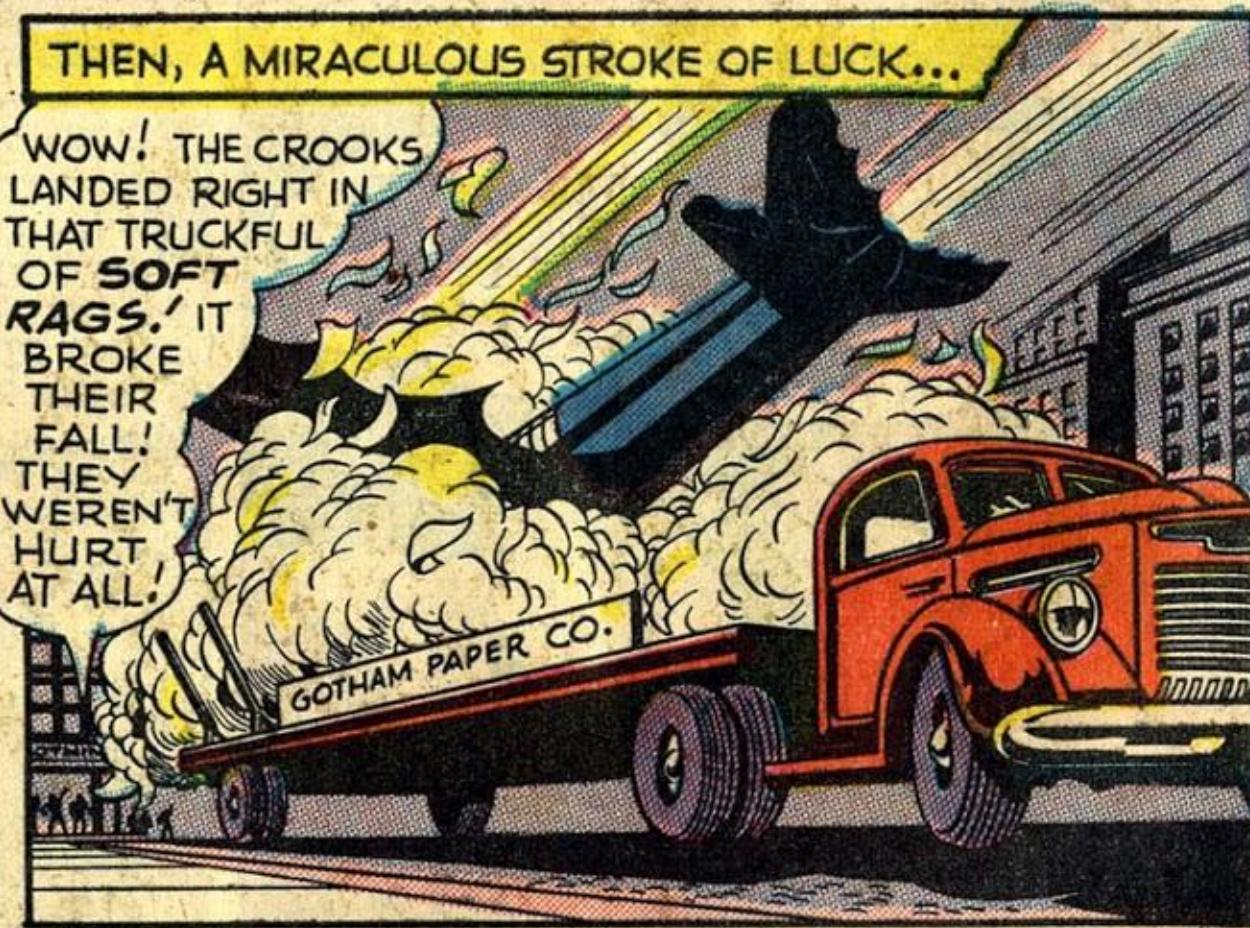
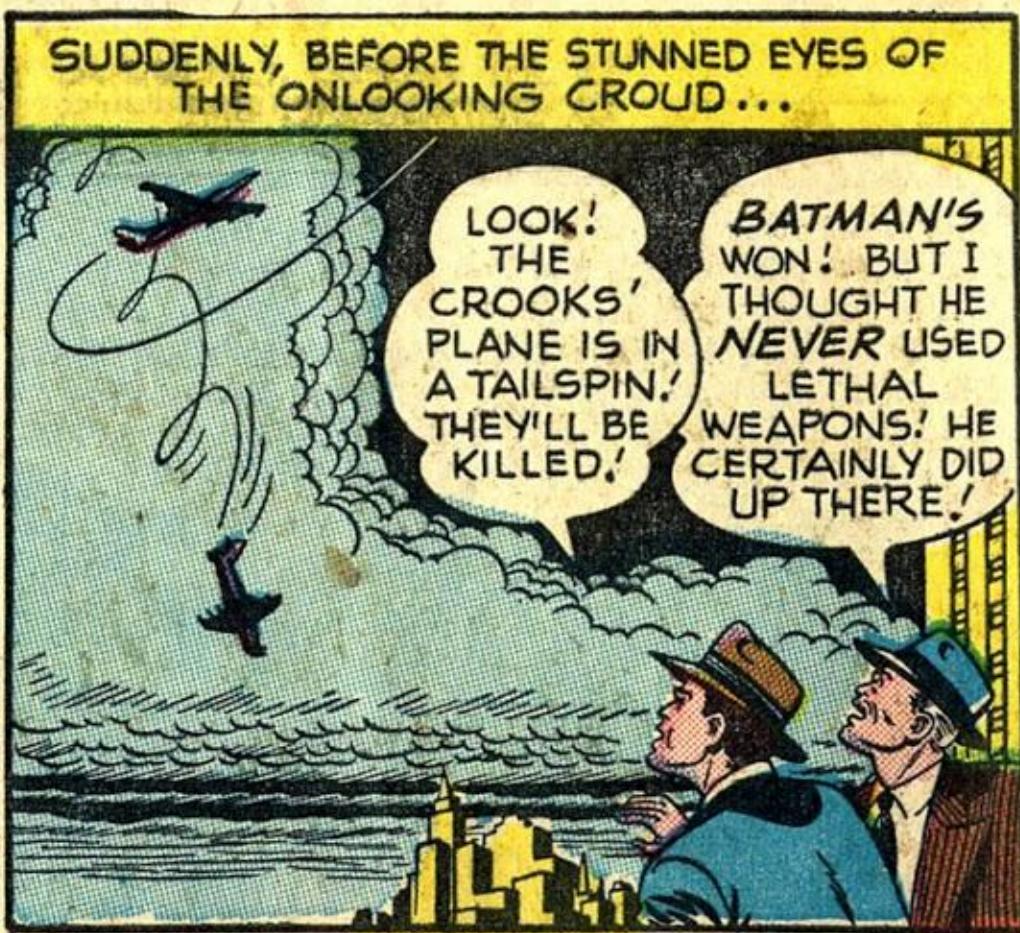
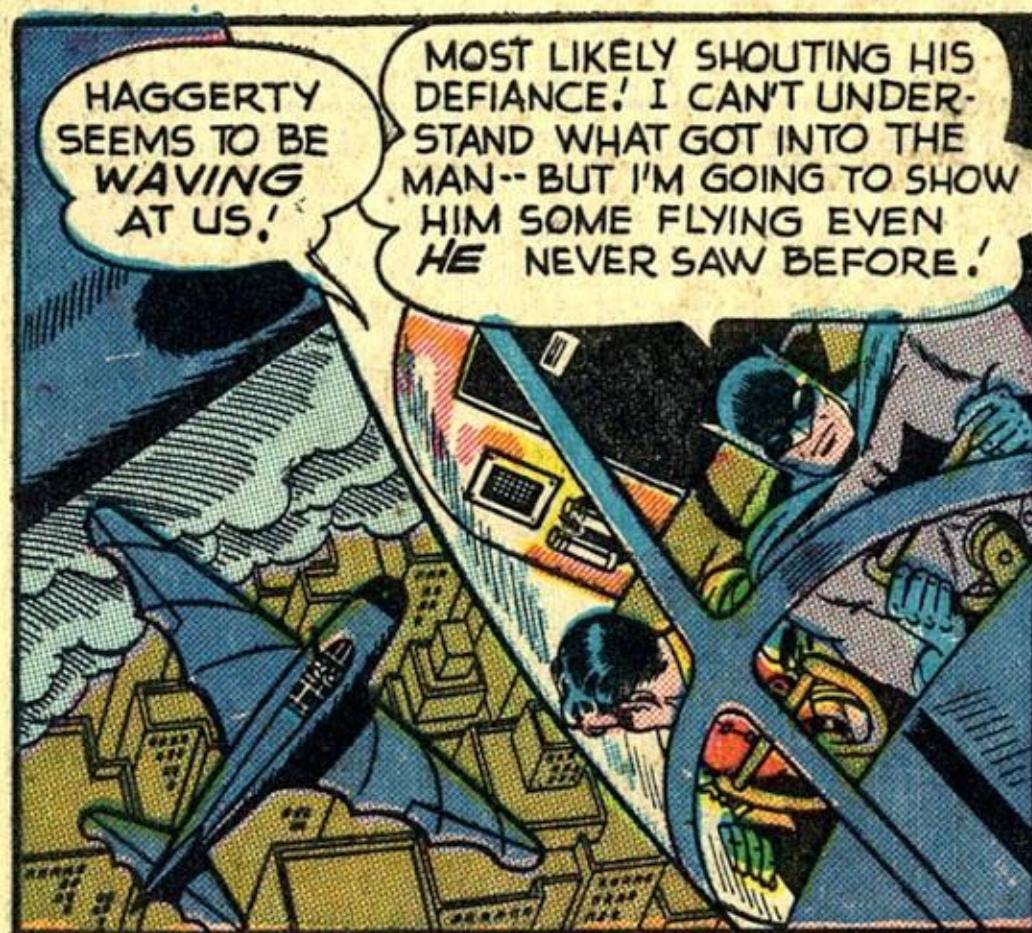
WE'VE GOT THEM BOTH, ROBIN--BOLEY AND HAGGERTY! LET'S JUST RUN THEM RAGGED, UNTIL WE CAN FORCE THEM DOWN ON AN OPEN FIELD!

BATMAN! BATMAN! DON'T--I'M A FRIEND... A FRIEND!



BOY--WATCH BATMAN FLY RINGS AROUND THOSE CROOKS! AND REMEMBER--BATMAN USES NO LETHAL WEAPONS!

I CAN'T SET THIS PLANE DOWN HERE--AND I CAN'T BAIL OUT WITH BULL TIED UP BESIDE ME... THAT WOULD BE MURDER!



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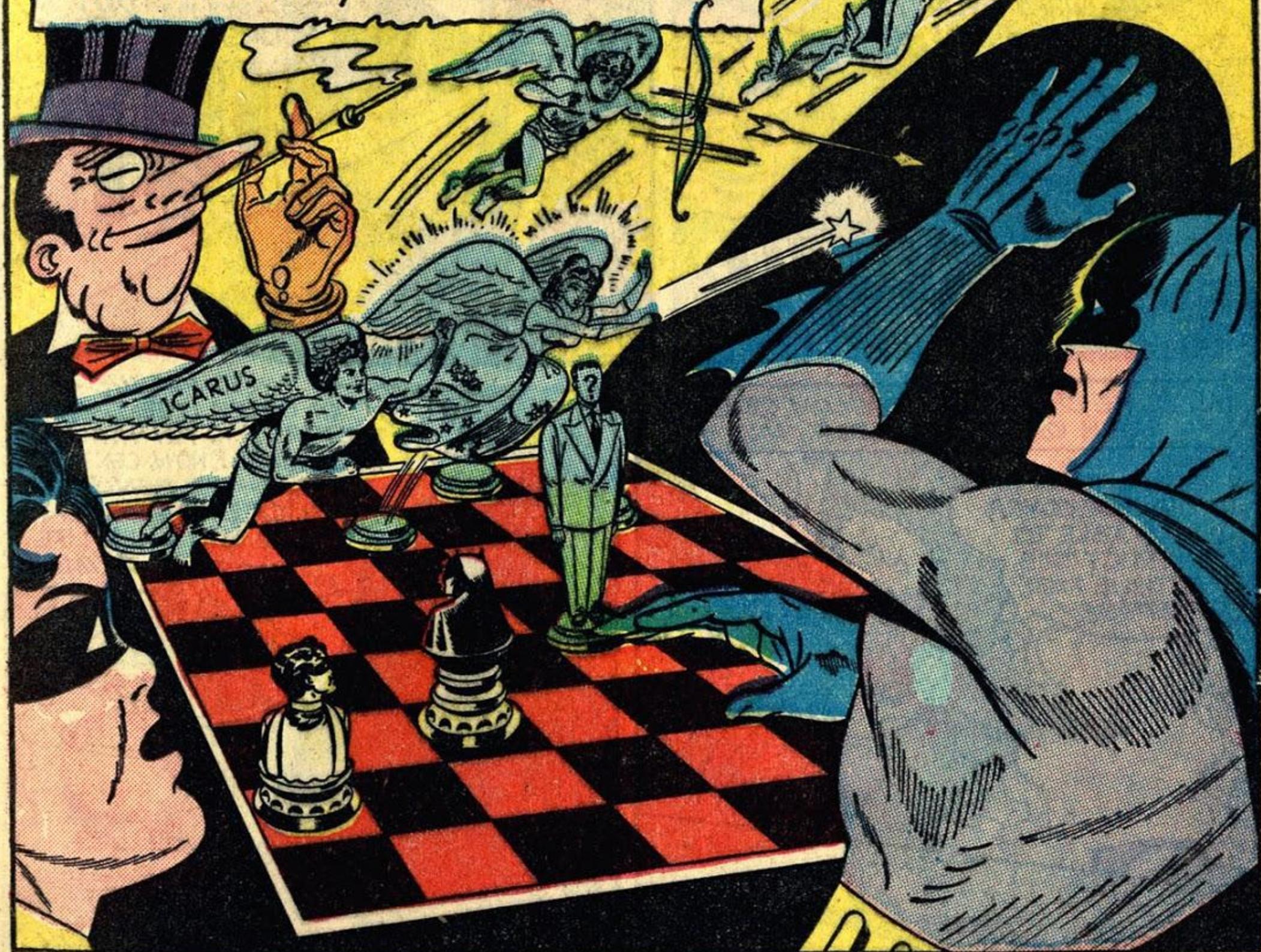
- THE BOY WONDER -

ONCE AGAIN, THE PENGUIN,  
THAT DROLL LITTLE CROOK  
WHO USES UMBRELLAS AND  
BIRDS FOR CRIME, RETURNS  
FOR A NEW DUEL OF WITS,  
WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN!

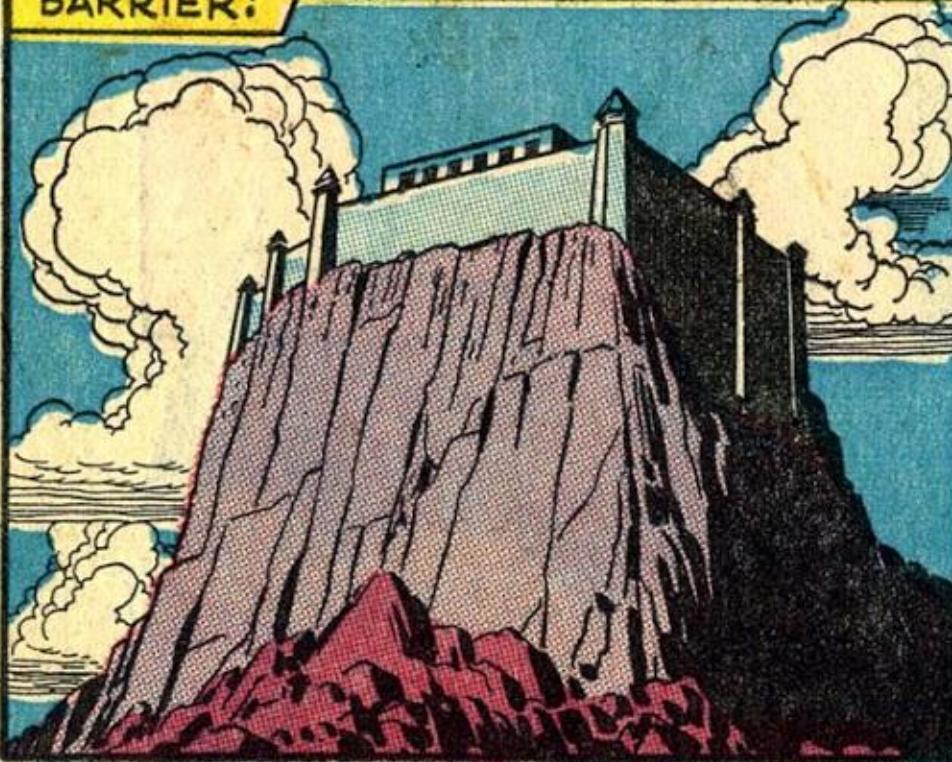
ONLY THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS,  
HIS PARTNERS IN CRIME ARE PEOPLE... FAMOUS  
WINGED PEOPLE OF HISTORY AND LEGEND! HOW DO  
ICARUS, MERCURY, CUPID AND EVEN CINDERELLA'S  
FAIRY GODMOTHER FIGURE IN THE BIRDLIKE BANDIT'S  
LATEST PLOT? READ ON, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF,  
AS BATMAN TRIES TO SOLVE...

"The MYSTERY of the WINGED PEOPLE!"

BOB  
KANE



ATOP A STEEP CLIFF, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, STANDS SUMMIT PENITENTIARY--ESCAPE-PROOF BECAUSE OF ITS NATURAL BARRIER!



ONE PEEVED INMATE IS THAT OILY BIRD OF CRIME--THE PENGUIN!



TOO BAD YOU CAN'T GET ONE O' YOUR WINGED PALS TO **FLY** YOU OFF THIS ROCK, EH, BIRD-BRAIN? AH, YOU LAUGH--BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PLAN TO DO!

HUH?  
YOU MUST'VE GONE  
**STIR-CRAZY,**  
PENGUIN!



AND ONE DAY, ABOUT A WEEK LATER...



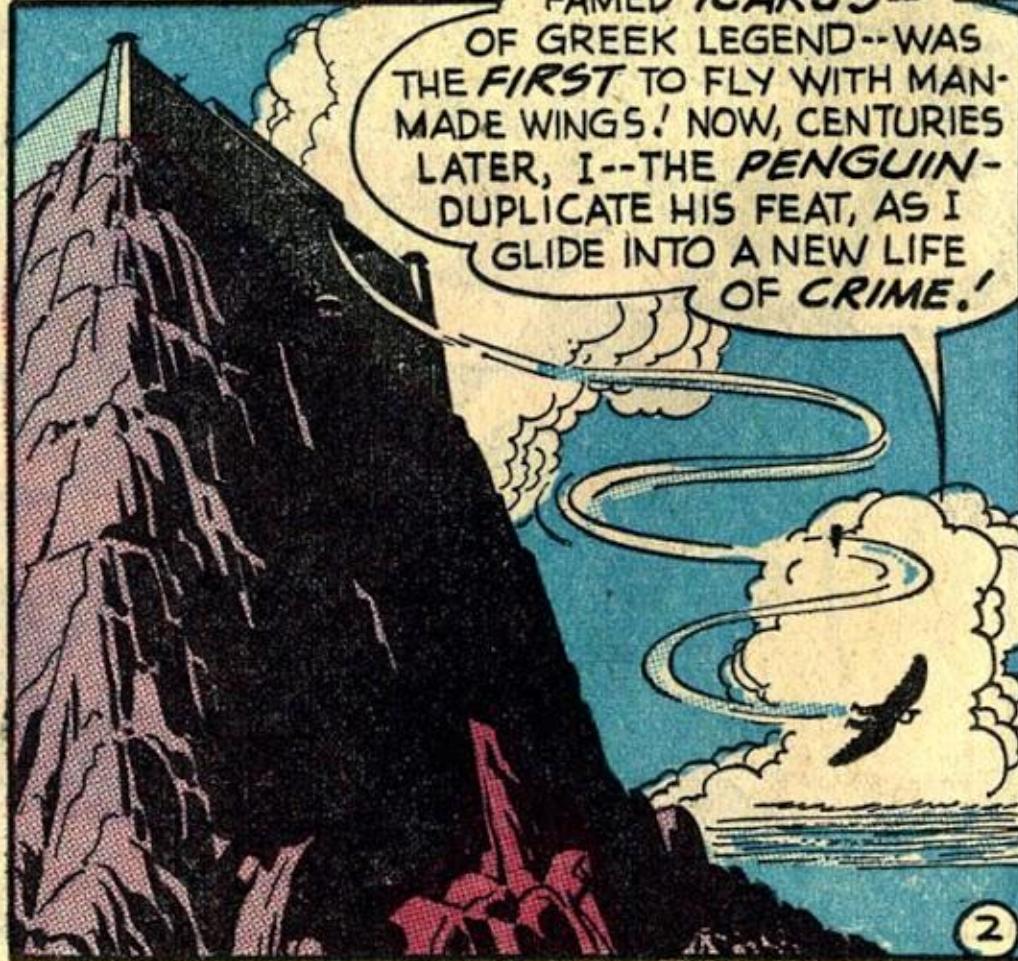
BUT AS HE LEAPS, THE PENGUIN RELEASES A CATCH ON HIS SHOULDER, AND--

HA, HA...THANKS TO THE WORKSHOP, I WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT THIS BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF WINGS!

CLICK!



FAMED **ICARUS**-- OF GREEK LEGEND--WAS THE **FIRST** TO FLY WITH MAN-MADE WINGS! NOW, CENTURIES LATER, I--THE PENGUIN--DUPLICATE HIS FEAT, AS I GLIDE INTO A NEW LIFE OF **CRIME!**

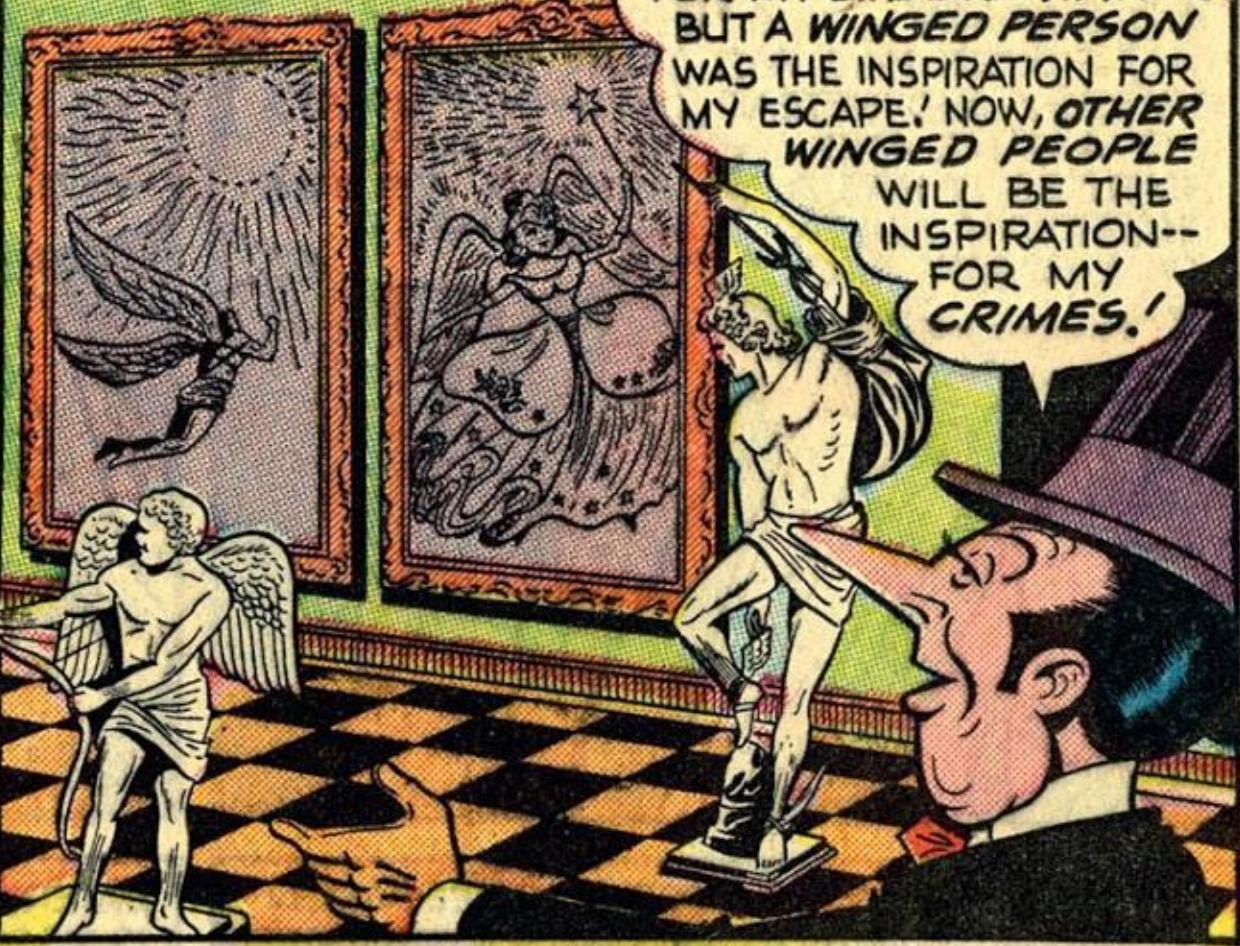


LATER, WHEN THE JAUNTY PENGUIN REACHES HIS BIZARRE HIDEAWAY...

GREETINGS, PAL PELICAN! AH, SING JOYOUSLY, LITTLE NIGHTINGALE--YOUR MASTER IS HOME!



AND IN ANOTHER ROOM...



AFTERWARD, AT THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

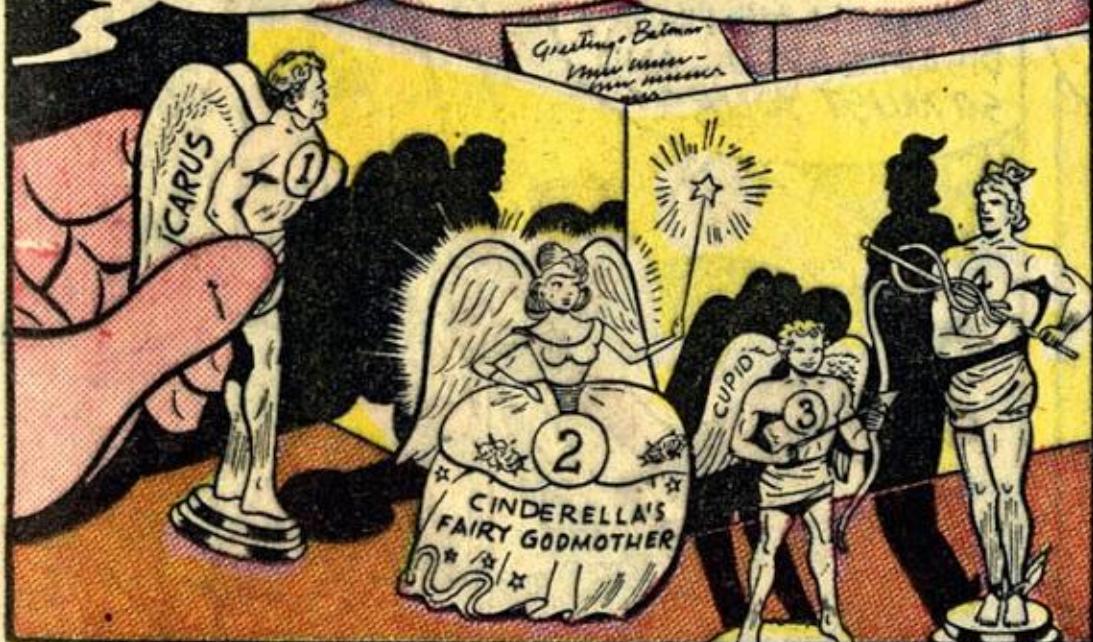


SWITCHING TO THEIR FAMED COLORFUL COSTUMES, BRUCE AND DICK SOON PLUMMET TO THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN...



WHEN BATMAN OPENS THE PACKAGE...

I DON'T GET IT... SMALL STATUETTES... LIKE CHESS PIECES! NOTICE, ALL OF THEM ARE WINGED! THERE'S MERCURY, CUPID, CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER, ICARUS... AND ALL OF THEM ARE NUMBERED!



AND A NOTE READS...

Greetings, Batman:  
I challenge you to a game of "chess", with these pieces! I've already made my first move, with Scarus... My second move will be with the Fairy Godmother. Can you block that move and checkmate my Winged People Crimes? Start thinking...

LATER, BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

BUT, BATMAN ... THIS LAST FIGURE HAS NO WINGS! AND INSTEAD OF A NAME AND FEATURES, IT HAS A QUESTION MARK ON A BLANK FACE!

STRANGE! HOW CAN SOMEONE WITHOUT WINGS BELONG IN THE WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES?

IT'S QUITE A MYSTERY... BUT RIGHT NOW, OUR PROBLEM IS TO OUT-THINK THE PENGUIN ON HIS NEXT MOVE WITH THIS WINGED PERSON!



AT THAT MOMENT, ON A POPULAR TELEVISION "GIVEAWAY" SHOW...

SUSAN HOGARTH, TYPIST, I, THE PROGRAM'S "FAIRY GODMOTHER" CHOOSE YOU AS "CINDERELLA FOR A NIGHT"! I WAVE MY "MAGIC WAND" AND BEHOLD... YOU SHALL BE GARBED IN FINERY!

OH... AN ERMINE WRAP, AN EVENING GOWN, JEWELS... OH-MY...

LATER, AS PART OF HER PRIZE, "CINDERELLA" IS ESCORTED TO A NIGHT CLUB, AND AFTERWARD...

IT'S MIDNIGHT, MY DEAR--TIME TO LEAVE THE PARTY! HERE IS YOUR DRIVER AND PUMPKIN COACH AWAITING YOUR COMMAND!

The  
**GLASS SLIPPER**

OH, IT'S BEEN LIKE A FAIRY TALE COME TRUE!

SUDDENLY...

**SLAM**

EEEK!  
WH-WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?  
I'M FLYING...  
CAN'T STOP  
MYSELF!

THEN, IN THE CONFUSION, AS THE "FAIRY" DANGLES HELPLESSLY...

HA, HA! AT EXACTLY MIDNIGHT THE STORYBOOK CINDERELLA'S FINERY DISAPPEARED... AND SO MUST YOURS!

**SLIPPER**

HELP...  
GET ME  
DOWN...  
HELP!



BUT AS THE PENGUIN DRIVES OFF...

THOSE METAL WINGS CERTAINLY "FLEW" RIGHT UP TO THE ELECTRO-MAGNET I RIGGED INSIDE THAT NEON SIGN! HA, HA! GIDDYAP, PEGASUS!

THERE HE GOES, ROBIN! QUICK... AFTER HIM!

"CINDERELLA" AND "FAIRY GOD-MOTHER"—AN EASY CLUE TO TRACK DOWN, PUDGY!

BAH! NOW, I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE MY BAG OF LOOT BEHIND... I'LL NEED BOTH HANDS FOR MY ESCAPE!

THE PENGUIN LEAPS—AND FROM HIS TRICK UMBRELLA, A SHARP BLADE FLASHES DOWN ONCE... TWICE... AND...

HE'S CUT THE TRACES!

NOW, PEGASUS—LET'S FLY!

SHALL WE JUMP?

NO... NOT UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THE COACH DOESN'T RUN INTO A CAR OR PEDESTRIAN!

AS THE SWAYING COACH CATAPULTS WILDLY, ROBIN ARCHES HIS AGILE BODY AND HANGS, HEAD DOWN...

CAN YOU REACH THE STEERING BOARD NOW?

GOT IT! BUT THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY!

SLOWLY, STEADILY, THE BOY WONDER'S STRONG HANDS FIGHT THE SPINNING WHEELS, GUIDING THEM TOWARD A WALL, WHERE ...

REMIND ME TO THANK THE PENGUIN--HIS WHIP MADE A FINE LASSO!

**CRASH!**

AND WHEN BATMAN RETURNS "CINDERELLA'S" FINERY, HE GETS HIS REWARD!

ONLY ONE THING WAS MISSING FROM MY "CINDERELLA" STORY-- YOU--MY PRINCE CHARMING!

**ULP!**

HEH,  
HEH!

PRESENTLY, IN THE BATCAVE ...

WELL, WE FIGURED OUT THAT CRIME, EASILY!

BUT WE'RE STILL STALEMATED OVER THIS WINGLESS PERSON! IF THE PENGUIN'S CRIMES CONCERN WINGED PEOPLE, HOW DOES THIS PIECE FIT?

OH WELL... NO USE CONCENTRATING ON PUZZLES WHILE THE PENGUIN'S PLOTTING ANOTHER CRIME! WE'VE GOT TO AVERT HIS NEXT MOVE... AND THIS IS IT--THE CUPID!



NEXT DAY...

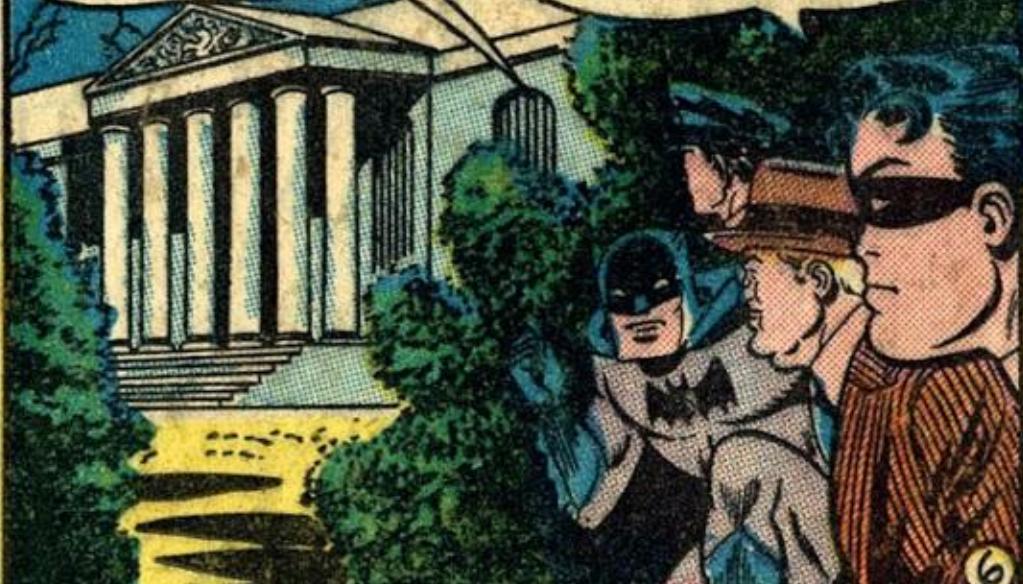
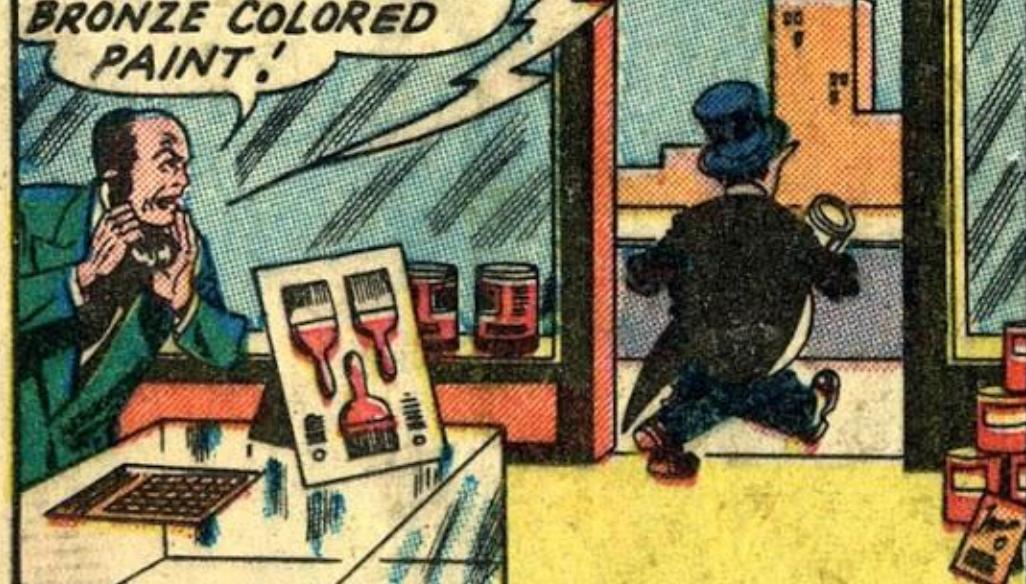
HELLO, POLICE DEPARTMENT? THIS IS ROBER'S PAINT SHOP! THE PENGUIN JUST LEFT MY STORE... HE BOUGHT A CAN OF BRONZE COLORED PAINT!

WHAT!

THANKS, MR. ROBER... WE'LL ALERT BATMAN IMMEDIATELY!

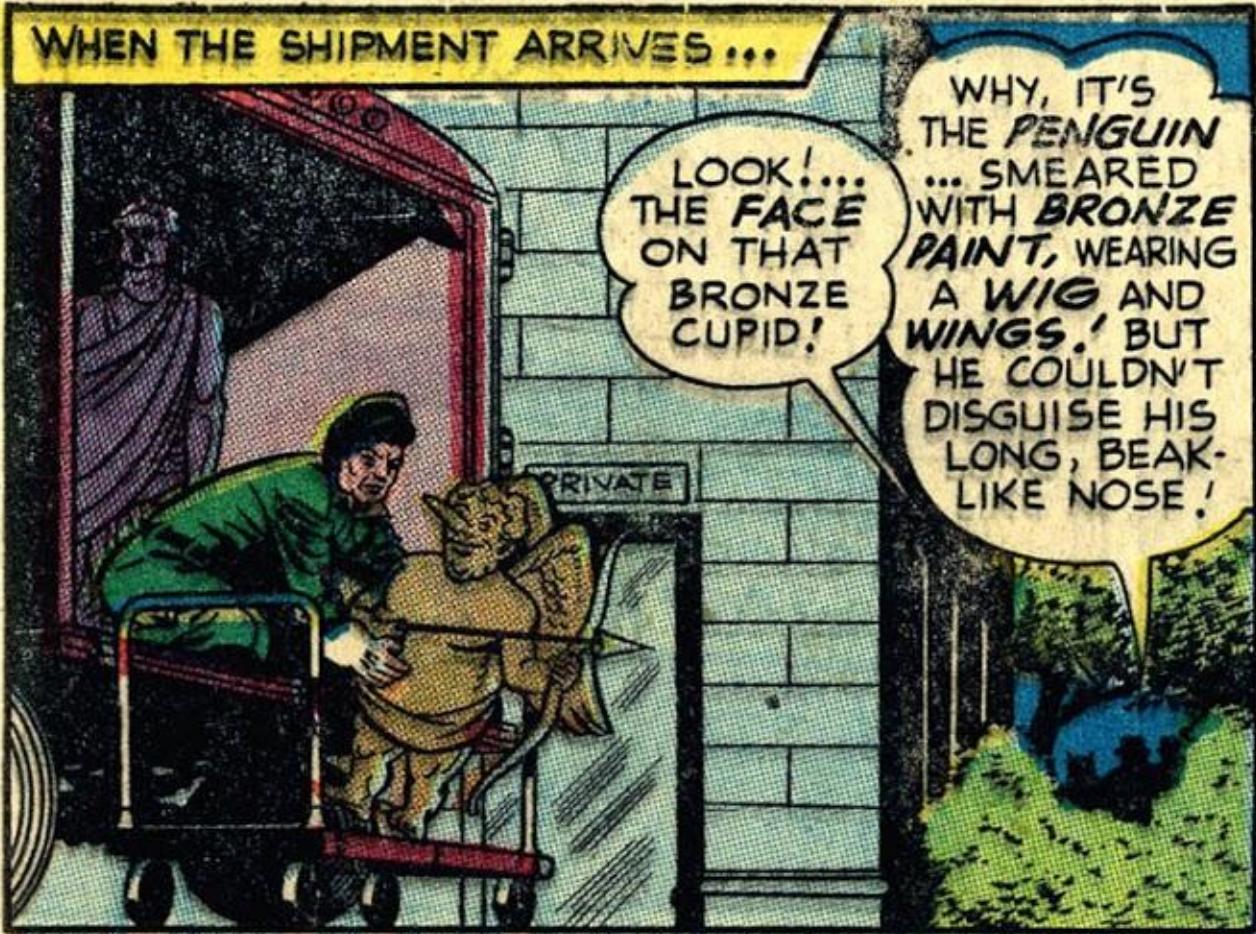
LATER, AT THE GOTHAM ART MUSEUM...

THE MUSEUM'S EXPECTING A SHIPMENT OF SCULPTURES, AND AMONG THEM IS A BRONZE STATUE OF CUPID! WHICH MEANS THE PENGUIN IS BOUND TO COME AFTER IT! WE'LL HIDE IN THESE BUSHES TILL HE SHOWS UP!





WHEN THE SHIPMENT ARRIVES ...



YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, BATMAN! BY POSING AS A STATUE, THE PENGUIN'S GETTING HIMSELF WHEELED INTO THE MUSEUM'S STOREROOM OF VALUABLE ART!

WE'LL TRAP HIM INSIDE, SIR!

AS THE SHIPMENT REACHES THE STOREROOM, A SIGNAL IS GIVEN, THEN ...

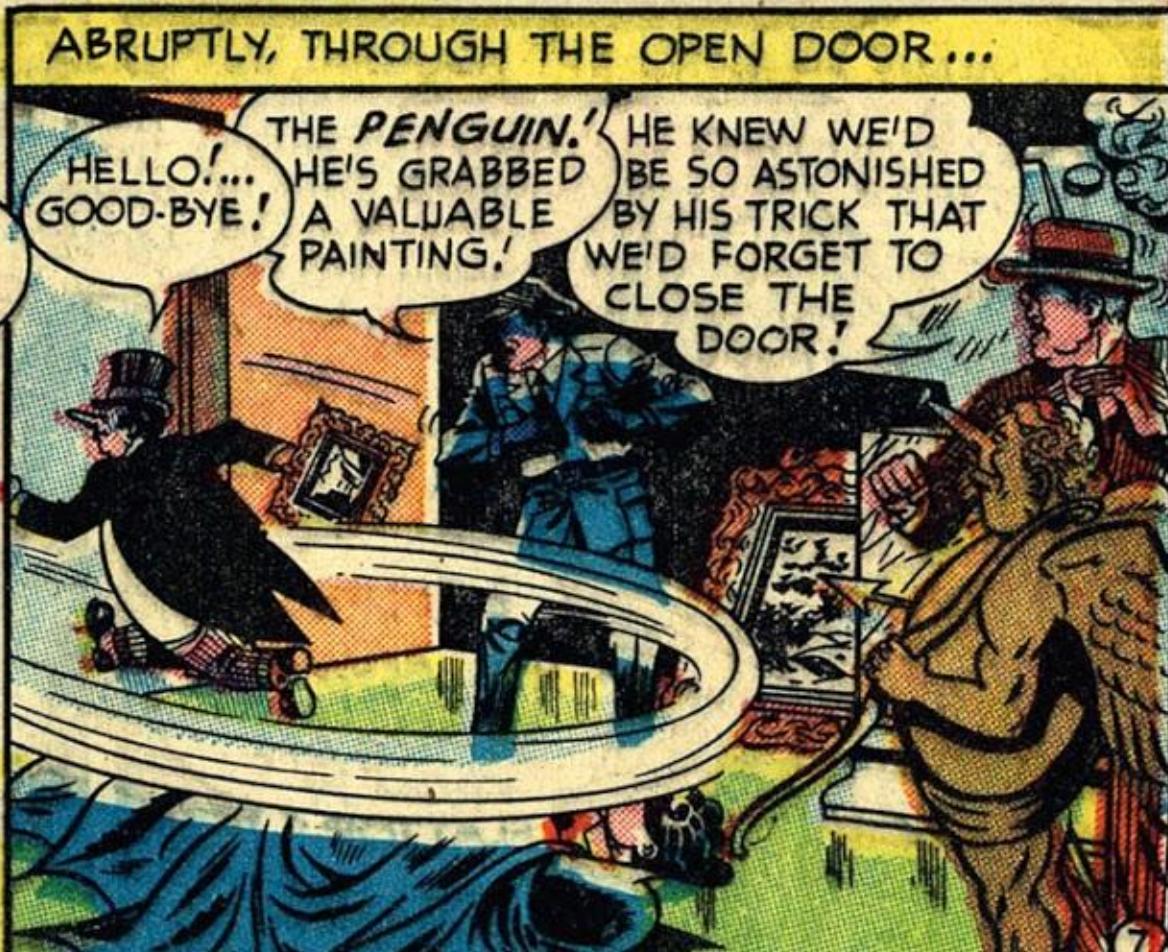


TH-THEY'RE KNOCKED OUT!?! NO WONDER! THEY SMACKED INTO REAL BRONZE! THE PENGUIN TRICKED US! HE CAST THIS SCULPTURE WITH HIS FEATURES, AND HE DELIBERATELY LET HIMSELF BE SEEN BUYING BRONZE PAINT SO THAT WE'D MAKE THIS MISTAKE!



ABRUPTLY, THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR ...

HELLO!... GOOD-BYE! THE PENGUIN! HE'S GRABBED A VALUABLE PAINTING! HE KNEW WE'D BE SO ASTONISHED BY HIS TRICK THAT WE'D FORGET TO CLOSE THE DOOR!



# BATMAN



LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER..

THE PENGUIN GOT AWAY AGAIN, BATMAN!

WELL, HE TRICKED US THIS TIME, BUT WON'T ANYMORE! HIS NEXT WINGED PEOPLE CRIME INVOLVES THE GREEK IDOL, MERCURY... WE MUST BE READY FOR IT!



NEXT DAY, AT GOTHAM CITY STADIUM...

I'VE GOT THE STADIUM SURROUNDED, BATMAN! THE PENGUIN MAY GET IN, BUT HE'LL NEVER GET OUT!

THE TRAP SHOULD WORK, IF HE STRIKES HERE! BUT MIND YOU, I SAID 'IF'!

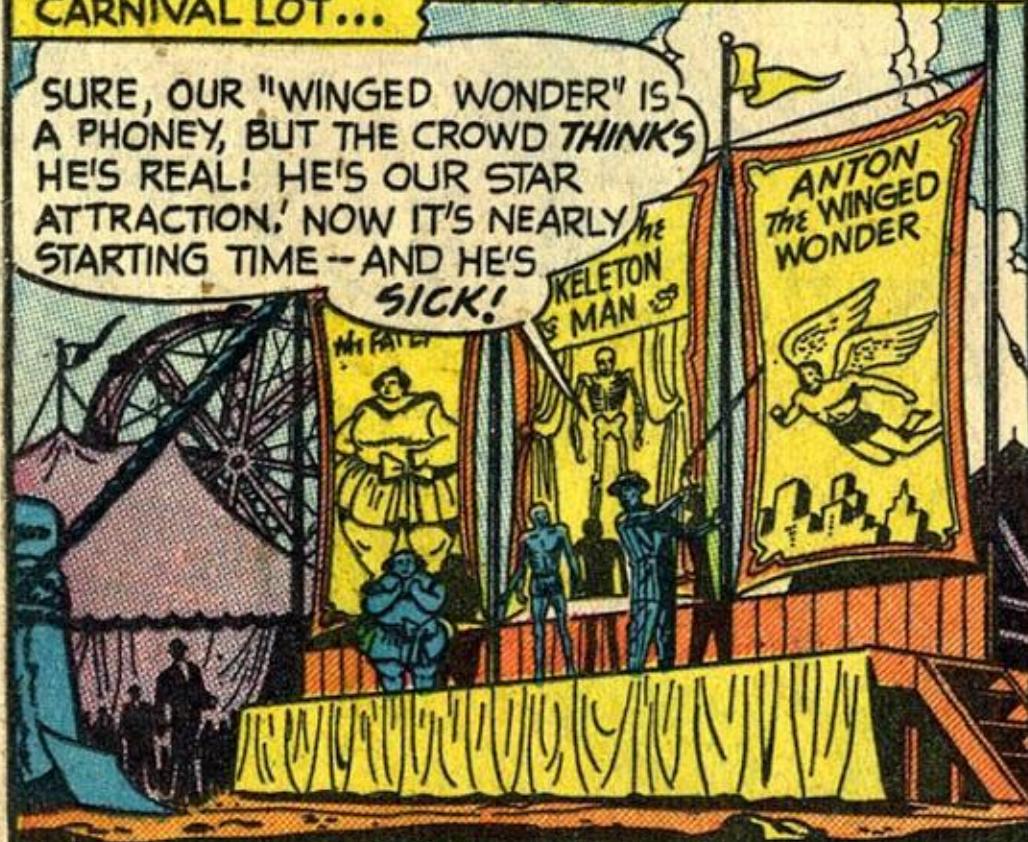


WHILE ELSEWHERE, AT A SIDESHOW ON AN OPEN CARNIVAL LOT...

SURE, OUR "WINGED WONDER" IS A PHONEY, BUT THE CROWD THINKS HE'S REAL! HE'S OUR STAR ATTRACTION, NOW IT'S NEARLY STARTING TIME -- AND HE'S SICK!

KELTON THE MAN

ANTON THE WINGED WONDER

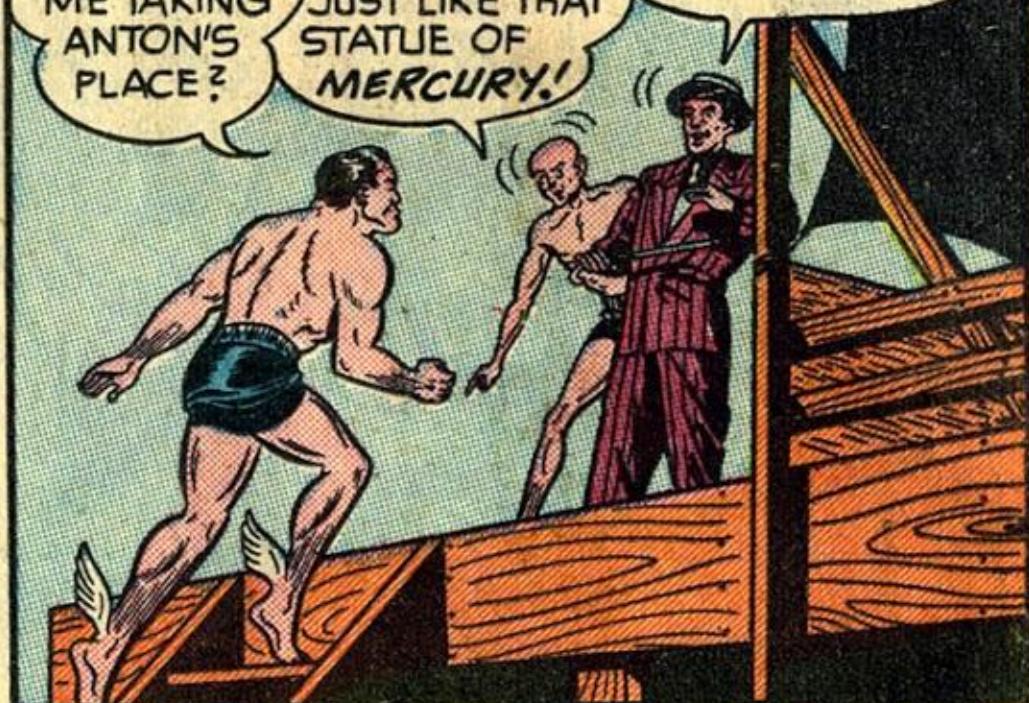


JUST THEN...

HOW ABOUT ME TAKING ANTON'S PLACE?

LOOK! HE'S GOT WINGS ON HIS FEET... JUST LIKE THAT STATUE OF MERCURY!

IMPOSSIBLE! THOSE WINGS MUST BE PHONEY... LIKE ANTON'S!



OH, YEAH? THINK A PHONEY COULD DO THIS?



HEY! THE PAYROLL MONEY!

GULP! HE'S FLYING... LIKE A PLANE TAKING OFF FROM A FLATTOP!

AS EVERYBODY RUSHES OUT TO VIEW THE SIGHT, INCLUDING THE PAYMASTER...

PAYMASTER

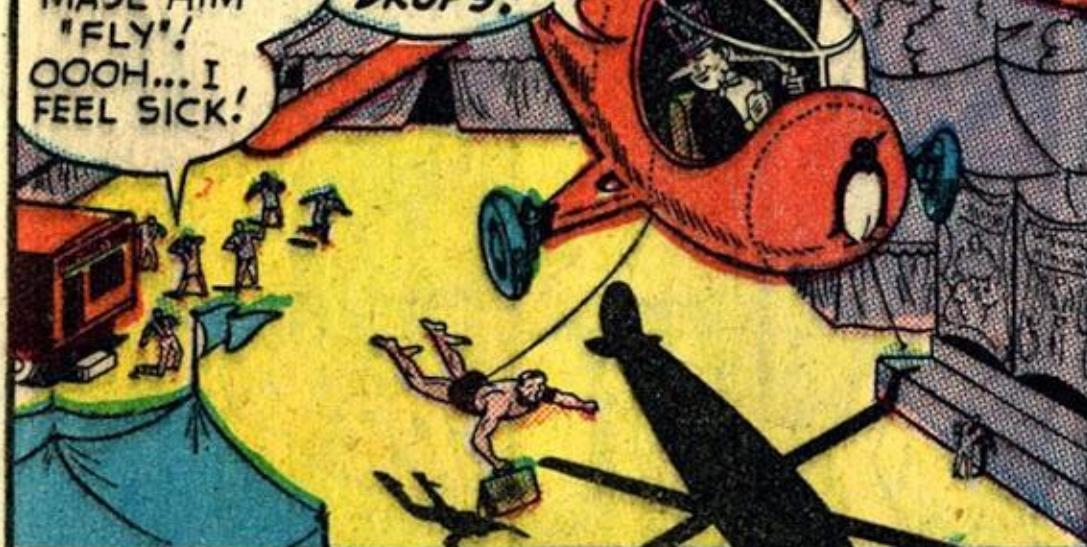
THANKS, CHUMP! THE BOSS FIGURED YOU'D LEAVE THIS PLACE WIDE OPEN FOR EASY PICKINGS!



AND ONLY THEN IS THE TRICK REVEALED...

THOSE "WINGS" WERE PHONEY! THAT WIRE, ATTACHED TO A HELICOPTER, MADE HIM "FLY"! OOOH... I FEEL SICK!

YOU LOOK ALMOST AS SICK AS YOUR "WINGED WONDER" AFTER I GARNISHED HIS LUNCH WITH KNOCKOUT DROPS!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, WHEN NEWS OF THE CRIME REACHES BATMAN...

WELL, ROBIN... THIS WINGLESS FIGURE IS OUR LAST CLUE TO STOPPING THE PENGUIN! BUT HOW DOES IT FIT INTO THE WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES? WHOM DOES IT REPRESENT?

HMM... I HAVE ONE IDEA--



A PILOT! WHEN A PILOT GETS HIS FLYING LICENSE, HE'S SAID TO BE GETTING HIS "WINGS"!

YES, THAT MIGHT BE IT! BUT THEN-- I WONDER...



SAY, IT'S NEARLY 8 O'CLOCK! THEY'RE EXPECTING ME AT THE LOCAL ROBIN FAN CLUB! IT'S THE CLUB'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY!

GO AHEAD, ROBIN... I'LL MEET YOU LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS! RIGHT NOW, I WANT TO PONDER OVER THAT WINGLESS FIGURE!



SOON, AT THE ROBIN FAN CLUB HEADQUARTERS...

YAHOO! YOU HIT THE PENGUIN RIGHT ON THE NOSE!

HEALTH RULES



AFTERWARD, AS ROBIN LEAVES THE CLUB...

TAKE THAT, KIDDО!

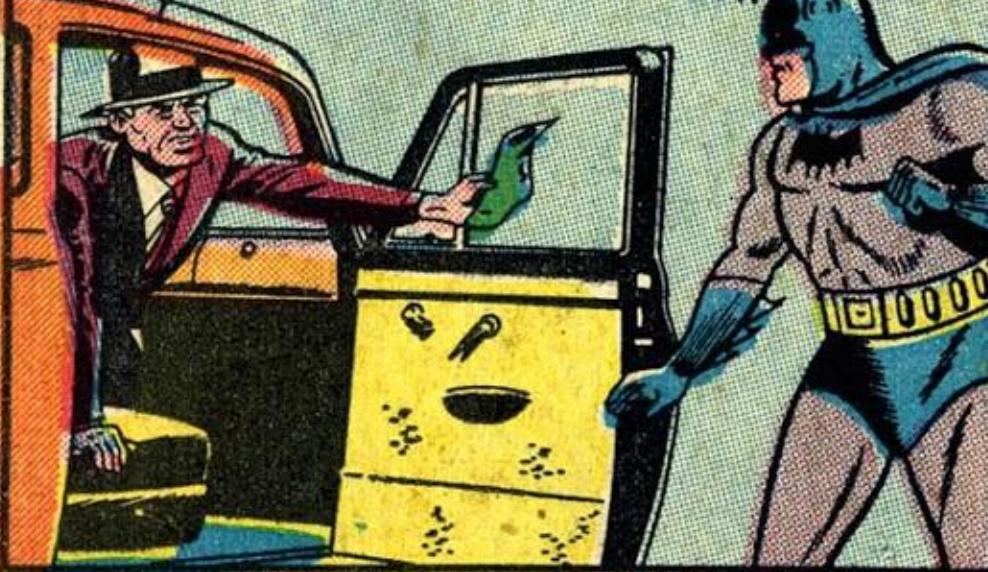
I RATHER FIGURED ROBIN WOULD BE HERE TONIGHT! THE LITTLE FOOL'S PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS!



LATER, AS BATMAN APPROACHES POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THE PENGUIN WANTS TO SEE YOU, BATMAN! HE'S GOT THE KID WHO OWNS THIS!

ROBIN'S SHOE! OKAY, I'LL GO WITH YOU.. BUT IF YOU'VE HURT THAT BOY...!!



PRESENTLY, AT THE PENGUIN'S HIDEOUT...

BETTER RELEASE ROBIN, PENGUIN, OR I'LL... WAIT... THAT SOUND FROM THE NEXT ROOM... IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ROARING OF A LION!

CORRECT... IT IS A LION!

RR-ROARRR  
RR-ROARR

AS FOR YOU, BATMAN, I COULD SHOOT YOU BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO QUICK! I'D RATHER GIVE YOU THE SLOW, MENTAL TORTURE OF KILLING BATMAN'S CAREER BY EXPOSING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! YOU HAVE A CHOICE-- UNMASK... OR ROBIN DIES!

YES... A VERY SAVAGE, ANGRY LION! SEE HOW IT SHAKES THE WALL? HEAR ITS ROARING... THE THUMPING OF ITS TAIL? IF I PULL THIS SWITCH, THE WALL PROTECTING ROBIN FROM THE LION WILL SLIDE UP, AND THEN -- POOR ROBIN!

BUMP, BUMP, BUMP  
BUMP, BUMP!  
RR-ROAR, RR



YOU KNOW I HAVE NO CHOICE, YOU FIEND! I MUST UNMASK!

WELL, DON'T TAKE SO LONG... HURRY ... I WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE!



SLOWLY, BATMAN MOVES HIS HANDS UP TO HIS COWL AND GRADUALLY PUSHES IT BACK TO REVEAL - HIS TRUE IDENTITY!

BRUCE WAYNE!!  
SO YOU'RE BATMAN!

THE SOCIETY GUY!



AT LAST IT'S HAPPENED! MEN OF CRIME HAVE FINALLY SOLVED THE SECRET OF THE BATMAN! DOES THIS MEAN THE END OF A LONG AND VALIANT CAREER?

# BATMAN



EGAD! VICTORY IS MINE!  
BY UNMASKING YOU, I'VE  
MADE MY FINAL MOVE IN  
MY WINGED PEOPLE  
CRIMES! NOW I CAN  
EXPLAIN THE MEANING  
OF THE WINGLESS  
FIGURE...

DON'T BOTHER,  
PENGUIN...  
I'VE KNOWN ABOUT  
IT SINCE  
8 O'CLOCK!

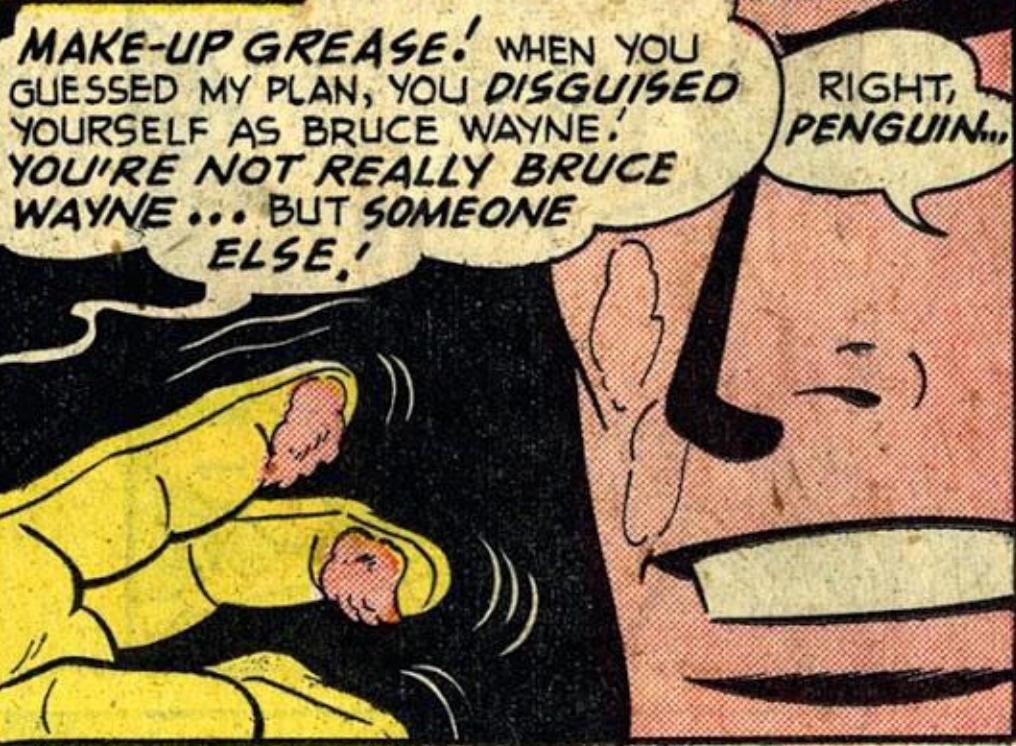
CERTAINLY! I REALIZED THE FIGURE'S  
BLANK FACE AND QUESTION MARK  
MEANT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE IDENTITY  
OF THE PERSON IT REPRESENTED! AND  
THERE'S ONLY ONE WINGED PERSON WITH  
A SECRET IDENTITY - BATMAN, WHO  
WEARS A BAT-WINGED CAPE!



VERY CLEVER, MY FRIEND...  
BUT WAIT!.. IF YOU KNEW  
ABOUT THE FIGURE, THEN  
YOU ALSO MUST'VE KNOWN  
MY LAST CRIME WOULD BE  
TO EXPOSE YOUR  
IDENTITY! WHY  
WOULD YOU  
DELIBERATELY  
LET YOURSELF  
INTO THIS  
TRAP?



HIS SUSPICION AROUSED, THE PENGUIN TOUCHES  
HIS FINGERS TO THE LAWMAN'S FACE, ONLY TO  
DISCOVER...



...AND NOW, I'M GOING  
TO DISGUISE YOUR  
FACE -- WITH  
MY FISTS! BUT YOU FORGET,  
BATMAN... ROBIN  
IS STILL IN DANGER!  
SEE? I'M PULLING  
DOWN THE SWITCH...  
TO RELEASE THE LION!"



ARE YOU CRAZY,  
BATMAN?! ROBIN  
WILL BE KILLED BY  
THAT LION! DON'T GO  
AFTER ME!  
SAVE ROBIN!

LATER,  
PENGUIN! I'D  
RATHER SAVE  
YOU FIRST FOR  
THE STATE  
PEN!



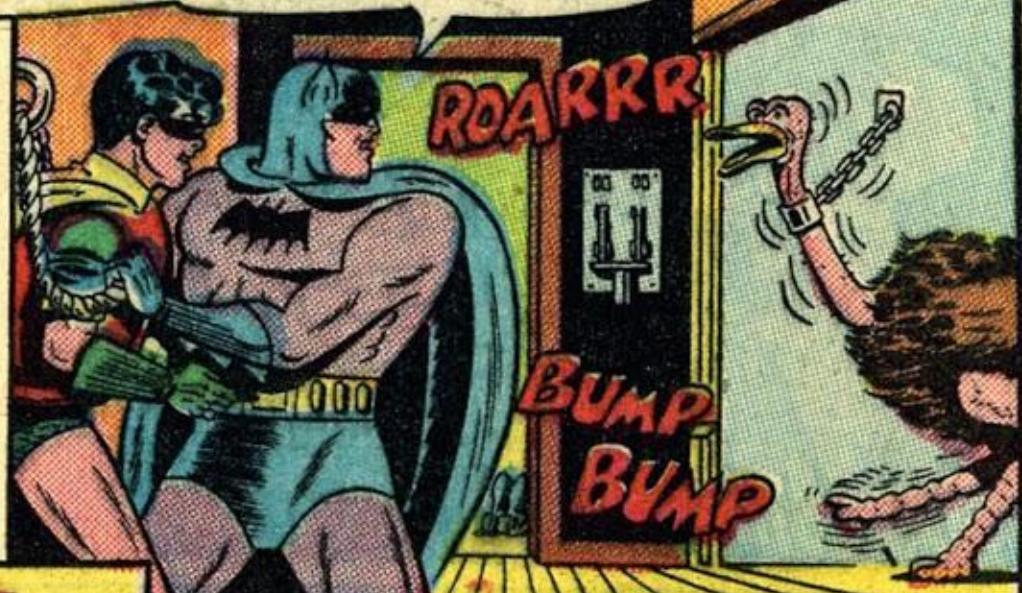
WHAT'S THIS? IS BATMAN DELIBERATELY  
SACRIFICING ROBIN'S LIFE, JUST BECAUSE HE HAS  
A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THE PENGUIN?

DARTING AT THE STATUE OF **WINGED VICTORY**,  
**BATMAN** SENDS IT ROLLING ON ITS OILED CASTORS...



**ROBIN?** YES... AND STILL ALIVE! BUT INSTEAD OF A ROARING LION...

JUST AS I FIGURED... AN **OSTRICH**!  
IT'S NOT A COMMONLY KNOWN FACT...  
BUT AN ANGRY OSTRICH BELLOWS JUST LIKE A LION! KNOWING THE **PENGUIN** AS I DO, I WAS **SURE** HE'D USE A **BIRD** ANYTIME INSTEAD OF AN **ANIMAL**! AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHY HE'S CALLED THE **PENGUIN**!



LATER, IN THE **BATCAVE**...

YOU SEE, I REALLY DID FIGURE OUT THE MEANING OF THAT **WINGLESS FIGURE**, AND I WAS ON MY WAY TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT AT HEADQUARTERS! BUT **PENGUIN'S** THUG GOT TO ME FIRST!

"IMMEDIATELY, I REALIZED THE **PENGUIN'S** PLAN -- SO WHILE DRIVING IN THIS THUG'S CAR, I MANAGED TO SNEAK MY **MAKE-UP VIAL** FROM MY **UTILITY BELT**..."

I'LL JUST SMEAR SOME OF THIS **FLESH-COLORED GREASE** ON MY HANDS!



LATER, WHEN I HAD TO REMOVE MY COWL, I BROUGHT MY HANDS UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT I WAS ABLE TO SMEAR MY FACE AT THE SAME TIME!

NOW I GET IT! WHEN THE **PENGUIN** TOUCHED YOUR FACE AND RUBBED OFF SOME MAKE-UP GREASE, HE THOUGHT YOU **REALLY WERE** MADE UP!

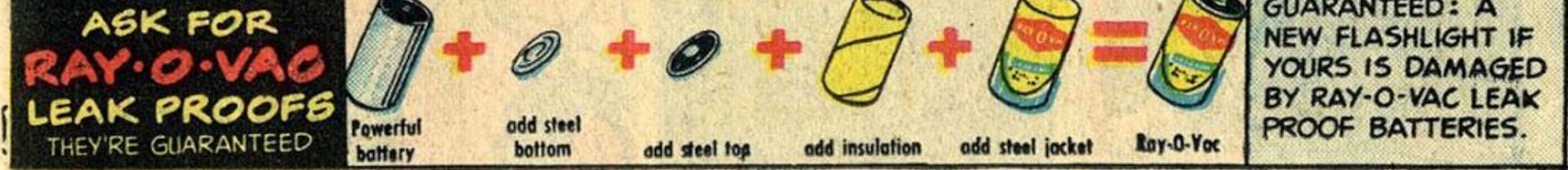
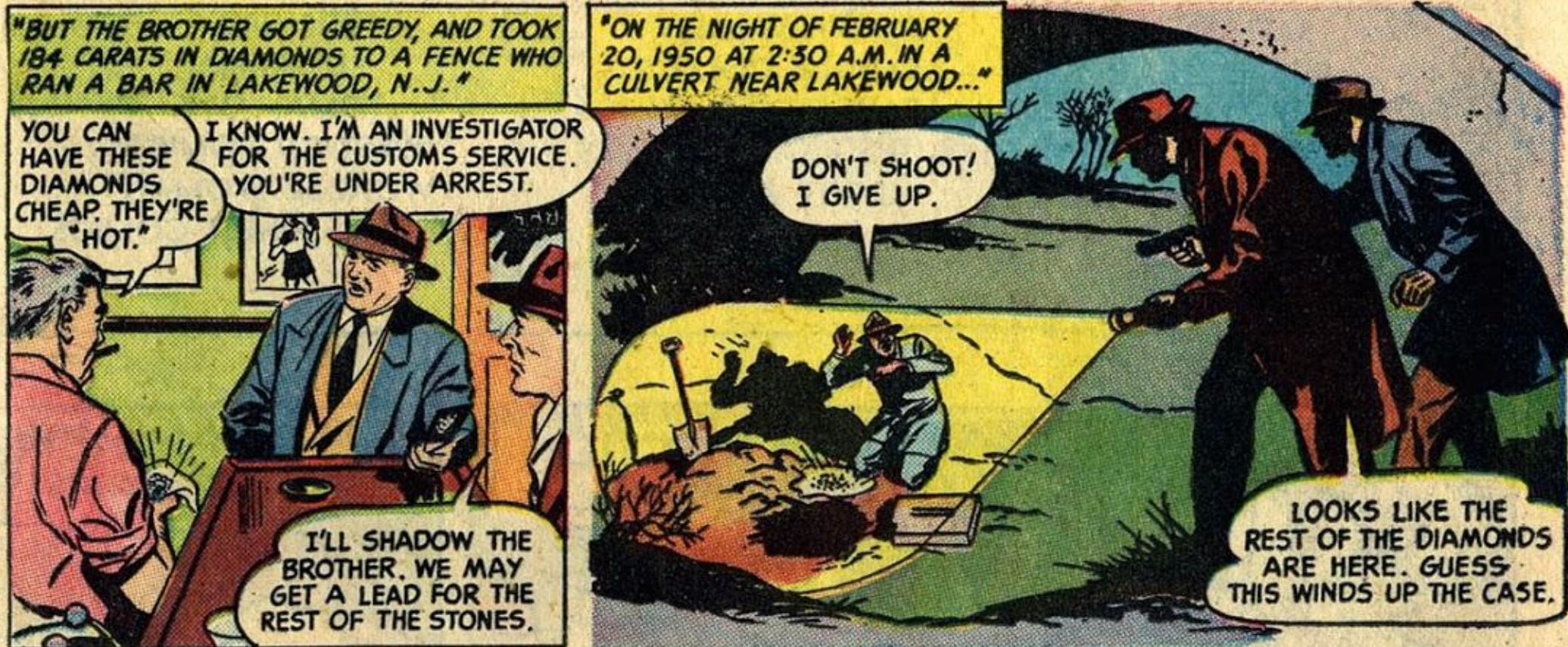


MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY JAIL...

YES, **BATMAN** OUTSMARTED ME AGAIN! ALL I'VE LEARNED ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE'S **NOT** BRUCE WAYNE! HMM... I WONDER WHO HE **REALLY** IS?



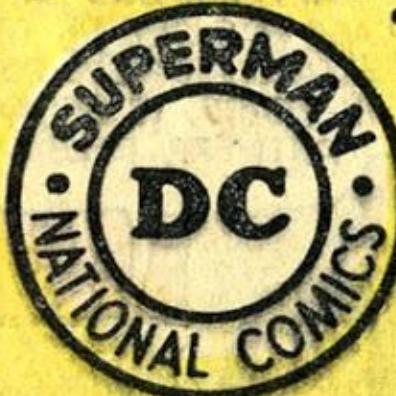
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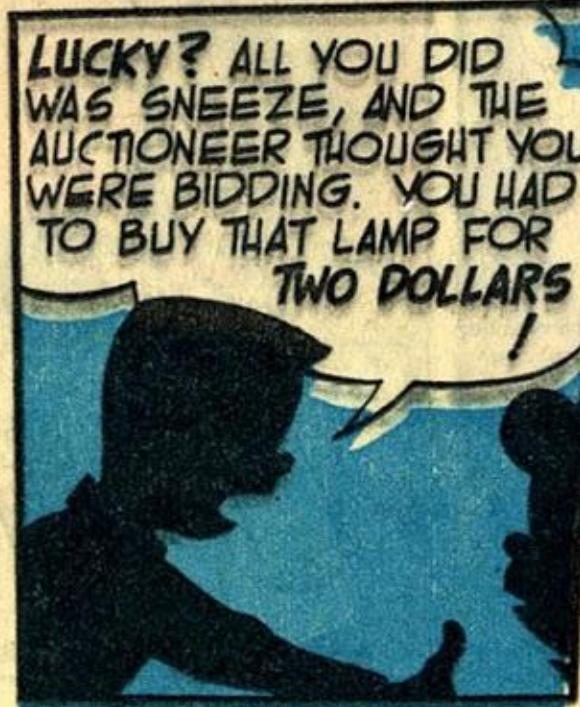


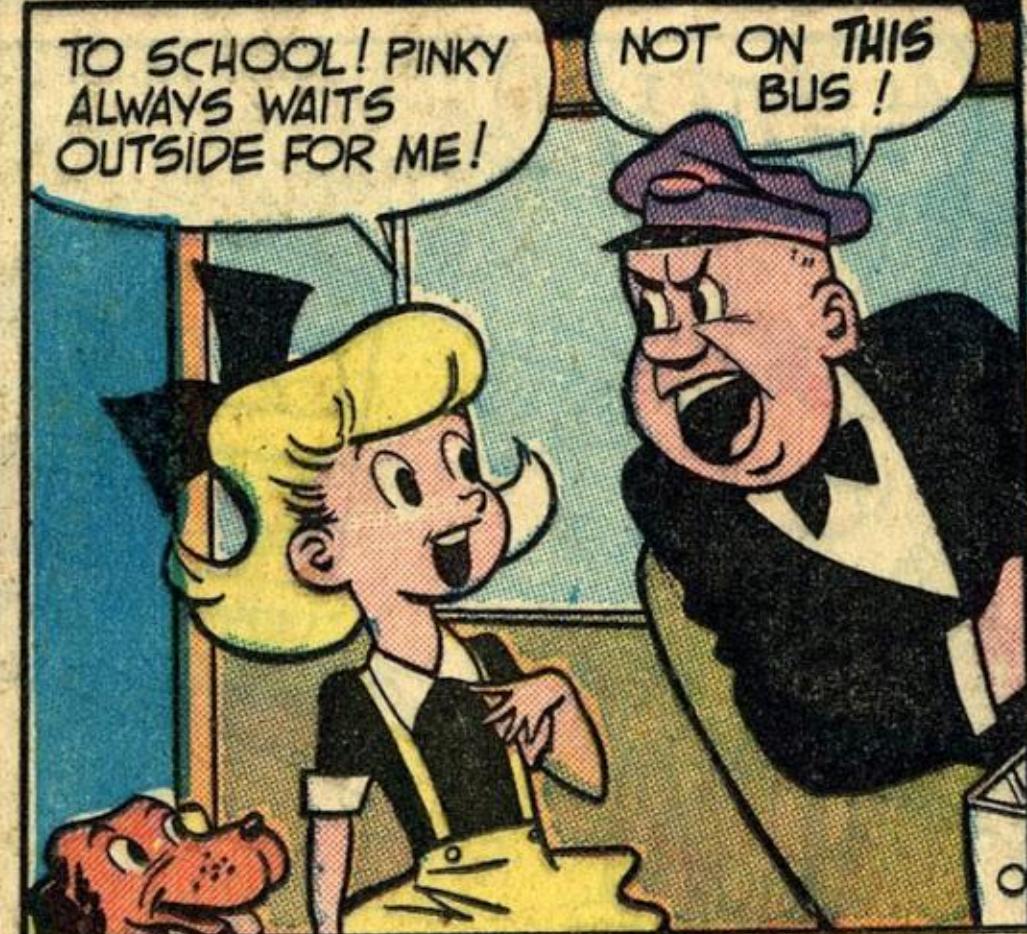
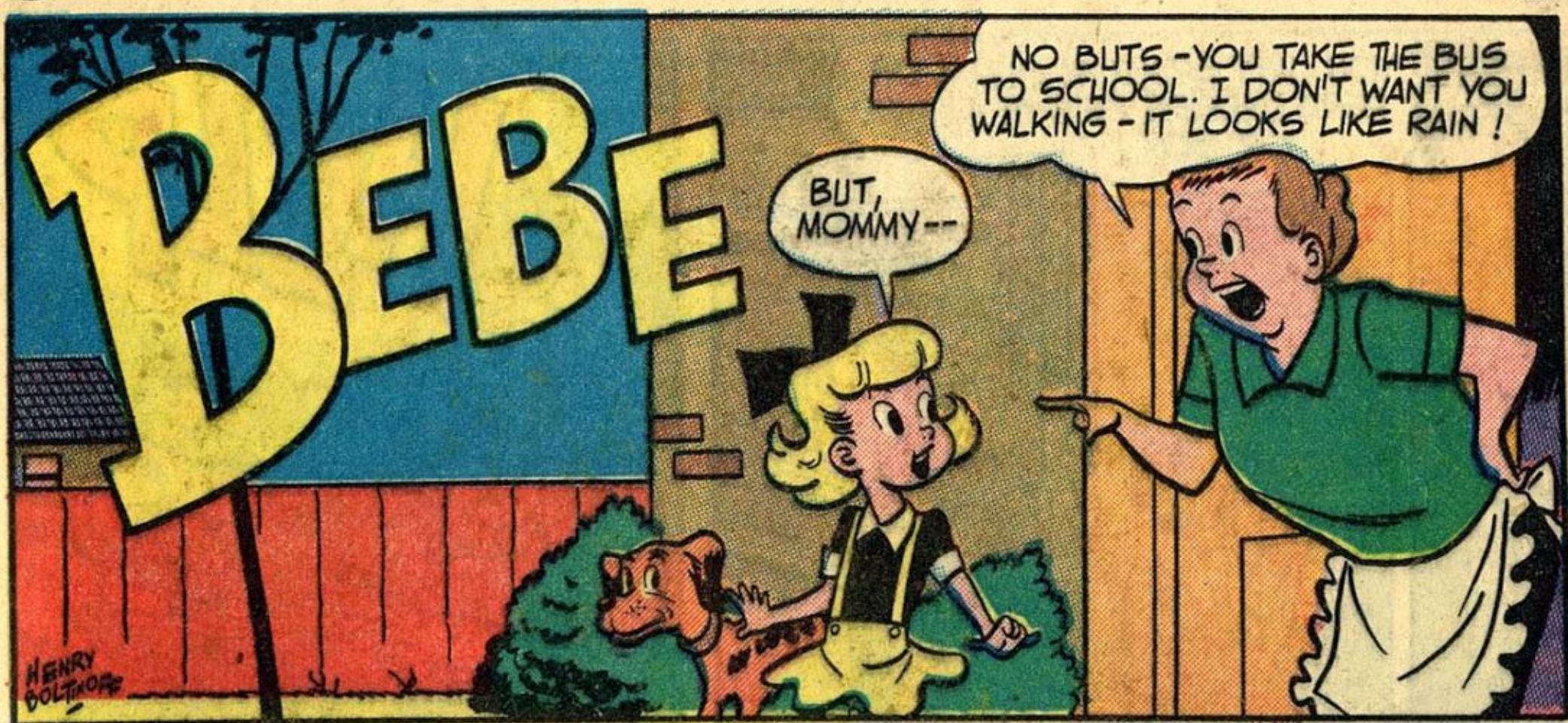
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HERE UNLESS HE'S IN A CAGE  
OR BOX!

MEOW

HELP

GRR

HELP! SOMEONE  
GET HIM AWAY--HE'S  
AFTER FLUFFY!

HEY!

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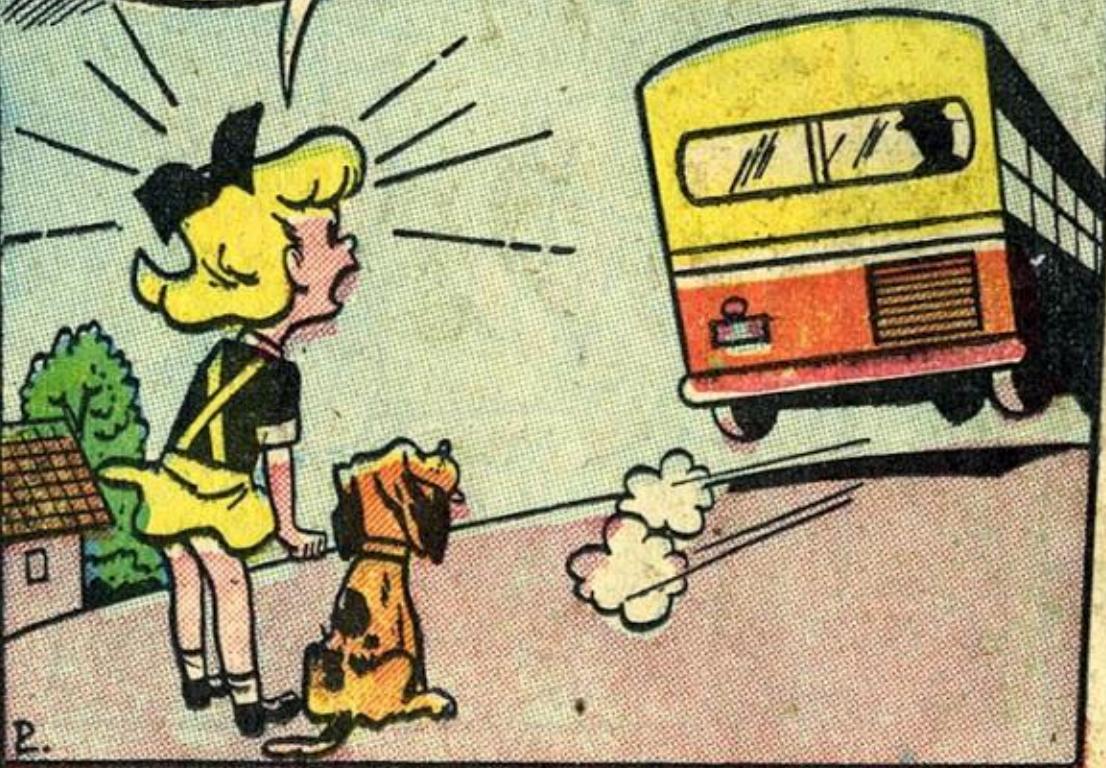
GET THAT DOG OUT OF  
HERE! STAY OFF THIS  
BUS!

OUCH!

ALL RIGHT! I CAN  
TAKE A HINT!

LATER...

MOMMY, I LIKE THE  
BUS! PINKY AND I  
HAD LOTS OF FUN!





**Q.** What signer of the Declaration of Independence was identified with American Railway history?

**A.** On July 4, 1828, Charles Carroll, 91 years of age, the only living signer of the Declaration of Independence, participated in the historic ceremony of the laying of the first stone in the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Baltimore, Md. The Revolutionary patriot delivered a speech on that occasion in which he said: "I consider this among the most important acts of my life; second only to my signing the Declaration of Independence. . . ."

**Q.** What was the origin of the cowcatcher?

**A.** This strictly American feature was the invention of Isaac Dripps, a young mechanical engineer employed by the Camden & Amboy Railroad in New Jersey in the early 1830's. So many cows trespassed on the railroad that Dripps decided to install on the front end of the locomotive a small truck supporting two iron spears. The Dripps device was effective, but it was fatal to cows. To avoid damage suits, he substituted a crosswise bar much like the present-day bumper on an automobile, and from this came the present V-shaped cowcatcher.

**Q.** What is the story of the headlight?

**A.** In the early days of railroading, trains

ran only in daylight hours, and headlights were unknown. As the railroads developed, however, night operations became increasingly necessary, and inventive minds went to work to devise ways of illuminating the track ahead. The first crude step was taken under the direction of Horatio Allen, then chief engineer of the South Carolina Railroad. He attached a small flatcar to the front of the locomotive, and covered the floor of the car with a heavy layer of sand on which he kept a bonfire of pine knots!

In other instances, large candles protected by glass cases, fitted with reflectors, were used. Whale oil was extensively used in the 1840's and 1850's. In 1859, kerosene lamps took the place of candles and whale oil lamps. Then came gas lights, fed from storage tanks, and finally, in 1881, electricity.

Recent developments include the figure-eight oscillating headlight, first used on the Chicago & North Western in 1936. This was followed in 1944 by an oscillating headlight that would flash either a red or a white light, whichever the engineer desired for safety purposes. In June, 1946, powerful sealed-beam headlights were first applied to locomotives of the New York Central Railroad.

**Q.** What was the most famous locomotive of the Civil War?

**A.** This distinction belongs to the locomo-

tive "General" of the Western & Atlantic Railroad (now the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis). The locomotive was captured April 12, 1862, by Captain James J. Andrews and his Yankee raiders and was pursued and recaptured by the Confederates under Captain W. A. Fuller after a thrilling chase of nearly 100 miles on the line between Atlanta and Chattanooga.

Q. What part did buffaloes play in Western railway history?

A. The famous Western scout and Indian fighter, William F. Cody, earned the picturesque nickname of "Buffalo Bill" as a result of his contract to supply buffalo meat in 1867-1868 to the construction forces engaged in building the Kansas Pacific (now part of the Union Pacific Railroad). They needed 12 buffaloes a day, and he took the job of supplying them for \$500 a month.

Trains crossing the Western plains in pioneer days were frequently delayed by "thundering herds of buffaloes." In October, 1872, P. T. Barnum, traveling to Denver over the Kansas-Pacific with two friends, reported "seeing many thousands of wild buffalo. Our train sometimes had to stop to let them pass."

Q. When were the first circus-owned trains operated in this country?

A. While records indicate that circus travel by rail began as early as December, 1838, with Bacon & Derious' circus, it was not until 1873 that a large circus moved from town to town in trains of its own cars. This was P. T. Barnum's three-ring circus, "Museum, Menagerie, and Hippodrome." More than 60 cars were built to transport the circus, including platform cars, "palace horse cars," and sleeping cars.

Q. What Presidents of the United States worked for the railroads in their earlier days?

A. James Buchanan was president of the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy & Lancaster Railroad in Pennsylvania in the 1830's. This railroad is now a part of the main line of the Pennsylvania.

Abraham Lincoln was an attorney for the Illinois Central and Rock Island railroads in Illinois during the 1850's.

Harry S. Truman was a timekeeper during the construction of the Santa Fe Railway about 1901.

Q. Who was Casey Jones?

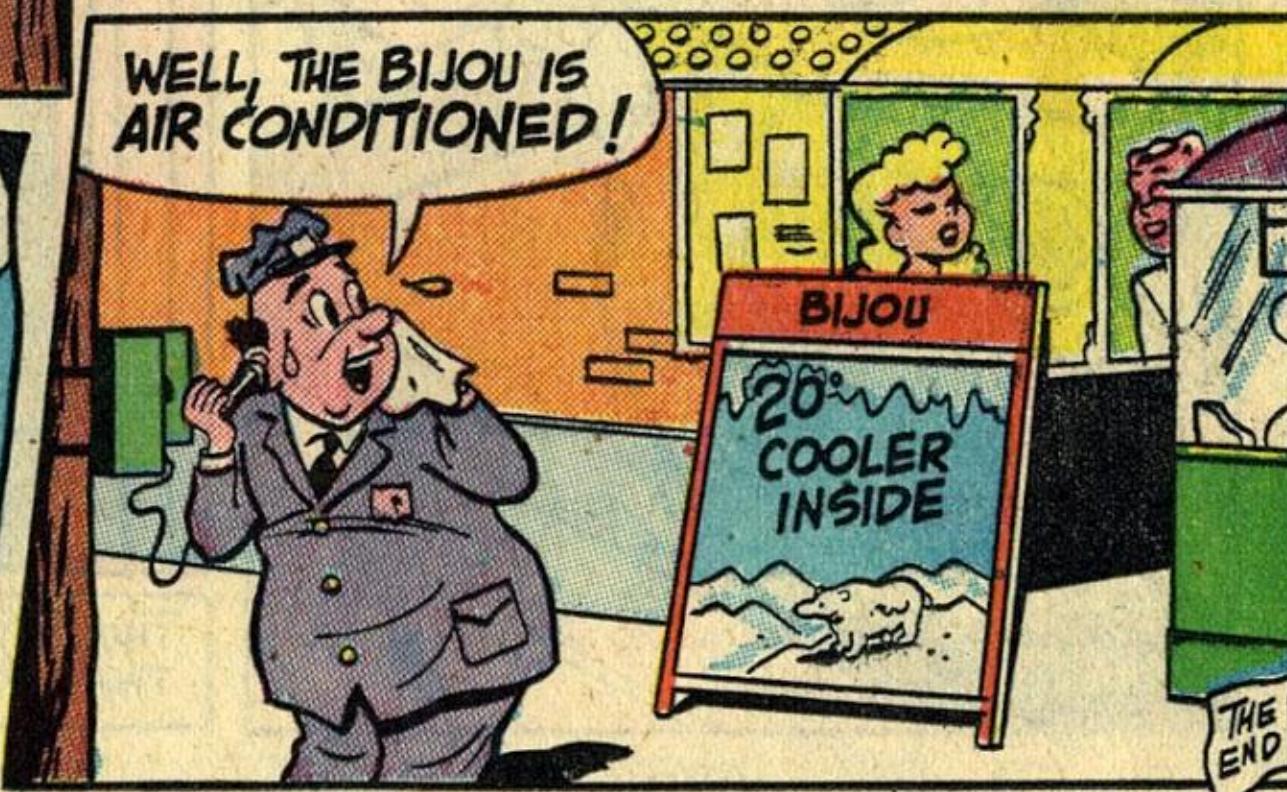
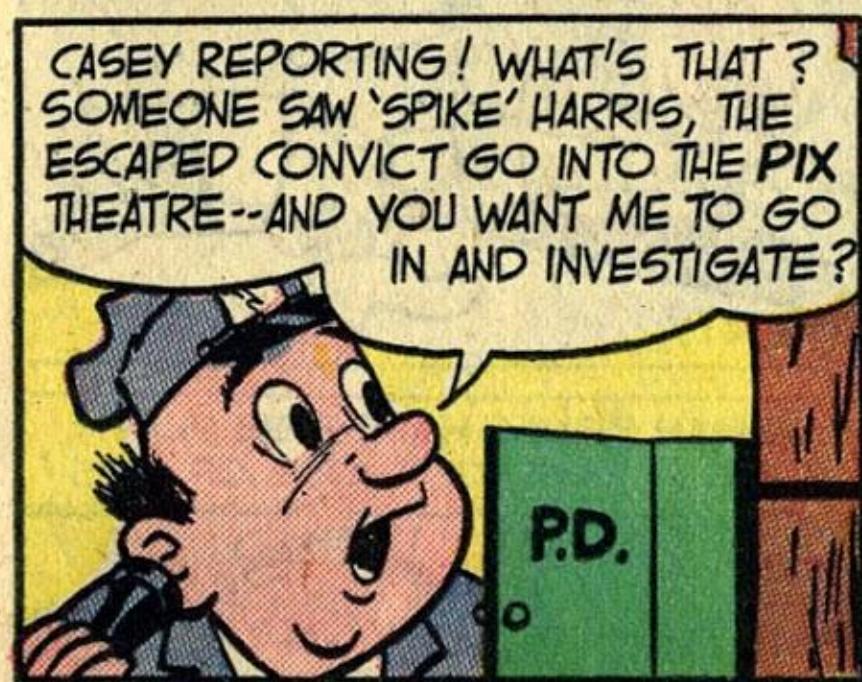
A. The hero of the song "Casey Jones" was a popular locomotive engineer employed in the 1890's on the Mississippi Division of the Illinois Central Railroad. His real name was John Luther Jones but, to distinguish him from other men named Jones who worked on the railroad, his friends nicknamed him "Casey" because he hailed from Cayce, Kentucky.

"Casey" Jones was a strapping young man, black-haired, gray-eyed, 6 feet 4 inches tall, one of four brothers and every one a crack engineer.

The famous ballad "Casey Jones" originated by Wallace Saunders, an engine-wiper of Jackson, Tenn., who knew and loved the dashing engineer. Following the news of Casey's heroic death at the throttle of his engine at Vaughan, Miss., on April 30, 1900, Saunders, chanting as he worked, put line and line together until they were caught up and passed on by fellow workers to become one of the immortal folksongs of the rails.

Q. What was the fastest run ever recorded on the railroads of the United States?

A. On June 12, 1905, the Pennsylvania Special, now the Broadway Limited, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, ran three miles in Ohio in 85 seconds, or at the rate of 127.06 miles per hour.



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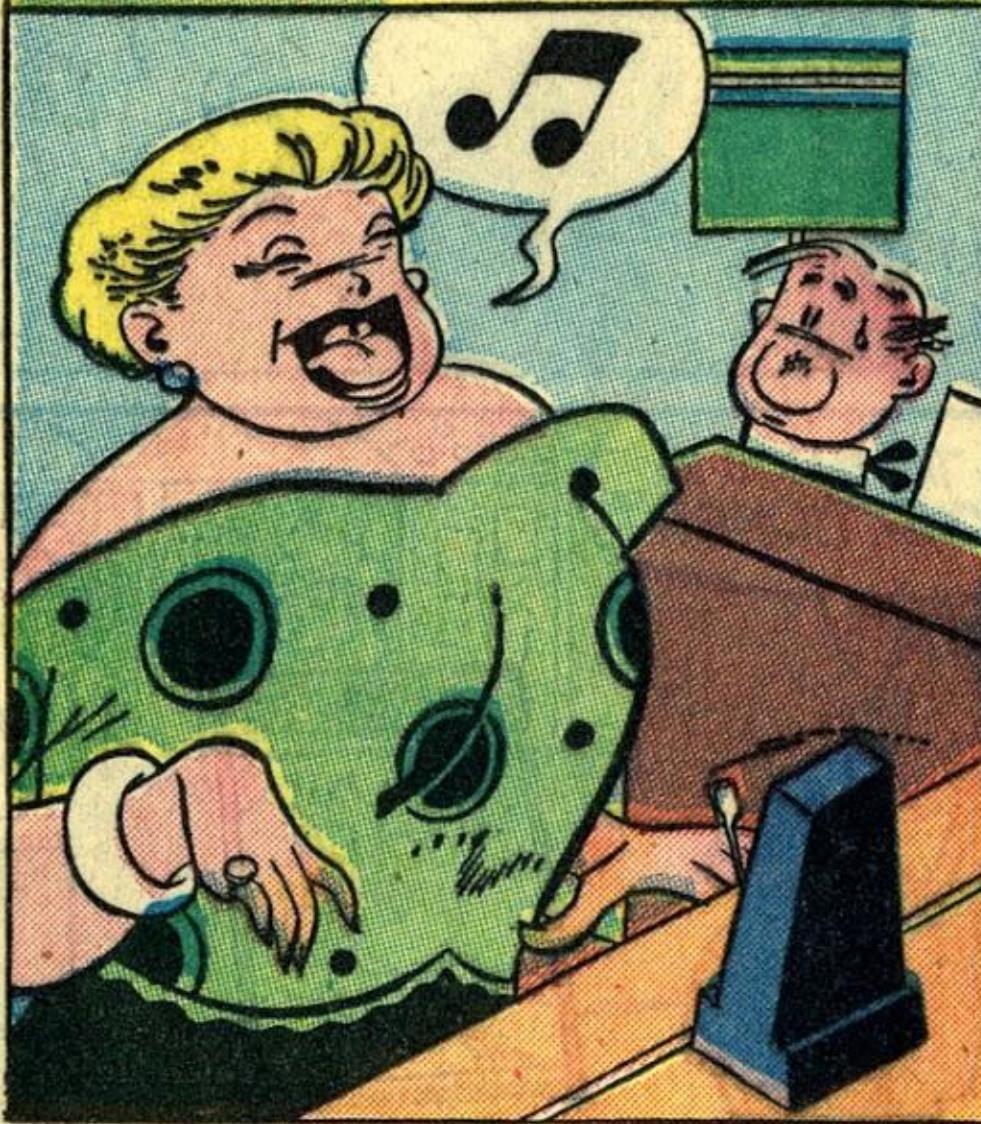
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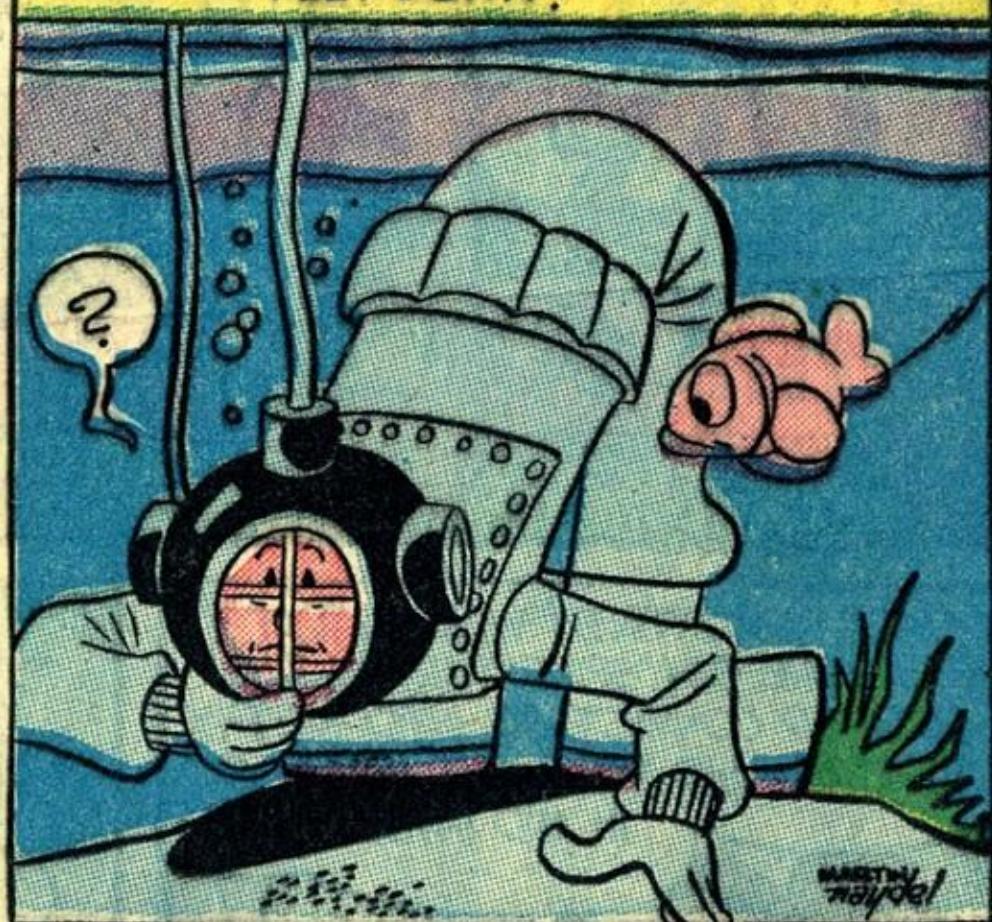
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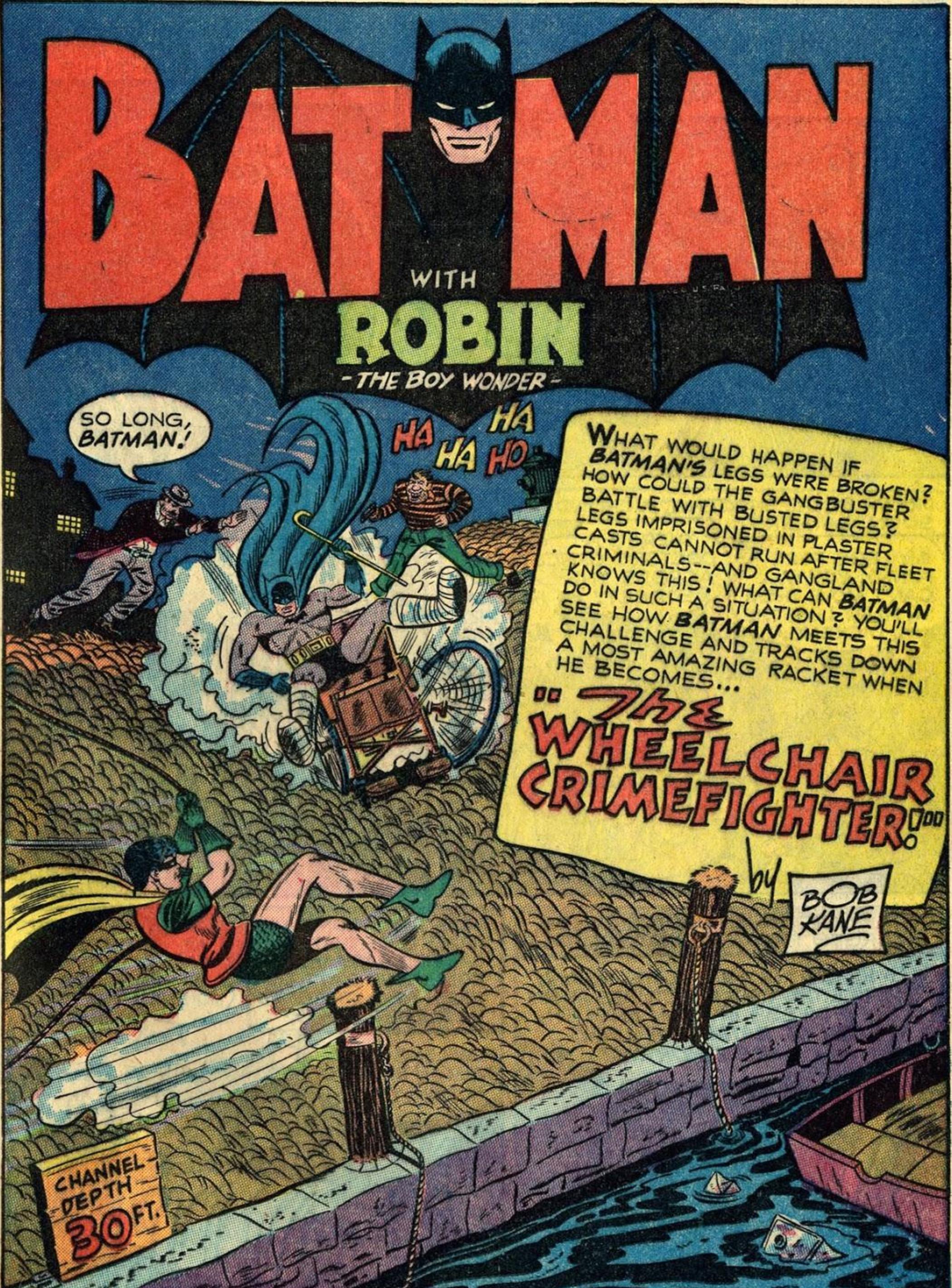
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DO IN SUCH A SITUATION? YOU'LL  
SEE HOW BATMAN MEETS THIS  
CHALLENGE AND TRACKS DOWN  
A MOST AMAZING RACKET WHEN  
HE BECOMES...

"**The  
WHEELCHAIR  
CRIMEFIGHTER**"

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# BATMAN



ONE NIGHT, IN GOTHAM CITY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN SWING DOWN UPON FLEEING PROWLERS...

HEY! I CLIPPED BATMAN'S ROPE! HE'S FALLIN'!



BLAM!  
BLAM!  
BLAM!

BATMAN!  
IT'S A THREE-  
STORY DROP!

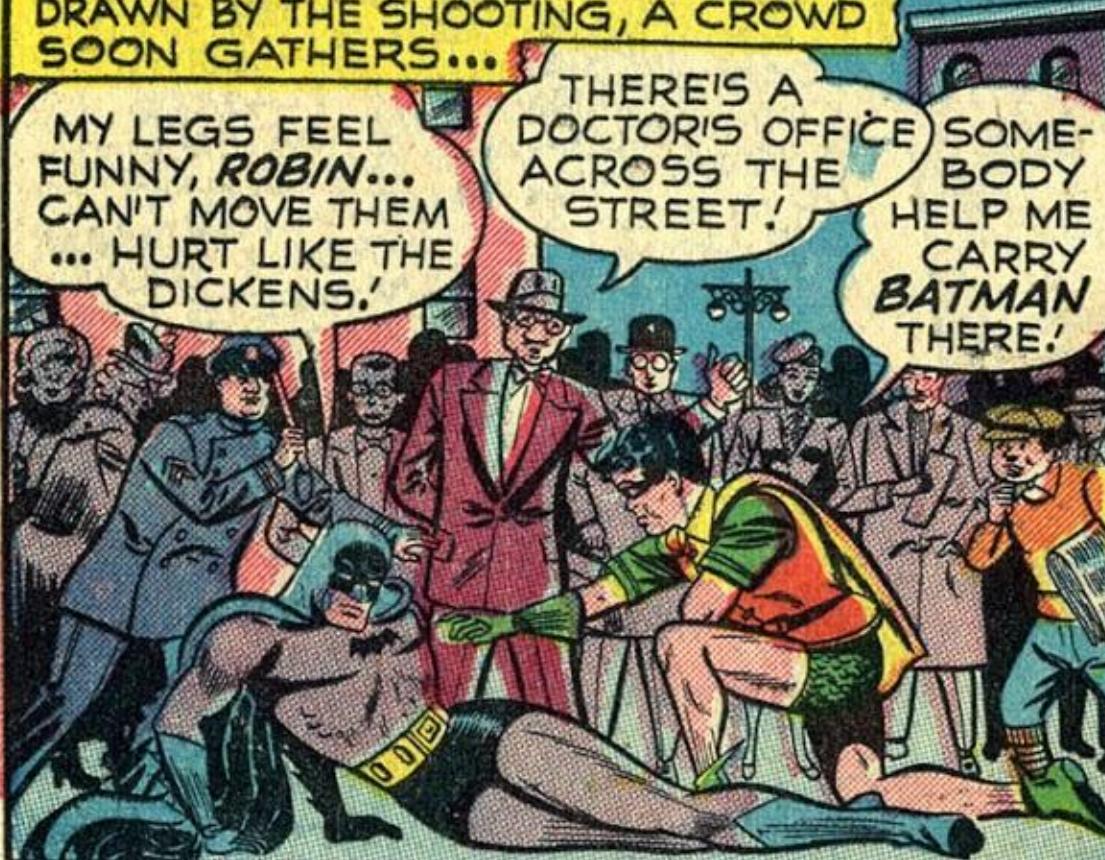


DRAWN BY THE SHOOTING, A CROWD SOON GATHERS...

MY LEGS FEEL FUNNY, ROBIN... CAN'T MOVE THEM ... HURT LIKE THE DICKENS.'

THERE'S A DOCTOR'S OFFICE ACROSS THE STREET!

SOME-BODY HELP ME CARRY BATMAN THERE!



PRESENTLY...

DOCTOR... WE WERE CHASING PROWLERS ON THIS STREET! BATMAN FELL... HURT HIS LEGS!

PROWLERS?  
HMM! CUT OFF HIS BOOTS SO THAT I CAN X-RAY HIS LEGS.'



AFTERWARD, WHEN DOCTOR CHUBB EMERGES FROM HIS DARKROOM...

HERE'S THE X-RAY PLATE, ROBIN! NOTICE THE TIBIA FRACTURES ABOVE THE ANKLES? IN PLAIN ENGLISH, BOTH OF BATMAN'S LEGS ARE BROKEN.'

THUS, THE STRONG, UNTIRING LEGS THAT HAVE CARRIED BATMAN INTO COUNTLESS BATTLES MUST BE IMPRISONED IN PLASTER CASTS!

HOW LONG WILL BATMAN BE OUT OF ACTION, DOC?

AT LEAST 3 MONTHS!

3 MONTHS!! THAT'S A LONG TIME WHEN YOU'RE IN THE CRIME-BUSTING BUSINESS!





LATER, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON GETS A PHONE CALL...

HELLO, COMMISSIONER... I'M THE DOCTOR WHO TREATED BATMAN'S INJURY! SOME GANGSTERS JUST PHONED ME... THEY THINK I REMOVED BATMAN'S MASK WHILE EXAMINING HIM, AND SAW HIS FACE... BUT IT'S NOT TRUE!

HMM... SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE IN DANGER, DOCTOR!

I AM, COMMISSIONER! THE CROOKS DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, AND THEY THREATENED TO KILL ME UNLESS I REVEAL BATMAN'S IDENTITY!

VERY WELL, DOCTOR CHUBB! I'LL PUT A 24-HOUR POLICE GUARD AROUND YOUR HOUSE! NO CROOK WILL COME NEAR YOU!



"CRIME WAVE"! IF EVER I NEEDED BATMAN'S HELP, IT'S NOW-- BUT A MAN WITH HIS LEGS IN CASTS SIMPLY CAN'T CHASE CROOKS!"

NEXT EVENING, IN THE HOME OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...

IN 1948, WHEN TRIGGER THOM'S BULLET CHIPPED MY RIGHT SHIN BONE, I WAS ONLY Crippled FOR A MONTH--BUT NOW-- 3 MONTHS!

SHIN? NOW I REMEMBER SOMETH--OH-OH! LOOK WHO'S COMING!



MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE SUSPICIOUS VICKI ENTERS BRUCE'S PRIVATE GYM...

HI, VICKI! SORRY I CAN'T COME OUT NOW! I'M SWEATING OFF A FEW POUNDS!

A STEAM CABINET!  
HMM... A VERY CLEVER WAY TO HIDE YOUR BROKEN LEGS... BATMAN!



# BATMAN



SO YOU STILL  
THINK I'M **BATMAN**,  
EH? HAVEN'T I DIS-  
PROVED THAT NOTION  
TO YOU IN THE  
PAST?

MAYBE... BUT YOU CAN  
DISPROVE IT AGAIN... BY  
**TAKING ME DANCING**  
TONIGHT! WE HAVE A  
DATE... AND YOUR LEGS  
BETTER BE IN GOOD  
CONDITION FOR  
THE RHUMBA!

OOOH!  
WE'RE  
SUNK!



AFTER VICKI  
LEAVES...

GOSH... HOW CAN  
I BREAK THAT DATE  
WITHOUT LETTING  
VICKI KNOW I'M  
**BATMAN**? I'VE  
REALLY GOT A  
PROBLEM.

SO HAS  
COMMISSIONER  
GORDON!  
THERE'S THE  
**BAT-SIGNAL**  
FROM HEAD-  
QUARTERS!



SOON, ATOP THE ROOF OF HEADQUARTERS...

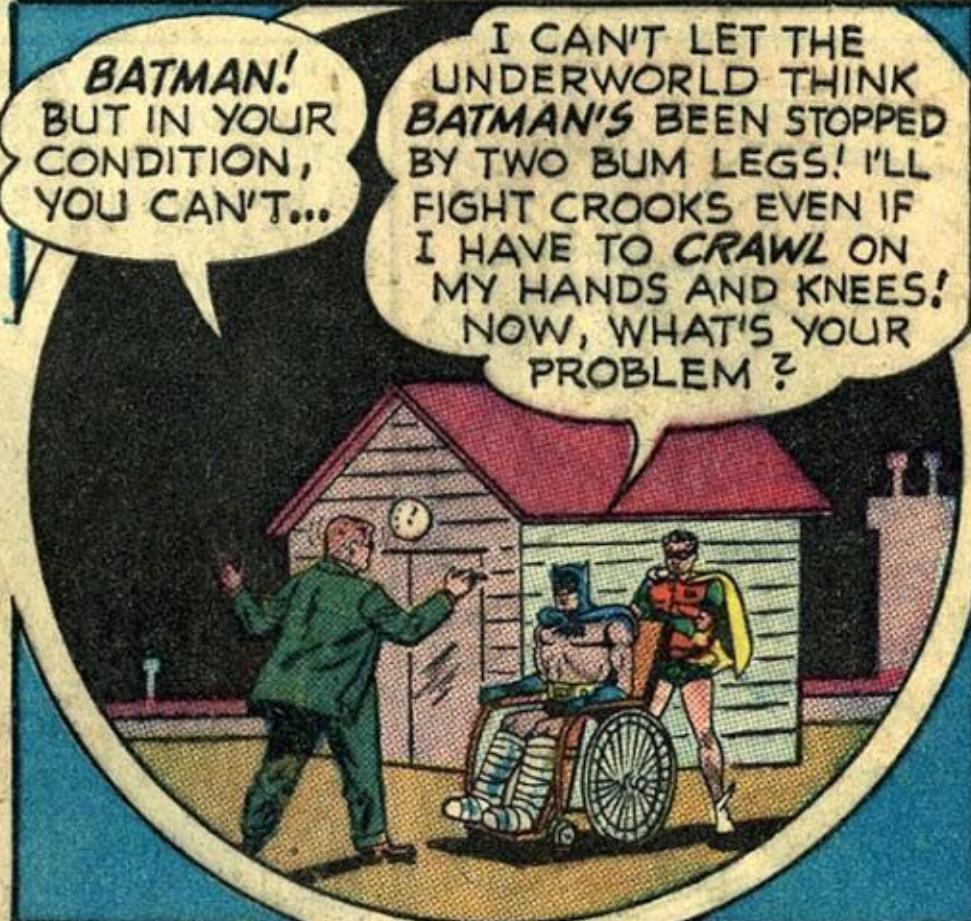
**ROBIN!** I'M GLAD  
YOU ANSWERED THE SIGNAL!  
I'LL HAVE TO DEPEND ON  
YOU ALONE, NOW THAT  
**BATMAN** IS TEMPORARILY  
"RETIRED"!

WHO'S  
RETIRED?!



**BATMAN!**  
BUT IN YOUR  
CONDITION,  
YOU CAN'T...

I CAN'T LET THE  
UNDERWORLD THINK  
**BATMAN'S** BEEN STOPPED  
BY TWO BUM LEGS! I'LL  
FIGHT CROOKS EVEN IF  
I HAVE TO CRAWL ON  
MY HANDS AND KNEES!  
NOW, WHAT'S YOUR  
PROBLEM?



YOU'LL GET THE  
WHOLE STORY FROM  
SERGEANT NEVINS,  
HERE! HE'S BEEN  
POSING AS A  
GANGSTER.. DOING  
UNDERCOVER  
WORK!

YES, **BATMAN**... I'VE  
FINALLY LEARNED WHY  
WE CAN'T FIND BABY-  
FACE FULOP, THE RACKET-  
EER! HE'S HAD HIS FACE  
CHANGED BY  
**PLASTIC SURGERY**!



SOMEBODY... I DON'T  
KNOW WHO... MADE A  
SNEAK PHOTOGRAPH  
OF BABYFACE'S **NEW**  
**FACE** ON A FILM CAR-  
TRIDGE OF THIS SIZE.  
BUT THAT SOME-  
BODY HID THE  
CARTRIDGE!

HMM... WE  
COULD SPOT  
BABYFACE ANY-  
WHERE -- **IF** WE  
KNEW WHERE THAT  
CARTRIDGE IS  
HIDDEN!



BUT I MUST WARN YOU,  
**BATMAN**... BABYFACE'S GANG  
IS ALSO HUNTING FOR THAT  
CARTRIDGE, BECAUSE THE  
PHOTOGRAPHER WANTS  
\$100,000 BLACKMAIL  
MONEY--BY TONIGHT!

BUT BABYFACE  
HAS BEEN IN HIDING  
FOR MONTHS...  
WHICH MEANS HE'S  
ALMOST BROKE  
AND WILL HAVE HIS  
GANG TRY TO  
STEAL THE  
MONEY! WE'VE GOT  
TO STOP THEM!

WELL, WE HAVE ONE  
CLUE... I OVERHEARD  
MENTION OF THEM USING  
A "WILD WALL"!  
WHAT DOES THAT  
MEAN?

A "WILD WALL"!  
IS **MOVIE SLANG**  
FOR A PORTABLE  
PROP WALL! IT  
SAVES SET EXPENSES  
WHEN THE DIRECTOR  
NEEDS A BACK-  
GROUND SHOT!

AS **BATMAN**  
TURNS HIS CHAIR  
TO LEAVE, HE  
ADJUSTS A SMALL  
GADGET, AND...

YOUR  
WHEELCHAIR!  
IT'S MOVING  
UNDER ITS  
OWN POWER!

**BATMAN** IN-  
STALLED A POWER-  
FUL LITTLE ELEC-  
TRIC MOTOR--THE  
KIND USED ON  
RAILROAD PLATFORM  
LOADING CARTS!

LATER, AT THE LOCAL MOVIE STUDIO'S  
PROP ROOM...

YOUR HUNCH  
WAS RIGHT,  
**BATMAN**! ONE  
"WILD WALL" IS  
MISSING! SOMEONE  
STOLE THE BACKDROP  
THAT'S AN EXACT  
REPRODUCTION OF  
THE WATERFRONT  
SAVINGS BANK!

WHILE NEARBY, IN FRONT OF THE REAL  
WATERFRONT SAVINGS BANK...

SMART, EH? IF A  
COPPER PASSES BY AND  
SEES THE "WILD WALL",  
HE'LL THINK IT'S THE  
REAL BANK FRONT!

SUDDENLY...

WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T  
THE SAME THREE WHO  
SHOT AT **BATMAN**! HERE'S  
WHERE WE SETTLE THE  
SCORE!

ROBIN!

# BATMAN



BUT...

BANK

OH-OH! ROBIN  
DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE  
COMING! I KNEW I  
SHOULDN'T HAVE LET  
HIM TAKE THOSE  
THUGS ALONE!

CLUNK!

AS THE THUGS CARRY  
OFF THE UNCONSCIOUS  
ROBIN...

THEY'RE HEADED  
FOR A WAITING LAUNCH!  
ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE  
ROBIN-- MUST WORK  
FAST! FIRST, TO RIP THE  
RUBBER TIRES OFF  
THESE WHEELS...

MOMENTS LATER, A STARTLING SIGHT, AS BATMAN  
MANEUVERS OVER TO THE  
STEEL-CABLED STAIRWAY,  
AND ROCKETS DOWN LIKE A  
SPEEDING EXPRESS TRAIN...

..AND CATAPOULTS INTO  
THE ASTOUNDED  
BANDITS...

YOW!

HEY!

DON'T EVEN  
BUSTED LEGS  
STOP BATMAN?

LET'S LAM!  
WE GOT \$50,000  
IN EACH SACK!  
THAT'S ALL WE  
NEED FOR THE  
PAYOFF DOUGH!

BUT WHEN THE CROOKS RUN OFF...

LOOK, ROBIN! THEY WERE IN SUCH A  
RUSH, THEY FORGOT THE SECOND  
SATCHEL!

NOW THEY'LL HAVE TO  
ROB AGAIN--IN ORDER TO  
MAKE UP THE SHORTAGE!  
WAIT HERE, BATMAN!  
I'LL PHONE THE COAST  
GUARD TO WATCH  
FOR THEIR BOAT!

AFTER ROBIN LEAVES, BATMAN'S KEEN EYES DETECT A VITAL LEAD...

HMM... THEIR LAUNCH HAS A FAULTY MOTOR, AND IT'S LEAVING A TRAIL OF OIL. BUT BY THE TIME THE COAST GUARD ARRIVES, THAT TRAIL WILL BE SWITCHED BY THE CURRENT... SO IT MUST BE FOLLOWED NOW-- BY ME!

LET'S SEE... THERE'S NO BOAT AROUND THAT I CAN BORROW... BUT THAT THICK PLANK AND THOSE STRIPS OF WOOD... WITH THEM I'LL BE ABLE TO TRAIL THAT LAUNCH IN SPITE OF MY BROKEN LEGS.

INSTANTLY, HIS INVENTIVE BRAIN TRANSFORMS THE WHEELCHAIR INTO A "PADDLE WHEELER"!

STRIPS OF WOOD WEDGED BETWEEN SPOKES BECOME PADDLES AS MOTOR TURNS WHEELS.

THICK PLANK IS RAFT AND KEEPS ELECTRIC MOTOR OUT OF WATER.

BUZZ - Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z

ABRUPTLY...

HA, HA... THOUGHT WE DIDN'T SEE YOU, EH, BATMAN? SO LONG, Cripple.

**CRASH**

FOLLOWING THE OILY TRAIL TO A DESERTED PIER, BATMAN GUIDES HIS CHAIR UP TO A DARK STREET, ON WHICH STANDS A REFLECTOR-TYPE GLASS DETOUR SIGN...

APEX LOAN COMPANY... THAT'S JUST THE PLACE THEY'D BREAK INTO FOR THE REST OF THE HUSH MONEY! BUT WHERE ARE THEY? WAIT A MINUTE! THAT SIGN'S LIT UP... SOMETHING COMING UP BEHIND ME!

APEX  
LOAN

CAUTION  
STREET  
UNDER  
REPAIR

HEY! BATMAN WAS THROWN CLEAR!

SO WHAT? I'LL SHINE THIS FLASHLIGHT ON HIM, AND WE CAN PLUG HIM! TAKE REAL CAREFUL AIM... WE GOT PLENTY OF TIME... HE CAN'T RUN AWAY NOW... NOT WITH THOSE LEGS!

PINNED DOWN BY THE HEAVY LEG CASTS, BATMAN IS A HELPLESS TARGET AS THE GUNMEN APPROACH SLOWLY, OMINOUSLY! WHAT CAN THE DISABLED CRIME-BUSTER DO? HAS HE ANY CHANCE AT ALL?

# BATMAN

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QUICKLY, BATMAN'S BRILLIANT MIND EVOLVES A PLAN!

LUCKILY, IT'S TOO DARK FOR THEM TO NOTICE WHAT I'M DOING! I'LL JUST LAY THIS CHAIR WHEEL ON THE FRESH TAR... IT'S STILL TACKY...

NOW I'LL RUB THE STICKY WHEEL OVER THE BROKEN CHIPS OF GLASS FROM THE DETOUR SIGN! OH-OH... HERE COMES THE EXECUTION SQUAD!

OKAY, BOYS, GET SET! WHEN I SHINE MY LIGHT ON HIM -- FIRE!

BLINDLY, THE FLASH-LIGHT GLARES -- AND AT THE SAME MOMENT, BATMAN SPINS THE CHAIR WHEEL...

IT WORKED! THEY CAN'T AIM STRAIGHT!

BEFORE THE BEWILDERED BANDITS CAN RECOVER..

YOW! THAT DAZZLING LIGHT ... CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT!

WHY SHOULD I BE THE ONLY ONE KNOCKED OFF MY FEET!

I'LL KILL HIM! WHERE'S MY GUN? GIMME A GUN!

SHADDUP! CARS COMING! MAYBE COPPERS! LET'S SCRAM!

THEY ARE THE POLICE! I USED MY BELT RADIO TO CONTACT ROBIN, AND GIVE HIM MY ROUTE, WHILE I WAS RIDING THE WATER?

LATER...

THANKS TO YOU, BATMAN, BABYFACE'S GANG IS STILL SHORT OF THAT MONEY! YOU'RE A TOUGH MAN TO BEAT, EVEN IN A WHEELCHAIR --OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!

GUESS I'D BETTER GO RIGHT HOME AND GET ANOTHER CHAIR, EH?



AFTERWARD, BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

OUR TROUBLES AREN'T OVER YET, ROBIN! IN ONE HOUR, VICKI WILL KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY, UNLESS I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!

VICKI! THAT'S IT! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING YOU MENTIONED WHEN SHE CAME HERE EARLIER TODAY!

SNATCHING UP A HAMMER, ROBIN STARTS CRACKING THE CASTS ON BATMAN'S LEGS!

ROBIN! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? STOP!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

NOW... GET UP ON YOUR FEET--AND WALK!

WALK?! BUT MY LEGS ARE BROKEN!

I TELL YOU IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN WALK!

WELL... I'LL TRY...

FOR AN INSTANT, BATMAN STANDS, SWAYING, BUT AS HE MOVES HIS FEET...

UHHH... I CAN'T... THERE'S NO LIFE IN MY LEGS.

THEY'RE ONLY STIFF... FROM BEING IN THE CASTS SO LONG! TRY IT AGAIN! WALK!

TIGHTENING HIS LIPS, BATMAN AGAIN STANDS ERECT... AND THEN, A MIRACLE SEEMS TO HAPPEN!

I CAN, WALK. I CAN, WALK!

OF COURSE YOU CAN! YOUR LEGS AREN'T BROKEN!



AND WHEN THE MICROFILM FROM THE CARTRIDGE IS PROJECTED ON A SCREEN...

ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THE OLD AND NEW FACES OF NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS ARE FLASHED ON THE SCREEN, UNTIL...



I SEE... HE PHOTOGRAPHED THEM SECRETLY, WITH A HIDDEN CAMERA, SO THAT HE COULD BLACKMAIL THE VERY CRIMINALS WHOM HE PROTECTED!

EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY BABYFACE'S GANG MUST RAISE \$100,000... TO PAY OFF DOCTOR CHUBB!

BUT WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST KILL CHUBB INSTEAD?

BECAUSE THEY HAD TO DESTROY THIS FILM FIRST! IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT WE FOUGHT THEM NEAR CHUBB'S HOUSE. MOST LIKELY, THEY WERE AFTER CHUBB, PLANNING TO FORCE HIM INTO GIVING THEM THE FILM!

CHUBB MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED, SO HE FADED MY BROKEN LEGS AND USED ME AS A HIDING PLACE FOR THE FILM!

SURE... AND HE KNEW HE'D GET IT BACK WHEN YOU RETURNED, MONTHS LATER, TO HAVE THE CASTS REMOVED!

SOON AFTER, AS THEY RACE THROUGH THE STREETS IN THE FAMED BATMOBILE...

CHUBB ALSO MADE UP THAT STORY ABOUT CROOKS THREATENING HIM FOR MY IDENTITY! THAT WAY, HE GOT POLICE PROTECTION AGAINST ANY THUGS WHO MIGHT TRY AGAIN TO GET THE FILM!

LATER, AS THE CROOKED DOCTOR TOASTS HIS OWN CUNNING...

HA, HA! BABYFACE'S BOYS HAVE TO RAISE THAT MONEY! THEY'VE GOT NO CHOICE... NOT WHILE I'VE GOT A POLICE CORDON AROUND MY HOUSE!

JUST THEN...

I GOT NEWS FOR YOU, CHUBB.. THE COPS AIN'T HERE NO MORE!

YOU!! BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON... HE DIDN'T TELL ME...

ABRUPTLY... ANOTHER VOICE...

NO, CHUBB, I DIDN'T TELL YOU! THE NEWSPAPER COOPERATED IN PRINTING THAT STORY SO THAT BABYFACE'S LUGS WOULD THINK IT WAS SAFE TO RETURN HERE! NOW, WE'VE GOT YOU REDHANDED!

NO, YOU AIN'T, COPPER!

OHHHH...

I WOULDN'T TAKE BETS ON THAT!

ROBIN! AND BATMAN... WALKING! THEN HE KNOWS! HE KNOWS!





AND WHEN THE CROOKS ARE FINALLY SUBDIED..

THE POLICE WILL NOW BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY WANTED CRIMINALS BY THEIR NEW FACES-- THANKS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY, CHUBB!

AND AS A REWARD, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FREE--FOR THE ROGUES' GALLERY!



LATER, VICKI'S DOOR BELL RINGS, AND...

HI, VICKI... WHY, YOU'RE NOT DRESSED FOR THE DANCE! DID YOU FORGET WE HAD A DATE?

BRUCE! OH DEAR... I DIDN'T EXPECT.. THAT IS... YOUR LEGS...



PRESENTLY, AS THEY WALK TOWARD BRUCE'S CAR...

WHAT? LEGS... NOT BROKEN? THEN THAT MEANS...!

ANYTHING WRONG, VICKI?

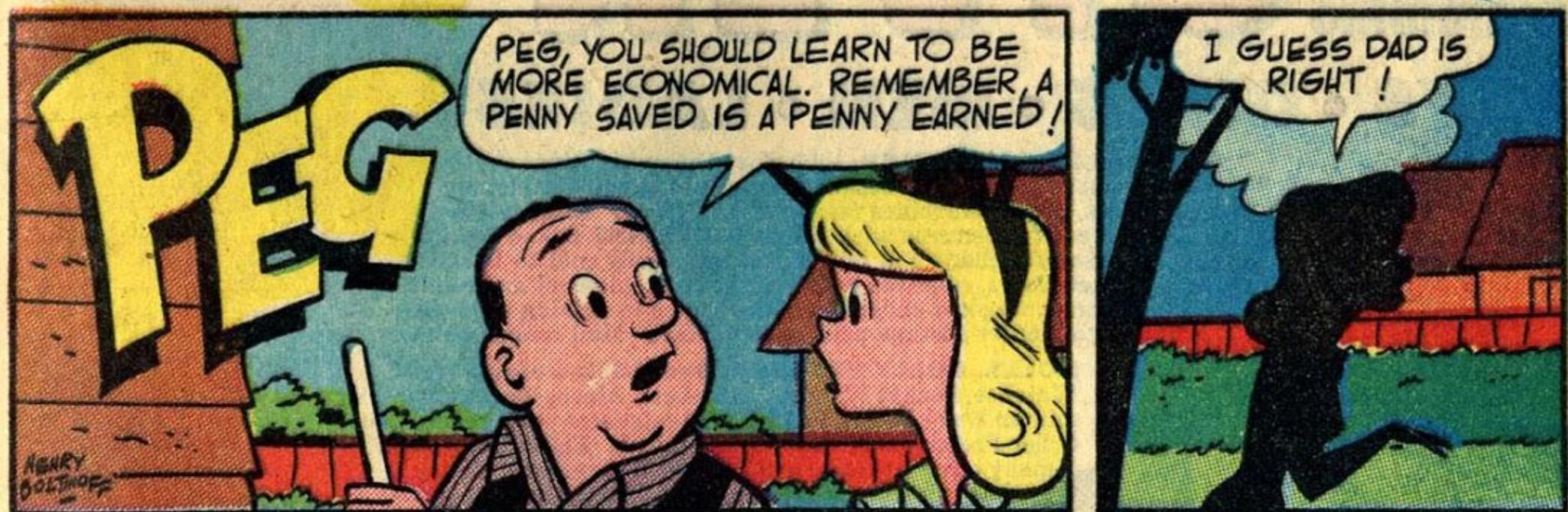
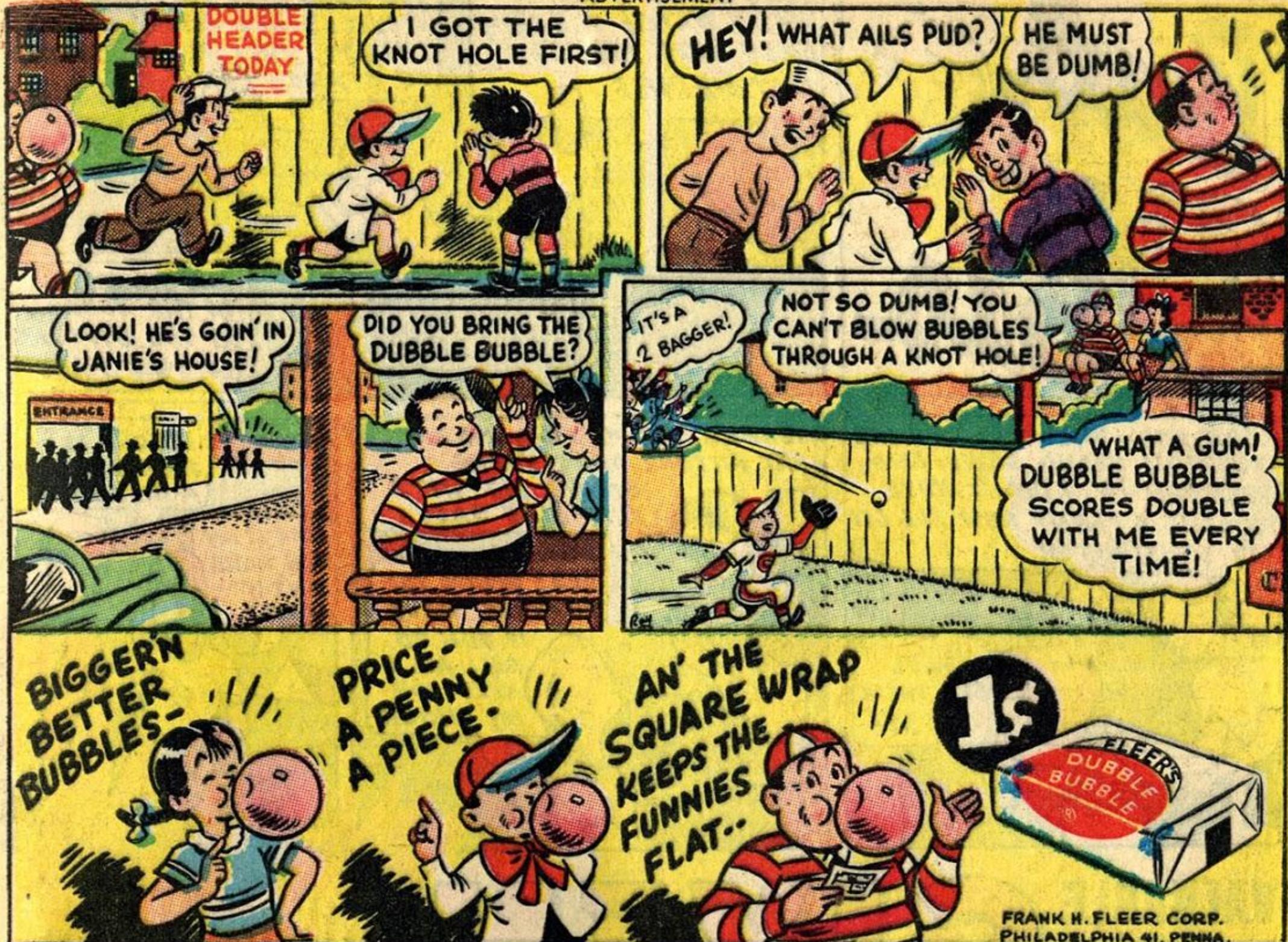
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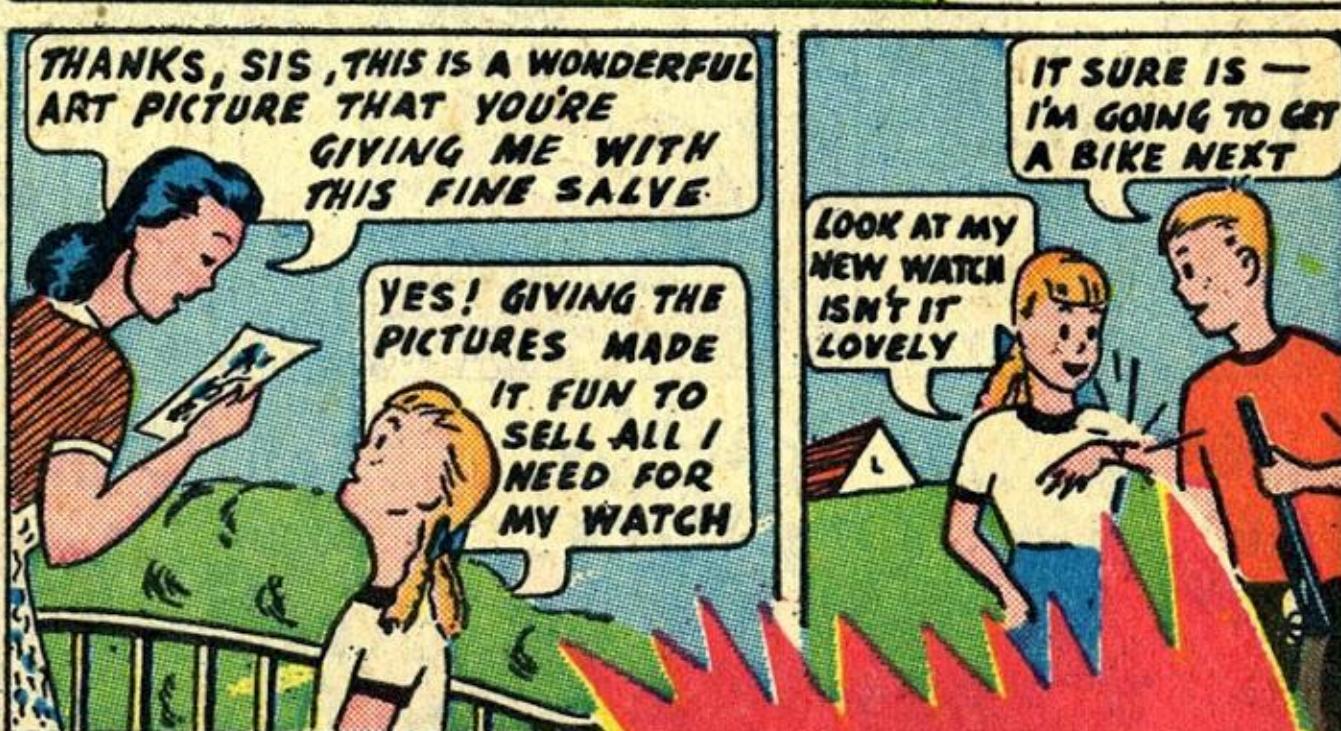
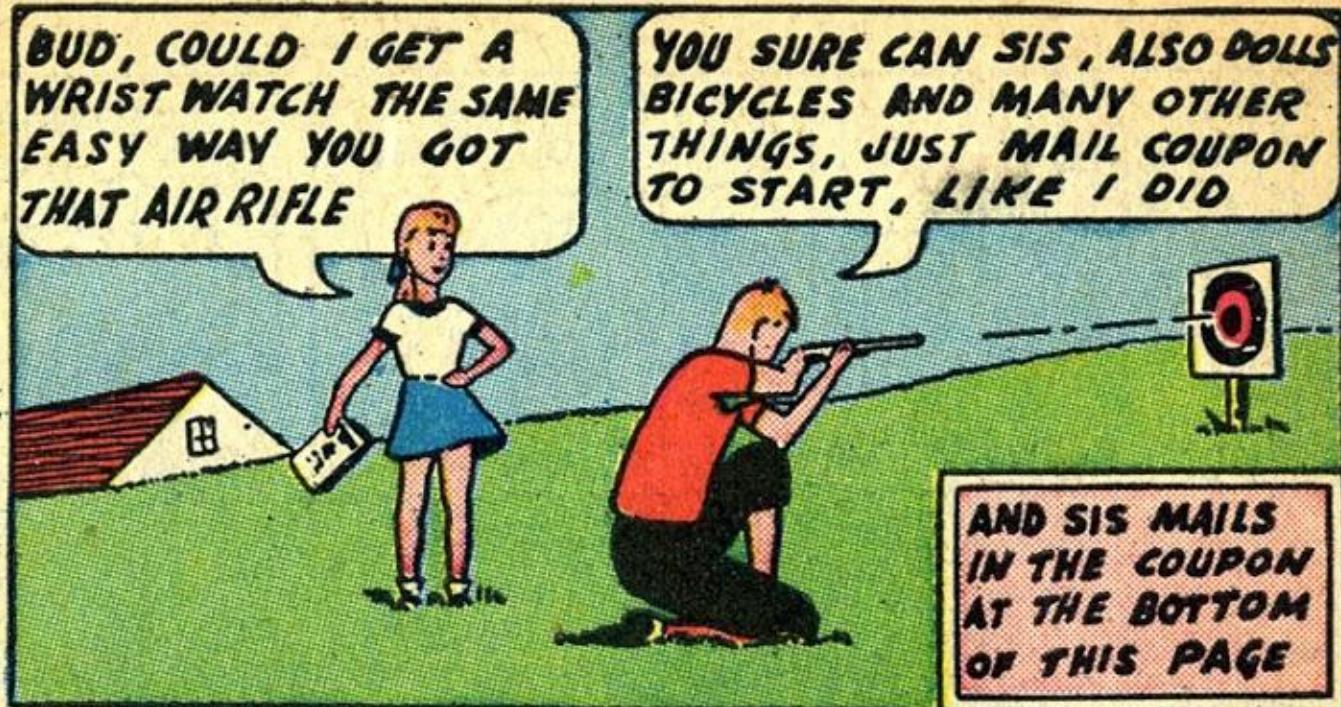
AFTERWARD, THOUGH VICKI WALTZES DREAMILY, HER THOUGHTS ARE FAR FROM ROMANTIC.

IS BRUCE WAYNE JUST A SOCIETY FIGURE... OR IS HE BATMAN, TOO? I STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M DANCING WITH ONE MAN OR TWO!





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WELL, HERE WE GO AGAIN--BACK TO THE OLD GRIND!

GOSH, WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN SO SOON?

THAT'S A QUESTION YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO ASK!

SUPERMAN!

AND I THINK YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWER WHEN I SHOW YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OTHER YOUNGSTERS AROUND THE WORLD!

THIS IS A CLASSROOM IN THE DESERT, WHERE ARAB REFUGEE CHILDREN ARE TRYING TO GAIN AN EDUCATION THE HARD WAY!

GOLLY! THEY HAVEN'T ANY BLACKBOARDS OR PENCILS OR ANYTHING!

"AND HERE IS CHINA, WHERE AN EDUCATION IS A PRECIOUS THING, FOR THERE AREN'T ENOUGH TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS TO GO 'ROUND..."

NOW ACROSS TO EUROPE, WHERE OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS, AS IN ENGLAND OR ITALY, HAVE ALSO HAMPERED PROPER EDUCATION.

"HERE IN POLAND, CHILDREN ARE HELPING TO REBUILD THEIR OWN SCHOOLS, BOMBED DURING THE WAR..."

BACK HOME AGAIN...

I GET IT, SUPERMAN! WE SHOULDN'T BE KICKING--A GOOD EDUCATION IS A PRIVILEGE!

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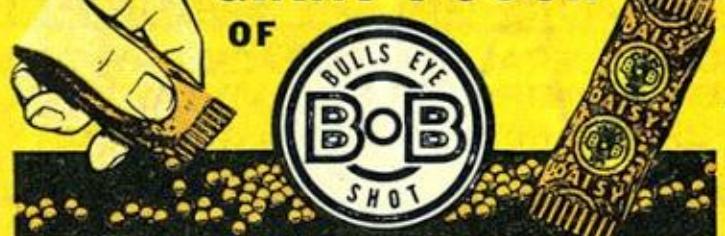
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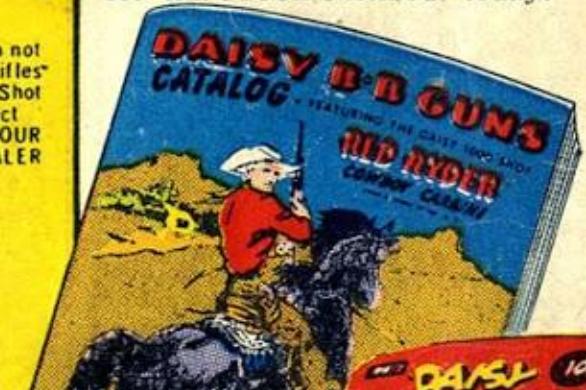
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