

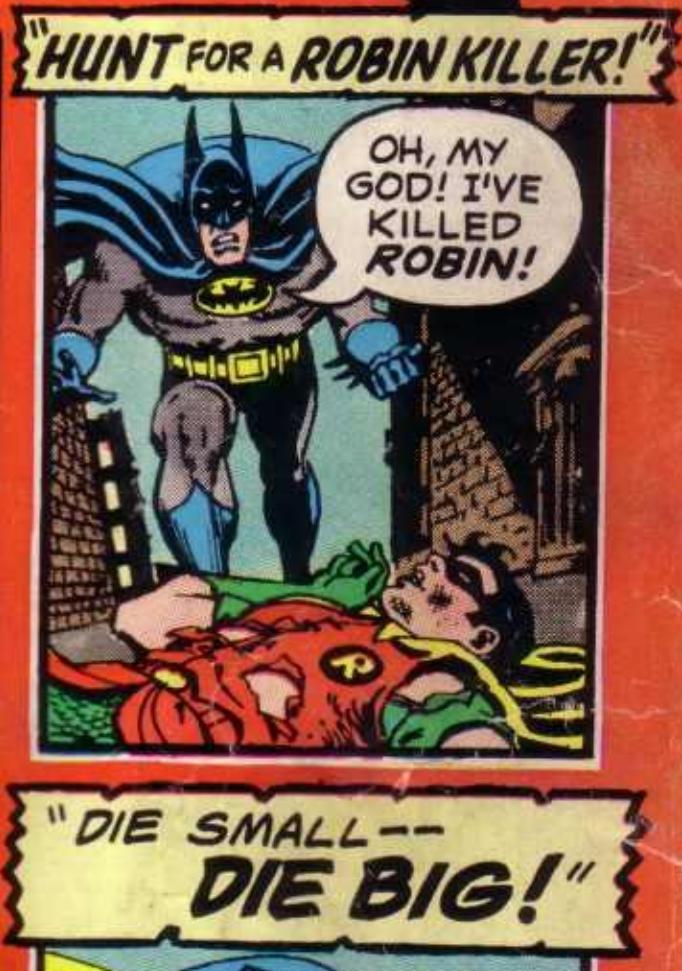
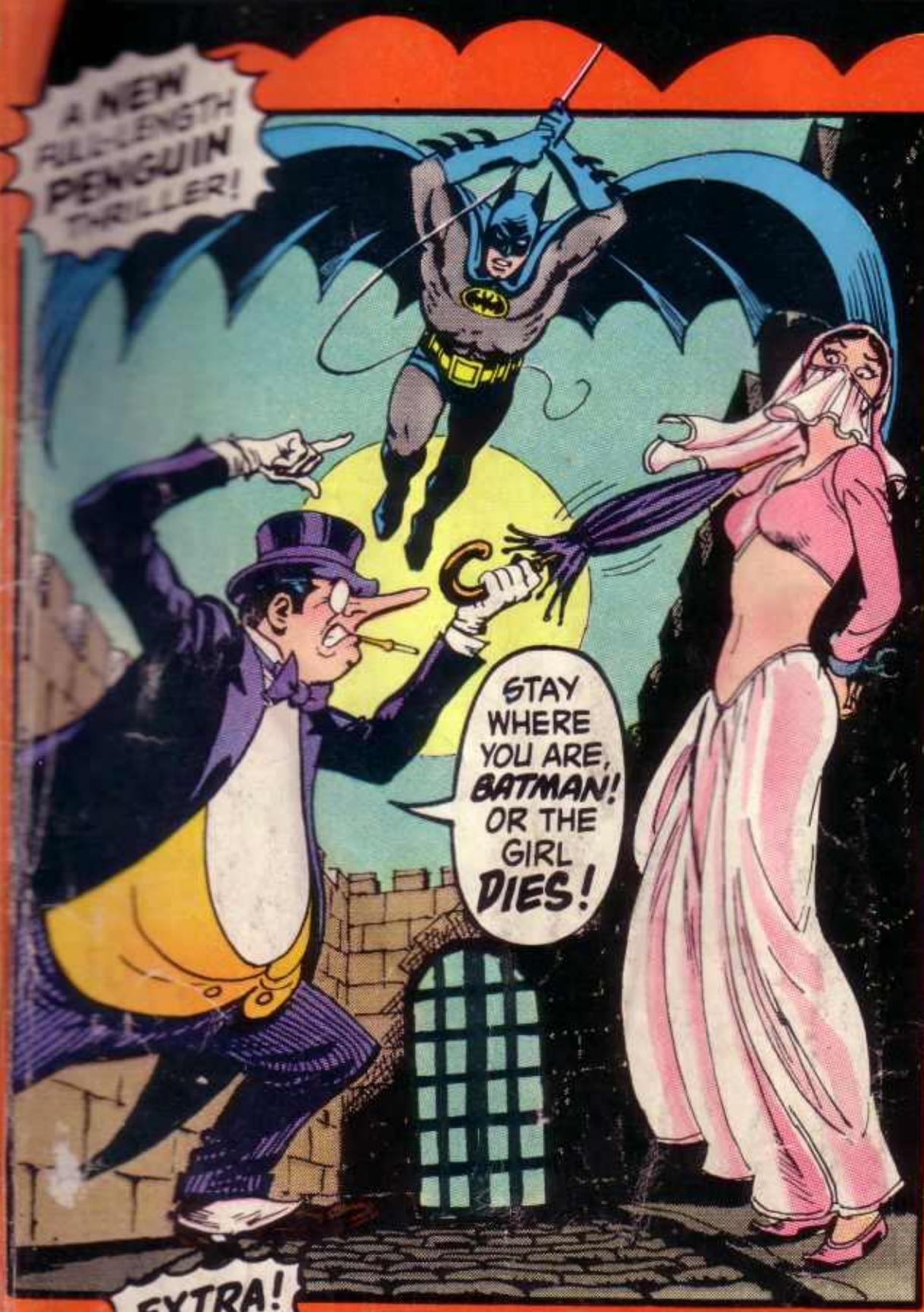
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ALLY BABBLE'S THE NAME
AND I'M QUITE A GUY!



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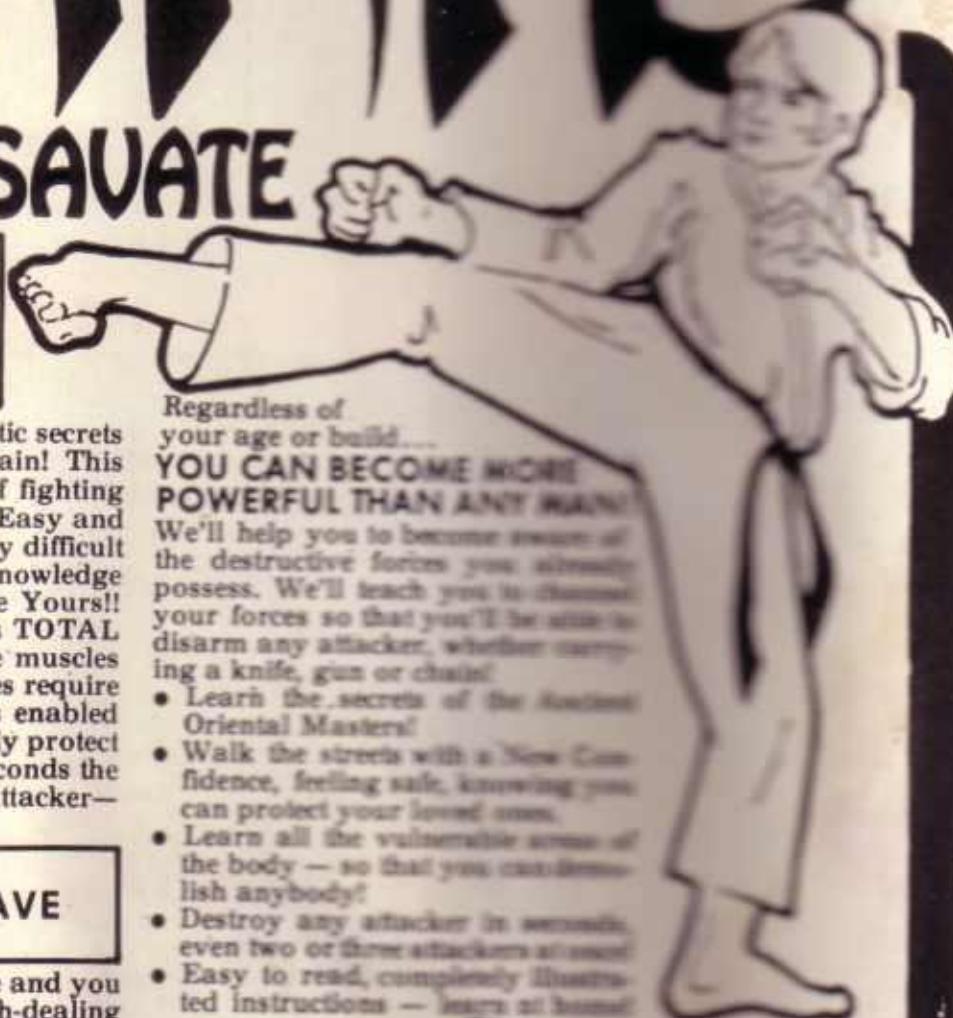
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WITH THE MASTER OF
FOUL PLAY--



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AND LAUGHTER... COMBINE FOR
THE THEME OF THIS ISSUE'S
STORIES! ROBIN AND I HAVE
JUST HAD A THRILLING NEW
ADVENTURE WHICH FALLS INTO
ONE OF THOSE CATEGORIES!



BOTH! WHO COULD LOOK
AT THE PENGUIN WITHOUT
A CHUCKLE? BUT EVEN THOUGH
HE'S A NATURAL FOR COMEDY,
HE ALMOST PUT A TRAGIC
END TO OUR CAREERS!

OLD-FASHIONED BATMAN
ACTION MADE MODERN BY--
DENNY O'NEIL — WRITER
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AN OLD FOE RETURNS TO
PLAGUE AND IMPERIL--

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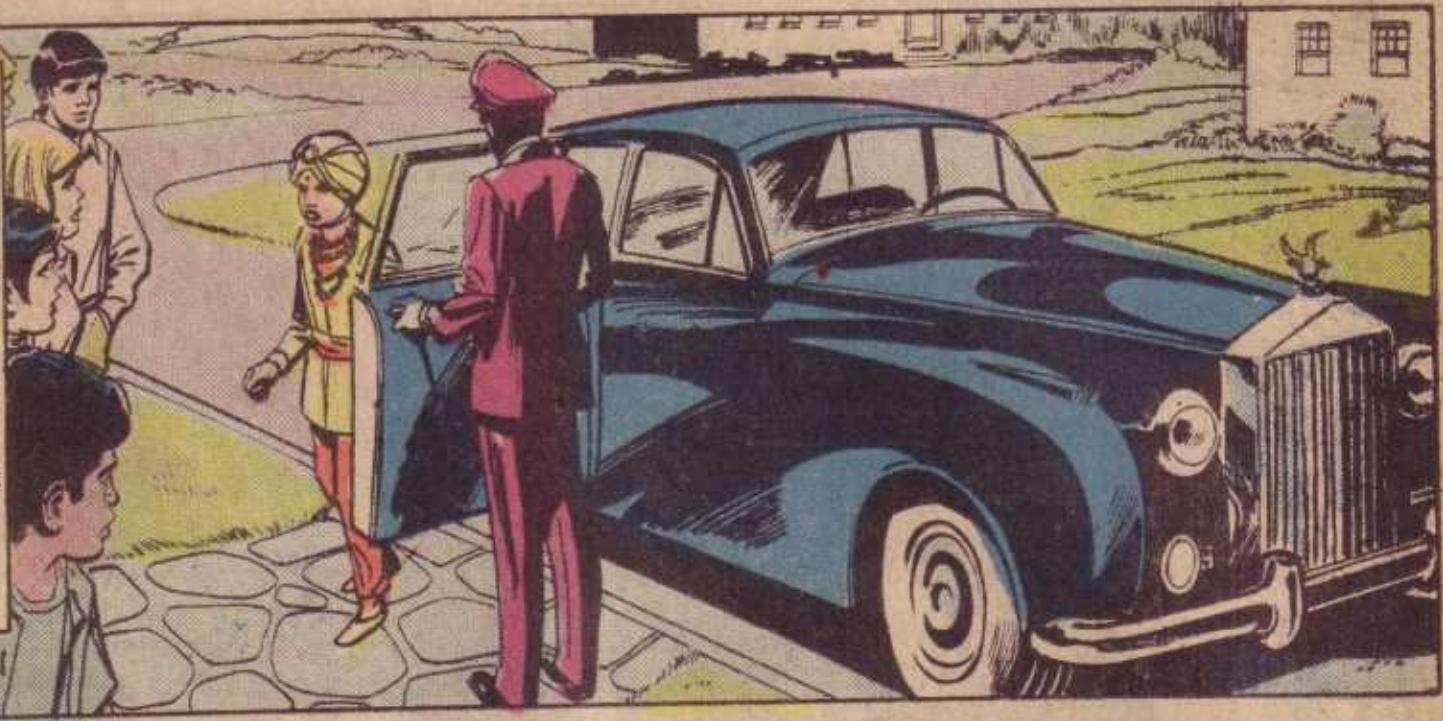
IT IS QUIET IN THIS ROOM... THE
STILLNESS BROKEN ONLY BY THE
LABORED BREATHING OF THE TWO
ENEMIES, THE SIGH OF THE VEILED
WOMAN AND THE
SLIGHT SNUFFLING OF THE BOY.

DANGER LIES BEHIND THIS MOMENT
...AND ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH-- AS
THE BATMAN STRIVES TO CHASE THE
MASTER OF FOUL PLots!



"Hail Emperor
PENGUIN!"

IT BEGINS
THIS BRISK
SPRING AFTER-
NOON AT THE
CAMPUS OF
HUDSON
UNIVERSITY...
WHERE KING
PEEBLE IV,
TWELVE-YEAR-
OLD RULER OF
THE KINGDOM OF
SWAWAK, IS
PAYING A
VISIT...



YOUR MAJESTY,
I'M DICK
GRAYSON!
THE COLLEGE
PRESIDENT ASKED
ME TO GIVE YOU
THE GRAND
TOUR!

YOU? A
MERE CHILD?
I SHOULD
BE INSULTED!

I TRUST
YOU ARE AT
LEAST AN HONOR
STUDENT!

FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH...
I AM!

THIS IS A
STATUE OF
OUR FOUNDER!
HE BUILT
THE SCHOOL
IN 1895
AND...

WHO CARES?
I WANT
TO SEE
THE "MALT
SHOP" WHERE
THE "CATS
AND CHICKS
HANG OUT"!-
JUST LIKE IN THE
AMERICAN FILMS!

I AM
INTERESTED
IN "SOCK
HOPS" AND
"BEACH
BLANKET
BIKINI
BINGO"!

ER... I'M AFRAID THE
MOVIES GIVE A RATHER
DISTORTED PICTURE
OF OUR LIFE!

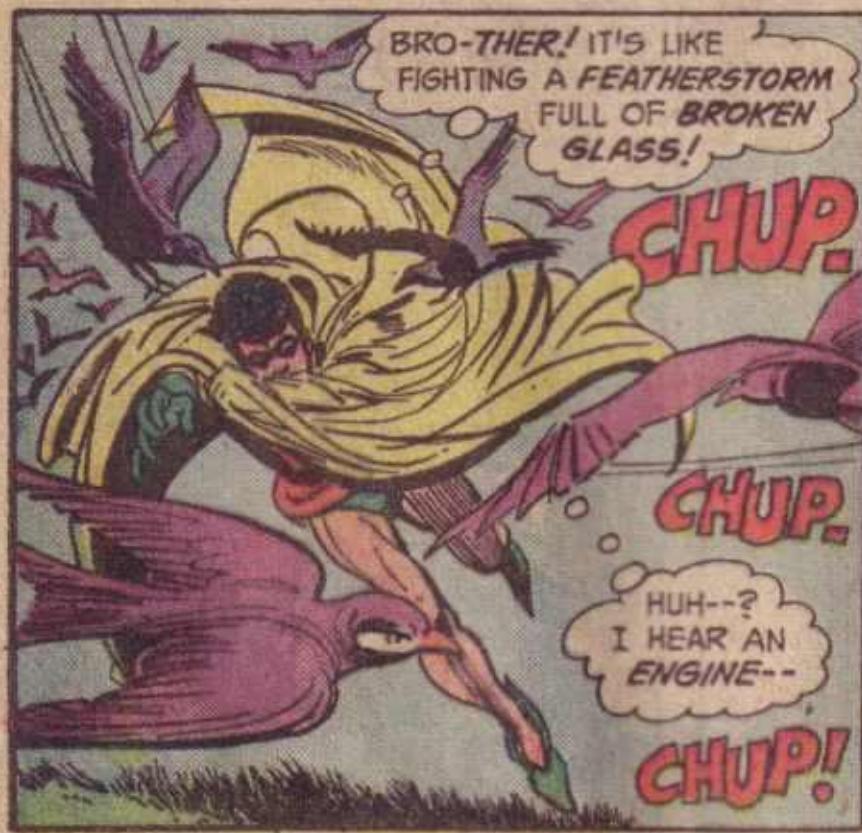
AS FOR BEACHES
AND BIKINIS... IT'S
A BIT EARLY IN
THE YEAR!

BIT EARLY FOR
SOMETHING ELSE--

--THOSE BIRDS...
AND THEY'RE
ACTING
STRANGELY!

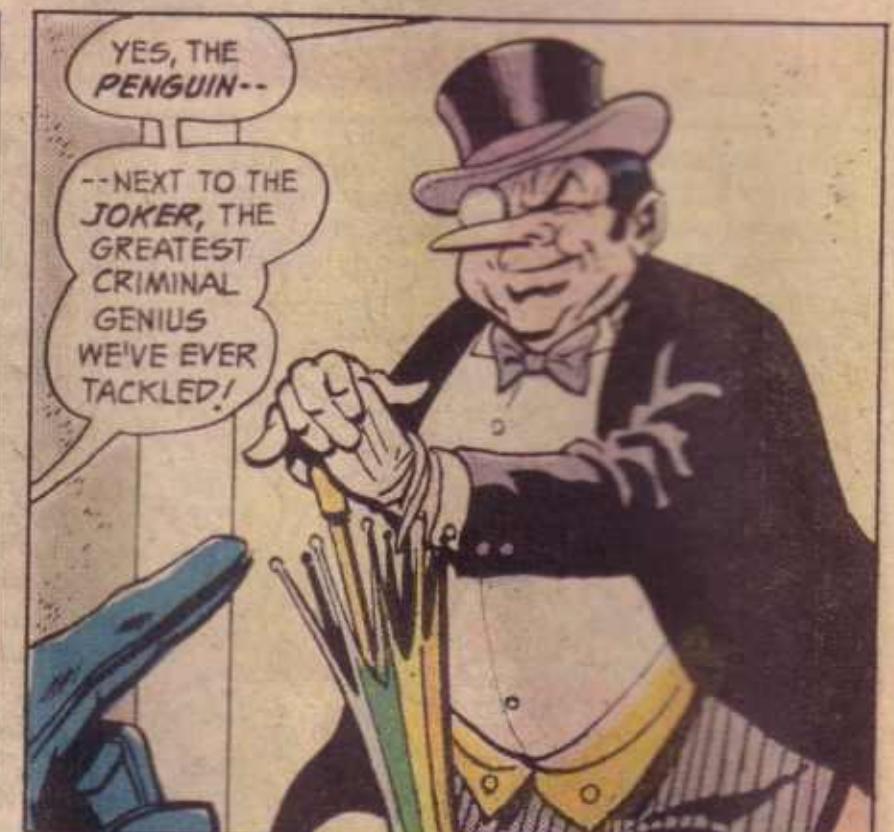
HOVERING
OVER US...
STARTING
TO SWOOP--

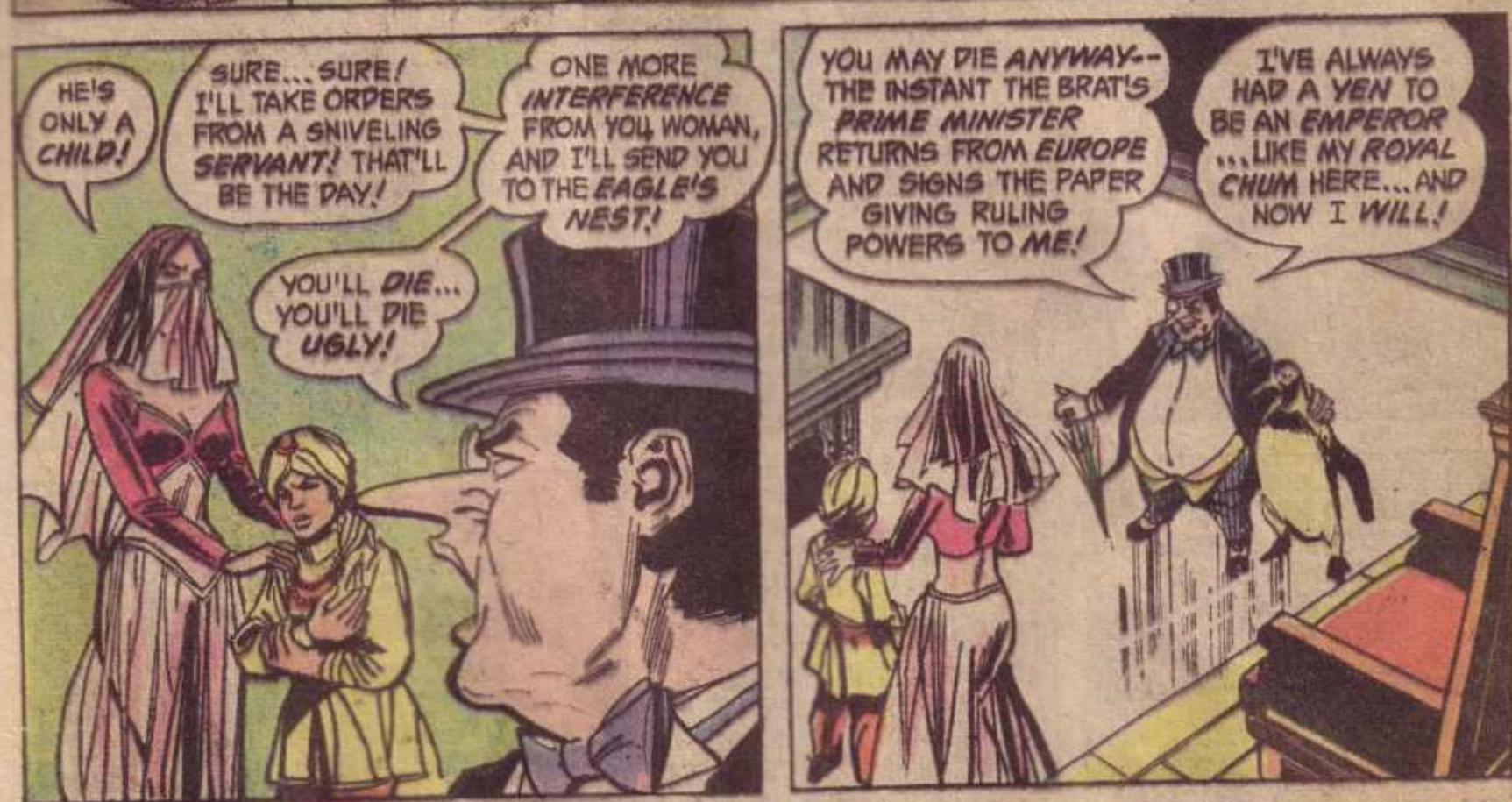
--ATTACK!





SOON, ROBIN IS RELATING THE BIZARRE EVENTS TO HIS GUARDIAN AND MENTOR IN A HUGE CAVERN BENEATH A SUBURBAN MANSION...

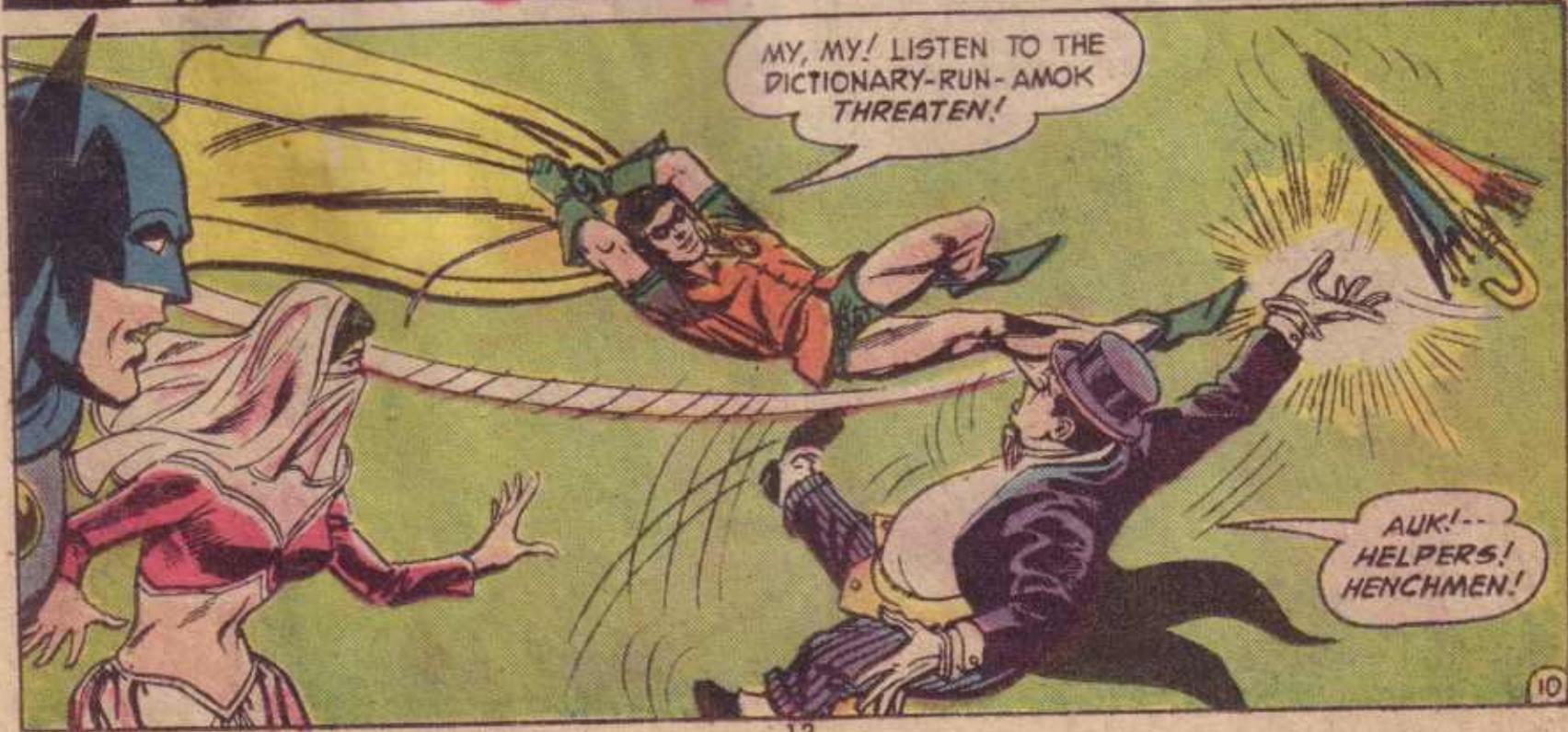
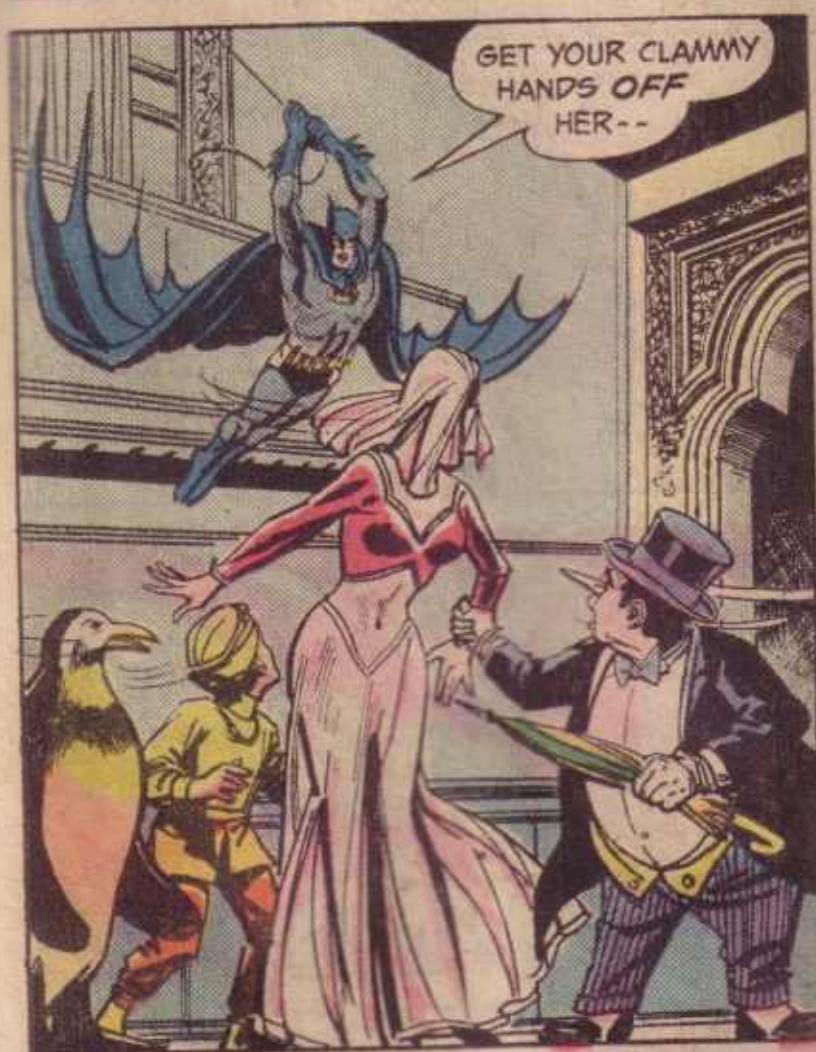






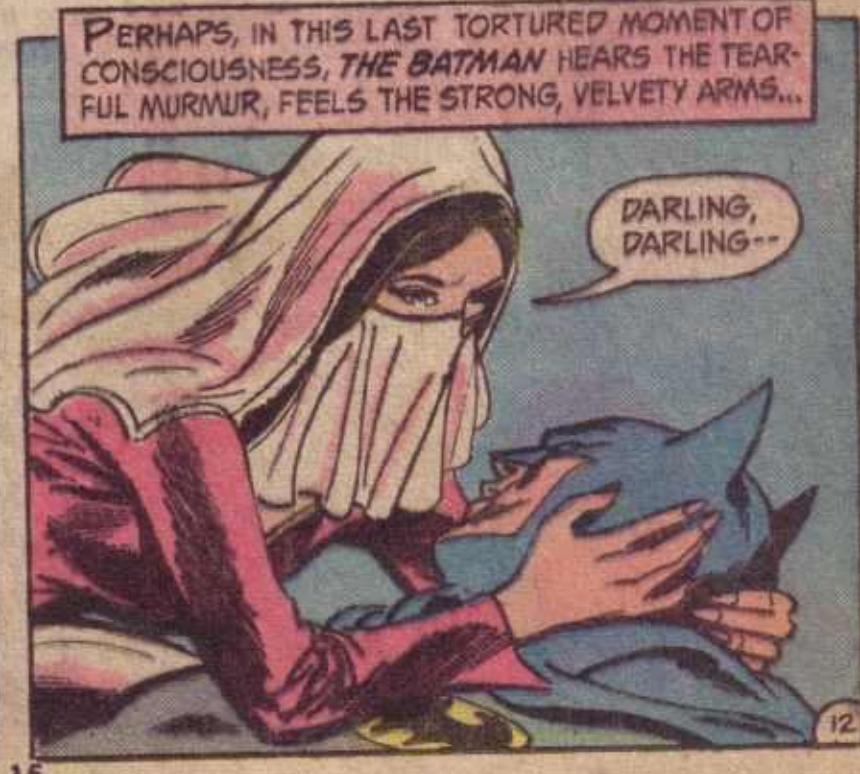








HOWEVER, WITH UNEXPECTED SPEED, THE PENGUIN'S "ALLY" SINKS HIS BEAK INTO THE BATMAN'S FOOT--





LIKE THE PENGUIN,
I HOPED TO ROB--
USE THE MONEY TO FREE
MY FATHER, RA'S AL GHUL,
FROM PRISON...TO REBUILD
HIS ORGANIZATION--
HIS DREAM!

I DID NOT
COUNT ON
MEETING
YOU!

HATE TO BREAK
UP YOUR REUNION,
GUYS--BUT MOMMA
EAGLE IS ON THE
SET... AND GIVING US
THE BLOODY
EYEBALL!

QUICK, ROBIN... SWING
YOUR FEET UP TO MY
SHOULDERS!

MADE IT!
NOW WHAT--?

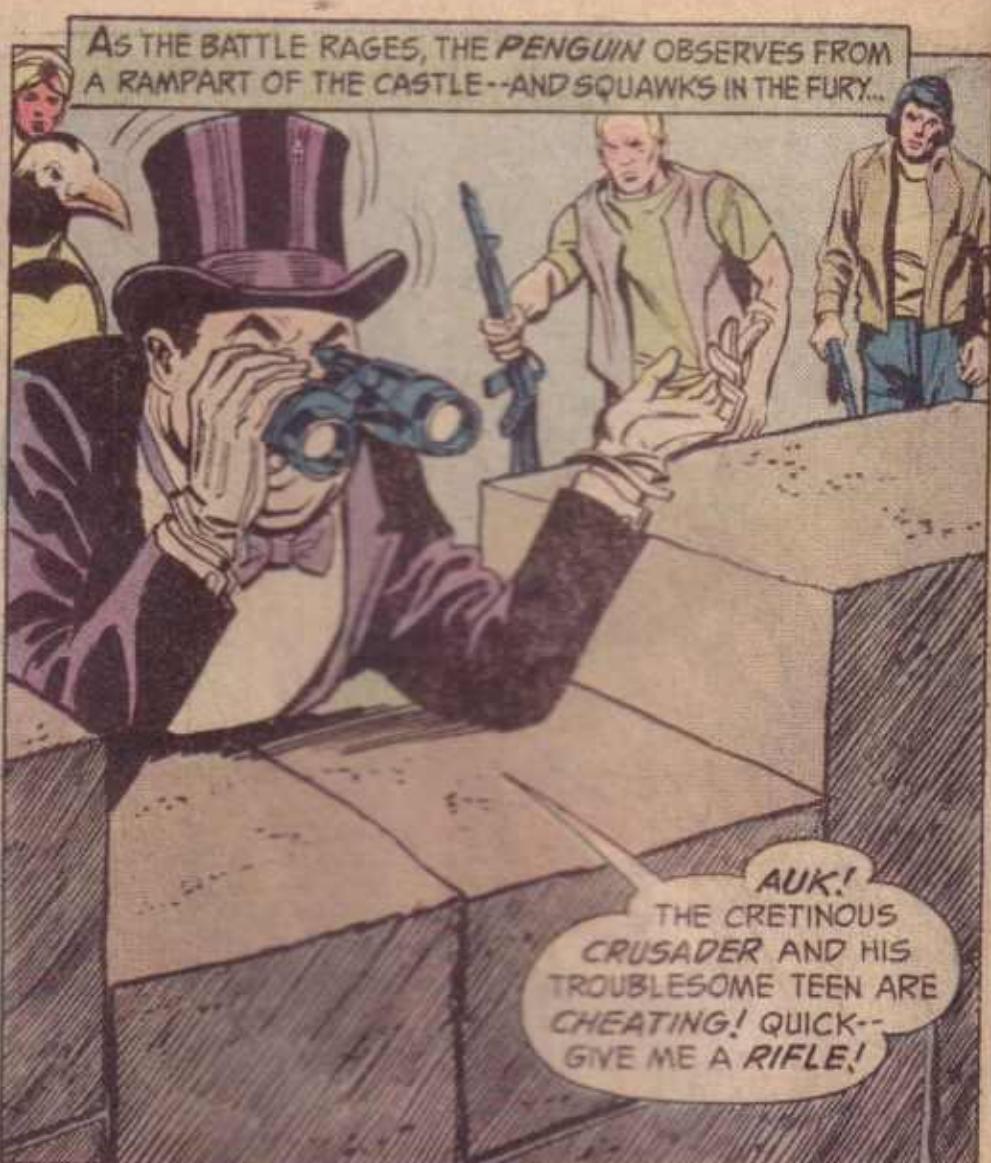
JUMP TO THE
LEDGE ABOVE...

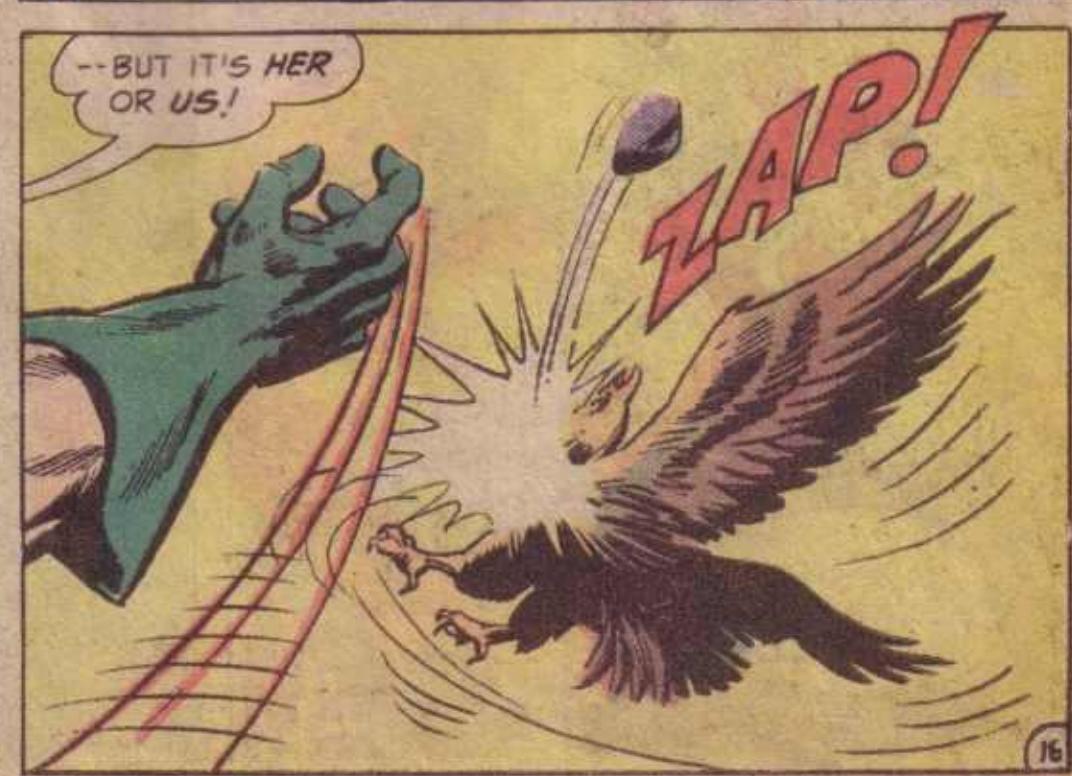
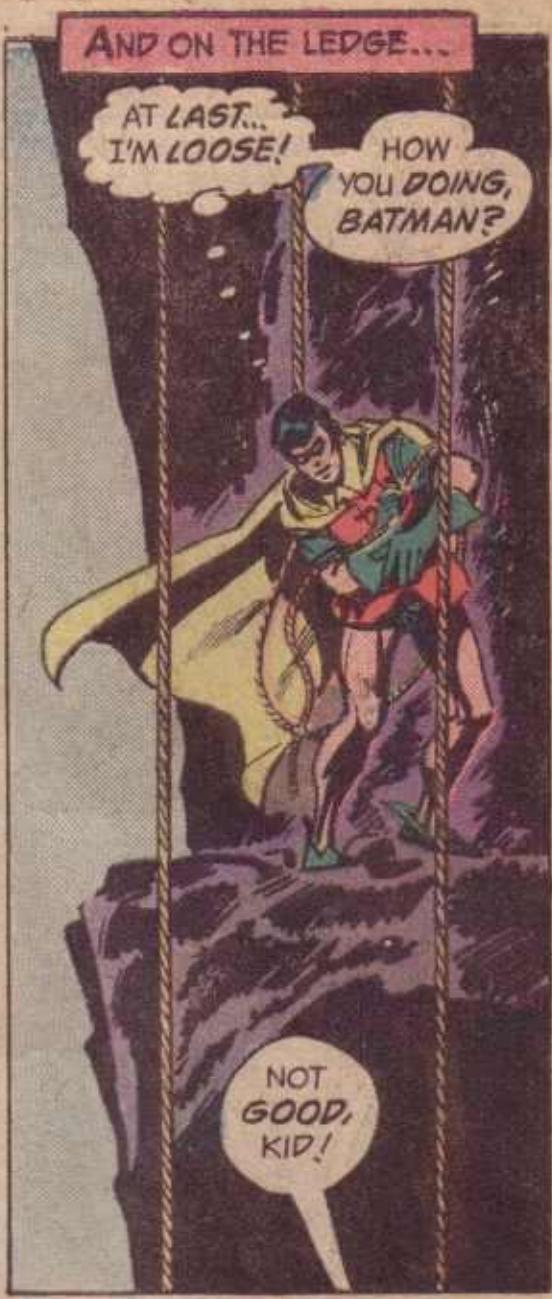
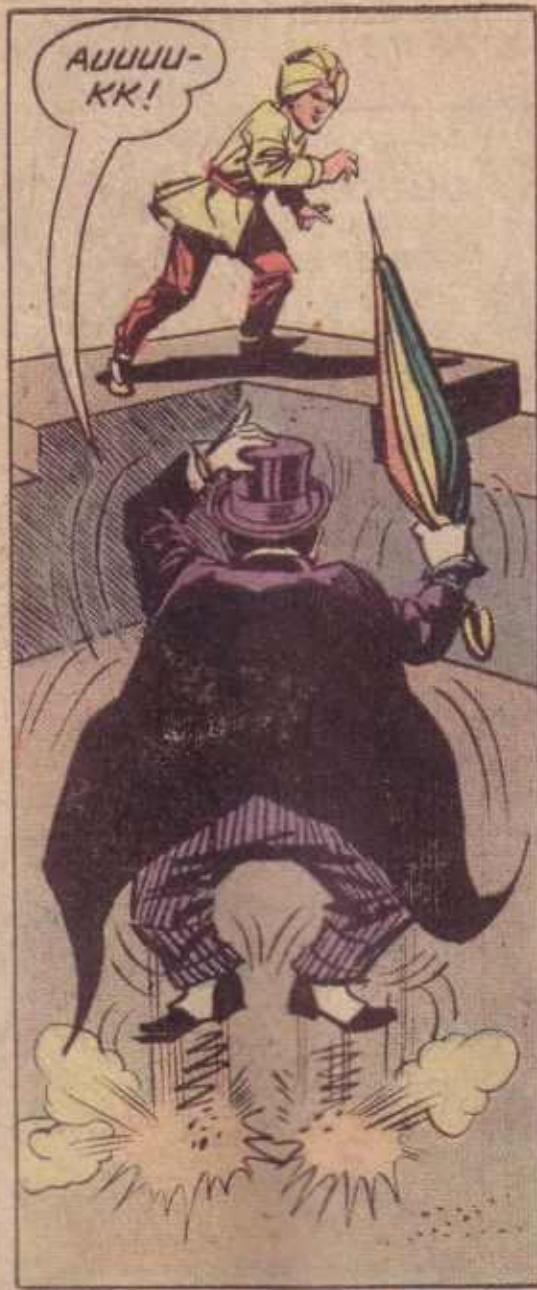
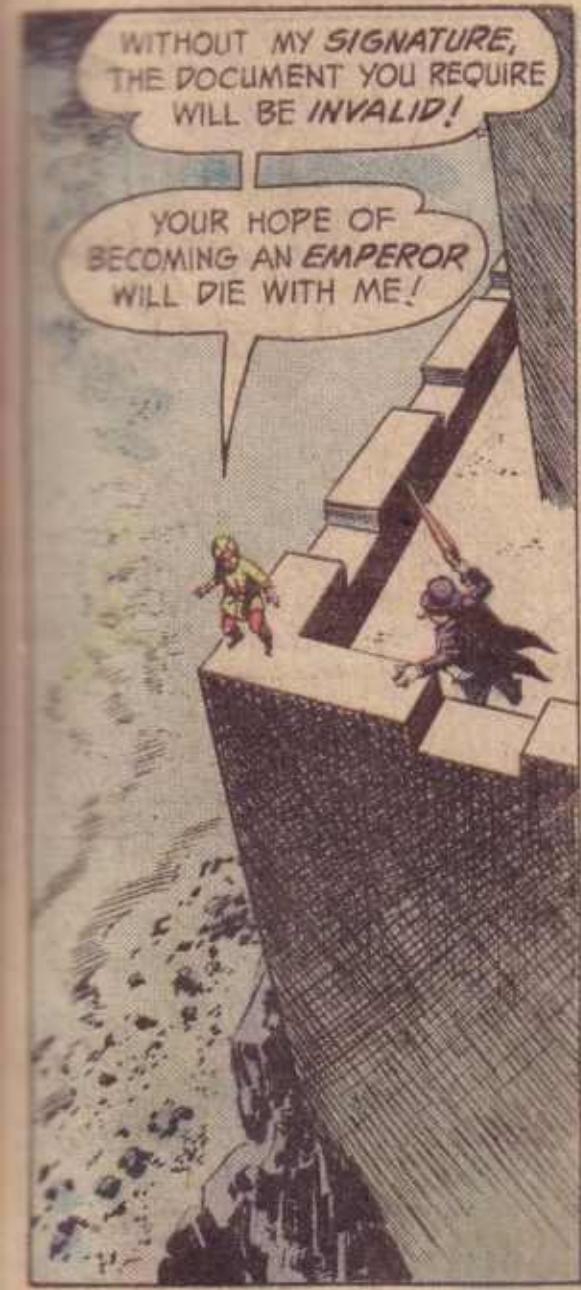
...USE THAT
JAGGED EDGE
ON YOUR ROPES!
MEANWHILE,
I'LL KEEP
MOMMA BUSY!

WHEW!-
THE
HIGHER
I GO, THE
ROUGHER
IT GETS!

TALIA... BEHIND
ME! I'LL
SHIELD YOU--

NO! I AM
NOT HELPLESS!
BESIDES,
I CAN BE
USEFUL--!





SLOWLY, THE SUN SINKS AND A CHILL TOUCHES THE ISLAND, AS...



HIS DESPERATELY SEEKING FINGERS FIND A SLIM GAP IN THE STONES, MOMENTARILY HALTING HIS PLUNGE...

...AND ACTING AS THOUGH THEY WERE A TEAM, ROBIN AND TALIA SPRING INTO ACTION TO RESCUE THE YOUNG MONARCH..

HAND TOUCHES HAND, THE GRIP TIGHTENS, AND A SIGH OF RELIEF FLUTTERS THROUGH TALIA'S LIPS, FOLLOWED BY A TRIUMPHANT CRY--

HELP!
SOMEONE
HELP!!



LAST OPPORTUNITY TO OBLITERATE OUR OPPROBRIOS OPPONENT, MEN!

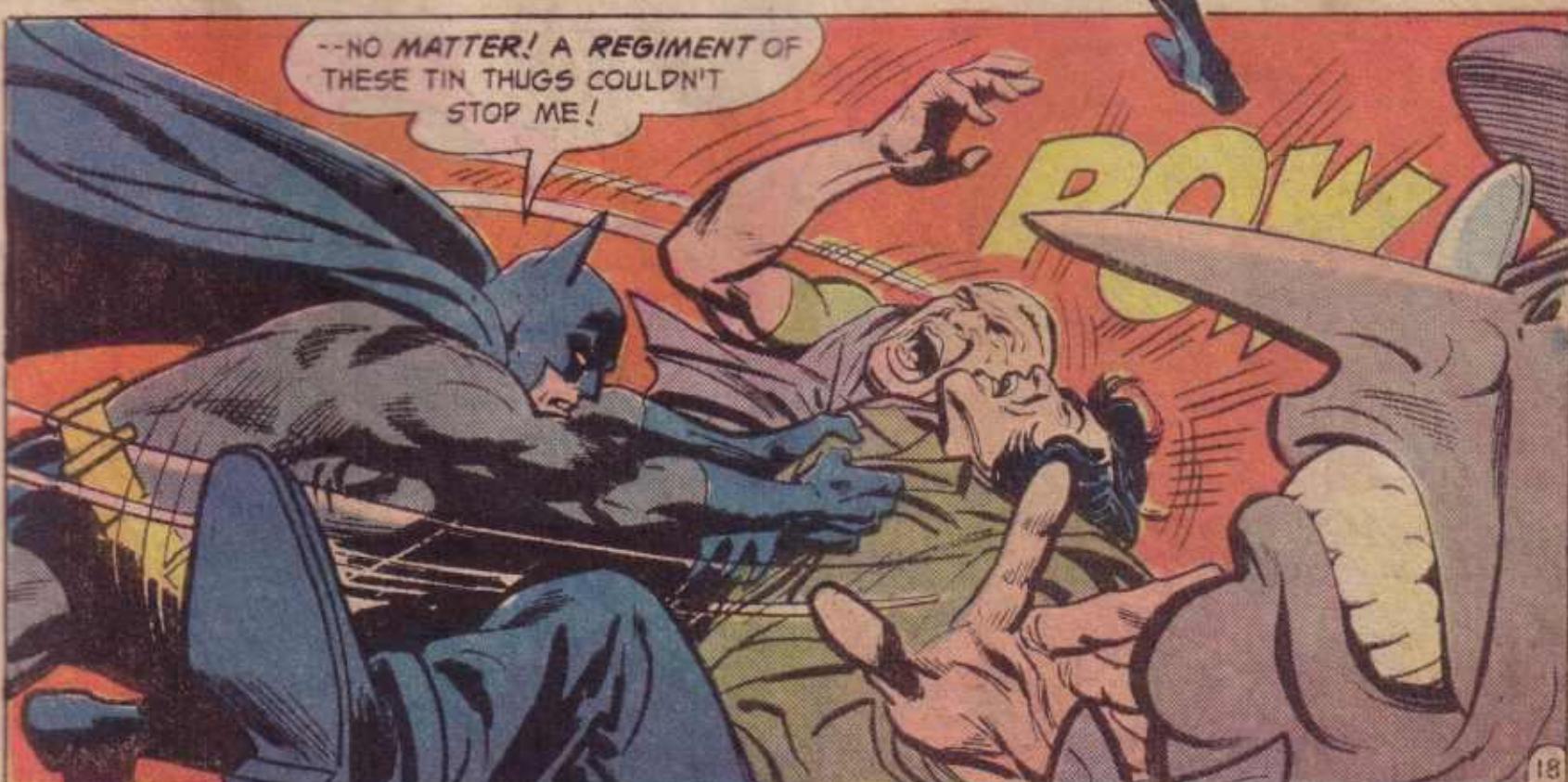
NOR HAS THE BATMAN BEEN IDLE--

OBLITERATE?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE PLANNING TO "ALLITERATE" ME TO DEATH--

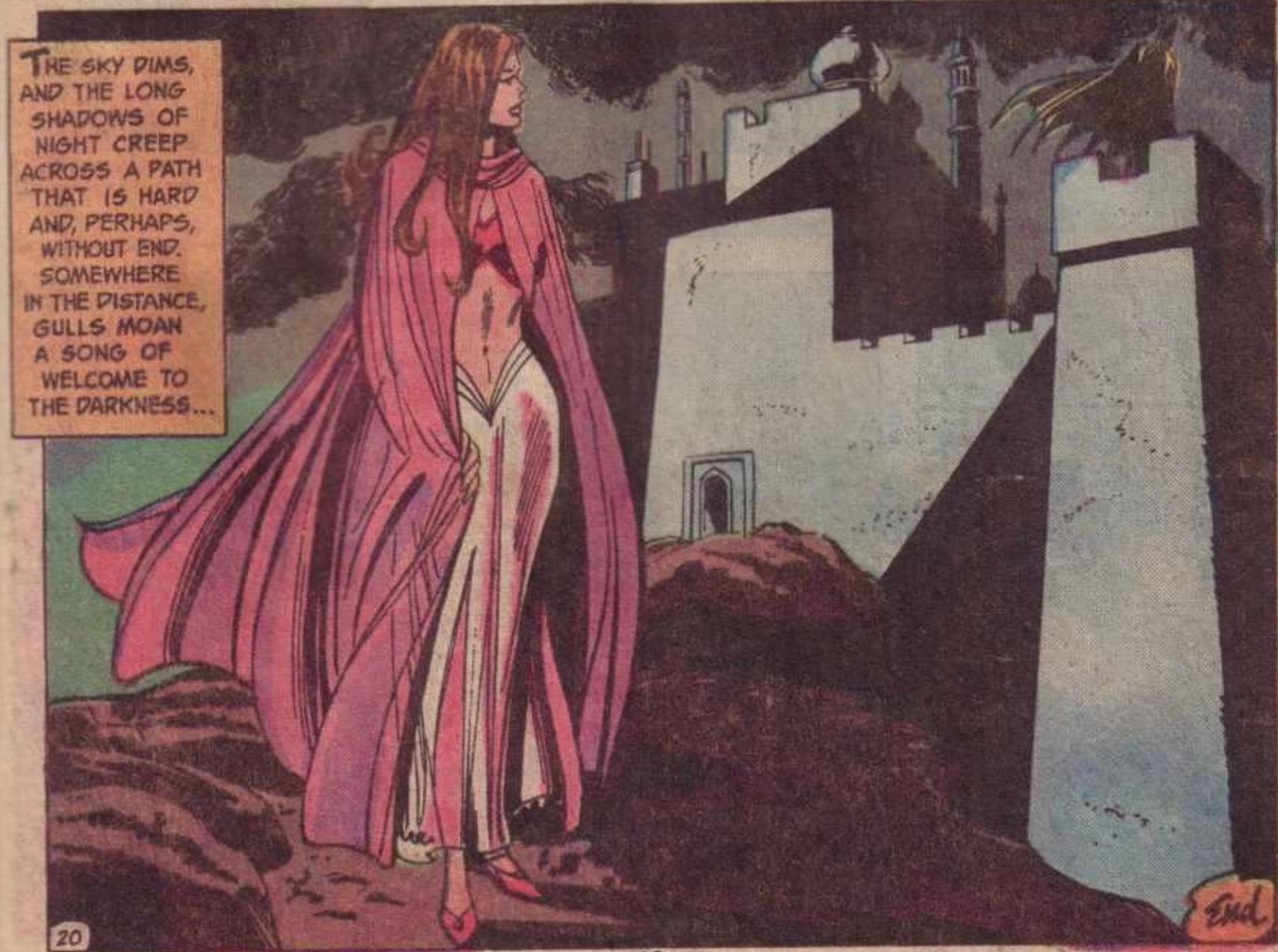
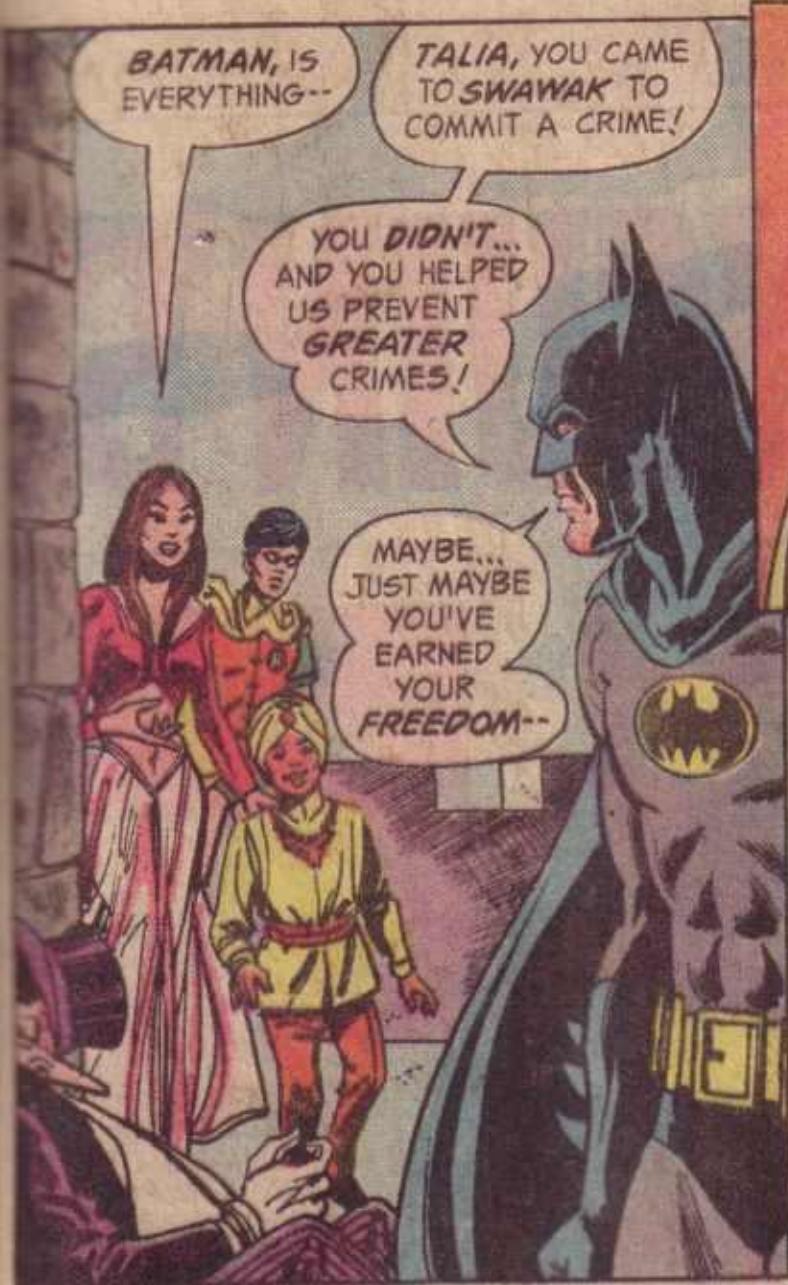


--NO MATTER! A REGIMENT OF THESE TIN THUGS COULDN'T STOP ME!

POW!







From THE BATMAN'S CRIME-FILE

COBBLEPOT, OSWALD CHESTERFIELD
Alias THE PENGUIN.

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SUBJECT OF THIS FILE:

The

THE PENGUIN MUST ALWAYS
BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
WITH MEANS OF ESCAPE AT
HAND SO LONG AS HE HAS
ONE OF HIS TRICK UMBRELLAS
HANDY.

PENGUIN'S



IN HIS VERY FIRST
APPEARANCE
(*DETECTIVE COMICS*
#58; DEC., 1941), THE
PENGUIN, MAS-
QUERADING UNDER
THE NAME OF
MR. BONIFACE,
USED UMBRELLAS
WHICH SHOT BULLETS,
KNOCKOUT GAS
AND ACID!

IN BATMAN #14 (DEC., 1942),
THE FOWL FELON HAD AN
INSIDE-OUT UMBRELLA,
WITH NEEDLE-SHARP
POISON STAYS!



UNIQUE UMBRELLAS!



TWO UMBRELLAS WERE INTRODUCED IN "CRIME ON THE WING" (BATMAN #33; FEB.-MAR., 1946). ONE TURNED UMBRELLA SILK AND RIBS INTO A WEB TO CATCH BATMAN...



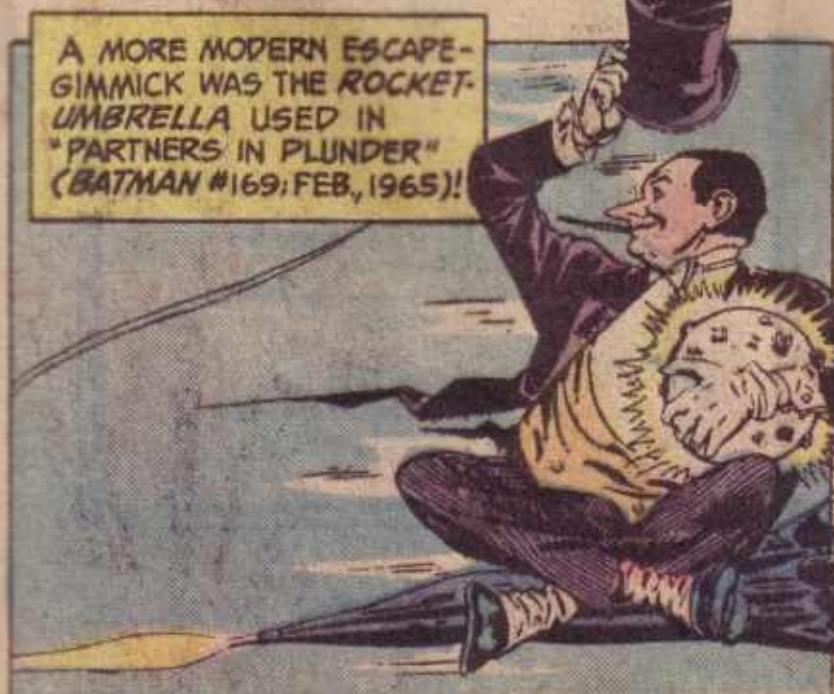
...WHILE THE OTHER, DROPPED "ACCIDENTALLY," WAS A BOOBY-TRAP WHICH SHOT GAS AT BATMAN WHEN HE TRIED TO USE IT ON THE PENGUIN!



TRANSPORTATION? "THE PENGUIN'S NEST" (BATMAN #36; AUG.-SEPT., 1946) INCLUDED A PARACHUTE-UMBRELLA CONCEALED IN A HAT, AND A POGO-STICK-UMBRELLA!



AND THIS ONE FROM "THE PENGUIN ON PAROLE" (BATMAN #38; DEC.-JAN., 1946) WAS A COMBINATION HELICOPTER AND TEAR-GAS GUN!



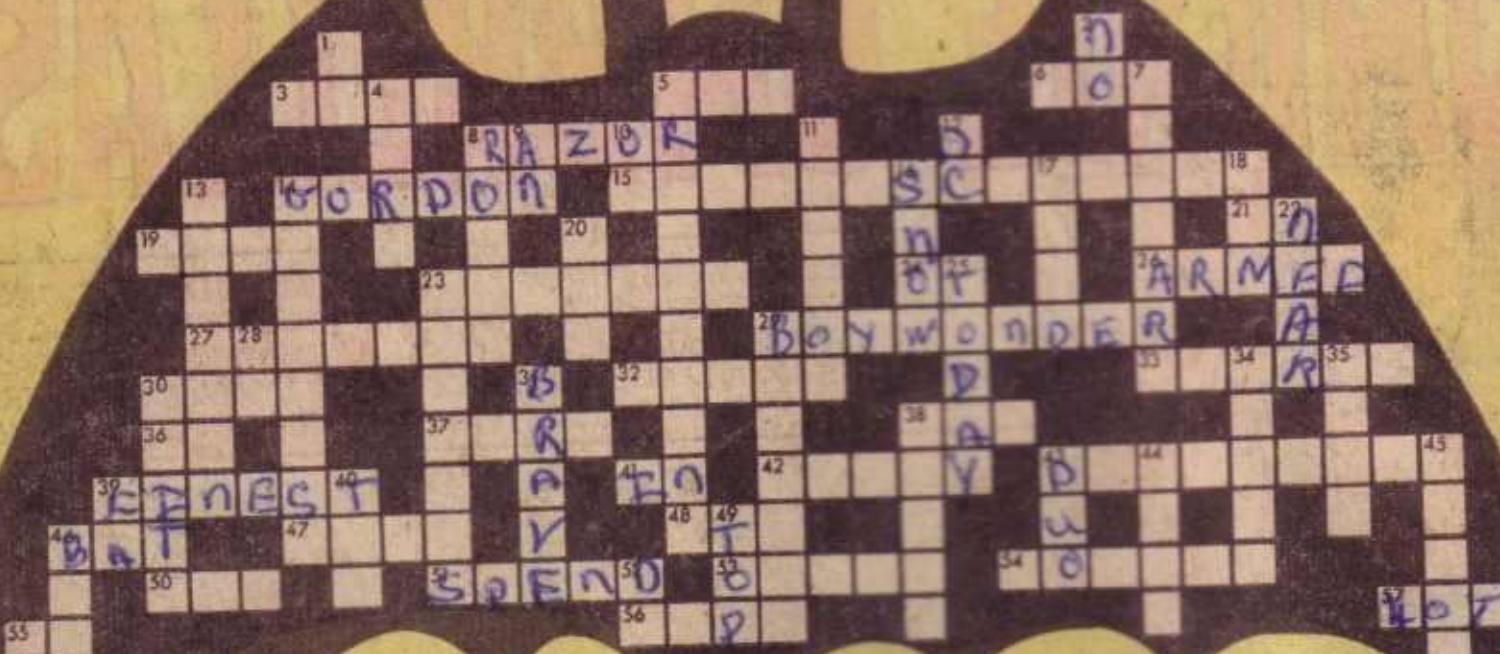
HERE WE HAVE THE ULTIMATE UMBRELLA... A ROBOT-CONTROLLED MODEL THAT DID THE ROBBING FOR ITS CREATOR, WHILE HE STAYED IN HIS LAIR!



BAT-PUZZLE

by BOB ROZAKIS

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ACROSS:

- 3. Batman's mask
- 5. It flew in Bruce's window and was taken as an omen
- 6. Artist Brown
~~Used in shaving~~
- 14. The Police Commissioner
- 15. Editor of BATMAN (2 wds)
- 19. What Batman instills in criminals
- 21. Initials of the actor who played Alfred on tv
- 23. Villain known for his "criminal conundrums"
- 24. Overtime (abbrev)
- 26. Carrying a gun
- 27. Dick's last name
- 28. Robin, the _____ (2 wds)
- 30. _____ Harriet
- 32. Crime-File owner
- 33. Bruce's butler
- 36. Initials of DC's publisher
- 37. 32 Across' last name
- 38. Feline foe: The _____ woman
- 39. WORLD'S _____
- 41. Not out
- 42. Batwoman: _____ Kane
- 43. _____ COMICS
- 44. The _____ -Signal
- 47. Ripped
- 48. Part of Bat-Plane's flight plan (abbrev)
- 50. Yourself
- 51. What to do with money
- 53. Author Denny
- 54. Belonging to the Clown Prince of Crime
- 55. Initials of B&B editor
- 56. It blows in the wind
- 57. "Batman's _____ Line"

DOWN:

- 1. "Letters _____ the Batman"
- 2. Negative
- 3. Dick's relation to Bruce
- 4. The Batman (2 wds)
- 5. The Commissioner's daughter
- 6. Dick's secret identity
- 7. _____ apple a day
- 8. Breakfast drink (abbrev)
- 9. Dick's college
- 10. Publisher of BATMAN
- 11. The Fiendish Fowl
- 12. "The World's _____ Detective"
- 13. What Batman has on tv
- 14. Earth-Two hero: _____ cat
- 15. Sound effect
- 16. Commercials
- 17. Close by
- 18. Author Frank
- 19. Day after yesterday
- 20. Registered Nurse (abbrev)
- 21. Creator of Batman (2 wds)
- 22. What Gotham is (2 wds)
- 23. AND BOLD
- 24. One criminal is known because he has two of these
- 25. What Batman fights
- 26. Killer of Bruce's parents: Joe _____
- 27. Musical note
- 28. He swings from a roof: _____
- 29. The Dynamic _____
- 30. Robin's group: _____ Titans
- 31. Gain pleasure from
- 32. Batgirl
- 33. Bruce's penthouse is at the _____ of the Wayne Building
- 34. Initials of Goodwin-edited mag starring Batman

SOLUTION TO THIS **BAT-PUZZLE** APPEARS ON PAGE 74

THAT WAS SOME TRAP THE PENGUIN SPRUNG ON US! KIND OF LIKE GOLF... HE NEARLY GOT A BIRDIE... A ROBIN, THAT IS... BUT INSTEAD, I GOT AN EAGLE!



BUT I RECALL ANOTHER TIME WHEN SOMEONE CAME MUCH CLOSER TO FINISHING YOU, ROBIN! AND I HAD TO TRACK HIM DOWN! THAT WAS A REAL BRUSH WITH TRAGEDY!

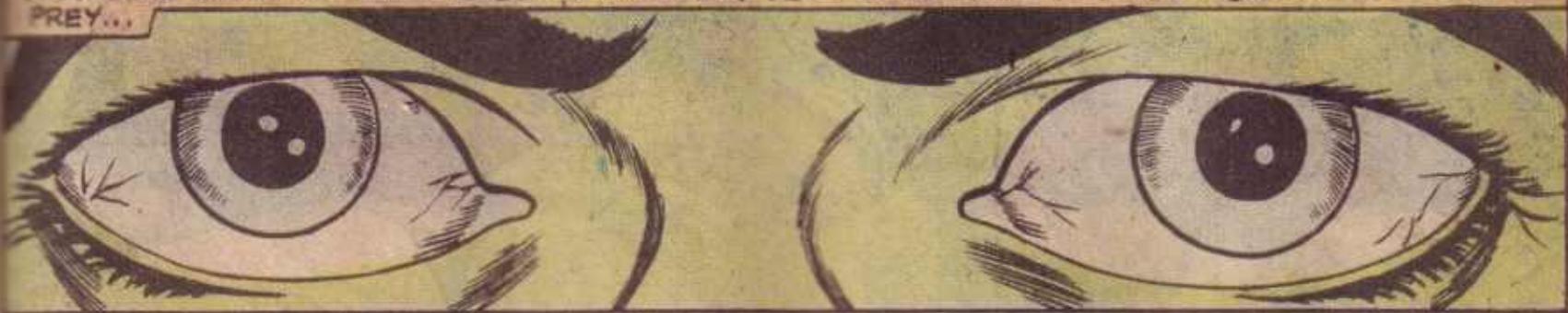
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BATMAN

With ROBIN The BOY WONDER.

"HUNT for a ROBIN-KILLER!"

THESE ARE THE HATE-FILLED EYES OF A KILLER, SEARCHING THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY FOR PREY...



SUDDENLY--THE EYES BULGE WITH THE EXCITEMENT OF DISCOVERY...



INTO A DARK ALLEYWAY STALKS THE KILLER -- FINGERS TENSING, OPENING AND CLOSING, ITCHING TO BE TURNED LOOSE UPON THEIR TARGET OF HOMICIDAL HATE...



KILLER
HANDS
ARE
UNLEASHED...

GNNNGG!

BUNCED KNUCKLES--DEADLY AS
A MACE--LASH OUT--MISS BY A
HAIR'S-BREADTH...

KRAKK

LETHAL FISTS
BALL INTO
POWERFUL
PISTONS
PUMPING
PUNCH
AFTER
PUNCH...

GALLOUSLY, CRUELLY--
PITILESS BLOWS STORM
INTO THE SAGGING
VICTIM...

ROBIN IS BROKEN AND BATTERED--THE BLOWS ARE WITHERING ...

ROBIN IS FLUNG
ABOUT LIKE A
RAG DOLL BY
THE BARRAGE
OF FISTS...

DOWN COMES THE DEATH-BLOW--WHEN A SHOUT FREEZES THE FIST IN MID-AIR...

COME ON, ROBIN--I'VE GOT THEM ALL!

BATMAN'S VOICE?!

IT'S EITHER MY FINISH--
OR ROBIN'S!
THE CHOICE IS OBVIOUS...

A BLACK SHADOW SLIPS FORWARD--SHROUDS THE SPRAWLED-OUT YOUTH...

ROBIN!!!

A SOB OF ANGUISH RIPS THROUGH THE CORDED THROAT OF BATMAN--A SHAKING HAND STRETCHES FORWARD...

OH, MY GOD!
IT'S ALL--
MY FAULT!

I--KILLED
ROBIN!

DOES THE CAPED CRUSADER BLAME HIMSELF FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BOY WONDER? WHAT REASON CAN HE HAVE FOR HIS TERRIBLE FEELING OF GUILT? ...

SHORT MOMENTS BEFORE, THE TEEN TITAN WAS HIS USUAL HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SELF AS...

WE HAVE THE LEMON BROTHERS CORNERED IN THE WAREHOUSE, BATMAN! LET'S PUT THE SQUEEZE ON 'EM!

I'LL GO IN THE FRONT WAY, ROBIN-- YOU TAKE THE BACK AS WE USUALLY DO!

AS THE MASKED MANNHUNTER CANNONADED INTO THE PANELS OF THE RICKETY OLD WAREHOUSE DOOR...

I JUST REMEMBERED-- THEY BOARDED UP THE BACK OF THIS OLD WAREHOUSE AS A SAFETY MEASURE A WEEK AGO!

THE GANG CAN'T GET OUT THE BACK WAY...

IN THE GLOOMY CON-FINES OF THE WAREHOUSE, A FRIGHTFUL FEAR STIRRED IN THE HEARTS OF THE TRAPPED TRIO! FOR THEY-- AND EVIL-DOERS LIKE THEM-- HAD GENERATED THIS PHANTOM OF THE NIGHT-- WHOSE VERY SHADOW STRUCK THEM LIKE A THUNDER-CLAP OF DOOM...

NERVES SNAPPED BEFORE THE ATTACK OF THIS NIGHTMARE NEMESIS OF THE GOTHAM CITY UNDERWORLD! GUNS FIRED-- BUT FAR WIDE OF THE MARK...

N-NO, BATMAN... STAY AWAY...

WE G-GOT G-GUNS!

STAY AWAAGHHH!

BUAM

BUAM

A CLOAK RUSTLED
IN THE BLACK
SILENCE WHERE
ONLY THE GASPS
OF PANIC-STRICKEN
MEN WERE
HEARD! AND
THEN--



VAAAAM!

A THUG SCREAMED--AS A PALM-EDGE SHUT OFF HIS VOICE IN MID-CRY...

GET
B--

AWKKK--!

WHUAMPP!



WHIRLING,
THE
GOTHAM
GANGBUSTER
DROVE A
HAND FASTER
THAN THE
EYE COULD
FOLLOW...

BAM

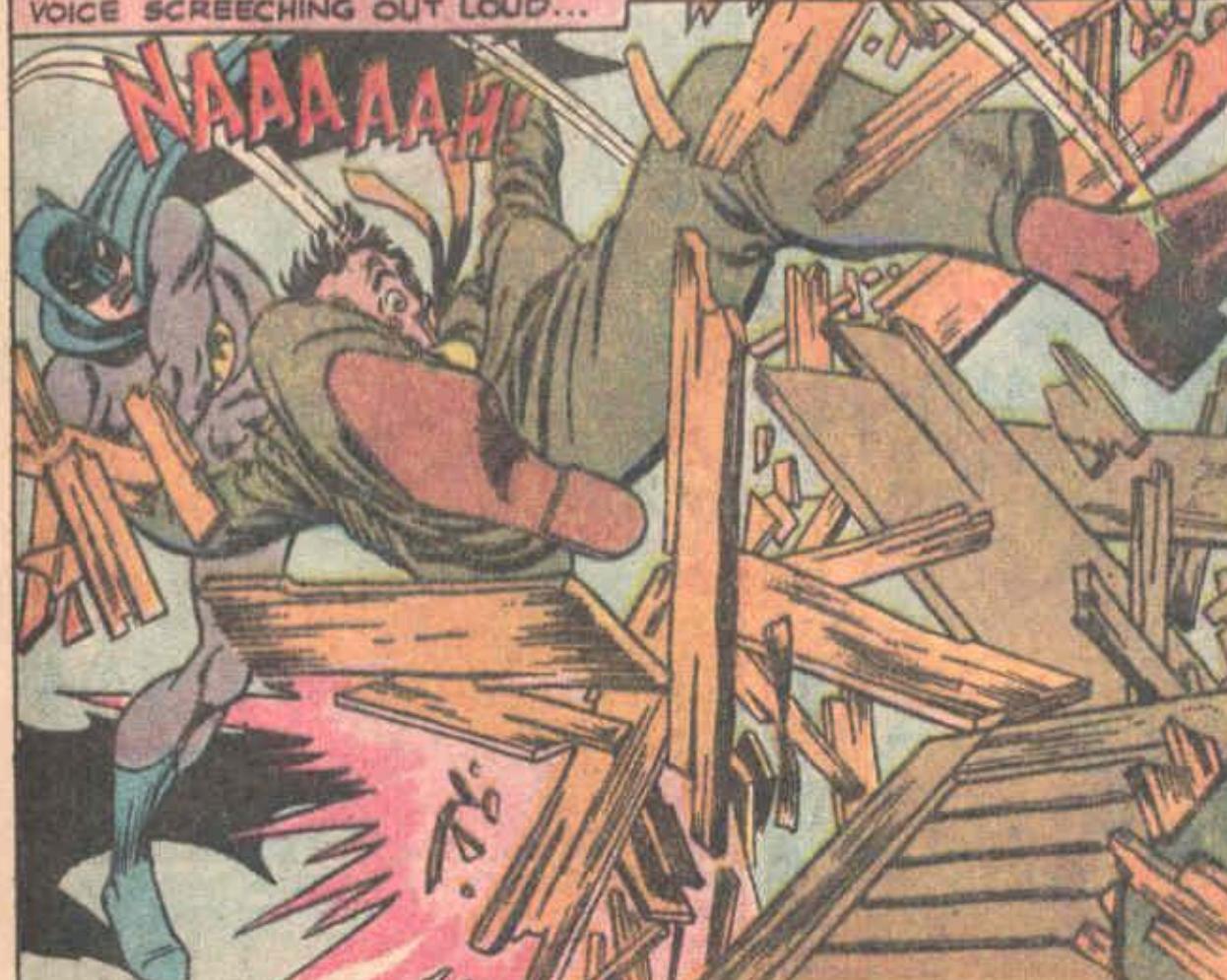
HANDS LIKE STEEL SPRINGS LOCKED ON A GUN-WRIST AND TERROR WAS A
VOICE SCREECHING OUT LOUD...

AND AFTER THE SPLINTER-
ING CRASH--QUIET...

WHAT'S
KEEPING
ROBIN?

HE MUST HAVE
SEEN THE
BACK DOOR
BOARDED
UP BY THIS
TIME!

WHY HASN'T
HE RETURNED?



MEMORY BRINGS A RENEWED SENSE
OF GUILT...

I SENT HIM HERE
ON A FOOL'S ERRAND--

INTO THE WAITING
JAWS OF DEATH--

WAIT!
ROBIN'S ALIVE!
HIS HEART'S
STILL
BEATING--!

GOT TO GET HIM
TO A DOCTOR...

HOPE DAWNS IN THE MOIST EYES AND
HEAVY HEART OF THE CAPE
CRUSADER ...

THERE'S A HOSPITAL A
COUPLE OF BLOCKS
AWAY!

HE MOVES LOST AND LONELY
THROUGH THE NIGHT, WEIGHED
DOWN BY THE LIMP BURDEN
IN HIS ARMS...

IT WAS MY STUPID MISTAKE --

WHY SHOULD ROBIN HAVE
TO SUFFER FOR IT ...?

A HOSPITAL DOOR
SWINGS WIDE, AS
WARMTH AND LIGHT
SWEET OUTWARD
TO ENGULF DESPAIR-
ING MAN AND LIFELESS
BOY...

PULL HIM
THROUGH, DOCTOR--
YOU'VE
GOT TO...

SLOWLY, BATMAN TURNS AWAY AS THE INERT
ROBIN IS WHEELED TOWARDS EMERGENCY
CARE. HIS GREAT FRAME STRAIGHTENS.
SMALL VEINS STAND OUT ON HIS FEATURES!
MUSCLES CORD IN HIS THROAT! HIS EYES
BECOME FIRES! HIS MOUTH A SNARL...

WHOEVER DID
THIS TO ROBIN--
IS OUT THERE...

I'LL FIND HIM-- I'LL
FIND HIM IF IT'S
THE LAST THING
I DO!

WE'LL DO
OUR BEST,
BATMAN--

WOE TO ROBIN'S ASSAILANT! AN ENRAGED
BATMAN HAS BECOME A TERRIBLE
FIGURE OF VENGEANCE!

EYES THAT HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO DETECT AND OBSERVE SCAN THE SCENE OF THE BRUTAL ATTACK...



IT ISN'T MUCH TO GO ON --

BUT IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME!

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HUH? WHATTA YA WANT WITH ME, BATMAN?



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I'M TAKING
YOU IN FOR
ASSAULT--
AND
MAYBE--
FOR
MURDER!

WHAM!

LAY OFF ME! WHAT
RIGHT YOU GOT TO...
UNNKKK!

I'M GIVING YOU NO
CHANCE TO WHALE
AWAY AT ME-- THE
WAY YOU DID TO
ROBIN!

I-- I'VE
NEVER LAID
EYES ON
ROBIN!

I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH
HATE FOR ANY HUMAN
BEING! I'M CAUGHT UP
IN A COMPULSIVE
VENDETTA!

YOU
GOTTA
BELIEVE--

AM I PULLING MY
PUNCHES-- JUST
ENOUGH-- TO KEEP
FROM KNOCKING HIM
OUT CLEANLY-- AND
MERCIFULLY?

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NICE GOING, BATMAN!
I BET HE GOT WHAT
WAS COMING TO HIM!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO ANOTHER PUNK!

BUT IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON,
THERE IS NO SUCH APPROVAL...
AND THAT'S WHY I'M
PREFERRING CHARGES
AGAINST HIM--

BATMAN--YOU'VE
MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

THIS MAN HAS AN IRON-
CLAD ALIBI--HE WAS AT
THE PRIZEFIGHT CLUB
TONIGHT AT THE VERY TIME
ROBIN WAS BEATEN UP!

I SAW HIM
THERE MYSELF!

"AT THE PRECISE MOMENT
ROBIN WAS BEING
ATTACKED--I WAS HAND-
ING HIM MY FIGHT-CARD
FOR HIS SIGNATURE..."

MIND
SIGNING
THIS,
CONDORS?

BE GLAD TO,
COMMISSIONER!
I WAS EXPECT-
ING YOU--

EVERYBODY IN
THE BOXING
GAME KNOWS
YOUR HOBBY IS
COLLECTING OUR
AUTOGRAPHS--

"I WATCHED HIM TURN
TO THE WALL AND AUTO-
GRAPH MY FIGHT-CARD..."

SO YOU CAN SEE, CONDORS
COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THE
GUILTY MAN!

DO YOU HAVE
THAT FIGHT-CARD HANDY,
COMMISSIONER?

I KNOW WHAT YOU
HAVE IN MIND! GET
CONDORS TO SIGN
HIS NAME AND COMPARE
THE SIGNATURES!

MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

Jim Condors

Jim Condors

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--
THE SAME MAN
SIGNED BOTH
NAMES...

YOUR GUILT-COMPLEX
OVER FOOLISHLY SENDING
ROBIN INTO THAT TRAP--
YOUR RAGING RESOLVE TO
FIND HIS "KILLER"--WARPED
YOUR JUDGMENT! YOU
BETTER COOL OFF, **BATMAN**--
LET THE POLICE HANDLE
THIS CASE!

THEN-- IT'S JIM CONDORS' TURN TO BELLOW AT **BATMAN**...

I'M SUING
YOU,
BATMAN!

I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A
MILLION BUCKS FOR
ASSAULT AND BATTERY
FROM YOU AND **GOTHAM CITY**--PLUS A RESTRAINING
ORDER TO PREVENT YOU
FROM ATTACKING INNOCENT
PEOPLE!

THE LAW HAS GOTTA
CLAMP DOWN ON YOU
COSTUMED CRIME-
FIGHTERS--PUT YOU
OUT OF BUSINESS!

STUNNED BY THE ODD TWIST THE CASE HAS TAKEN, AND WORRIED OVER **ROBIN**, **BATMAN** VISITS
THE HOSPITAL ROOM WHERE...

D-DID YOU -- GET
HIM-- **BATMAN**?

Y-YES, I DID,
ROBIN!

I--I'VE
NEVER LIED TO
ROBIN BEFORE!
BUT THIS TIME--

MOMENTARILY, HE IS COMFORTED BY THE DOCTOR...

BATMAN, YOU'VE DONE **ROBIN**
MORE GOOD WITH THOSE FEW
WORDS THAN I COULD DO
WITH ALL MY MEDICINE!

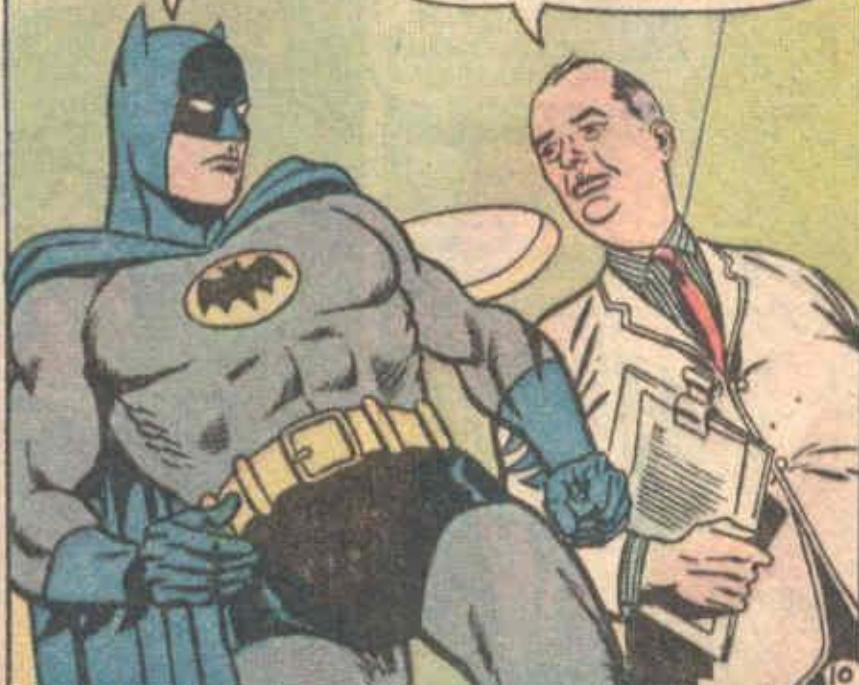
WHAT BULLY?
WHEN **ROBIN**
FINDS OUT
I FAILED--

I EXPECT HE'LL BE MENDING
RAPIDLY FROM NOW ON--
BE IN GOOD SHAPE TO
TESTIFY AGAINST THAT
BULLY YOU CAUGHT...

ONE OTHER THING TROUBLES THE CAPED CRUSADER...

IT WAS WORTH YOUR
DISCOVERING **ROBIN'S**
SECRET IDENTITY TO
SAVE HIS LIFE,
DOCTOR--

BUT I HAVEN'T THE
SLIGHTEST IDEA WHO
ROBIN IS! AFTER ALL, IN
A CITY OF EIGHT MILLION
PEOPLE, I CAN'T KNOW
EVERYONE BY SIGHT...



RETURNING
TO THE
BATCAVE,
HE HUNTS
THROUGH
CASE-
HISTORIES
FILED
THERE
UNTIL...

I'VE LATCHED ONTO
SOMETHING! SOME
TIME AGO, ROBIN
CAUGHT A HOOD
NAMED ED
CONDORS WHILE
ON A SOLO
CASE...

AN ATTACHED PICTURE
SHOWS ED LOOKS ENOUGH
LIKE HIS BROTHER JIM
TO...

RE-OPEN
THIS
CASE!



SHORTLY--AT THE ADDRESS ON FILE FOR ED CONDORS...

BATMAN!?

WH-WHAT ARE
YOU DOIN'
HERE?

TO CHARGE YOU WITH TAKING
YOUR BROTHER'S PLACE AT
THE PRIZEFIGHT CLUB
EARLIER TONIGHT!

JIM HAD PREVIOUSLY SIGNED
A FIGHT-CARD--AND WHEN
COMMISSIONER GORDON
HANDED YOU HIS TO AUTO-
GRAPH, YOU TURNED YOUR
BACK ON HIM AND SWITCHED
IT WITH JIM'S THAT YOU HAD
HIDDEN UNDER YOUR ROBE!

GULP!
HOW'D YOU
KNOW ALL
THAT?

MY BLUFF WORKED!
ED'S NOT NEARLY AS
SHARP AS HIS BROTHER!

ONCE I KNEW JIM CONDORS
HAD A LOOK-ALIKE BROTHER--
I REALIZED WHAT MUST HAVE
HAPPENED!

NOW TO SET UP THE REST OF MY PLAN!
I'VE HEARD ED SPEAK--SO I CAN
IMITATE HIS VOICE!

AND WITH MY MAKE-
UP KIT I CAN DISGUISE
MYSELF TO LOOK LIKE
ED--SO THAT WHEN
JIM SHOWS UP HERE...

LESS
THAN
AN
HOUR
LATER...

ED-- YOU STILL
TRYING TO DO
A CROSSWORD
PUZZLE? YOU
KNOW YOU
HAVEN'T GOT
THE BRAINS
TO--

YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE
NOT SO SMART EITHER!
I HEARD ON THE RADIO
THAT ROBIN'S STILL
ALIVE...

HE'LL BE ABLE
TO IDENTIFY
YOU--!

DO YOU THINK I'D TAKE A STUPID CHANCE
LIKE THAT?

I PROMISED YOU I'D AVENGE
YOUR IMPRISONMENT BY ROBIN--
BY KILLING HIM WITH MY BARE
HANDS-- AND I ALMOST
DID--!

I WORE A MASK
AT THE TIME --
ON THE OFF-
CHANCE THAT
BATMAN MIGHT
SOMEHOW TRACK
ME DOWN --

HE DID-- TO HIS
SORROW-- AS MY
PREPARED ALIBI
PAID OFF -- TO
THE SWEET TUNE
OF A MILLION-
DOLLAR LAWSUIT
AGAINST HIM!

OKAY! SO YOU'RE AS SMART AS I'M DUMB!
HOW'D YOU GET RID OF THE MASK?

I DIDN'T-- NOT YET! I
KNEW I'D HAVE TO PROVE
WHAT A SMART BROTHER
YOU HAVE-- SO I SAVED
IT TO SHOW YOU! I'LL
GET IT OUT OF THE
CAR --

BUT-- WHEN
JIM
CONDORS
RETURNS
WITH MASK
IN HAND...

HERE IT--
BATMAN?!

WH-WHERE'S
ED?

I'M KEEPING HIM HANDY-- SO
BOTH HE AND ROBIN CAN
TESTIFY TO THAT BEATING YOU
GAVE HIM...

THAT MASK-- WITH YOUR
FINGERPRINTS-- WILL BE
THE CLINCHER!

WITH
A
SCREAM
OF
MANIA
RAGE,
JIM
CONDORS
ERUPTS...

I DIDN'T PUT UP A FIGHT LAST
TIME-- BECAUSE I WANTED TO
BE TAKEN IN-- AND SUE YOU
FOR FALSE ARREST!

BUT THIS TIME, I'D JUST AS SOON LEAVE
YOU FOR DEAD-- AS I TRIED TO DO
WITH ROBIN!

KAPOW!

I WONDERED IF
I WAS PULLING
MY PUNCHES LAST
TIME I FOUGHT
THIS PUNK--

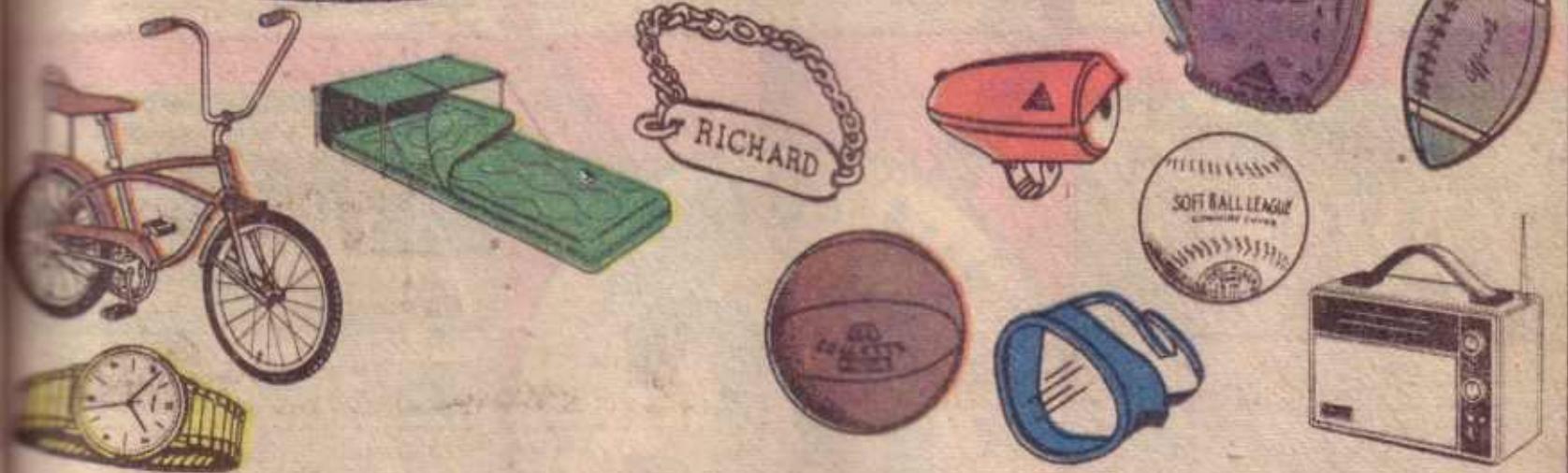
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THAT I KNOW
HE'S A PRIZE-
FIGHTER-- AND A
KILLER-- I'LL
HAVE TO GO ALL
OUT TO PUT HIM
AWAY FAST!

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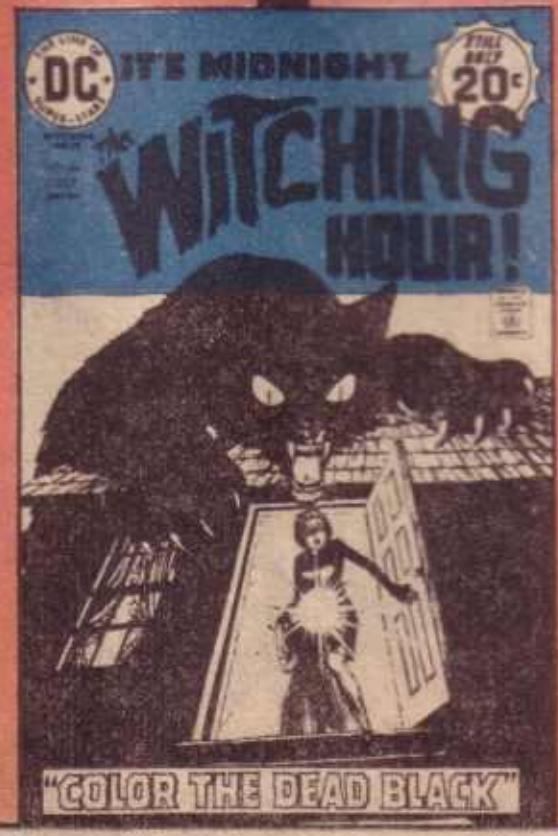
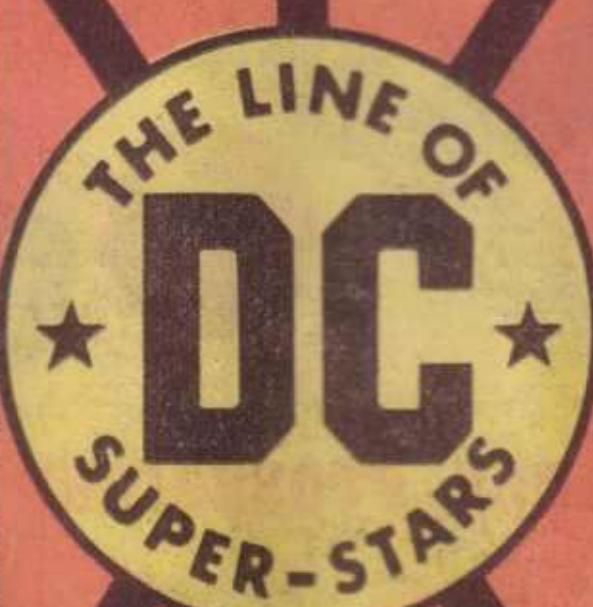
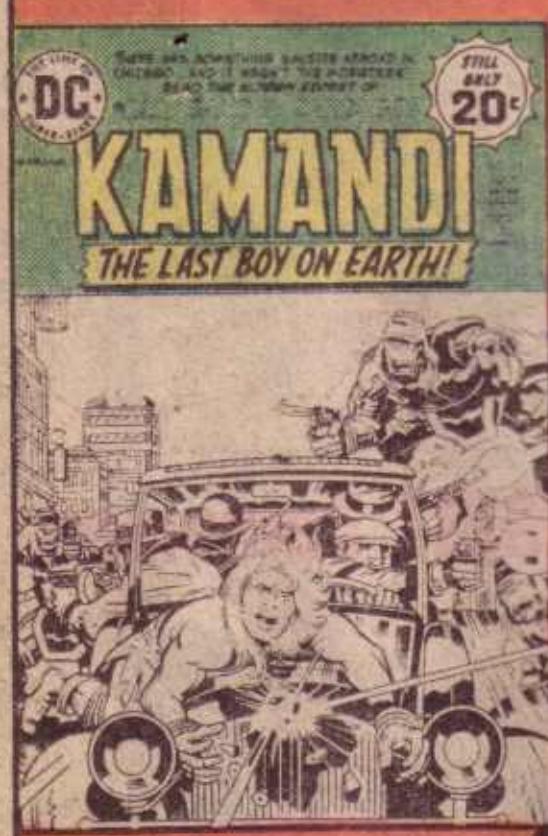
Are You a Boy? Age Date Born Year

In Case of

Street and No.

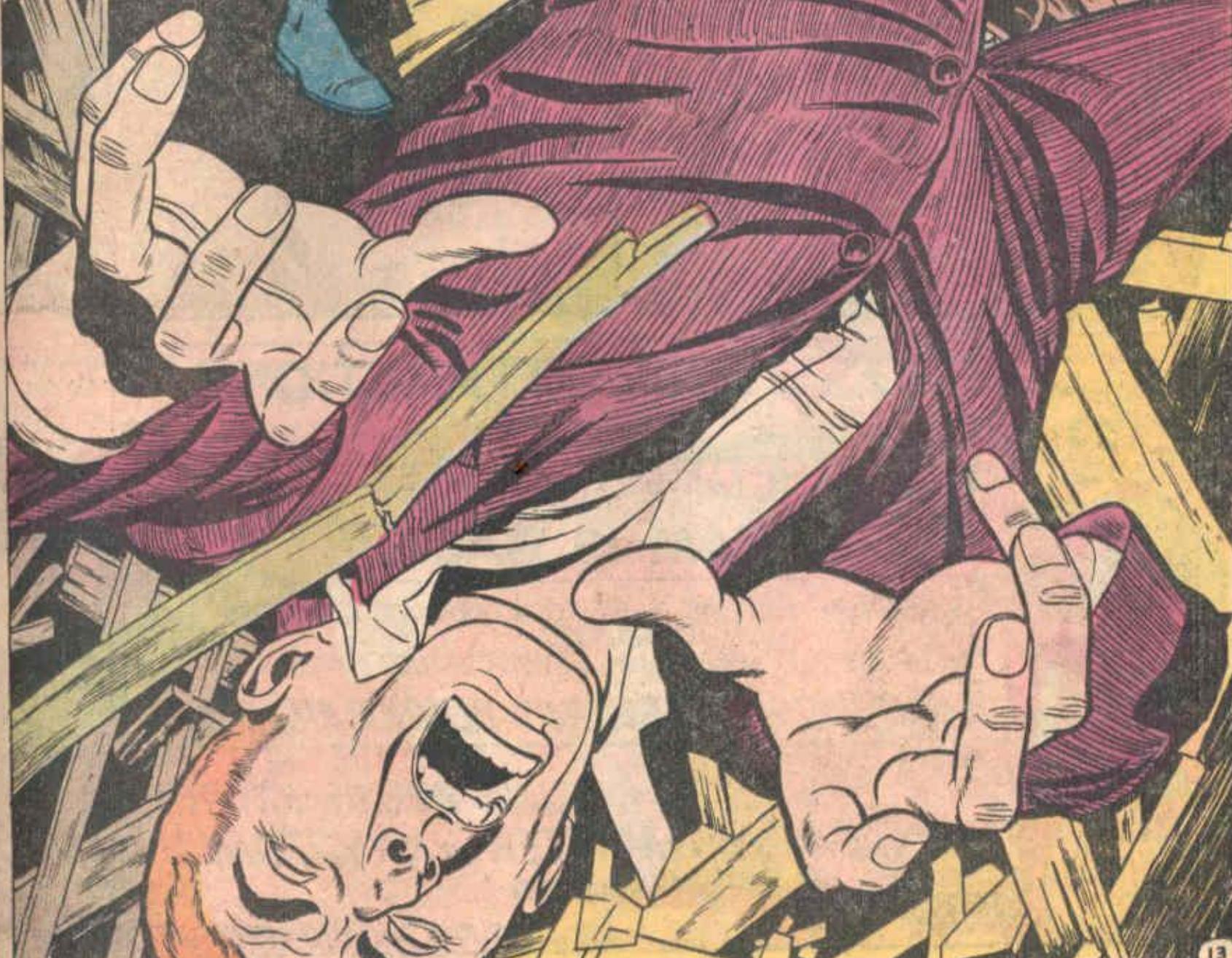
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**Print Your
Last Name
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COMES THE GRAND FINALE--AS BATMAN HAMMERS OUT THE MIGHTIEST HAY-MAKER OF HIS CAREER ...

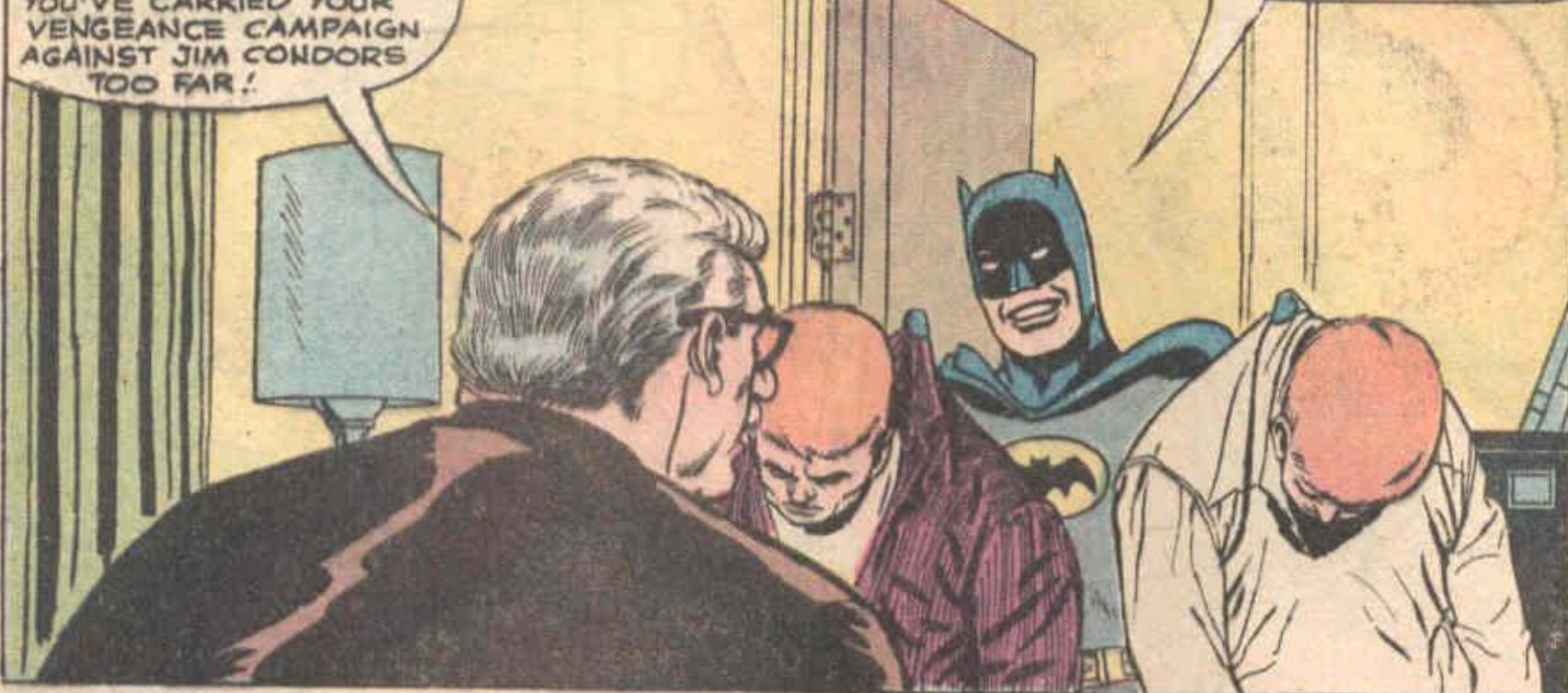
BLAAMM!



SHORTLY, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

THAT DOES IT, BATMAN!
YOU'VE CARRIED YOUR
VENGEANCE CAMPAIGN
AGAINST JIM CONDORS
TOO FAR!

RELAX, COMMISSIONER!
THIS TIME I HAVE
PROOF OF HIS GUILT!



SOME TIME LATER...

I'M RARING TO GO,
BATMAN! HAVE
YOU A NEW CASE
LINED UP FOR
ME--?

THAT'S THE WAY
I LIKE TO HEAR
YOU TALK, ROBIN--
EVEN IF YOU'RE
NOT QUITE READY
TO TACKLE ONE--

THE BEST PART OF SEEING ROBIN WELL
AGAIN--IS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MY
"LIE" TO HIM TURNED INTO THE TRUTH--
THAT DESPITE MY BLINDING RAGE,
I MADE NO MISTAKE WHEN I ORIGINALLY
HUNTED DOWN AND BROUGHT IN HIS
"KILLER"!

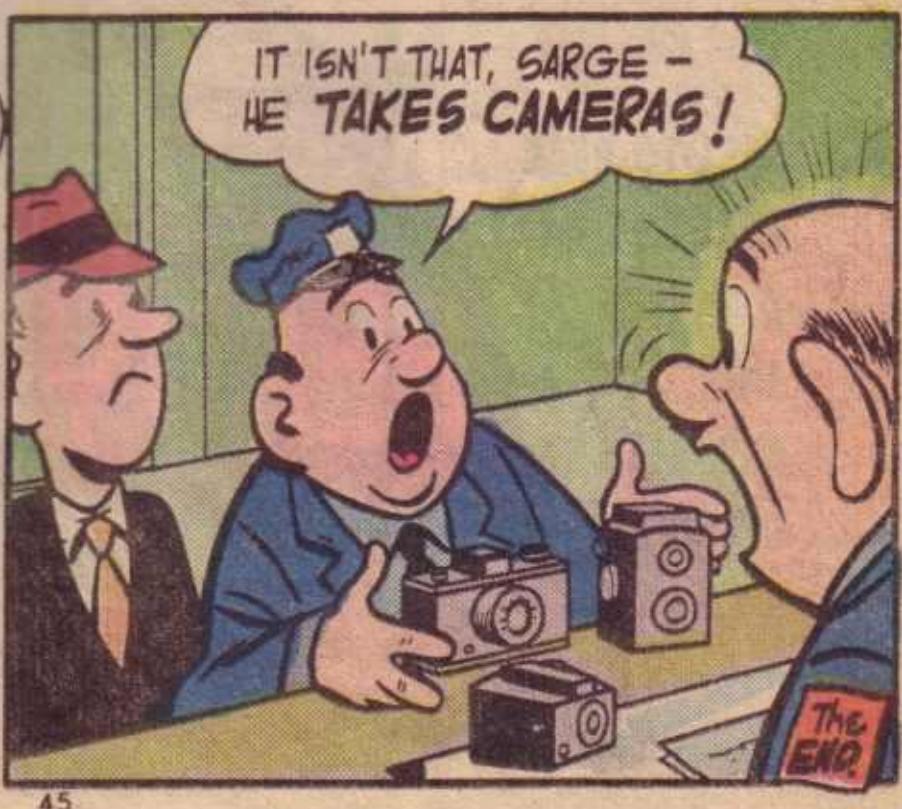
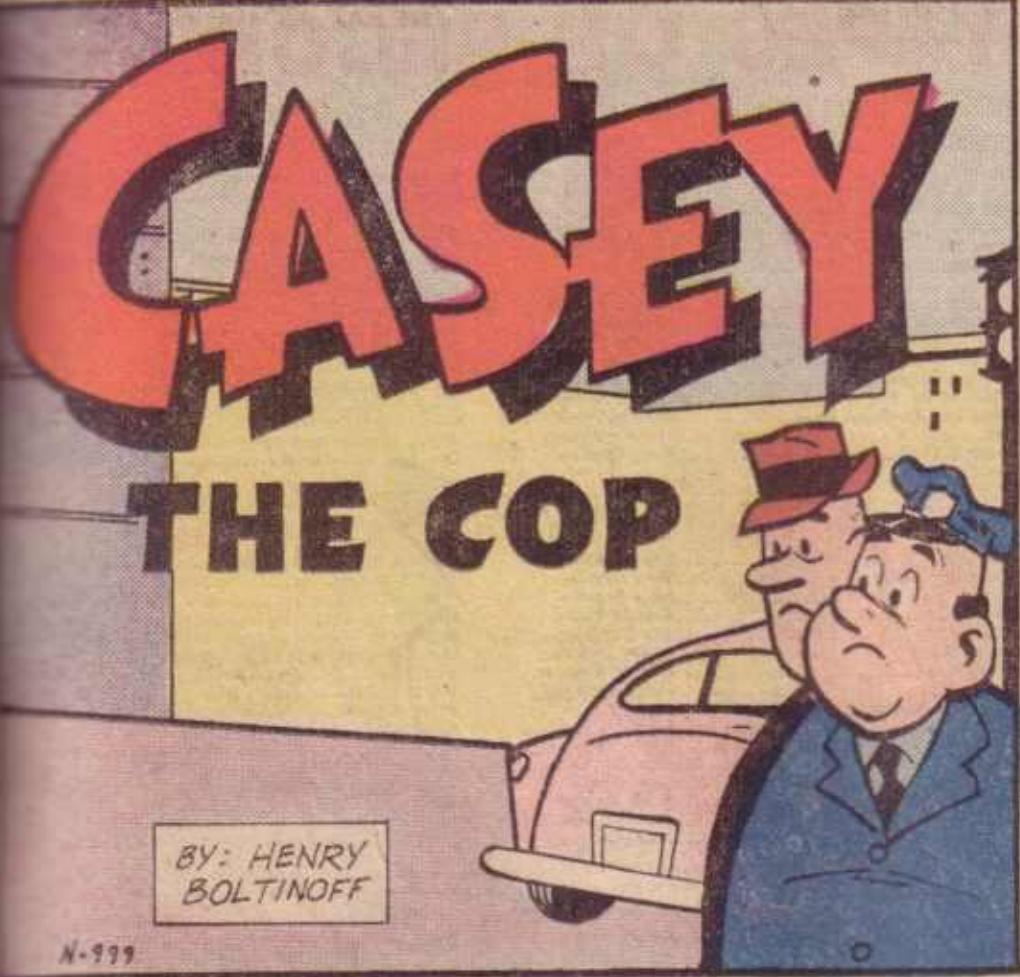


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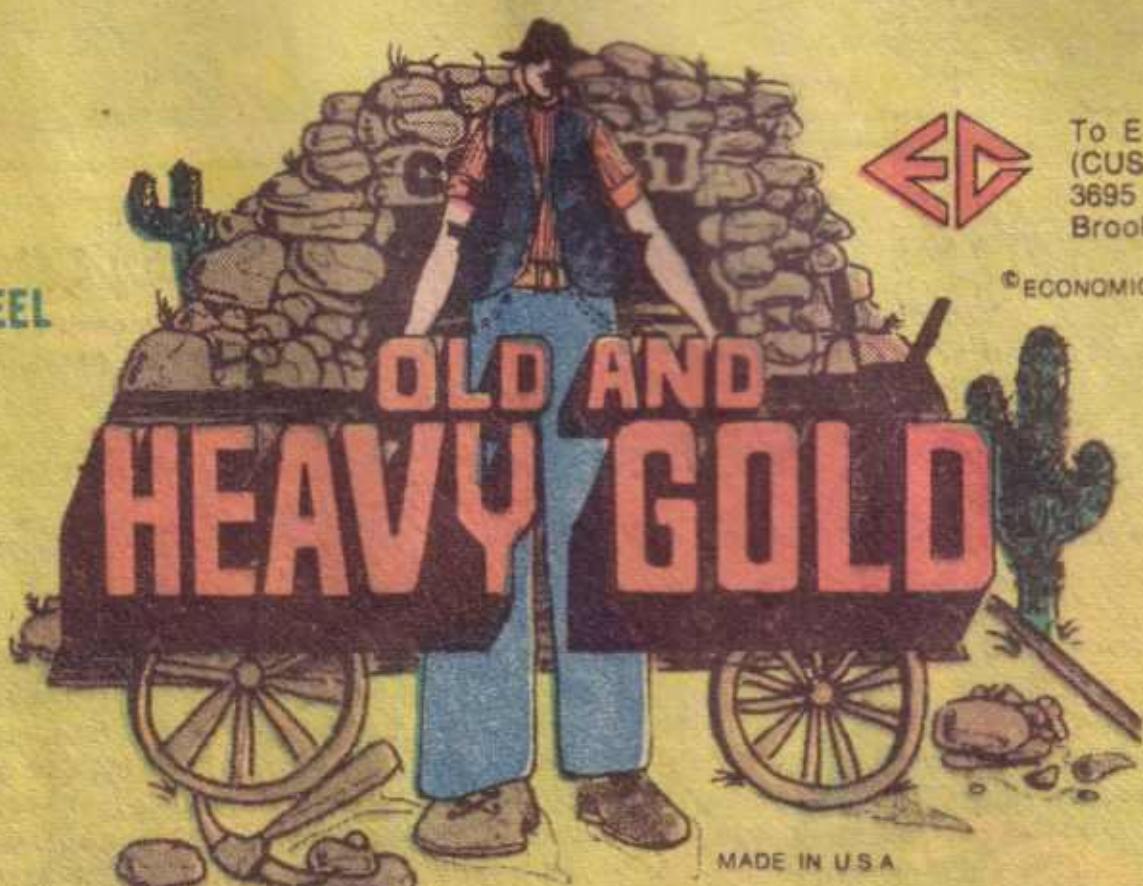
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Cherry Picked/Angie Bisham White	Perez Prado	Mack The Knife	Bobby Darin	Sugar Shack	Jimmy Gilmer						
Rock Around the Clock	Bill Haley	Dream Lover	Bobby Darin	Her So Fine	Chitons						
Autumn Leaves	Roger Williams	Smoke Gets In Your Eyes	The Platters	Hey, Paula	Paul and Paula						
Yellow Rose of Texas	Mitch Miller	El Paso	Many Robbins	Blue Velvet	Bobby Vinton						
Love Is A Many Splendored Thing	Four Aces	Stagger Lee	Lloyd Price	Louie, Louie	Kingman						
Moments To Remember	Pete Ladd	Personality	Lloyd Price	Sukiyaki	Kyu Sakamoto						
Ain't That A Shame	Pat Boone	Donna	Ritchie Valens	My Boyfriend's Back	Angels						
Crazy Otto	Johnny Maddox	La Bamba	Hitchin' Valens	I Will Follow Him	Little Peggy March						
Hearts of Stone	Fontane Sisters	Charlie Brown	Cassaders	Walk Like A Man	Four Seasons						
Let Me Go, Lover	Jess Weber	Kansas City	Wilbert Harrison	It's My Party	Lesley Gore						
He	Al Hibbler	Sleep Walk	Santo and Johnny	Surf City	Jan and Dean						
I Hear You Knockin'	Galo Storm	The Happy Organ	Dave (Baby) Cortez	I'm Leaving It Up To You	Dale and Grace						
Unchained Melody	Al Hibbler	Heartaches By The Number	Guy Mitchell	Deep Purple	Nino Tempo						
Till	Roger Williams	My Heart Is An Open Book	Carl Dobkins, Jr.	Rhythm Of The Rain	Cascades						
March from the River Kwai	Mitch Miller	Venus	Frankie Avalon	If You Wanna Be Happy	Jimmy Soul						
Friendly Persuasion	Pat Boone	Lonesome Town	Ricky Nelson	Our Day Will Come	Ruby & The Cobras						

TITLE	1956	ARTIST	TITLE	1956	ARTIST	TITLE	1956	ARTIST	TITLE	1956	ARTIST
Heartbreak Hotel	Elvis Presley	Theme From A Summer Place	Perry Faith	Anyone Who Had A Heart	Dionne Warwick						
I Want, I Need, I Love You	Elvis Presley	It's Now Or Never	Elvis Presley	Laugh, Laugh	Beau Brummell						
Hound Dog	Elvis Presley	Suck On You	Elvis Presley	A Summer Song	Chad & Jerry						
Don't Be Cruel	Elvis Presley	I'm Sorry	Elvis Presley	It's Not Unusual	Tom Jones						
Love Me Tender	Elvis Presley	He'll Have To Go	Elvis Presley	Baby, I'm Yours	Barbara Lewis						
My Prayer	The Platters	Cathy's Clown	Everly Brothers	Girl From Ipanema (Full Version)	Getz/Gilberto						
Only You	The Platters	Running Bear	Johnny Preston	Last Kiss	J. Frank Wilson						
The Great Pretender	The Platters	Last Date	Floyd Cramer	Hello, Dolly!	Louis Armstrong						
Green Door	Jim Lowe	Save The Last Dance For Me	Drifters	I Get Around	Beach Boys						
Singing The Blues	Guy Mitchell	Greenfields	Brothers Four	Where Did Our Love Go	Supremes						
Poor People of Paris	Lee Hazlewood	A Thousand Stars	Kathy Young	Mr. Lonely	Bobby Vinton						
Whatever Will Be, Will Be	Doris Day	You Send Me	Sam Cooke	Do Wah Diddy Diddy	Manfred Mann						
Canadian Sunset	Hugo Winterhalter	Wonder World	Sam Cooke	Everybody Loves Somebody	Dean Martin						
Alleghany Moon	Patti Page	Hey Silly Teenie Weenie Bikini	Brain Hyland	Chapel Of Love	Dixie Cups						
I Almost Lost My Mind	Pat Boone	Handy Man	Jimmy Jones	Reg Doll	Four Seasons						
Memories Are Made Of This	Dean Martin	Good Timin'	Jimmy Jones	Leader Of The Pack	Shenandoah						

TITLE	1957	ARTIST	TITLE	1957	ARTIST	TITLE	1957	ARTIST	TITLE	1957	ARTIST
Bye, Bye Love	Everly Brothers	Tossin' and Turnin'	Bobby Lewis	Satisfaction	Rolling Stones						
Problems	Everly Brothers	Big Bad John	Jimmy Dean	You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'	Ridiculous Brothers						
Love Letters In The Sand	Pat Boone	Exodus	Ferrante and Teicher	Downtown	Petula Clark						
April Love	Pat Boone	Runaway	Del Shannon	Turn! Turn! Turn!	Byrds						
Don't Forbid Me	Elvis Presley	Runaround Sue	Don	Beach In The Name Of Love	Supremes						
Loving You	Elvis Presley	Will You Love Me Tomorrow	Shirelles	Liar, Liar	Castaways						
Teddy Bear	Elvis Presley	Travelin' Man	Ricky Nelson	Do You Believe In Magic	Lovin' Spoonful						
All Shook Up	Elvis Presley	Michael	Highwaymen	What Becomes Of The Brokenhearted	Jimmy Ruffin						
That's When Heartaches Begin	Elvis Presley	The Lion Sleeps Tonight	Tokens	This Diamond Ring	Gary Lewis & The Playboys						
Little Darlin'	Diamonds	Bristol Stomp	Doxie	My Girl	Temptations						
Searchin'	Coasters	Blue Moon	Marvelettes	I Got You Babe	Sonny and Cher						
Young Love	Sonny James	Surrender	Elvis Presley	Get Off My Cloud	Rolling Stones						
Silhouettes	Rays	Takes Good Care Of My Baby	Bobby Vee	Sound Of Silence	Simon and Garfunkel						
Gone	Farlin Husky	Hit The Road, Jack	Ray Charles	Help Me Rhonda	Beach Boys						
So Rare	Jimmy Dorsey	Run To Him	Bobby Vee	Tambourine Man	Byrds						
White Sport Coat	Marty Robbins	Crying	Ray Orbison	Eve Of Destruction	Darryl McGuire						

TITLE	1958	ARTIST	TITLE	1958	ARTIST	TITLE	1958	ARTIST	TITLE	1958	ARTIST
It's All In The Game	Tommy Edwards	I Can't Stop Loving You	Ray Charles	I'm A Believer	Monkees						
Twilight Time	The Platters	Big Girls Don't Cry	Four Seasons	Winchester Cathedral	New Vaudeville Band						
All I Have To Do Is Dream	Everly Brothers	Roses Are Red	Bobby Vinton	55 Tears	7 and the Blindfold						
Bird Dog	Everly Brothers	Stranger On The Shore	Actor Bill	Soul And Inspiration	Ridiculous Brothers						
Patricia	Perez Prado	Sherry	Four Seasons	Snoopy and the Red Baron	Royal Guardsman						
Voices (Nel Blu Di Pinto Di Blu)	Domenico Modugno	Johnny Angel	Shelly Fabares	Monday, Monday	Mamas and Papas						
Little Star	Elegants	Return To Sender	Elvis Presley	Good Vibrations	Beach Boys						
Don't	Elvis Presley	Soldier Boy	Shirelles	Reach Out, I'll Be There	Four Tops						
Tom Dooley	Kingston Trio	The Stripper	David Rose	Cherish	Association						
Get A Job	Silhouettes	Breaking Up Is Hard To Do	Neil Sedaka	Good Lovin'	Young Rascals						
Purple People Eater	Shubie Wooley	Ramblin' Rose	Nat King Cole	Sunshine Superman	Donny Osmond						
Poor Little Fool	Ricky Nelson	Good Luck Charm	Elvis Presley	Wild Thing	Troggs						
Yakety Yak	Coasters	Loco-Motion	Little Eva	Strangers In The Night	Frank Sinatra						
Great Balls of Fire	Jerry Lee Lewis	Bobby's Girl	Marcie Blane	Poor Side Of Town	Johnny Rivers						
At The Hop	Denny and the Juniors	Monster Mash	Bobby Pickett	When A Man Loves A Woman	Percy Sledge						
Peggy Sue	Buddy Holly	The Wanderer	Dion	Henry Penny	Tommy James						

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Association
Frankie Valli
Buckingham
Crispian St. Peters
Gerry Puckett/Union Gap
Rolling Stones
Stevie Wonder
Arthur Conley

1968

ARTIST

Donovan
Marvin Gaye
Paul Mauriat
Diana Ross/Supremes
Otis Redding
Gobby Goldsberry
Rascals
Doors
Jeanne C. Riley
Doors
Stevie Wonder
Mary Hopkins
O. C. Smith
Lemon Pipers
Box Tops
Simon and Garfunkel

1969

ARTIST

Archie
Fifth Dimension
Rolling Stones
Sly & Family Stone
Tommy Jones/Shondells
Glen Campbell
Zager and Evans
Peter, Paul & Mary
Diana Ross/Supremes
Tommy James/Shondells
Cowgirls
Blood, Sweat & Tears
Supremes & Temptations
Johnny Cash
Credence Clearwater
Credence Clearwater

1970

ARTIST

B. J. Thomas
Simon and Garfunkel
Carpenters
Partridge Family
The Who
Lynn Anderson
Ray Stevens
Fifth Dimension
Edwin Starr
Jackson Five
Three Dog Night
Bread
Guess Who
Carpenters
Neil Diamond
Ray Stevens

1971

ARTIST

Rolling Stones
Honey Cone
Bread
CCP
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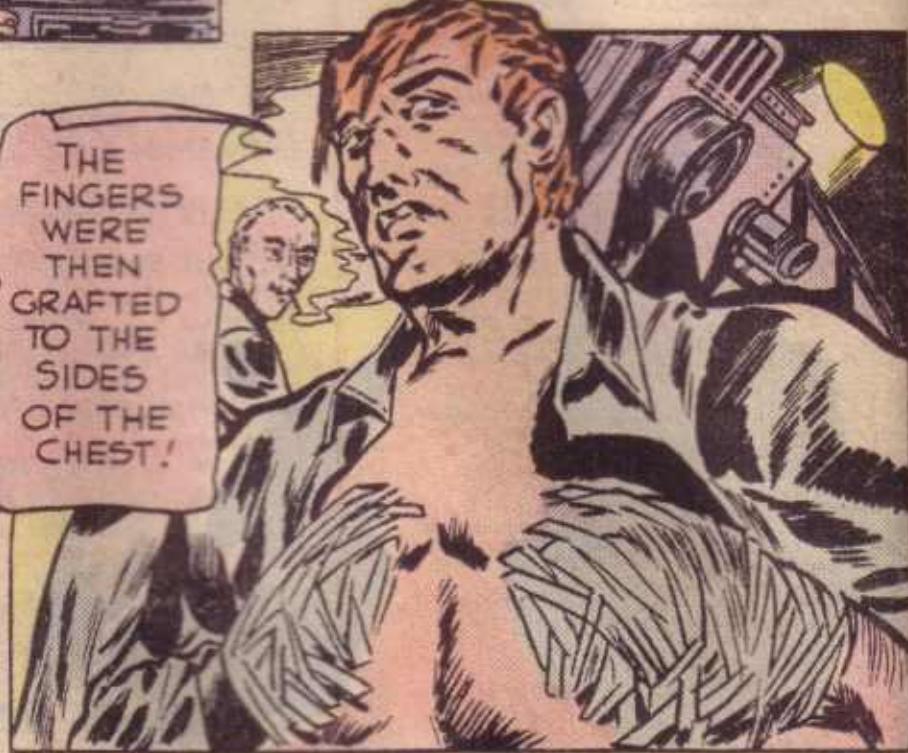
THE F.B.I. WAS CALLED INTO THE CASE!



THE F.B.I. FOUND THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED NINE YEARS BEFORE! AN UNDERGROUND NEW JERSEY DOCTOR HAD REMOVED HIS FINGERPRINTS BY CUTTING THE FLESH OF THE FINGERS TO THE BONE!



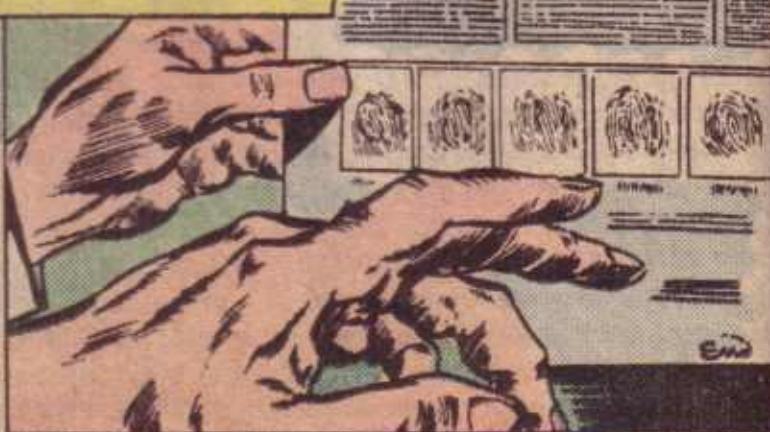
THE FINGERS WERE THEN GRAFTED TO THE SIDES OF THE CHEST!



WHEN THE FLESH UNITED, THE FINGERS WERE SEPARATED FROM THE CHEST, LEAVING NO PRINTS!



BUT THE F.B.I. COMPARED THE PRINTS FROM THE SIDES OF HIS FINGERS WITH HIS OLD RECORD AND THUS HE WAS FULLY IDENTIFIED AS THE SAME PERSON!



SO EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT, BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON MUST HAVE THOUGHT I WAS A REAL NUT FOR A WHILE!

SPEAKING OF NUTS, REMEMBER ALLY BABBLE? SOMETIMES I THINK THE ONLY REASON HE WASN'T KIDNAPED BY SQUIRRELS WAS THAT THEY COULDN'T TAKE HIS NON-STOP TALKATHON! FOR A BIT OF COMEDY, YOU COULDN'T BEAT OUR FIRST MEETING WITH THAT CHARACTER!

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

INTRODUCING IN THIS ISSUE THAT AMAZING MAN WHO IS NEVER DOWN IN THE MOUTH... THAT ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS VACCINATED WITH A PHONOGRAPH NEEDLE... THAT HUMAN WALKIE-TALKIE —

ALLY BABBLE!

ALSO INVOLVED ARE HOIMAN AND SHOIMAN, PLUS SOME VERY IRATE PEOPLE, AMONG THE LATTER BEING BATMAN AND ROBIN?

AFTER THAT INTRODUCTION HE'D BETTER BE GOOD: HERE HE IS...

"*Ally Babble*
and the
**FOURTEEN
PEEVES!**"



ART: DICK SPRANG
STORY: BILL FINGER

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BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



A MAN IN MORTAL TERROR:
RUNNING FROM A KILLER:
NO DOUBT!



ODD: HIS PURSUER SEEMS TO
CARRY NO WEAPON?

NO! NO! KEEP
AWAY! I CAN'T
STAND ANY
MORE!

BUT JOE, I ONLY
WANTED TO TELL
YOU WHAT PETE
SAID WHEN MIKE
SAW HIM AND
BILL, AND HOW
... ETC... ETC...



DID YOU EVER HEAR
ANYBODY TALK
SO MUCH?

AND THEN
HE SAID
... (BLAB,
BLAB, BLAB)
... AND...

GEE, IF I
COULD GAB
LIKE THAT,
MY TEACHER
WOULD BE
AFRAID

TO ASK ME
QUESTIONS.

I'LL
BET HE
OILS HIS
TONGUE
EVERY FIFTY
MILES!

IMPERTINENT
IMPS! I DON'T
TALK MUCH,...
I'M JUST
ENTHUSIASTIC.
THAT'S ALL...

OUCH!

POW!

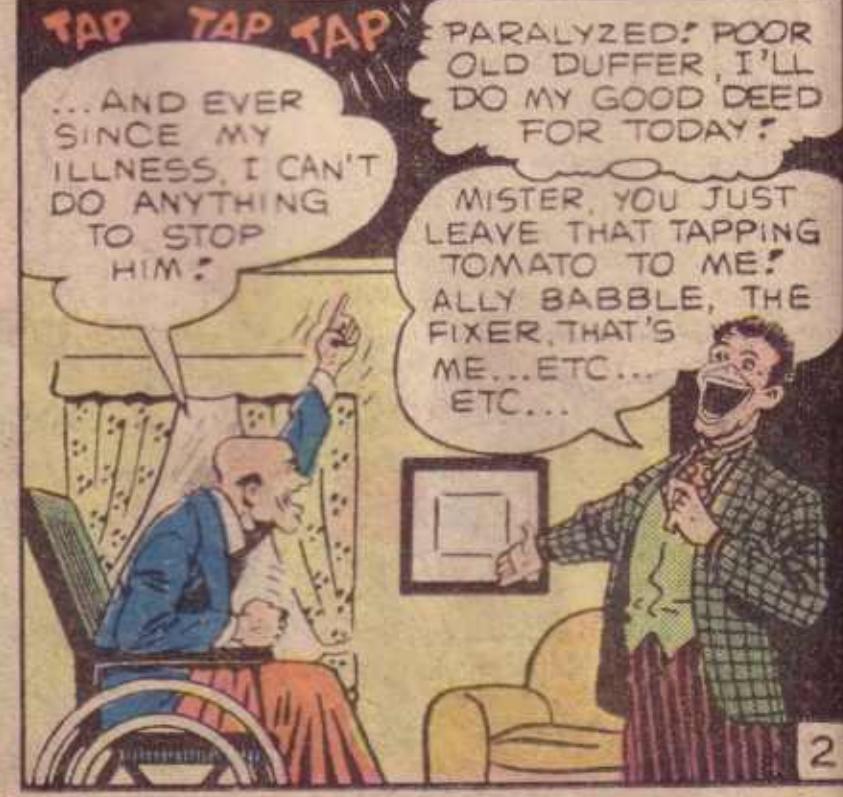
A COWARD! HIT
ME WHEN I
WASN'T LOOKING!
I'LL MANGLE
HIM... I'LL
ETC... ETC...

TAP TAP TAP

... AND EVER
SINCE MY
ILLNESS, I CAN'T
DO ANYTHING
TO STOP
HIM!

PARALYZED! POOR
OLD DUFFER, I'LL
DO MY GOOD DEED
FOR TODAY!

MISTER, YOU JUST
LEAVE THAT TAPPING
TOMATO TO ME!
ALLY BABBLE, THE
FIXER, THAT'S
ME... ETC...
ETC...



ALLY BABBLE



A MOMENT LATER...

THUMP!!
THUMP!!
THUMP!!

IT'S EVEN
WORSE NOW!
HE'S
STOMPING
LIKE AN
ELEPHANT!

ALLY BABBLE RETURNS...

HE'S STOPPED NOW,
BUT HE CERTAINLY
WAS THUMPING
THAT FLOOR FOR
A WHILE WITH
HIS BIG
FEET!

THAT
WASN'T
HIS
FEET?
THAT WAS
HIS HEAD?
GET IT?
HEE HAW?

MR. BABBLE, I SEE
YOU KNOW HOW
TO TAKE CARE
OF THINGS?
HOW WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO MAKE
FIVE
THOUSAND
DOLLARS?

... Y'SEE,
I... I...
WHAT?

WELL, THAT'S ONE WAY
TO STOP HIS GAB!

I'M A RICH MAN.
THERE ARE
FOURTEEN THINGS
I'M SORE ABOUT—
NO, THIRTEEN,
NOW THAT THE
DANCER IS
TAKEN CARE
OF! THIRTEEN
PET PEEVES.
I'LL PAY
ANYBODY
WELL WHO
CAN HANDLE
THEM TO MY
SATISFACTION
— FIVE
THOUSAND
DOLLARS!

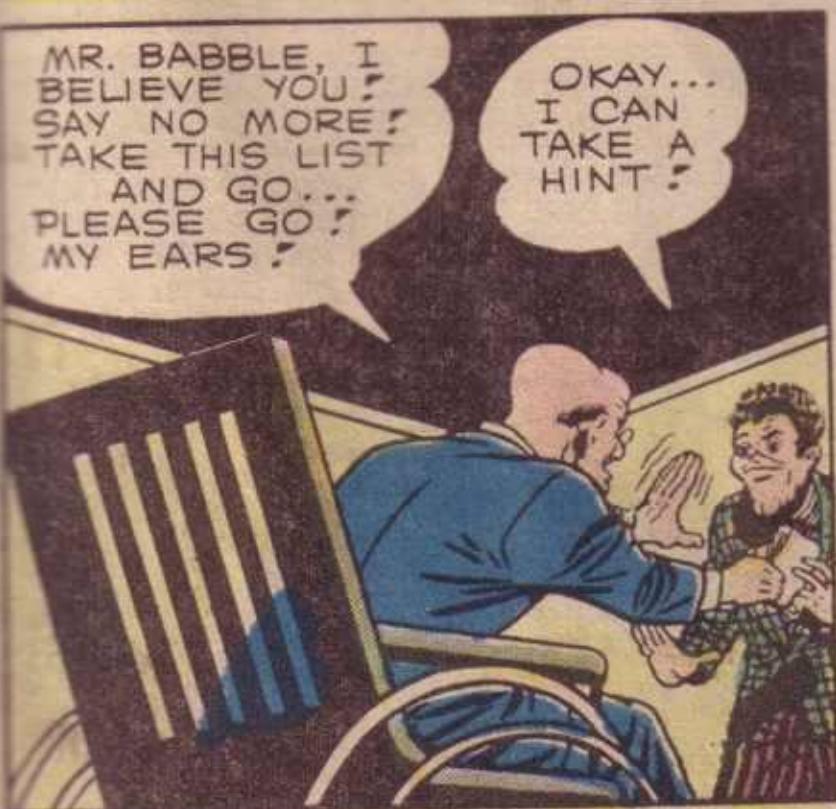
IT'S A SETUP... A
CINCH! JUST
LEAVE EVERYTHING
TO ME! YOU WON'T
BE DISAPPOINTED!
I —



MR. BABBLE, I
BELIEVE YOU.
SAY NO MORE!
TAKE THIS LIST
AND GO...
PLEASE GO;
MY EARS!

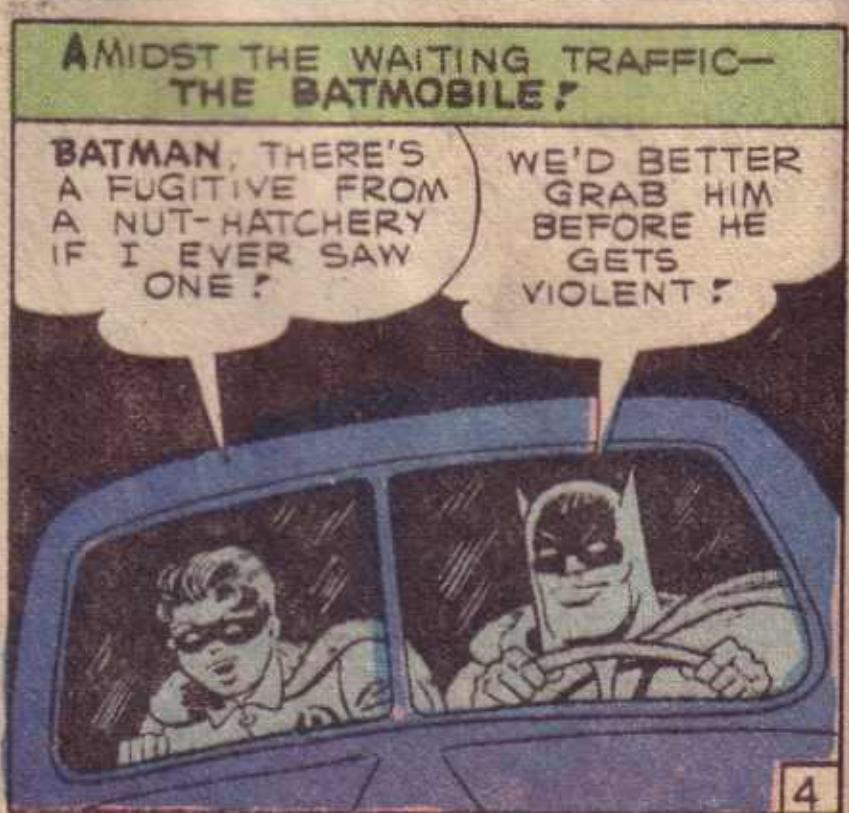
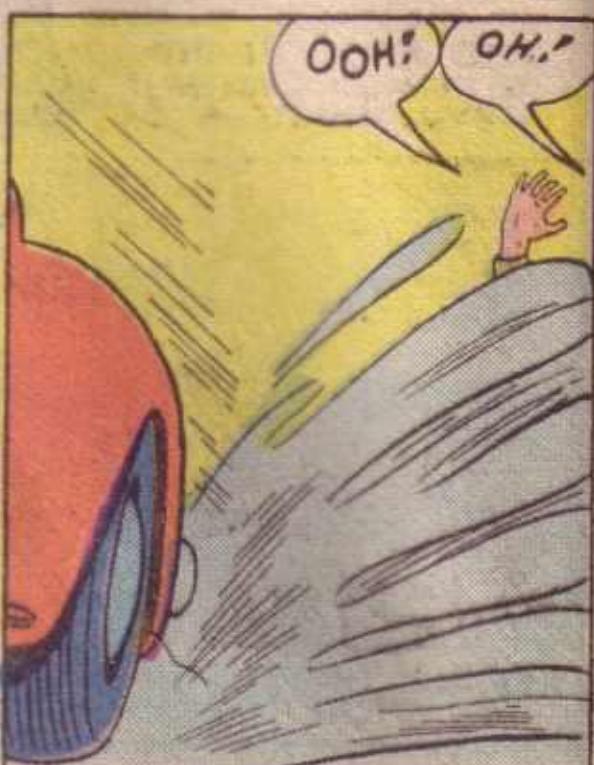
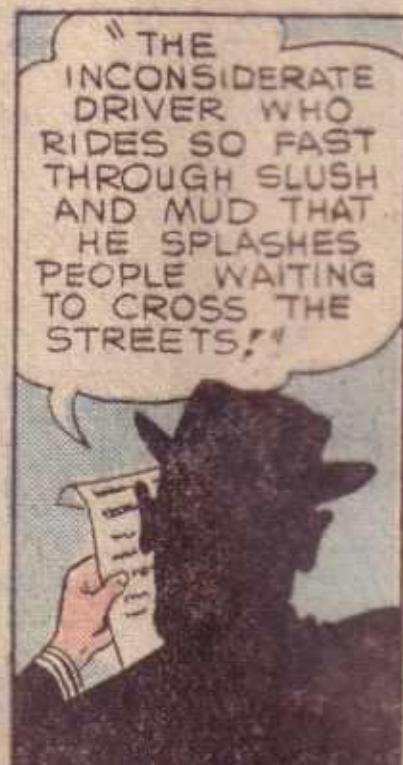
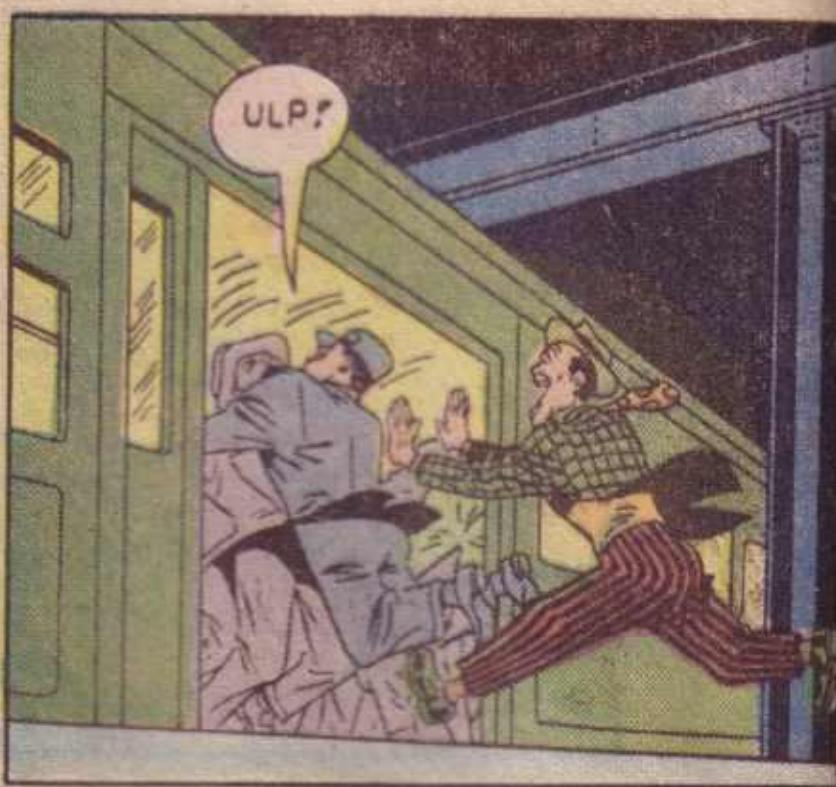
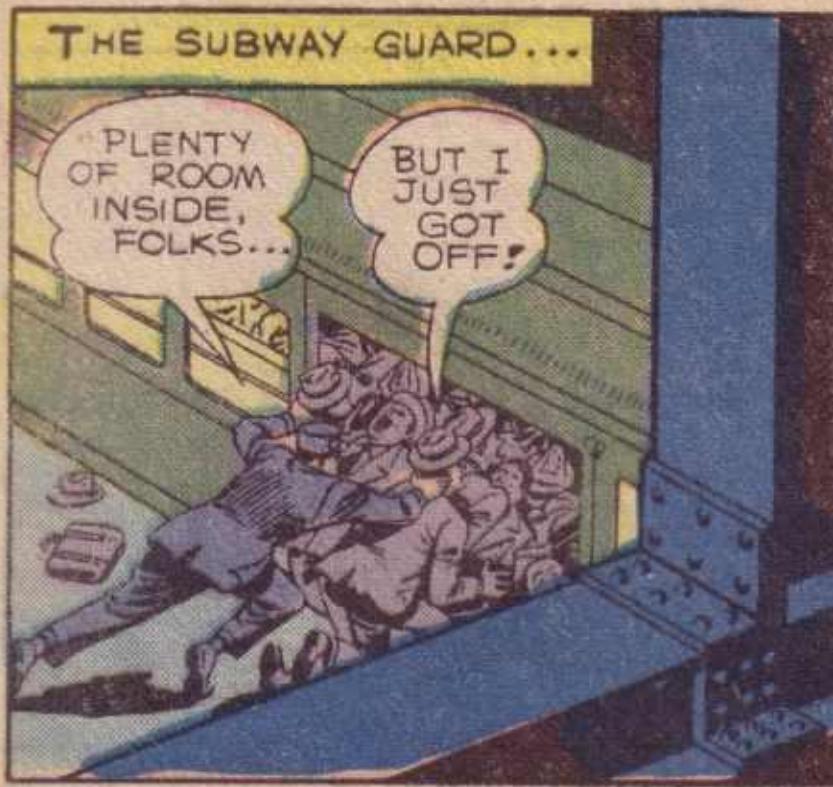
OKAY...
I CAN
TAKE A
HINT!

PET PEEVE 1, THE DANCER;
WELL, HE'S TAKEN CARE OF;
PET PEEVE 2—"THE SUBWAY
GUARD ON THE UMPTEENTH
STREET STATION WHO SHOVES
PEOPLE INTO SUBWAY TRAINS!"
HM-MMM!

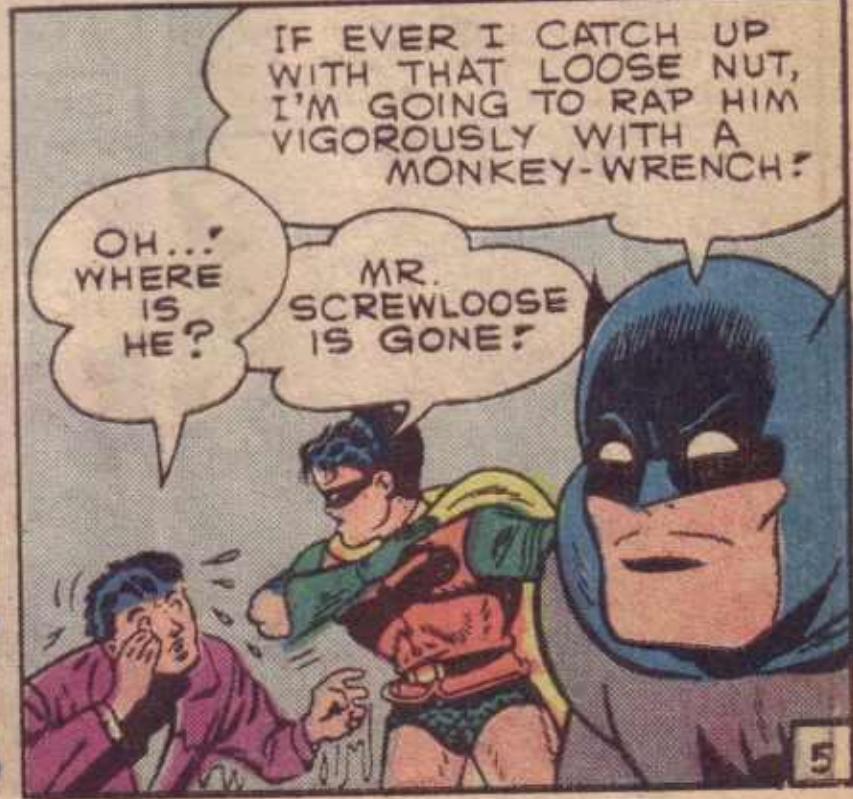
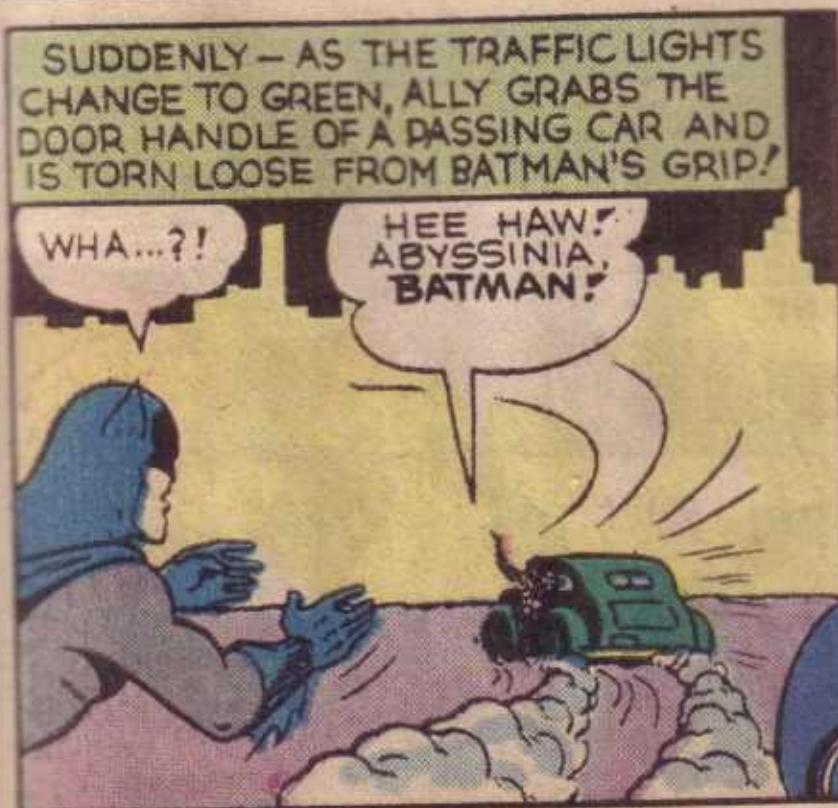




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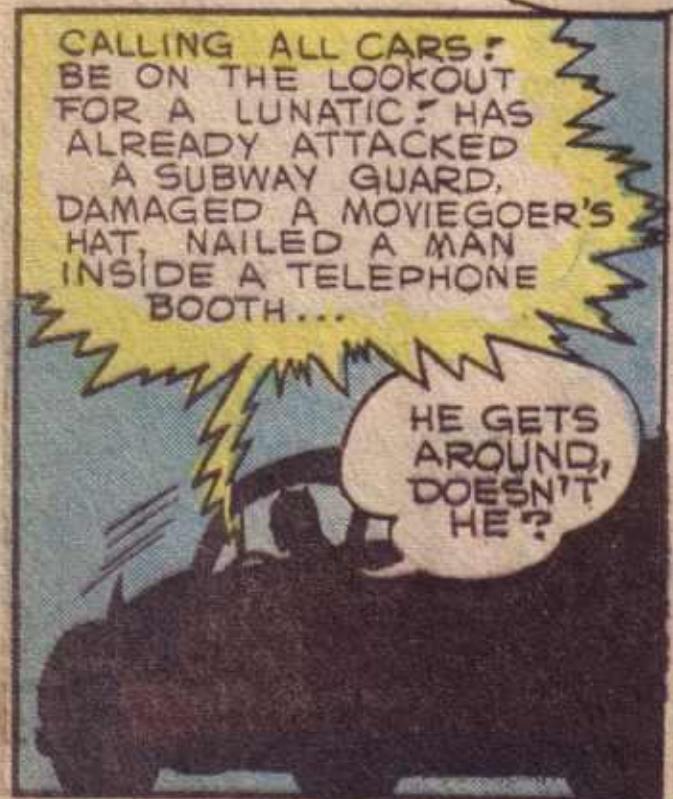


ALLY BABBLE





BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



ALLY BABBLE



MEANTIME, UNAWARE OF THE POLICE ALARMS, ALLY BABBLE SKIPS ALONG...

"NUMBER 6... THE BARBER WHO CUTS YOUR HAIR THE WAY HE WANTS TO - LIKE THE BARBER ON MY STREET CORNER!"



TWO MINUTES LATER...



OH-OH! LOOK WHO CAME OUT OF THE HOUSE ALLY JUST SCOOTED PAST...

THE GUY DROPPED IT, HOIMAN!

CATCH THIS, SHOIMAN! "PET PEEVES OF JASPER QUINCH. THE TAP DANCER OVER MY HEAD... ETC... ETC..."



ALLY RETURNS... JUST AS HOIMAN AND SHOIMAN HAVE FINISHED THEIR LITERATURE FOR THE DAY....



YOU GOT THE SCORE, HOIMAN? HE'S KNOCKING OUT THEM PET PEEVES ONE BY ONE!

SURE, SHOIMAN, SO I T'INK WE SHOULD OUGHTA TAIL HIM AND WOIK A WAY TO WRANGLE US SOME WAMPUM?



*PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER 7... THE PERSON WHO BORROWS BOOKS AND NEVER RETURNS THEM: THOMAS TRAFF 14 FOLIO LANE...

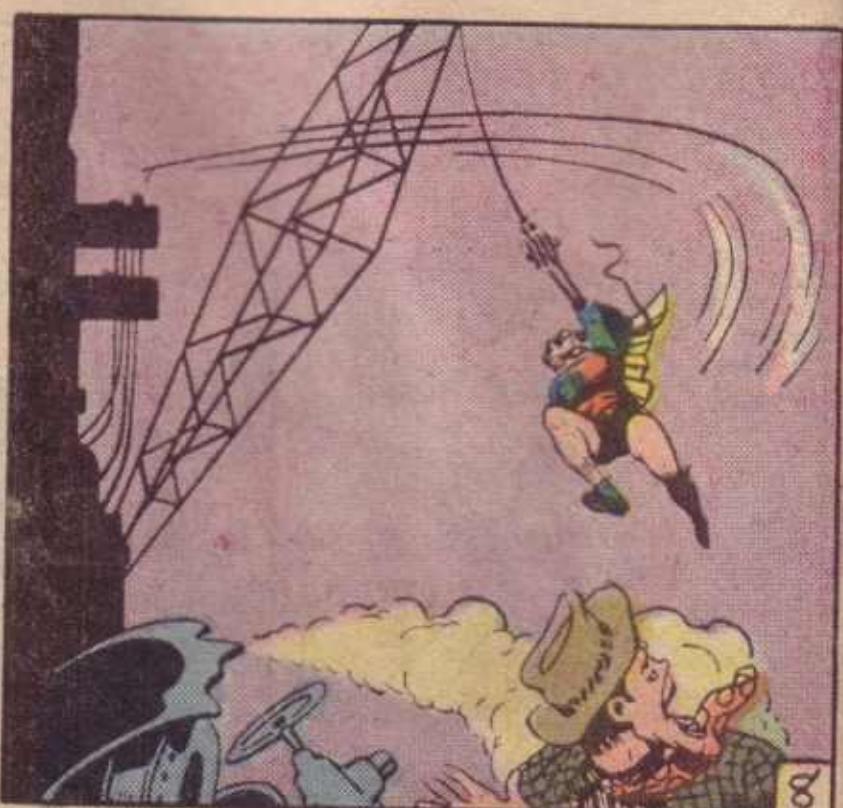
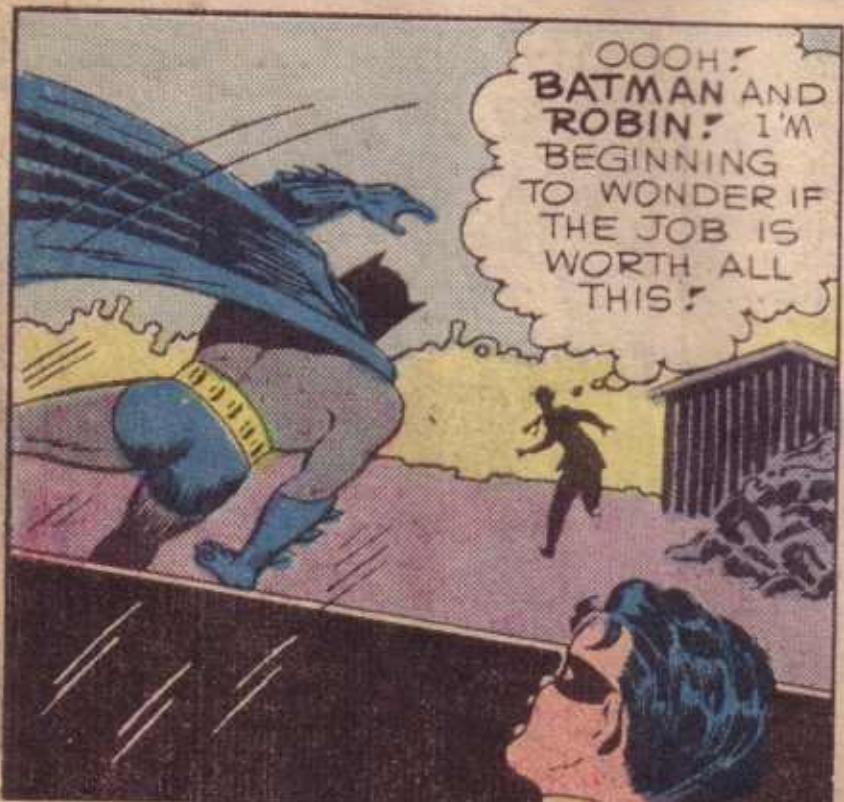


ALLY ENTERS...

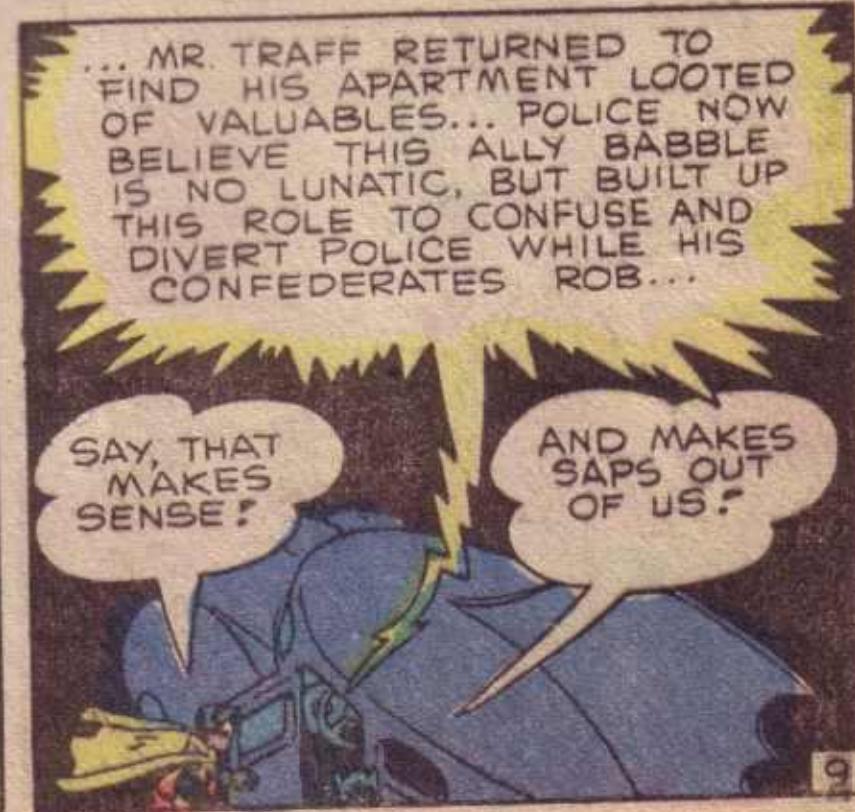
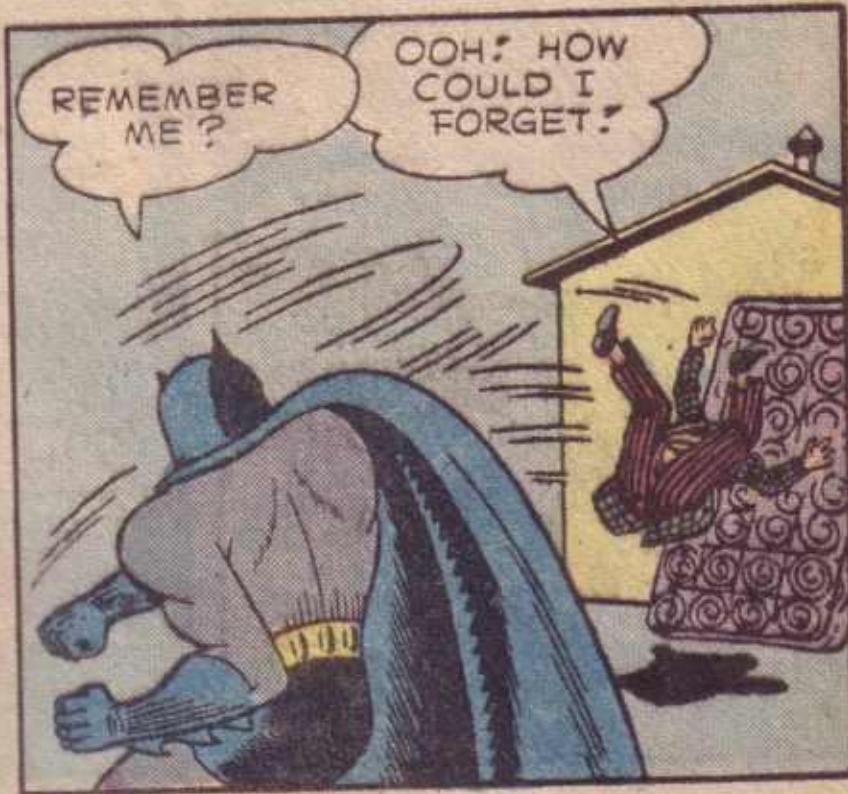




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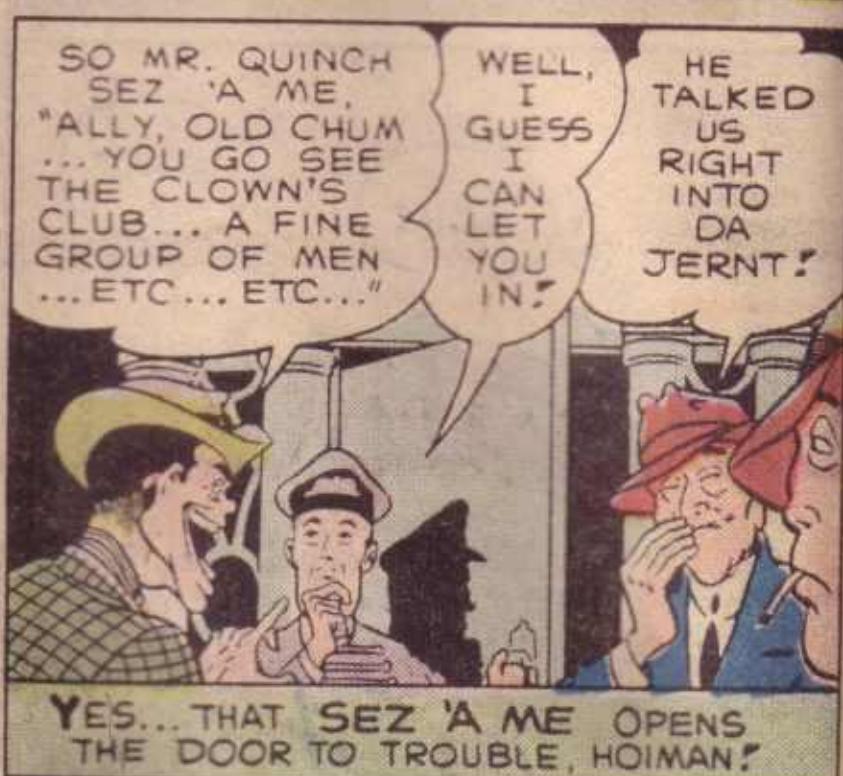
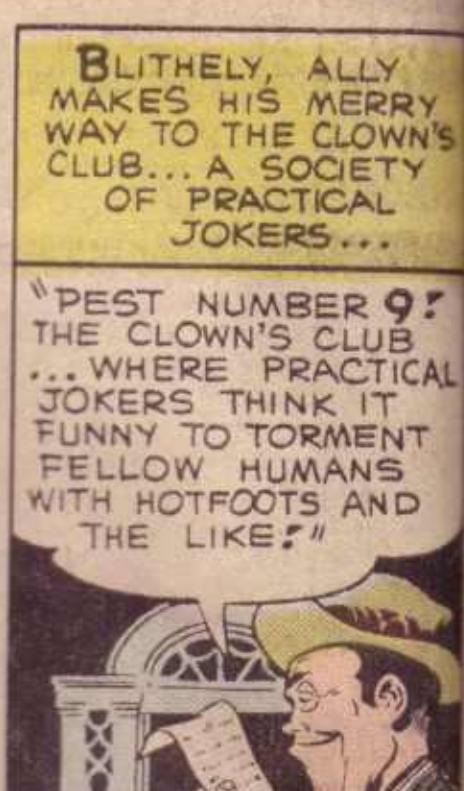


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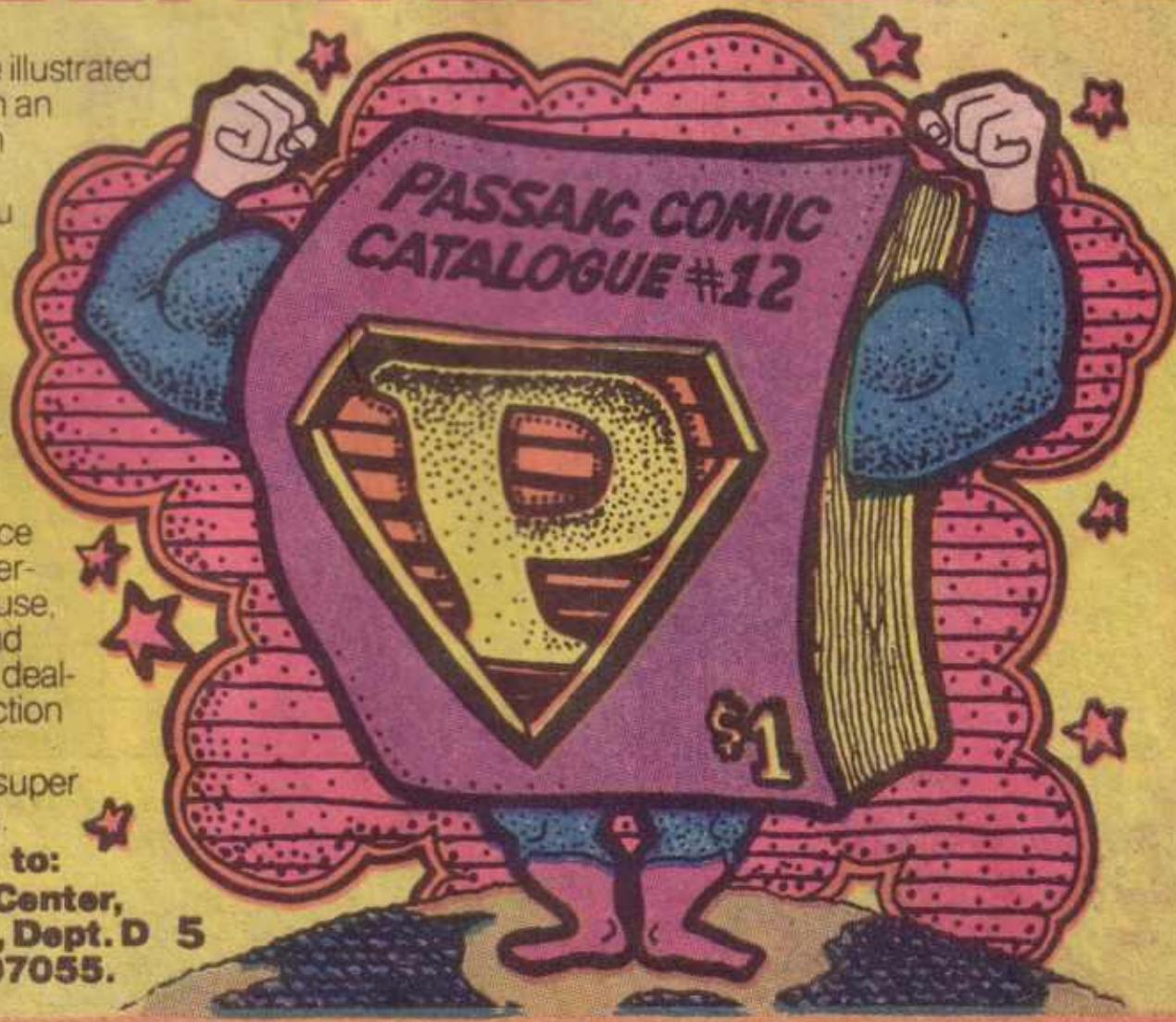
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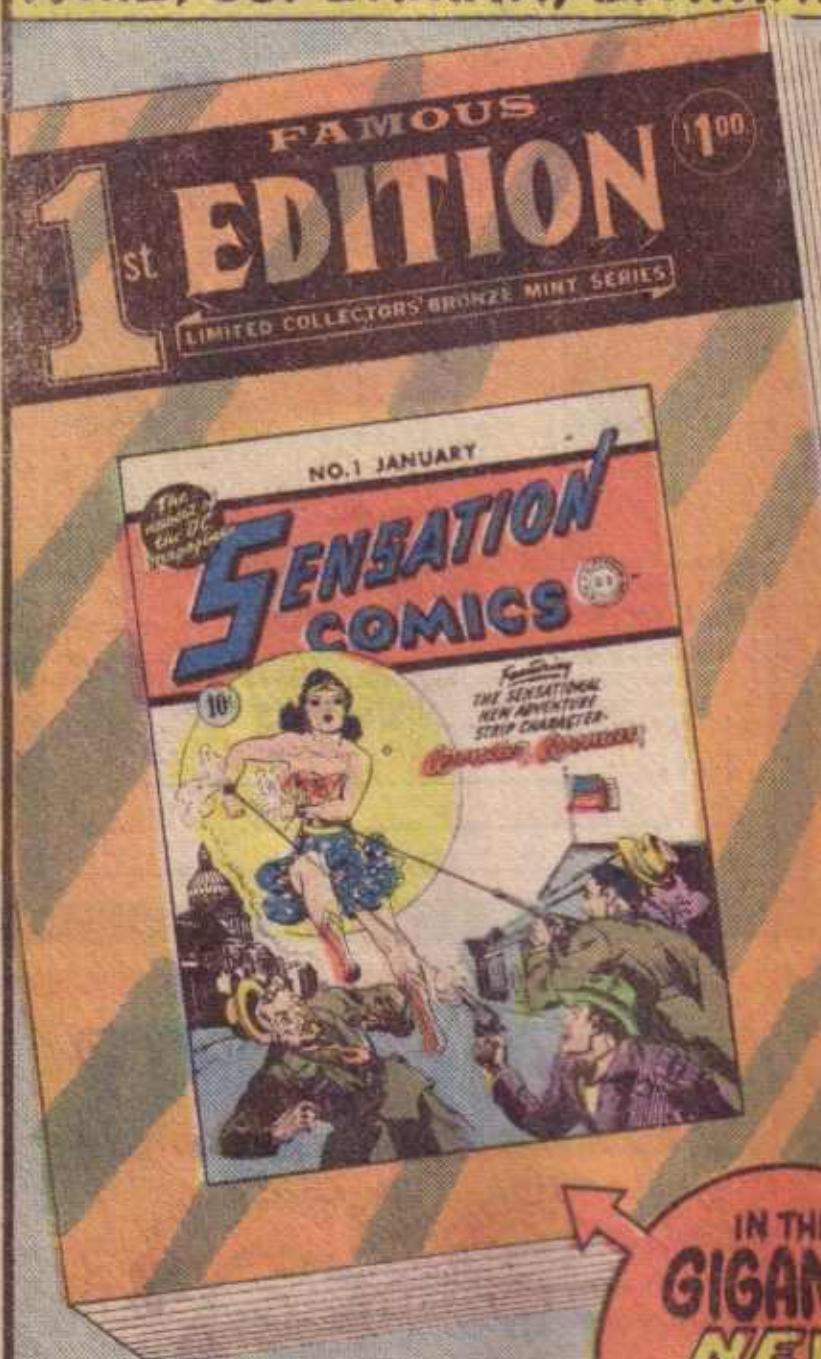
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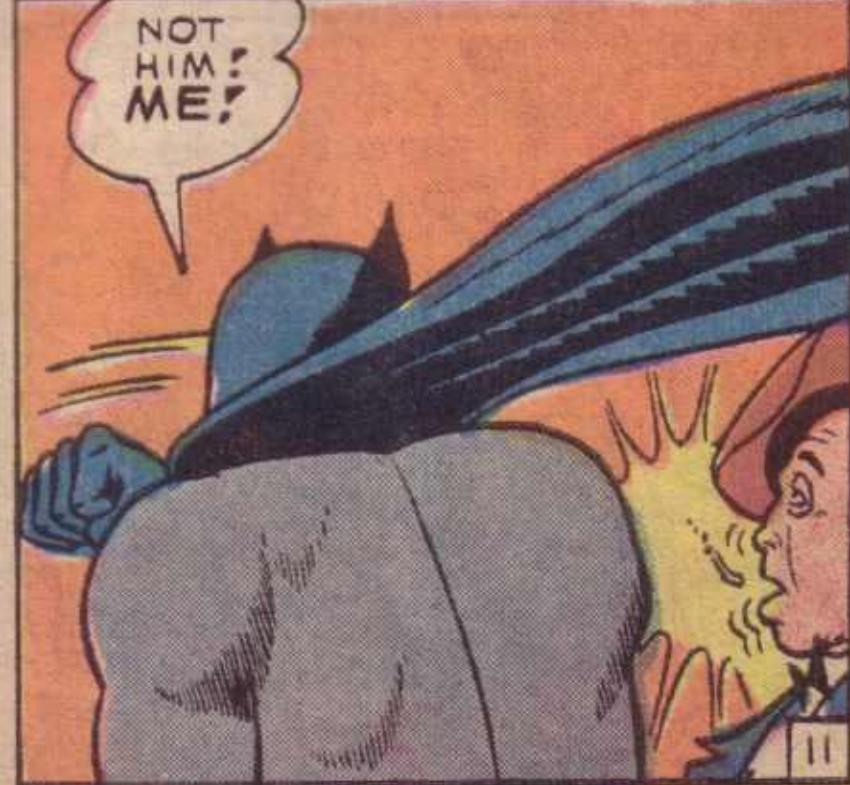
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YOUR TURN, ALFRED! YOU'VE HAD QUITE A FEW ADVENTURES WITHOUT ME! WHICH TYPE DO YOU WANT TO TELL... COMEDY OR TRAGEDY?

WELL, SIR, YOU MIGHT CALL IT A COMEDY OF ERRORS! IT WAS ALSO THE FIRST MAJOR CASE ON MY OWN... AND I HANDLED MYSELF RAWRHER WELL, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES!

The Adventures of ALFRED

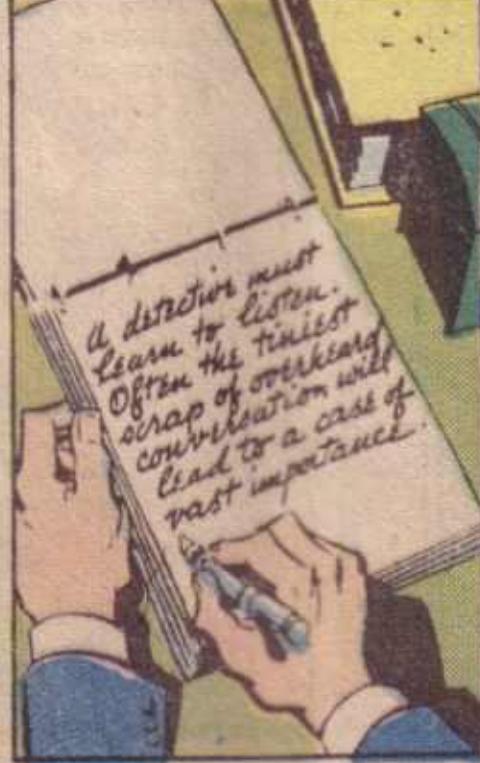
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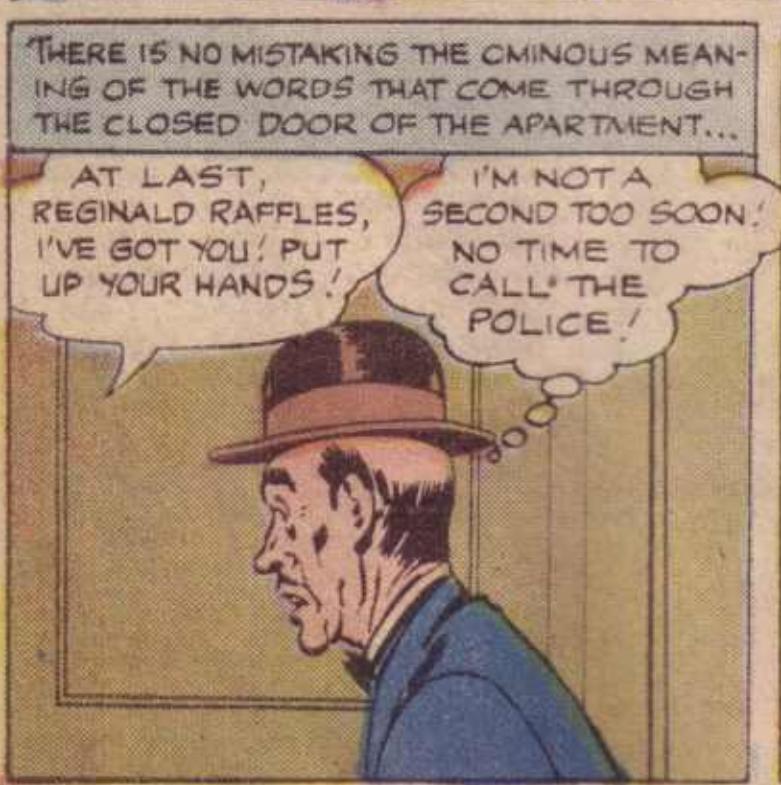
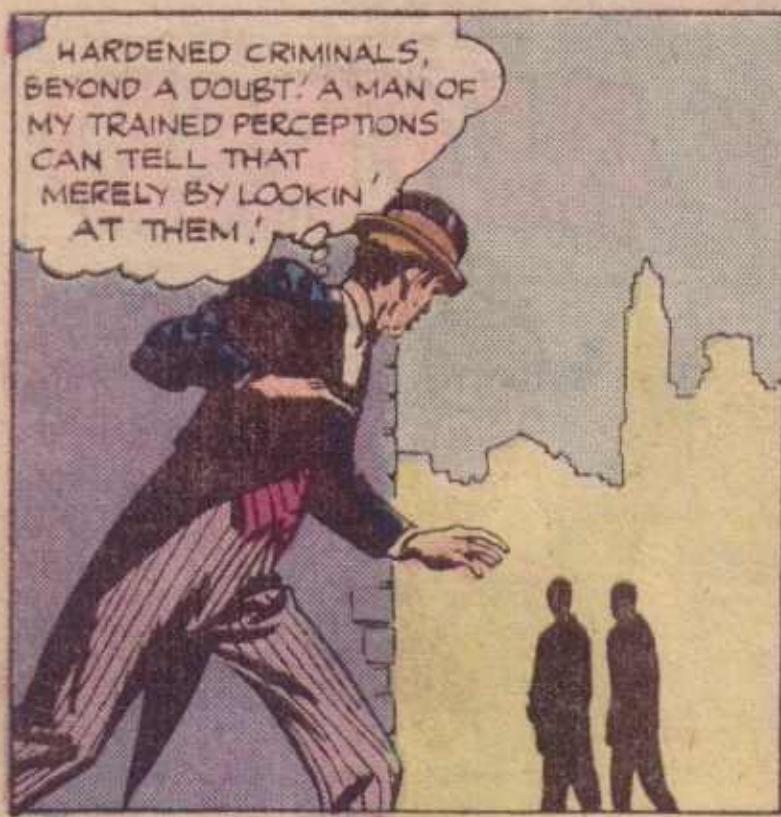
I MUST FOLLOW THEM!

OOPS! BEG PARDON, SIR!





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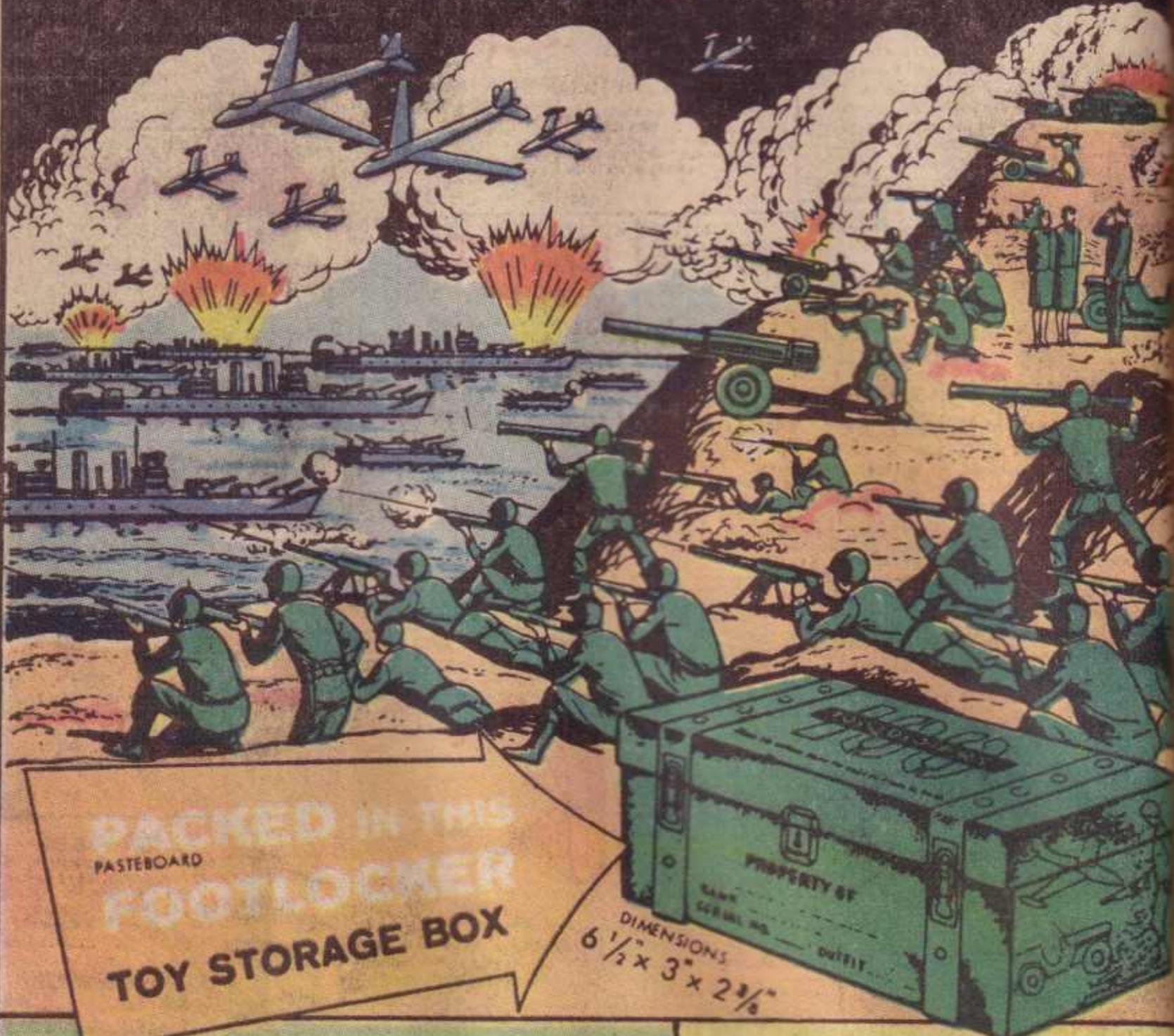
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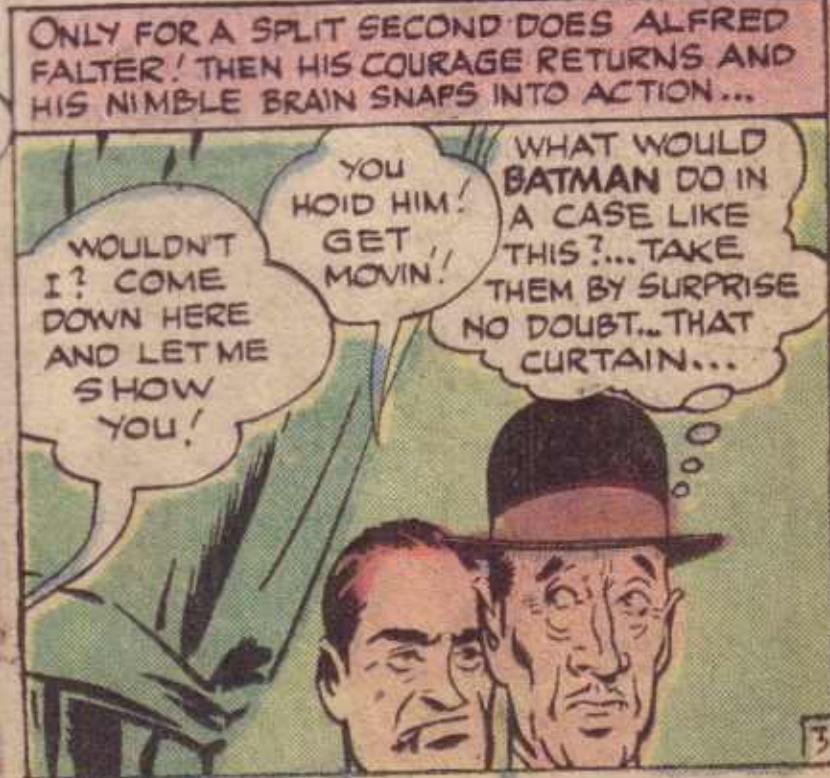
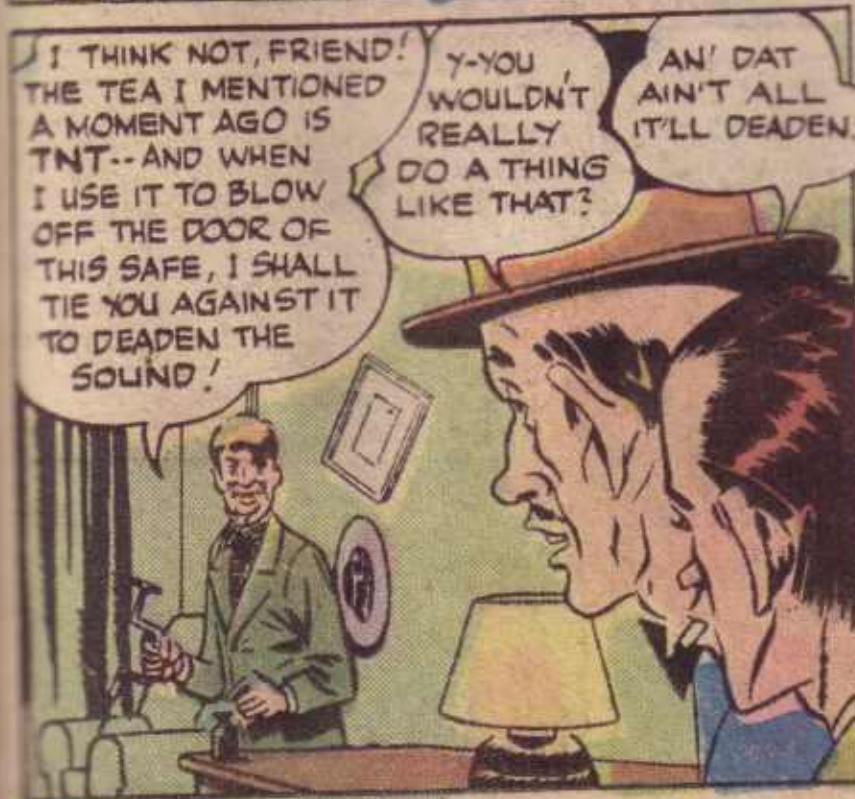
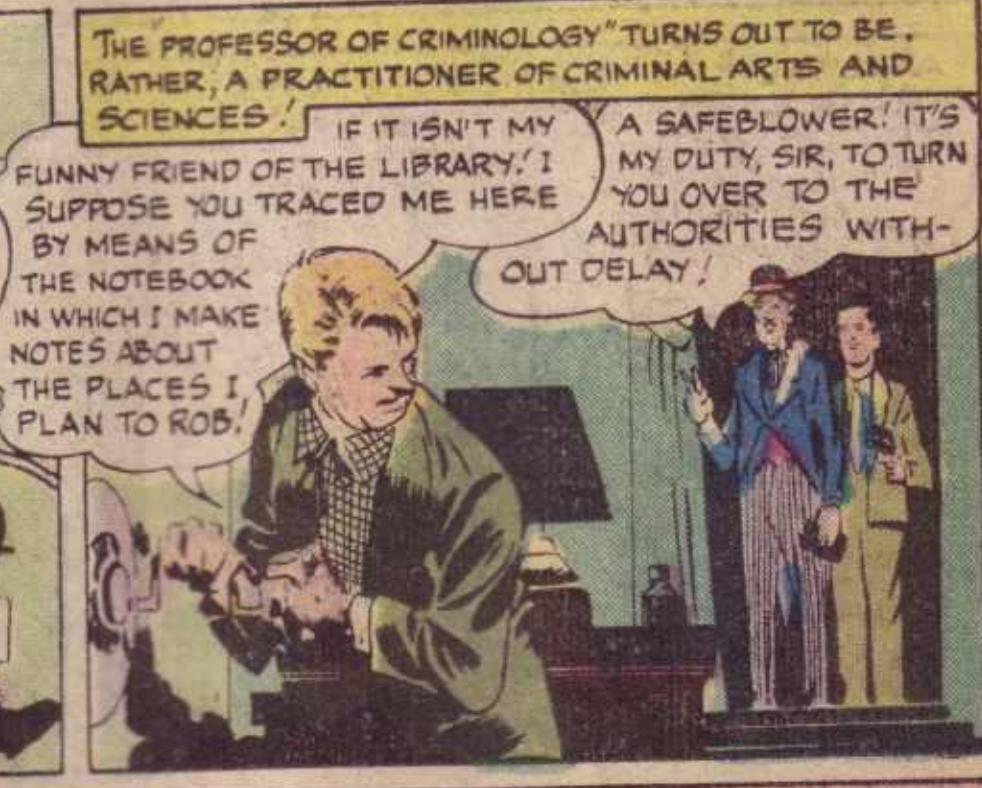
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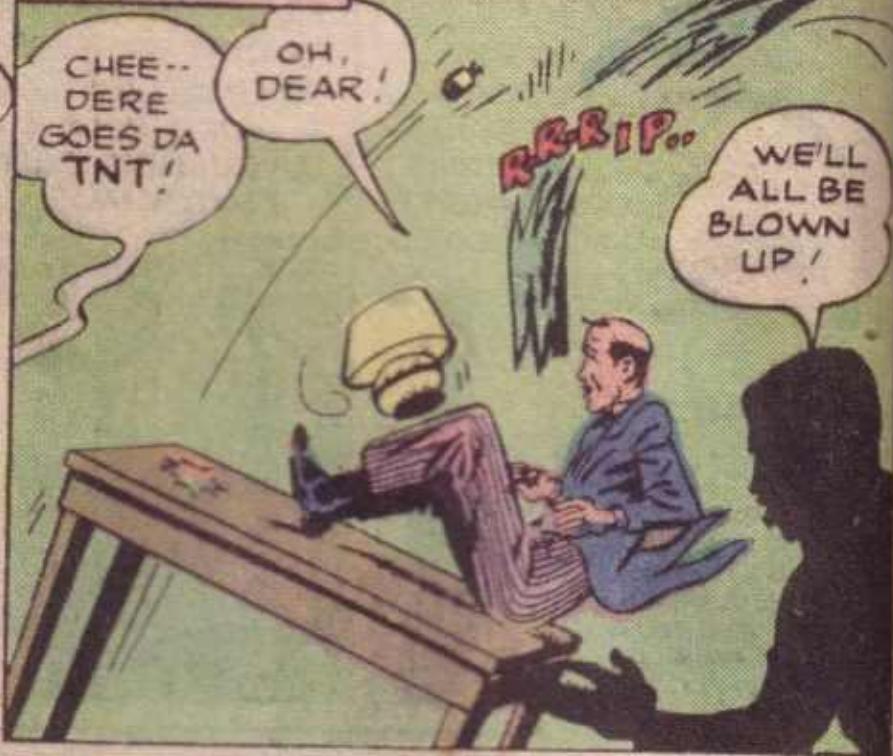
BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



MANY A TIME, THE MIGHTY BATMAN HAS TURNED THE TABLES ON HIS FOES BY A SWIFT OFFENSIVE SUCH AS THIS!



AND ALFRED'S TABLE-TURNING IS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE!



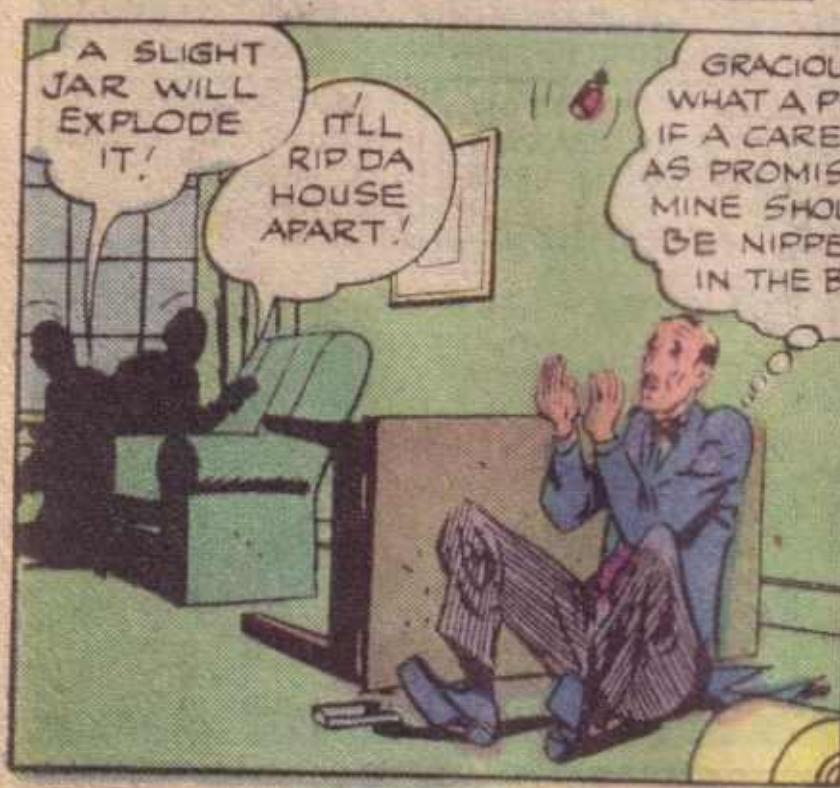
A SLIGHT JAR WILL EXPLODE IT!

I'LL RIP DA HOUSE APART!

GRACIOUS! WHAT A PITY IF A CAREER AS PROMISIN' AS MINE SHOULD BE NIPPED IN THE BUD!

A BREATHLESS INSTANT OF HIGH-UNBEARABLE SUSPENSE, AND THEN ...

SO HELP ME, I'M AFRAID TO LOOK, FOR FEAR I'LL SEE MYSELF BLOWN TO BITS!



THE CAPTURE!

AND NOW, WILL YOU ACCOMPANY ME TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION QUIETLY? OR SHALL I ...?

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS, YOU'VE GOT US!

DON'T T'RROW IT!

LATER, A RATHER CHESTY BUTLER RETURNS TO THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON...

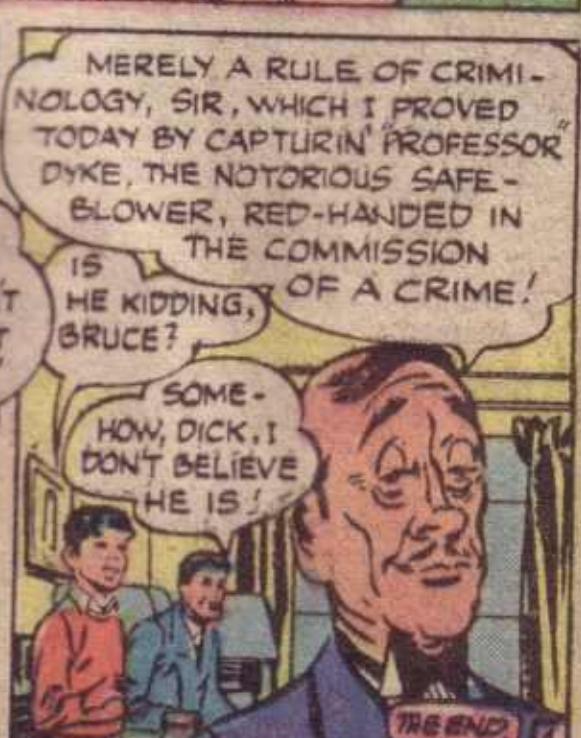
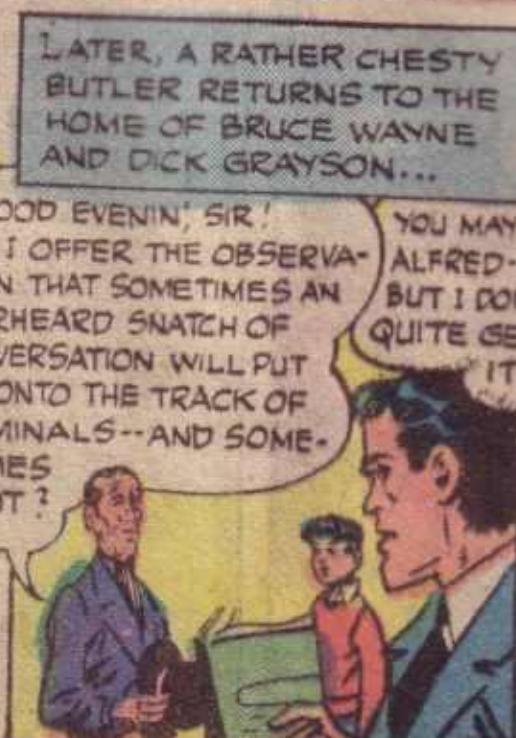
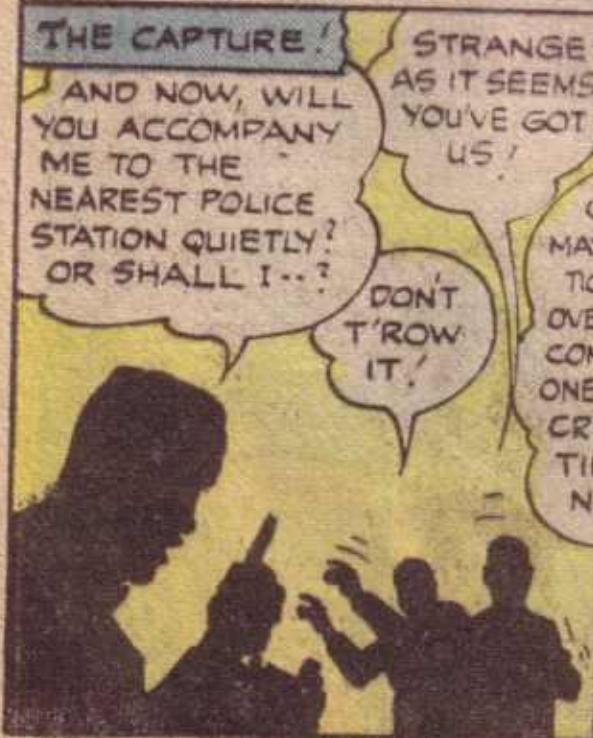
GOOD EVENIN', SIR! MAY I OFFER THE OBSERVATION THAT SOMETIMES AN OVERHEARD SNATCH OF CONVERSATION WILL PUT ONE ONTO THE TRACK OF CRIMINALS-- AND SOMETIMES NOT?

YOU MAY, ALFRED-- BUT I DON'T QUITE GET IT!

MERELY A RULE OF CRIMINOLOGY, SIR, WHICH I PROVED TODAY BY CAPTURIN' PROFESSOR DYKE, THE NOTORIOUS SAFE-BLOWER, RED-HANDED IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME!

IS HE KIDDING, BRUCE?

SOMEHOW, DICK, I DON'T BELIEVE HE IS!



ALFRED'S YARN WAS GREAT, BATMAN... BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO TRAGEDY? LIKE THAT TIME YOU WERE A TARGET FOR KILLERS... AND ONLY ONE MAN COULD WARN YOU!

YES...A MAN WHOSE FEATURES WENT UNNOTICED BY THE MANY PEOPLE WHO SAW HIM EVERY DAY! JUST ANOTHER FACE IN THE CROWD THEN...BUT NOW... ONE I CAN NEVER FORGET!

STORY
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BOB
KANIGHER

ART BY:
BOB BROWN
&
JOE GIELLA

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BATMAN

RR-ING RRING RR-ING

LAUGHTER RIPPLES IN WAVES AT BRUCE WAYNE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY ATTENDED BY ALL HIS FRIENDS-- WHEN IT IS CUT SHORT BY A CLAMOROUS RINGING...

THAT'S ODD!
I DON'T EXPECT ANYONE ELSE! WHO COULD IT BE?

I'LL ANSWER IT, SIR!

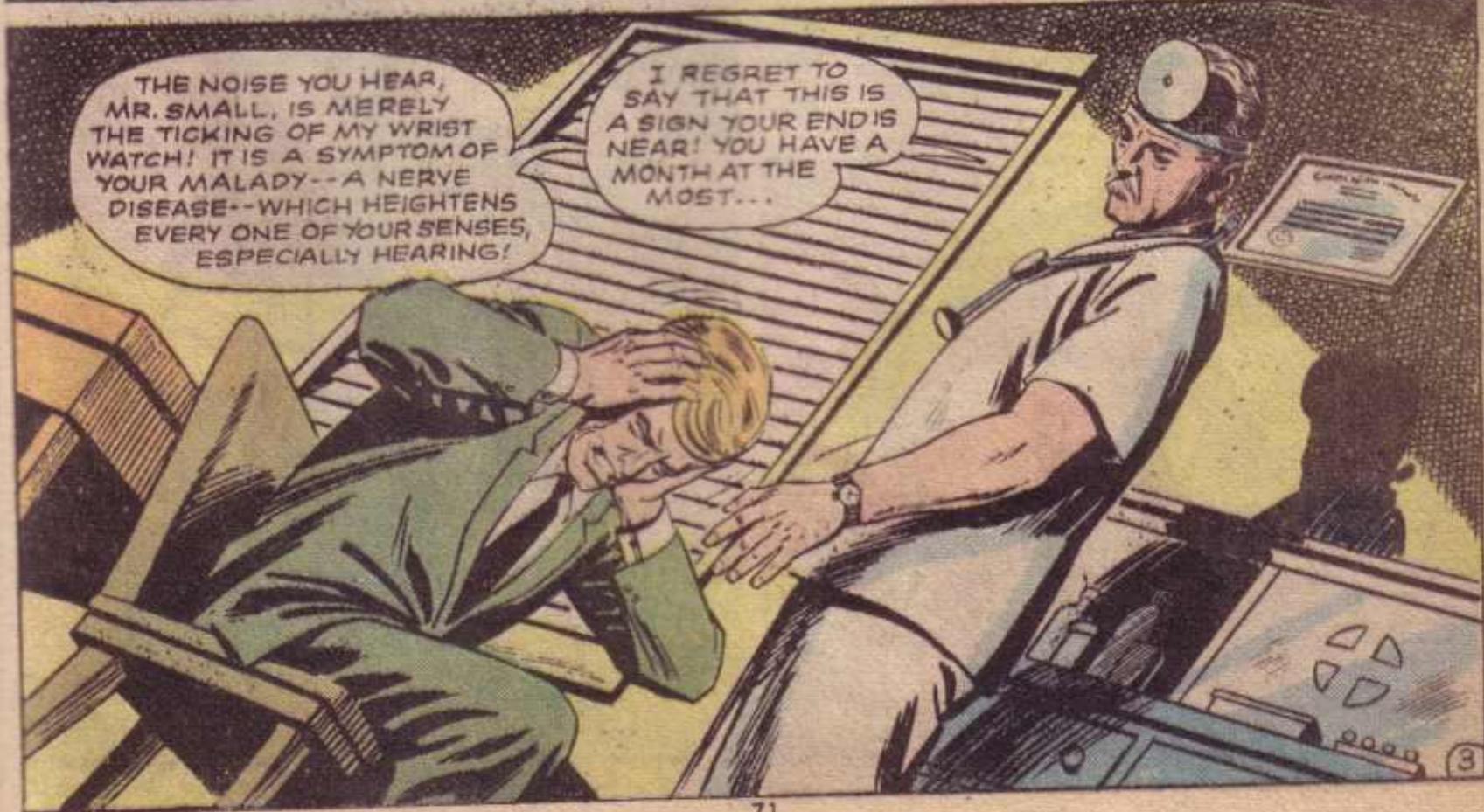
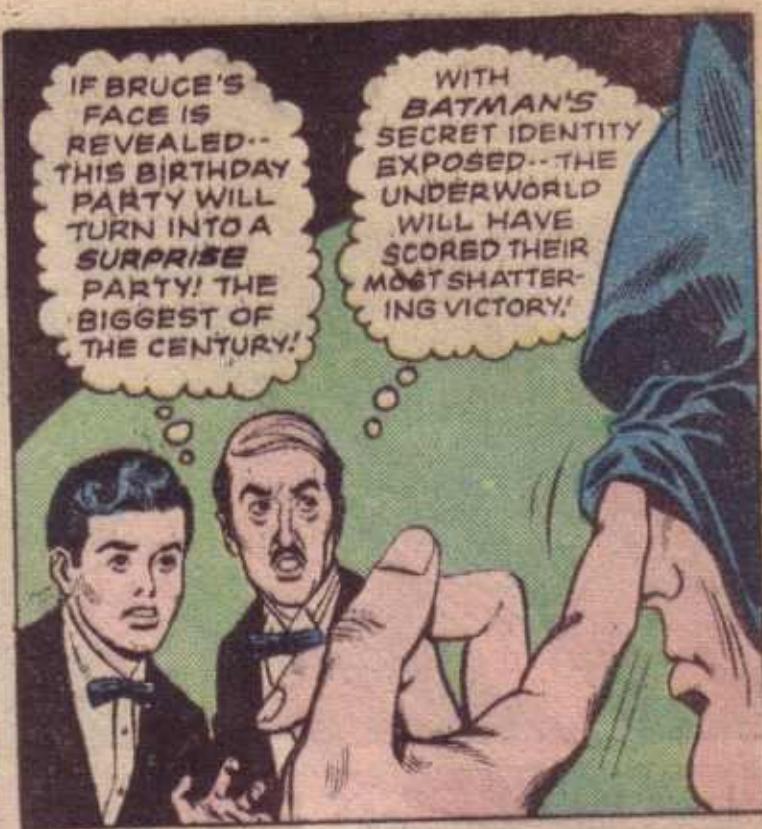


WITH EVERYONE'S TRANSFIGURED STARE RIVETED ON HIM, BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE INTONES THE OMINOUS NOTE, AWARE THAT ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN THE ROOM--DICK (ROBIN) GRAYSON, AND ALFRED, THE BUTLER--ARE AWARE THAT IT IS DIRECTED AT HIM!...

"BATMAN--
BEWARE! A SECRET CONSPIRACY HAS PLANNED YOUR MURDER! WITHIN 24 HOURS YOU WILL BE DEAD!"

ON A SHATTERING MOMENT THE MERRIMENT AT BRUCE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY TURNS INTO A WAKE! FOR THE SHADOW CAST BY THE SINISTER WARNING WILL RESULT IN A CATASTROPHIC ENDING! AS YOU WILL SEE IN...

**"DIE SMALL!
DIE BIG!"**



AND AS THE DOOMED
MAN IS CARRIED ALONG
LIKE FLOTSAM ON THE
TIDE OF THE LIVING IN
GOTHAM CITY...

NO ONE
NOTICES ME
...IT'S AS IF
I AM ALREADY
A GHOST!

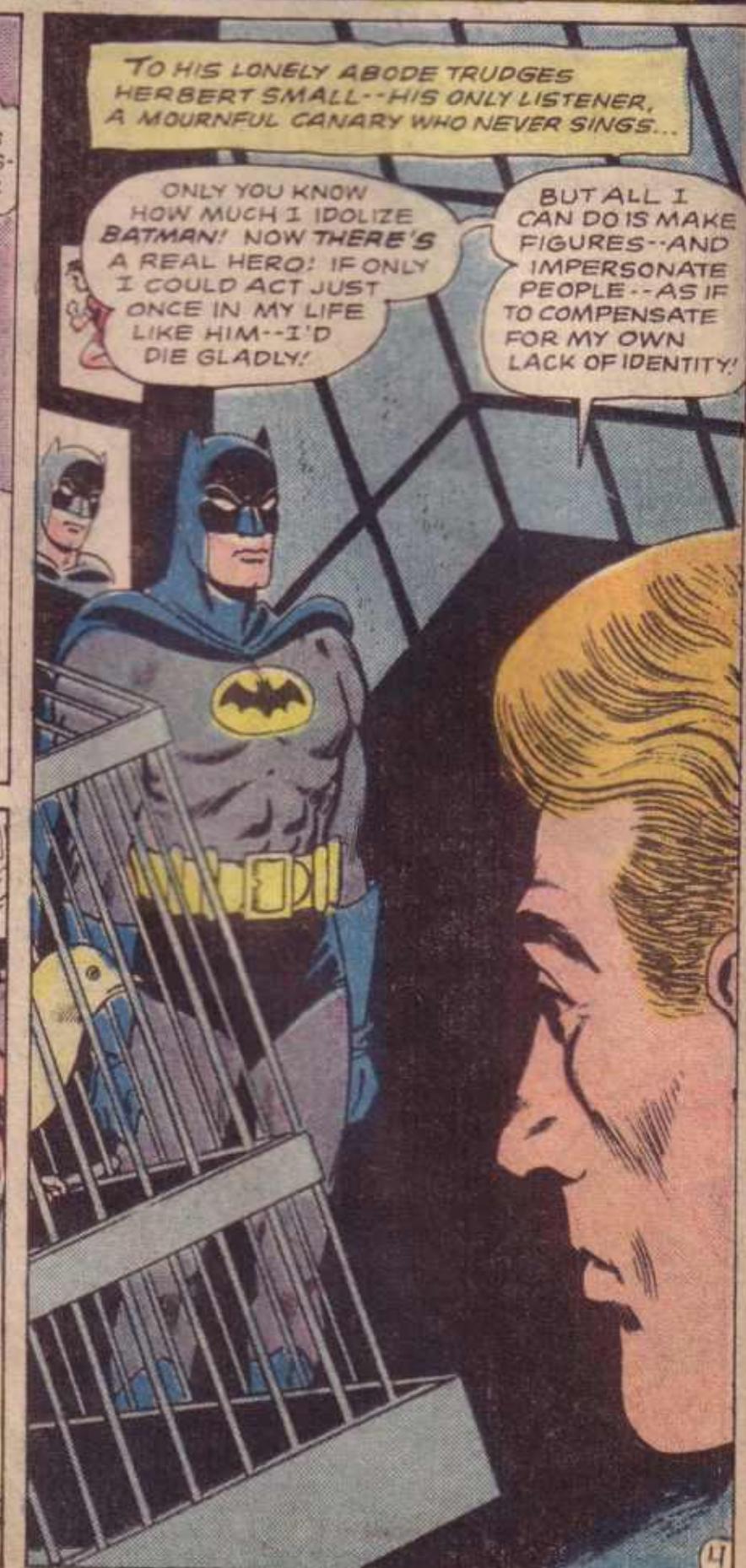
THAT'S
THE WAY IT'S
ALWAYS BEEN
...AND SOON...
IT WILL BE AS
IF HERBERT
SMALL NEVER
EXISTED...



TO HIS LONELY ABODE TRUDGES
HERBERT SMALL--HIS ONLY LISTENER,
A MOURNFUL CANARY WHO NEVER SINGS...

ONLY YOU KNOW
HOW MUCH I IDOLIZE
BATMAN! NOW THERE'S
A REAL HERO! IF ONLY
I COULD ACT JUST
ONCE IN MY LIFE
LIKE HIM--I'D
DIE GLADLY!

BUT ALL I
CAN DO IS MAKE
FIGURES--AND
IMPERSONATE
PEOPLE--AS IF
TO COMPENSATE
FOR MY OWN
LACK OF IDENTITY!



BUT LIFE MUST GO ON... AND AS MAILMAN HERBERT SMALL GOES OUT ON HIS DAILY ROUNDS... A HUMAN SPECK AMONG THE BUSTLING THRONGS OF PEOPLE...

THE SOUND OF THEIR BREATHING--
LIKE THE CRASH OF NIAGARA FALLS IN
MY EARS!... MY END CAN'T BE FAR OFF!

BUT I MUST
KEEP GOING...
UNTIL I FALL...

LATE THAT DAY,
AS HE IS ABOUT TO DELIVER A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER-- HIS ULTRA-SENSITIVE HEARING CARRIES A PIERCING THREAT TO HIM...

EVERYONE OF YOU HAS SPENT YEARS BEHIND BARS BECAUSE OF BATMAN! IN HIS MASKED IDENTITY, HE SEEMS TO LEAD A CHARMED LIFE -- CAN'T BE KILLED!

WE'VE GOT TO SCOUR THE CITY-- FIND OUT WHO HE REALLY IS! THEN WE CLOSE IN ON HIM-- CRUSH HIM...!

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AGHAST, THE ALARMED MAILMAN STUMBLERS BACK INTO THE STREET, DEAFENED BY THE THUNDER OF HIS OWN HEART -- WHEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER,

HERE THEY COME-- THE CONSPIRACY OF KILLERS! NO ONE NOTICES ME! BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET A SINGLE ONE OF THEIR FACES!

THOSE THREE... PROWLING TOGETHER! GOT TO FOLLOW THEM... FIND OUT WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO! IT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN THINK OF!

SOON AFTER AS A DAZZLING FATE WOULD HAVE IT, BATMAN HIMSELF BACKS OUT OF AN ALLEY, UNDER THE MENACING GUN OF A KILLER HE HAD BEEN PURSUING.

BEFORE HERBERT SMALL'S HORRIFIED GAZE... AS HE STANDS ROOTED TO THE SPOT...

HERE'S YOUR PIGEON!

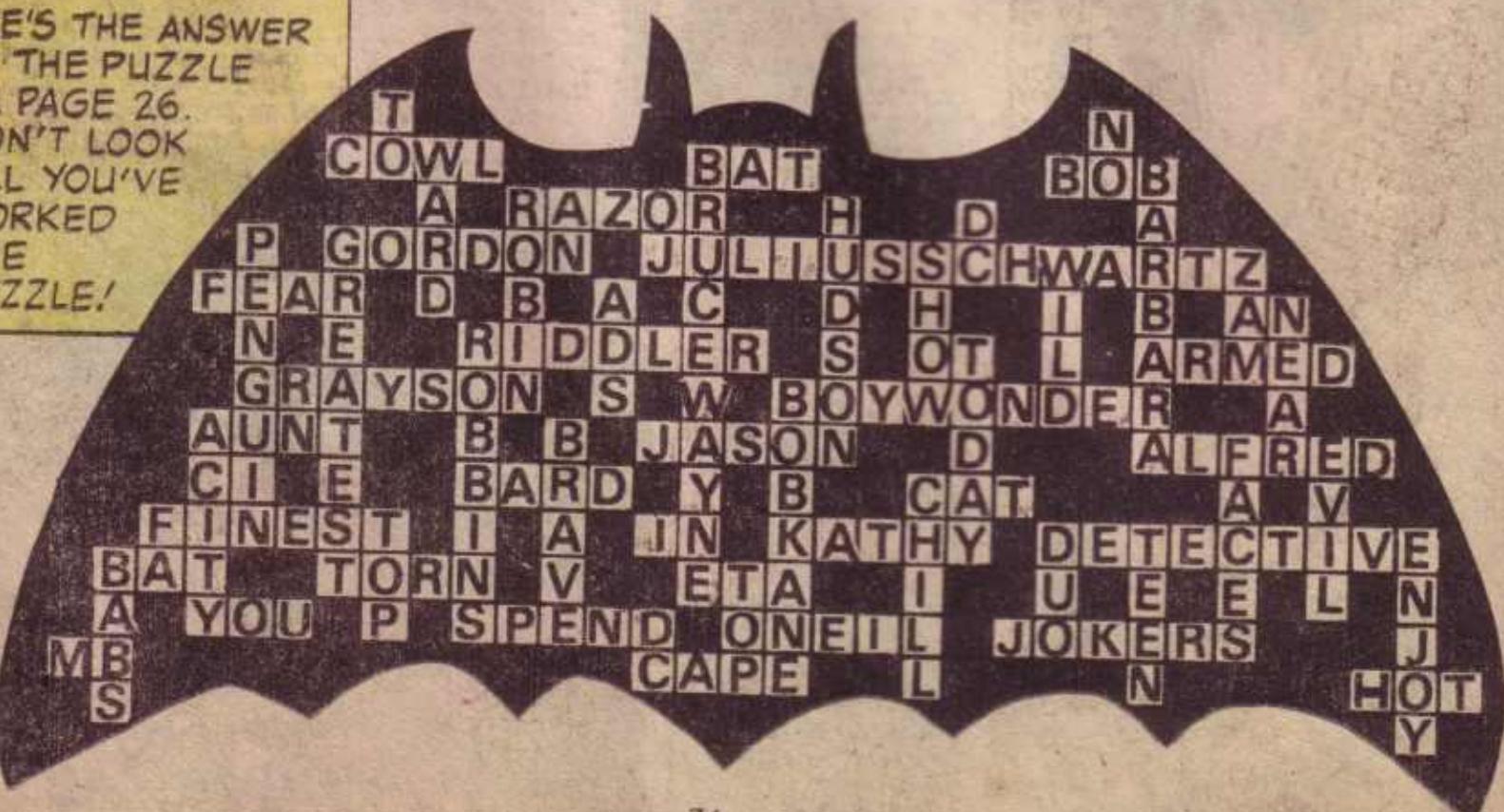
BUT YOU GOTTA WAIT TILL WE PLUCK A COUPLE OF FEATHERS OFF HIM!

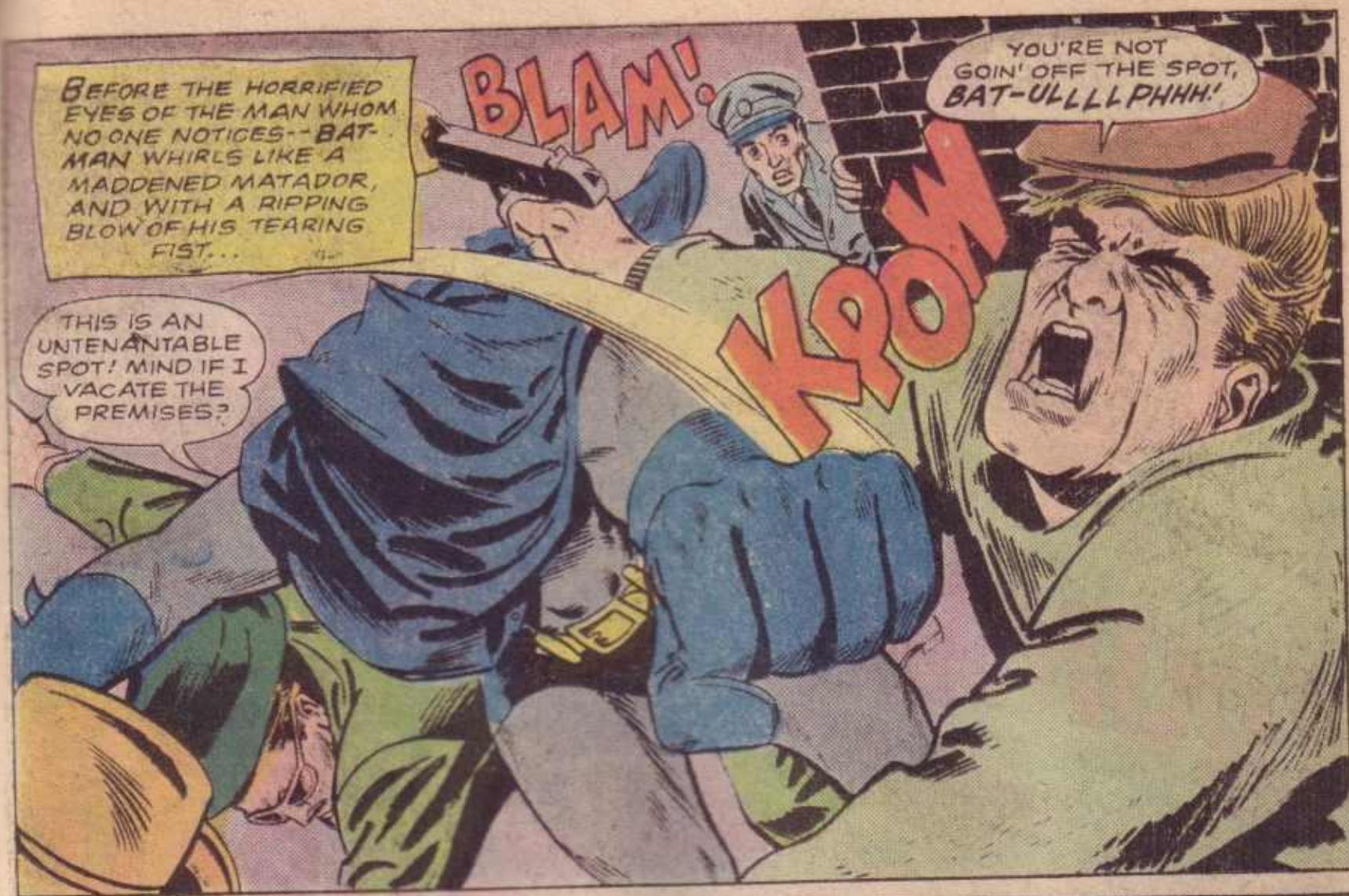
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THUD

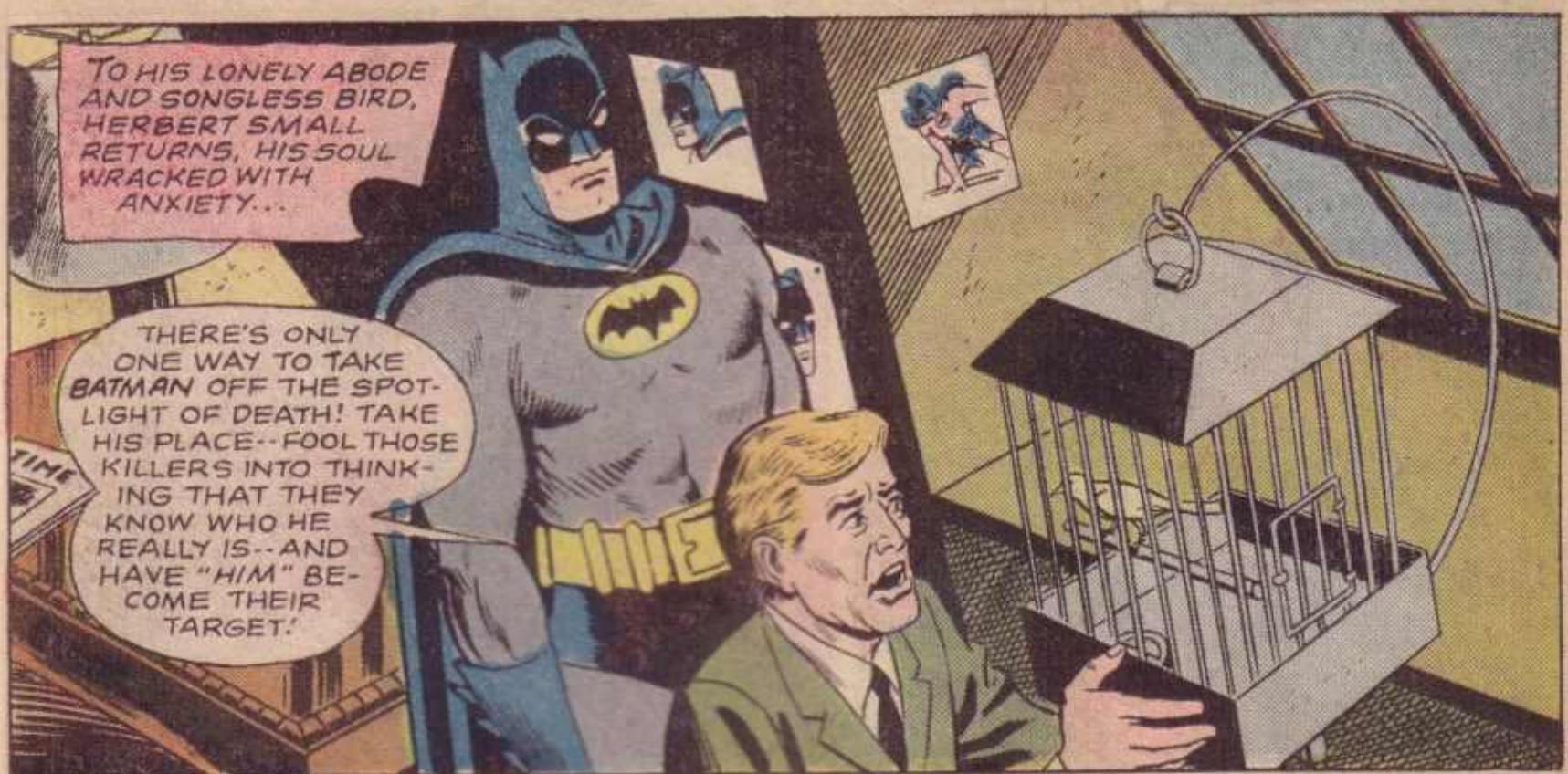
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HERE'S THE ANSWER TO THE PUZZLE ON PAGE 26. DON'T LOOK TILL YOU'VE WORKED THE PUZZLE!









FOR A SINISTER
MOMENT, THE
RINGLEADER
OF THE LETHAL
LEAGUE STARES
AT HERBERT
SMALL...

I CAN ALMOST
FEEL THAT KNIFE-
THRUST SPLITTING
MY HEART--IF--

THEN--IN A CONFIDENT,
DISGUISED VOICE...

I SPOTTED
BATMAN--SECRETLY
TRAILED HIM TO A
HOUSE AT THE END
OF MORGAN STREET.
WATCHED HIM TAKE
OFF HIS DISGUISE--
AND I SAW IT! HIS
REAL FACE!

COOL, MAN--
YOU NAILED DOWN
HIS OTHER IDENTITY!
GIVE OUT WITH
THE INFO--

HE LIVES
IN A LOFT--IN
A ROOM FILLED
WITH HUNDREDS
O'DISGUISES! WITH
ONLY A CANARY
WISE TO HIS BEING--
AN ORDINARY MAIL-
MAN! HOW'S THAT
FOR A COVER?

HIS NAME,
MAN--SPILL IT!

HERBERT
SMALL!

SO BIG SHOT
BATMAN TURNS
OUT TO BE A SMALL
GUY! AIN'T THAT
A LAUGH!

OUTSIDE, A PANTING HERBERT SMALL
LEANS AGAINST THE DOOR, DESPER-
ATELY TRYING TO PULL HIS JANGLING
NERVES TOGETHER...

SO FAR, SO GOOD.
NOW FOR THE REST
OF MY PLAN TO
SAVE BATMAN'S
LIFE...

I'D BETTER
GET BACK! STAKE
OUT HIS PLACE!
KEEP AN EYE
ON HIM!

GOOD IDEA! WHEN
SOME OF THE OTHER
GUYS RETURN, WE'LL
GET OVER TO HIS
PAD! AND THEN--

BATMAN
DIES AT
DAWN!



MEANWHILE, HIS PARTY GUESTS LONG SINCE DEPARTED, BRUCE WAYNE CONCENTRATES ON THE UNKNOWN FACE, HIS COMPUTER-LIKE MEMORY RIFLING THROUGH THE PEOPLE HE HAS MET AND NEVER FORGOTTEN, STRAINING TO COME UP WITH THE RIGHT ONE...

I KNOW I'VE SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE! SOMETIME! SOMEWHERE! GOT TO FIND HIM! SAVE HIM! EVEN NOW--THE CLAWS OF THE UNDER-WORLD MAY BE TEARING AT HIM--THINKING HE'S BATMAN!

WHO IS HE?
I...CAN...ALMOST
SEE HIM...BUT...
STILL...HE
ESCAPES ME!

IF ONLY YOU HAD A CLUE--!

TODAY'S MAIL, SIR! YOUR BIRTHDAY CARDS! YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GO THROUGH THEM!

MAIL--! ALFRED, YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE CLUE I NEED! NOW I KNOW WHOSE FACE THAT IS! A MAN YOU'D HARDLY EVER NOTICE... OUR MAILMAN!

HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO LOSE! I'VE--BATMAN'S--GOT TO FIND OUT WHO HE IS-- WHERE HE LIVES! FROM THE POST OFFICE!

HE'S TAKEN THE ELEVATOR DOWN TO THE BATCAVE-- DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR ROBIN'S HELP!

THIS IS ONE CASE BATMAN PREFERS TO HANDLE ALONE, MASTER DICK!

AS THE MURDEROUS HOUR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, IT FINDS BAT-MAN AT THE END OF HIS FRENZIED QUEST, POISED LIKE A SHADOWY BIRD OVER THE SKYLIGHT OF THE MAILMAN.

GANGLAND'S FOUND HERBERT SMALL, TOO!

NEVER THOUGHT WE'D TRACK YOU DOWN, DID YOU, BAT-MAN-ALIAS HERBERT SMALL, MAILMAN?

WELL--HERE'S WHERE WE DELIVER THE GOODS TO YOU! AND IT'S ALL LEAD!

THE NEXT CRASH-FILLED INSTANT, HIS CAPE SWIRLING LIKE A THUNDERSTORM...

BATMAN!
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MY LAST MOMENT--I WAS CONFIDENT THAT SOMEHOW YOU'D FIND ME IN TIME!

SO! IT WAS A PLOT TO TRICK US!

BUT ALL YOU'VE DONE IS GIVE ME A CLEAR SHOT AT BATMAN!

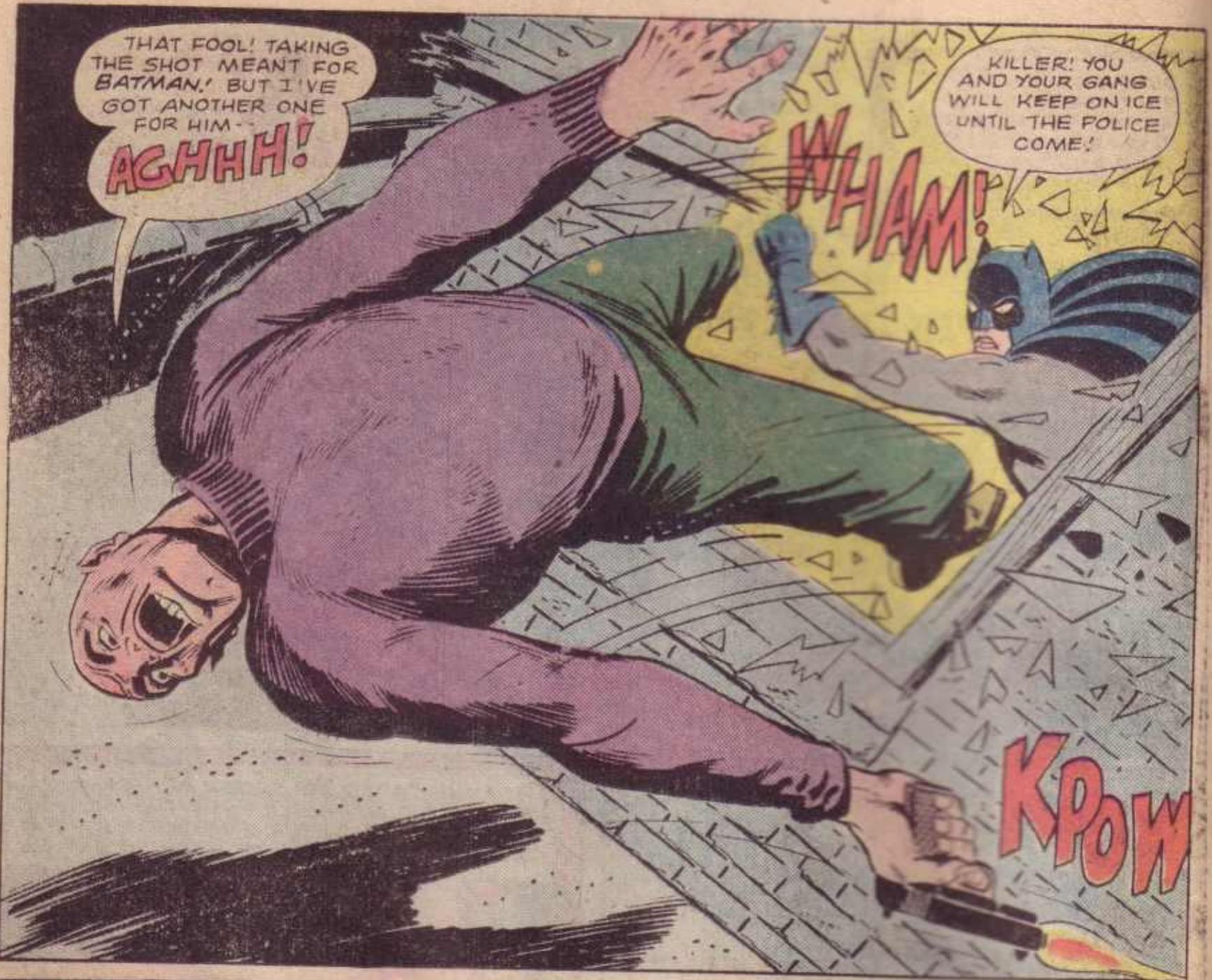
WITH THE CAPED CRUSADER IN THE MIDST OF A TERRIBLE TANGLE WITH THE MOB--HERBERT SMALL HURLS HIMSELF BEFORE THE DEAFENING SHOT OF THE GANGLEADER...

YOU'RE A DEAD PIGEON,
BATMAN--
HUH--?

HERBERT
--No!

BLAM!

UHHHHH
THERE'S NOTHING
... I'D RATHER DO
... MORE...





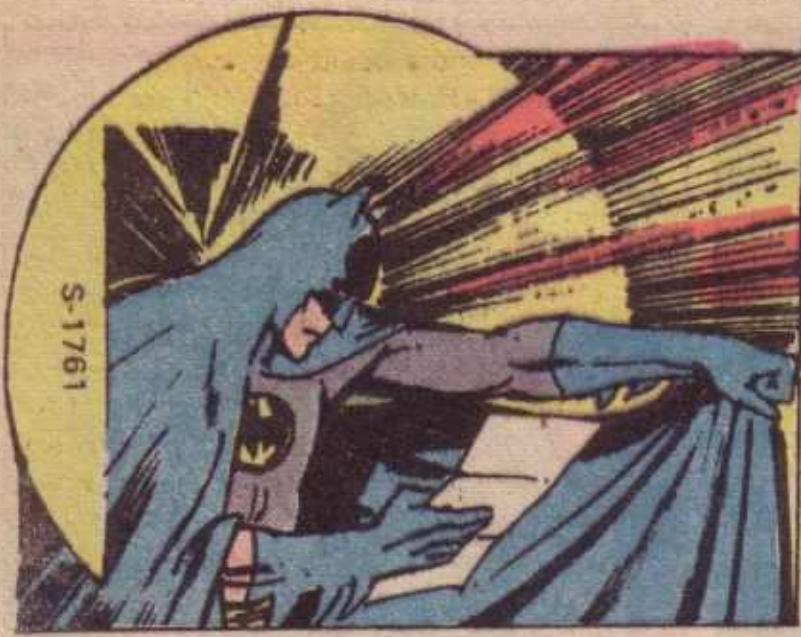
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ROGER ORTH, Terre Haute, Ind.

(An articulate minus-view of the werewolf motif. Our next two readers see originality as the pivot on which a good yarn spins.—GHLIII)



Dear Editor:

It's getting harder to find a Neal Adams cover on any of the magazines you edit, so *Batman* #255's cover was really appreciated. And Adams artwork inside, too! What a great Christmas present! He draws the meanest werewolf I've seen since *Swamp Thing* #4!

And with story by *Swamp Thing*'s own Len Wein, "Moon of the Wolf" was the best *Batman* story to bear the date 1974 (all right, so it's only the second issue of the year; it's still the best). I'm glad you didn't kill the werewolf off, not just so he could be brought back (I'd rather you didn't) but because I'm tired of having monsters killed off with everyone saying, "It's just as well."

There was only one thing I didn't like in the whole issue, the name Anthony Lupus. Why must a person's name always reflect some aspect of himself? Oh well, I guess this doesn't always happen, like with—

WILLIAM NUTT, Dover, N.J.

(And we'd be a Nutt to improve on that!—GHLIII)



Dear Editor:

I'm glad Neal Adams is back. His art on *Batman* #255 was excellent. Dick Giordano's inking was even better than usual.

The story was also very enjoyable but I felt a little too detached. The stories should be written so that the reader identifies more with *The Batman*: he should feel confusion when *The Batman* is confused, anger when *The Batman* is angered, and triumph when *The Batman* triumphs. I think we should also see more of the other side of *The Batman*—Bruce Wayne. However, he shouldn't be portrayed as Clark Kent has been lately.

The use of the supernatural element is good once in a while, but it can become overused. Neither, though, would I want the other extreme—continuous use of *The Joker*, *Catwoman*, and *Penguin*. I also wish you'd use more Golden Age reprints and that you would not feature *Batman* exclusively—give some lesser known heroes a chance.

—ALAN LANKIN, Vineland, N.J.

(*Batman* will host members of his "family" exclusively—Robin, Batgirl, even Alfred—but other characters will back him in our companion magazine, *Detective Comics*.—GHLIII)



Dear Editor:

I have only one thing to say about *Batman* #255, and even it doesn't refer to the issue directly...

Len Wein, you are beauuutiful!

In 20 pages you have taken one of the most maligned monsters in history, the infamous *loup-garou*, added one playboy wearing a mask, and turned out one of the most *Shazam*-deserving stories I've read this year, right up there with "Death Has the Last Laugh"—and that is really up there in my opinion. The script's funny parts were perfect comic relief from the wonderful tension he had built up the "burglar in a Halloween suit" was great!

BOB ORTEGA, San Francisco, Calif.

(From beautiful to bummer, reaction to Len Wein's scripting was especially hairy after "Moon of the Wolf"! Now on to a less ecstatic perspective of the story's author—GHLIII)



Dear Editor:

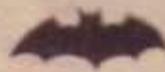
If Julie Schwartz paid extra rates to authors who overwrote their stories, Len Wein would be a rich man. This is a nasty habit that Len has: he just can't keep his stories from being cluttered with undermining verbosity. What is really so annoying about Len's habit is that he is basically a fine writer with a good sense of form, a knack for good characterization, and a penchant for effective dramatic build-up.

I shake my head sorrowfully at such phrases in "Moon of the Wolf" as "and though the dog is good at its job, very, very, good at its job," "forty-six minutes later," "the rebirth of dawn," and a few "indeed" phrases. All of these clogs in the wheel of story progress fortunately did not outweigh the good horror story, horrible for the human anguish of Anthony Lopus. The characterization of Milo—the fiend with the early Gilbert O'Sullivan haircut, the sequence in the gym, the powerhouse struggle at the end, and the epilogue (just the right touch) certainly saved the day.

You see, Len writes well. He should just learn to hold back a bit on his narratives and thereby cut the distracting melodramatics.

DAVID DASCH, Brooklyn, New York

(You heard the man, Len... as Mark Twain once said, eschew superfluity!—GHLIII)



Dear Editor:

Some thirty-five years ago Bill Finger and Bob Kane gave comix a new dimension as pop fiction. They gave us a character who stalked the murderers and cheaters, the malevolent albatrosses of man's "civilized jungles".

With a ferocity equal to the *Shadow* himself he stalked the fogged streets, the shadowed slums, the rain-pouring nights—in search of the vile, the evil, the uncanny! This tall, sinewy-built, gaunt-featured man, who wore the black and blue/grey uniform of a bat, this "night stalker" was called *The Batman*. Today the brooding, fiercely silent stalker of the night is still handled with excellence. With the excellent staff of today how can this night stalker go down?

As usual Neal Adams proves he is visually the "best" *Batman* artist. Kane, Jerry Robinson, Aparo, good artists all, but Neal Adams is the *ultimate*. (As for the signs of lycanthropy: thick slanted eyebrows that meet at the bridge of the nose, curved reddish fingernails, and extreme hairiness, especially on the hands and feet.)

Len Wein told me that he would write a Christmas

Batman yarn. He said it would be "a doosie," and Len (blessed your pointed ears!), it was a "doosie!"

With all this what more could one ask for?

THE GUITAR MAN (DONWYN NEWSOME)



Dear Editor:

Today I was watching an episode of the old *Batman* TV series. The comparison, as many readers have pointed out, to today's *Batman* is almost incredible... with one exception. I noticed in this episode that the *Batman*'s romantic tendencies are almost the same as they were in the TV show. As he stood there, *Catwoman* asked him, "If I were to kiss you, would you think I was a... bad girl?" Funny, yes, but also unnerving when *Batman*'s reply was so oafish. "Why, no, *Catwoman*... some people kiss every day, so I hear..."

I was immediately reminded of *Batman*'s love scenes (or should I say love satires?) with *Talia*, in *Batman* #243. *Talia*, in very much the classic *Catwoman* tradition, kisses the *Batman*, to which he replies, "Your lips are warm, as always... and as always, they chill me to the marrow." Come on, Adam West would have been ashamed to read that line.

In the next issue, after *Talia* flees, *The Batman* is left all alone. He expresses no emotion. You might say that *The Batman* cannot love a woman like *Talia*, for whom he has only a physical attraction. He must love a girl he can respect and admire, like... *Molly Post*! In issue #244, again, the good *Molly* is injured. Though *The Batman* does not hesitate to let *Rás Al Ghûl* and *Talia* go, and tend to *Molly* instead, listen to his lines of torrid, loving concern: "You're a good kid, one of the best." Geez!

There have been others, mostly villainesses, who have loved *The Batman* in vain. Even they have moved on to other mags (as with *Poison Ivy* in *Lois Lane* and the *Catwoman* in *Wonder Woman*) probably because of *The Batman*'s iceberg view of love.

It is unrealistic for *The Batman* not to have any girls, for him to spurn them. *Talia* is a brilliant character and I hope she doesn't join *Batman*'s little "spurned brigade" along with the others. Please melt down the *Batman*; it's hard enough for a girl to fall in love with that frightening costume, but a guy like me can't have respect for a guy like *The Batman* who treats women like dirt.

BOB RODI, Oak Brook, Ill.

(Or as Bruce Wayne himself once said on the *Batman* TV show—"Man does not live by crime-fighting alone!"—GHLIII)



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BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INITIATED INTO A SCHOOL CLUB OR FRATERNITY— AND LISTENED TO THE ROARS OF LAUGHTER AS YOU FLOUNDERED THROUGH EMBARRASSING CAPERS? IF SO, YOU'LL KNOW SOMETHING OF ROBIN'S FEELINGS AS THAT MOCKING MOUNTEBANK OF MENACE, THE JOKER, SETS HUMILIATING TASKS FOR HIM TO PERFORM... EXCEPT THAT MORE THAN A FRATERNITY MEMBERSHIP IS AT STAKE THIS TIME! FOR THE LIFE OF THE BATMAN DEPENDS ON THE BOY WONDER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GRINNING CRIME CLOWN'S AMAZING—

"RACKETY-RAX
RACKET!"

RACKETY-RAX!
GIVE 'EM DA AX!
COLLITCH HAS LOINED
US TA GRAB DOUGH
IN STACKS!

JOKER! JOKER!
RAH-RAH-RAH!

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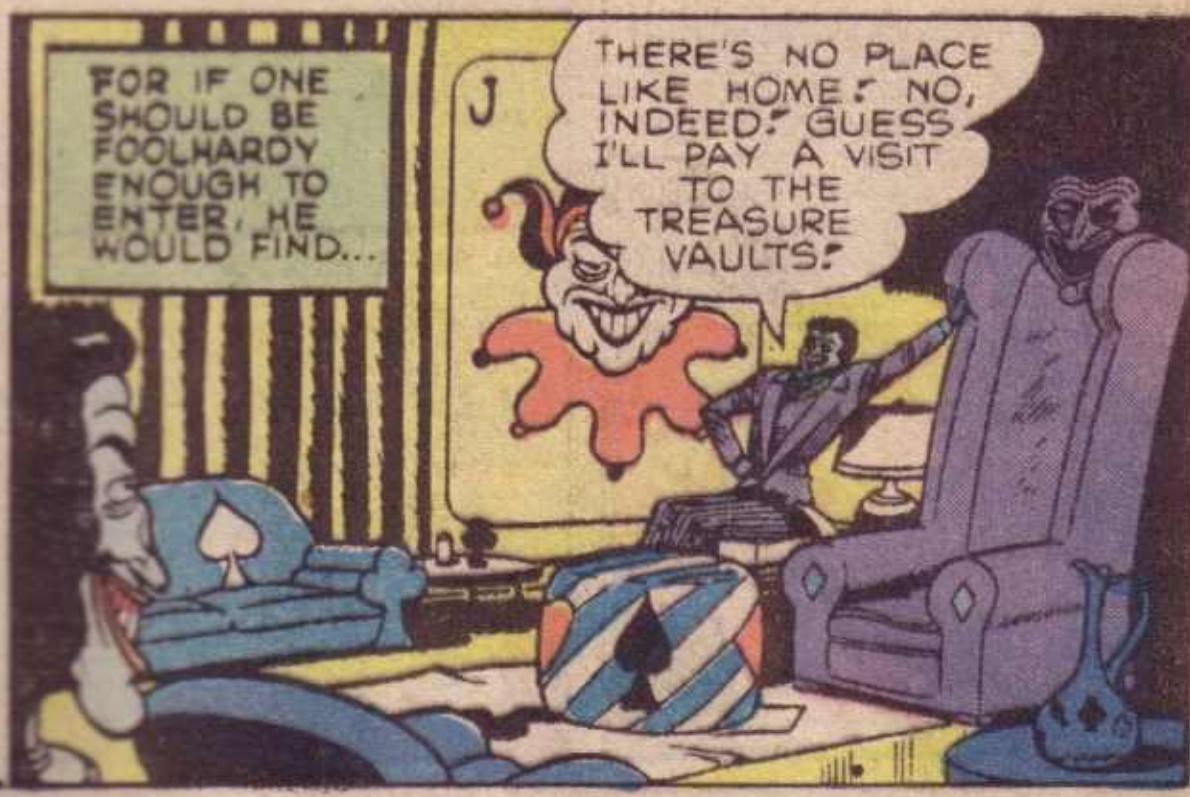
RACKETY-RAX RACKET



LIKE MOST THINGS CONNECTED WITH THE JOKER, THIS RAMSHACKLE HOUSE CONCEALS A SURPRISE!

FOR IF ONE SHOULD BE FOOLHARDY ENOUGH TO ENTER, HE WOULD FIND...

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME! NO, INDEED! GUESS I'LL PAY A VISIT TO THE TREASURE VAULTS!



CURRENCY ENOUGH TO BUILD A NAVY—AND GOLD AND SILVER ENOUGH TO SINK IT! HA, HA, HA, HA!

BUT I'VE BEEN NEGLECTING MY GEM COLLECTION LATELY! HMM... PERHAPS I SHOULD LOOK OVER SOME OF THE BETTER JEWELRY SHOPS AROUND TOWN!

SPEAKING OF JEWELRY SHOPS—HERE ARE TWO YOUNG MEN WE HAVE MET BEFORE. JUST LEAVING ONE!



BUT WHAT'S THIS?...

GOT YOU, COPPER!

WHAT?

OH, OH! ON YOUR TOES, BRUCE?



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YOU AN' YOUR CRAZY COLLEGE INITIATIONS!

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BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



THIS IS THE SEASON WHEN COLLEGE FRESHMEN HAVE TO DO ALL SORTS OF STUNTS TO GET INTO FRATERNITIES!

CATCH ME MAKING A FOOL OF MYSELF TO JOIN ANYTHING!



AS IT HAPPENS, ANOTHER SPECTATOR OF THESE PERFORMANCES IS EVEN MORE INTERESTED THAN BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON:

I'M SURE GLAD DEY DIDN'T TEACH ME STUFF LIKE DAT IN THE BIG HOUSE SCHOOL I WENT TO. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN, ACES! STOP THE CAR! I'VE GOT THE IDEA I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!



BUY FOUR SWEATERS AND SKULLCAPS — A STRETCHER — A BUTTERFLY NET — A CATCHER'S MASK — AND TWO STRAIGHT CHAIRS:

YA MEAN IT, JOKER? YA AIN'T LOSIN' CONTROL O' YA BRAINS OR NUTTIN'?



MEANWHILE...

THAT FELLOW MUST HAVE BEEN STUDYING HARD! HE LOOKS ALMOST AS BRIGHT AS A REAL MONKEY!

NO SARCASM, YOUNG FELLA! THEY'RE LEARNING PLENTY BESIDES MONKEY-SHINES IN COLLEGE!



I JUST GOTTA KETCH ME A BUTTERFLY, OR DEY WON'T LET ME BACK INTA COLLITCH!

THAT ONE HASN'T EVEN LEARNED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE!

HMM...



SUDDENLY...

OOPS! I LOST CONTROL!



AW, CHEE — I'LL GET ME NICE NEW SWEATER ALL DOITY!



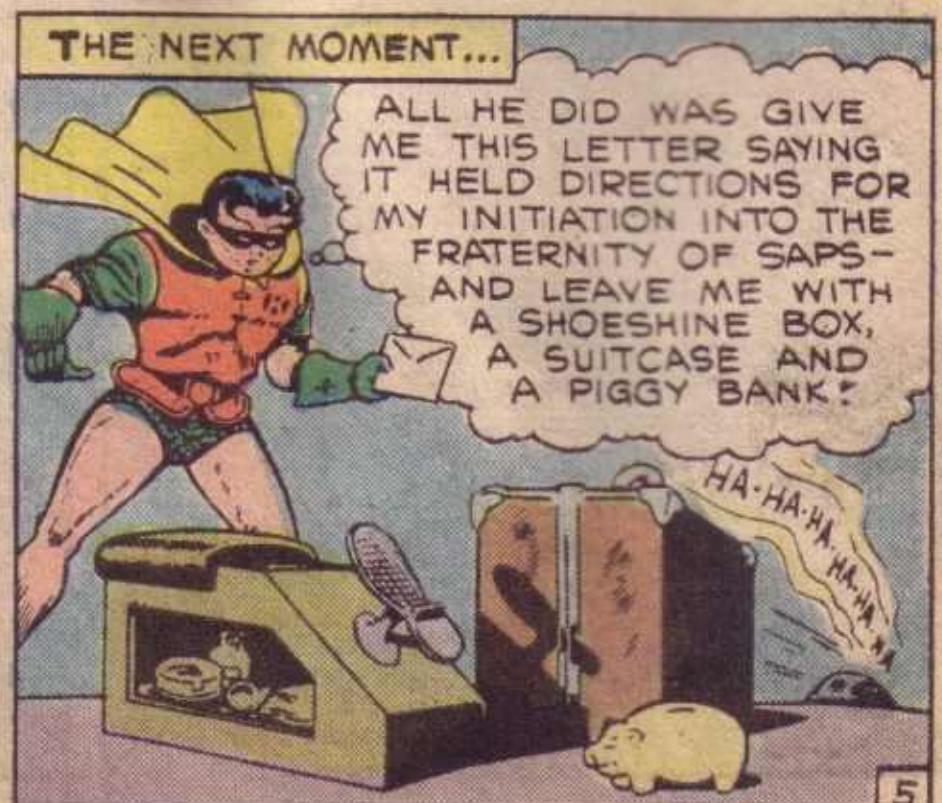


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RACKETY-RAX RACKET

FEW THINGS ARE MORE PAINFUL THAN BEING MADE TO LOOK FOOLISH IN PUBLIC—AS THE BOY WONDER LEARNS WHEN HE BEGINS HIS "INITIATION" NEXT DAY...

I'VE GOT TO SPEND TWO HOURS SHINING SHOES ON THIS CORNER—AND LET PEOPLE LAUGH AT ME!

ROBIN: SHINING SHOES ON MY CORNER!

YEAH, ROBIN—THIS IS WHERE DIAMOND DEALERS MEET ON THE CURB TO SWAP, BUY AND SELL! BUT HOW WELL-COME YOU'RE SHINING SHOES?

WELL-ER- I GET RESTLESS NOW AND THEN!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE BATMAN'S PAL WOULD BE SMART ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THIS!

THIS IS EVEN MORE EMBARRASSING THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!



NOR IS THIS THE WORST: FOR, TWO HOURS LATER...

MY SON THINKS ROBIN IS A HERO! BUT HE'S A COMMON STREET PEDDLER!

WAIT TILL SHE SEES WHAT I'VE GOT TO SELL HERE! SHE'LL THINK I'M CRAZY!



BUT, AMAZINGLY ENOUGH...

WHAT'S THAT? YOU'LL BUY MY WHOLE STOCK? ARE YOU CRAZY, TOO?

NOT IF YOU'RE SELLING AT THAT PRICE! I RUN THE DRYGOODS SHOP ACROSS THE STREET—AND I'LL KEEP THEM TILL NEXT WINTER AND SELL AT A PROFIT!





BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



YOU, GENTLE READER, ARE ABOUT TO GET A JUMP AHEAD OF ROBIN AT THIS POINT — FOR NIGHTFALL PROVES THAT HARM CAN COME EVEN OF SHINING SHOES!

DERE'S ONE O' DEM SIDEWALK DIAMOND MERCHANTS-AN' HE OUGHTTA HAVE SOME NICE SPARKLERS IN HIS WALLET:

DAT WAS SMART O' DA JOKER, MAKIN' DA KID SHINE DEIR SHOES WIT' POLISH MIXED WIT' LUMINOUS PAINT. SO WE COULD SPOT 'EM IN DA DARK:

DAT DOES IT! GO T'ROUGH HIS POCKETS, DEUCES — AN' MAKE IT SNAPPY! WE GOT PLENTY MORE WOK TA DO:

YEAH — WE GOTTA WATCH FOR HALF A DOZEN OTHER GUYS WIT' GLOWIN' SHOES, ALL IN DIFFERENT PLACES!

DERE GOES DA BOMB YA HID IN DAT SUITCASE, JOKER? IF ONLY IT BLOWS A HOLE T'ROUGH TA DA SAFE IN DA JEWELRY STORE!

AND EVEN EARMUFFS AND MUFFLERS IN THE SUMMER HAVE THEIR SINISTER PURPOSE!

IT WILL! THE STOREROOM OF THE DRYGOODS STORE IS RIGHT AGAINST THE BACK OF THE JEWELRY SAFE!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

GOTHAM CITY GAZETTE
DIAMOND DEALER HELD UP: - BLAME LUMINOUS SHOES

SAFEBLOWERS ROB JEWELRY SHOP OF PRICELESS GE-

WHAT—? DIAMOND MERCHANTS FROM THAT SIDEWALK MARKET — AND THAT JEWELRY SHOP IS RIGHT NEXT TO THE DRY GOODS STORE THAT TOOK OVER MY STOCK!

THE JOKER TRICKED ME: THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A LUMINOUS SUBSTANCE IN THE SHOE POLISH HE GAVE ME — AND EXPLOSIVES HIDDEN UNDER THOSE EARMUFFS AND MUFFLERS!

I'VE INNOCENTLY HELPED THOSE RATS PULL THEIR ROBBERIES! I'VE GOT TO TRAP THEM AND GET THE LOOT BACK... BUT HOW CAN I, WITHOUT CAUSING THEM TO KILL THE BATMAN?...





RACKETY-RAX RACKET



AND NOW LET US SEE HOW THE BATMAN IS FARING IN THE HANDS OF HIS FOES...

HA, HA! ROBIN MAKES MY CRIMES POSSIBLE WHILE THE BATMAN SQUIRMS HELPLESSLY! HA, HA!

LAUGH, YOU LUNATIC! YOUR FUN WON'T LAST FOREVER!

IF ONLY IT LASTS TILL I PULL MY BIGGEST HOAX AT THE BON TON DEPARTMENT STORE, I'LL BE SATISFIED. I'M ABOUT TO BUY OUT THEIR ENTIRE JEWELRY STOCK—WITH PENNIES!

HA, HA! THESE PENNIES HAVE BEEN HOLLOWED AND FILLED WITH CHEMICALS WHICH REACT AFTER A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS—AS YOU SHALL SEE!

I'LL BE GLAD TO LOOK AT ANYTHING OTHER THAN YOUR GRINNING FACE!

A SMALL BUT EFFECTIVE INCENDIARY BOMB! ISN'T THAT HOT? HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

OF ALL THE ROTTEN STUNTS!

PERHAPS I SHALL DISPOSE OF YOU EVENTUALLY WITH SOME SUCH DEVICE! MEANWHILE—SINCE I HAVE A FIRE TO ATTEND—PLEASE EXCUSE ME!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY—WARN ROBIN—AND PUT A STOP TO THE JOKER'S GAME! IF ONLY I COULD REACH THOSE WHITE-HOT BITS OF METAL AND MAKE THEM BURN THESE ROPES...

MAYBE I'LL ONLY SUCCEED IN BURNING THE HOUSE—AND MYSELF WITH IT—BUT EVEN SO, I WOULDN'T BE MUCH WORSE OFF THAN I AM NOW!



BATMAN SUPER-SPECTACULAR



IN THE MEANTIME, ROBIN ENTERS THE TOY DEPARTMENT OF THE BON TON STORE...

EVEN IF IT WASN'T FOR THESE ROBBERIES AND THE BATMAN'S DANGERS, I'D FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT THIS JOB THE JOKER GAVE ME!

LOOK-IT'S ROBIN? AND WITH A PIGGY BANK? CAN YOU BEAT IT?

I-UH-I'VE SAVED MY PENNIES IN MY PIGGY BANK TILL I HAVE 300 OF THEM, MISS! I'D LIKE TO BUY A DOLL!

WHY, ROBIN- IS THIS A JOKE?

TEE-HEE!

TINY TOTS TOYS



I-ULP- JUST LOVE D-DOLLS!

CAN YA BEAT THAT, JOIE? AN' HE'S SUPPOSED TO HELP THE BATMAN CATCH CROOKS!

YEAH- HE'S A SISSY. DOLLS- PHOOEY-

I'VE DONE EVERYTHING, JUST AS THE JOKER'S INSTRUCTIONS SAID- BUT I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE I LOSE CONTROL!

LOOKIT MAMA'S BOY!

HE'S GOIN' HOME TA KNIT 'ITTIE BOOTIES FOR DA BABY! HA, HA!



ABRUPTLY, AT THE COUNTER ROBIN HAS JUST LEFT...

HUH?... AN EXPLOSION? AND FIRE?

THE FIRE'S SPREADING! CLEAR THE FLOOR! TURN IN THE ALARM!

IF ROBIN WAS THE SORT OF BOY WE THOUGHT HE WAS, HE'D TAKE CARE OF IT- BUT HE ISN'T!



RACKETY-RAX RACKET

ROBIN, HOWEVER, HAS NOT GONE FAR FROM THE SCENE OF EXCITEMENT...

EVERYBODY OFF THE FLOOR?

AS I SUSPECTED—
THE JOKER AND HIS MOB! THIS TIME THEY'LL RUN INTO AS MUCH OPPOSITION AS I CAN MANAGE!

REMEMBER DA OLD GAG ABOUT FIGHTIN' FIRE WIT' FIRE?

NEVER MIND THE PHILOSOPHY! HURRY—BEFORE THE REAL FIREMEN ARRIVE!

ON THE FLOOR IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE TOY DEPARTMENT...

GOOD HEAVENS— THAT FIRE DOWNSTAIRS IS BURNING THROUGH THE FLOOR! WE'D BETTER CLEAR OUT!

THERE GO OUR MOST VALUABLE JEWELS—BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT!

GET BUSY;
FILL YOUR BOOTS WITH THE JEWELRY! NOBODY'LL STOP US WHEN WE LEAVE IN THESE OUTFITS!

CHEE— DIAMONDS, RUBIES, EMERALDS!

BUT A SECOND LATER...

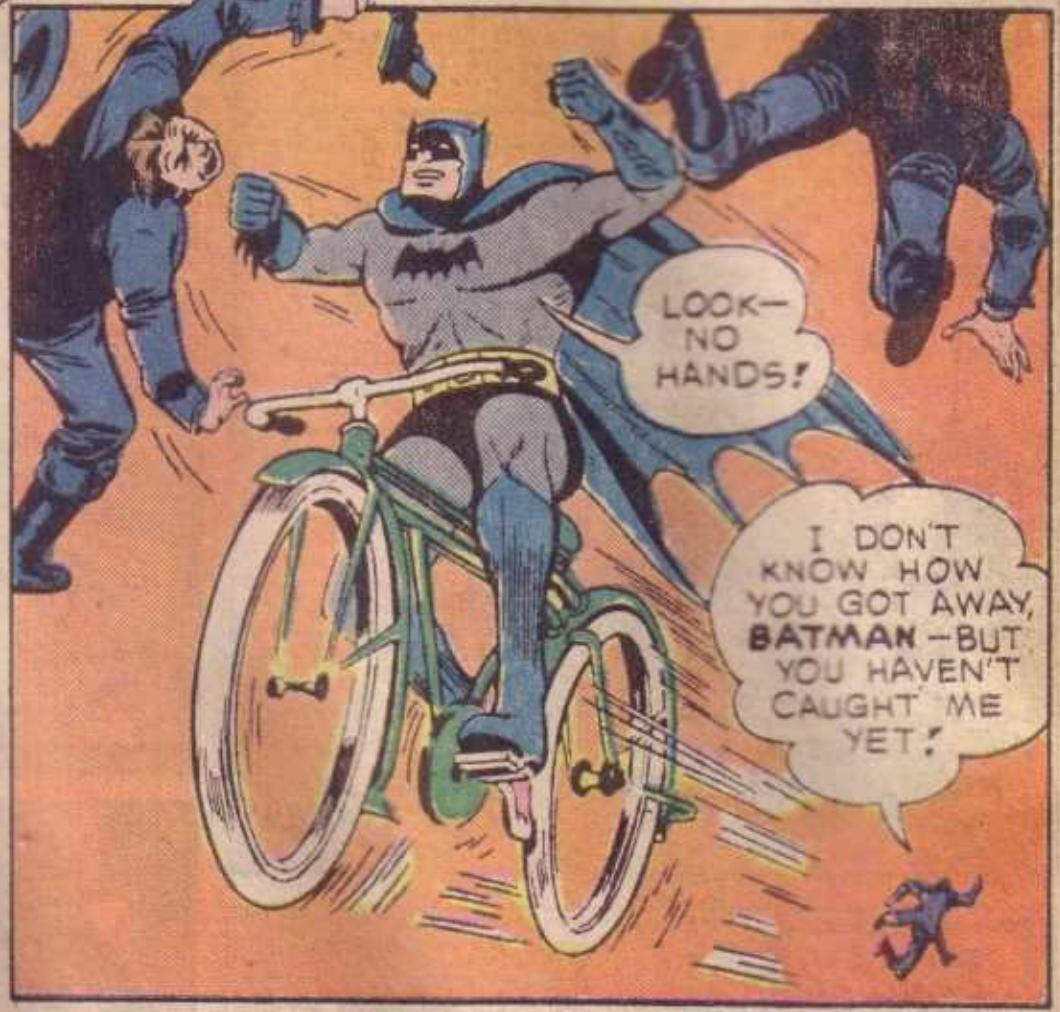
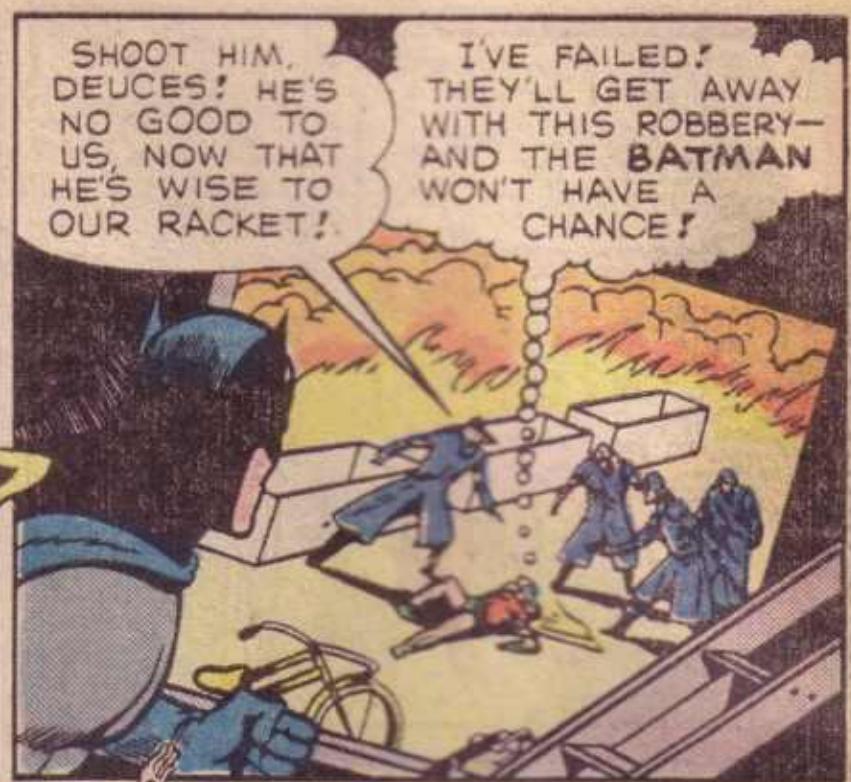
OW! WHO DONE DAT?

DIS STUFF IS WORT' A FORTUNE!

IT'S TIME YOU RATS HAD AN INITIATION— INTO THE HAVA TASTA HOOSEGOW FRATERNITY!

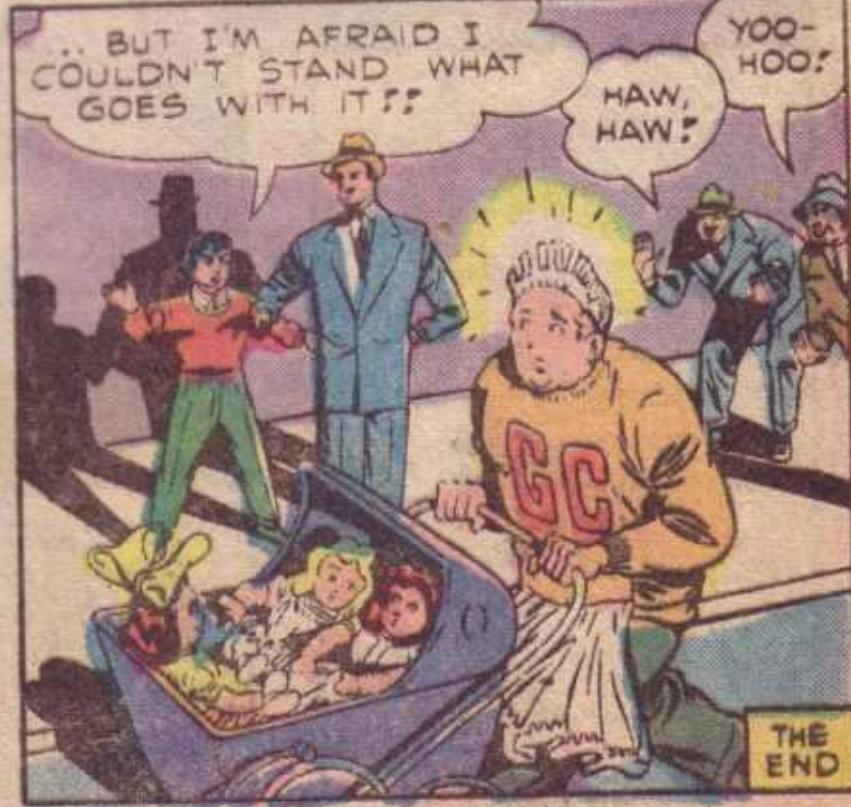
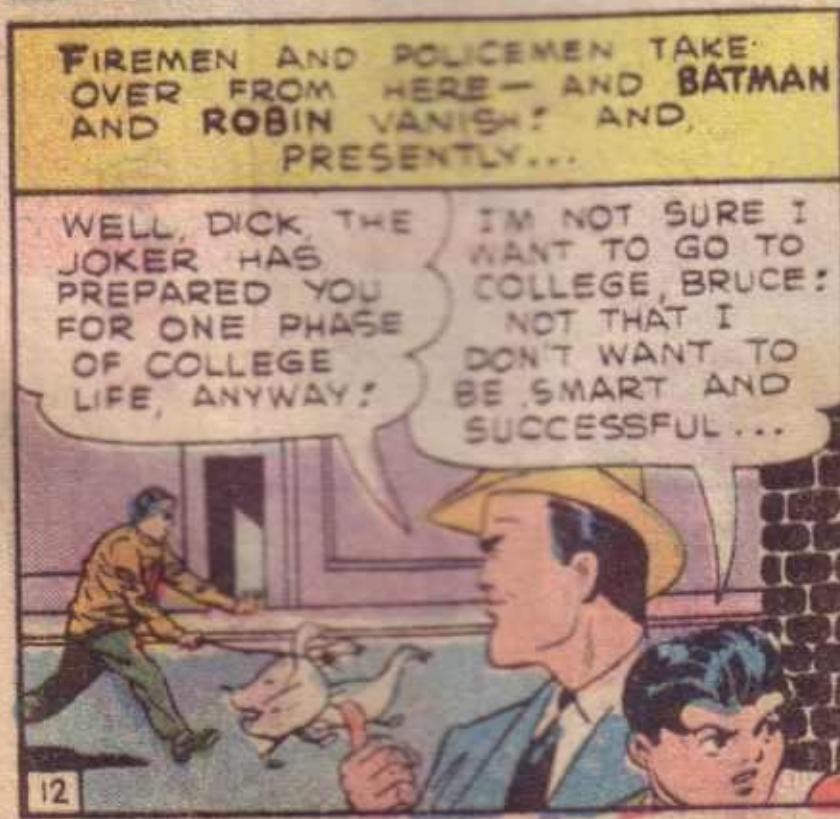


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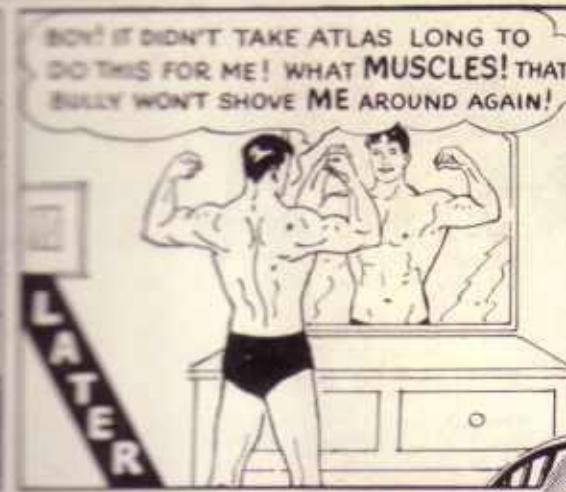
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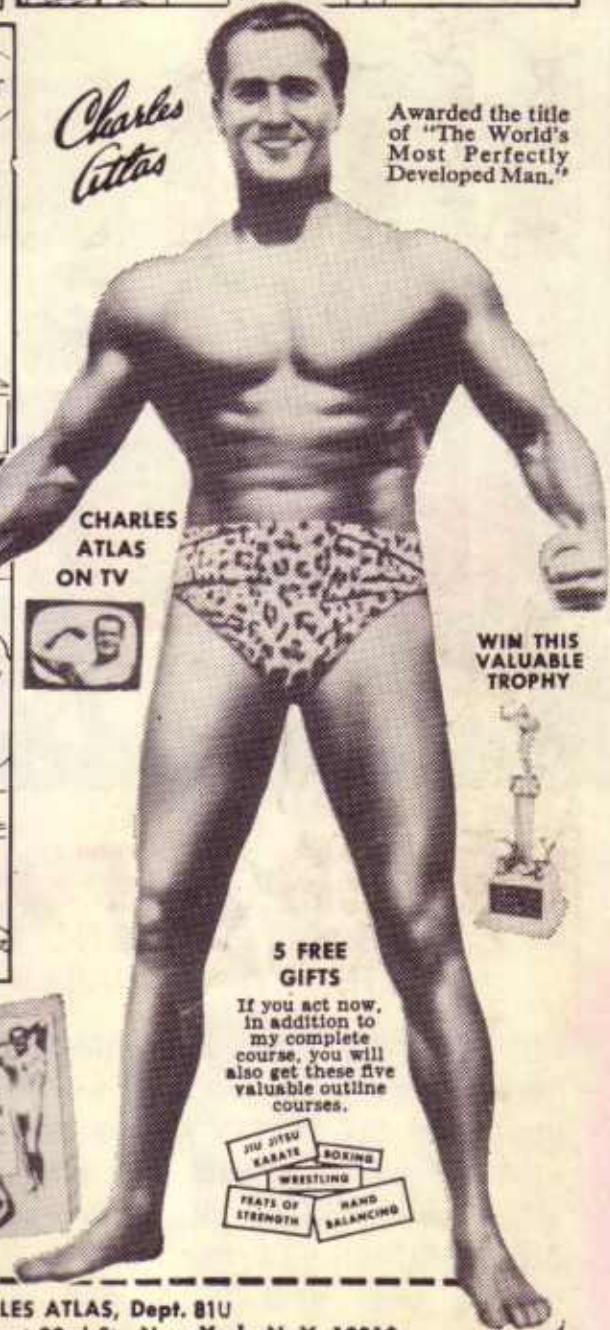
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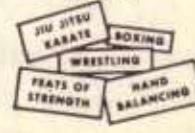


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