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WITH  
**ROBIN**

-THE BOY WONDER-

BENEATH THE DARK DENIM OF THAT STERN FIGURE OF THE NIGHT.. BATMAN!.. BEATS A TENDER GENEROUS HEART! A HEART THAT CAN BE MOVED BY SORROW, THAT CAN BE MERCIFUL TO THE UNFORTUNATE.. AND THAT CAN SOFTEN TO THE WHISPERS OF LOVE! AND WHEN THE CATWOMAN.. THAT STRANGE FIGURE OF THE DYNAMIC DUO.. REAPPEARS WITH A NEW BLUEPRINT FOR BANDITRY AND FALLS IN LOVE WITH BRUCE WAYNE YOU CAN EXPECT ALMOST ANYTHING TO HAPPEN! AND IT DOES, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN MATCH WITS WITH THE TIGRESS QUEEN AND LEARN THAT "YOUR FACE IS YOUR FORTUNE!"

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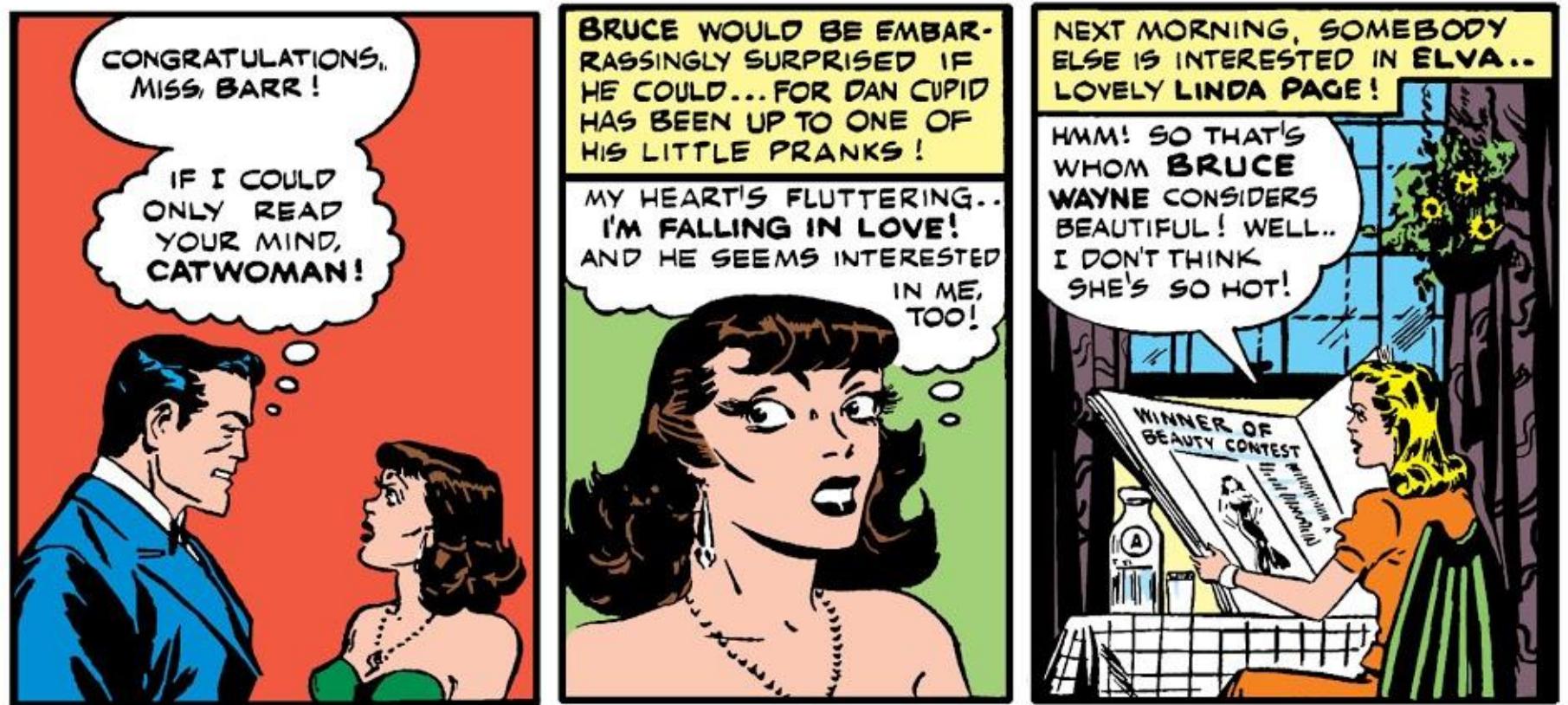
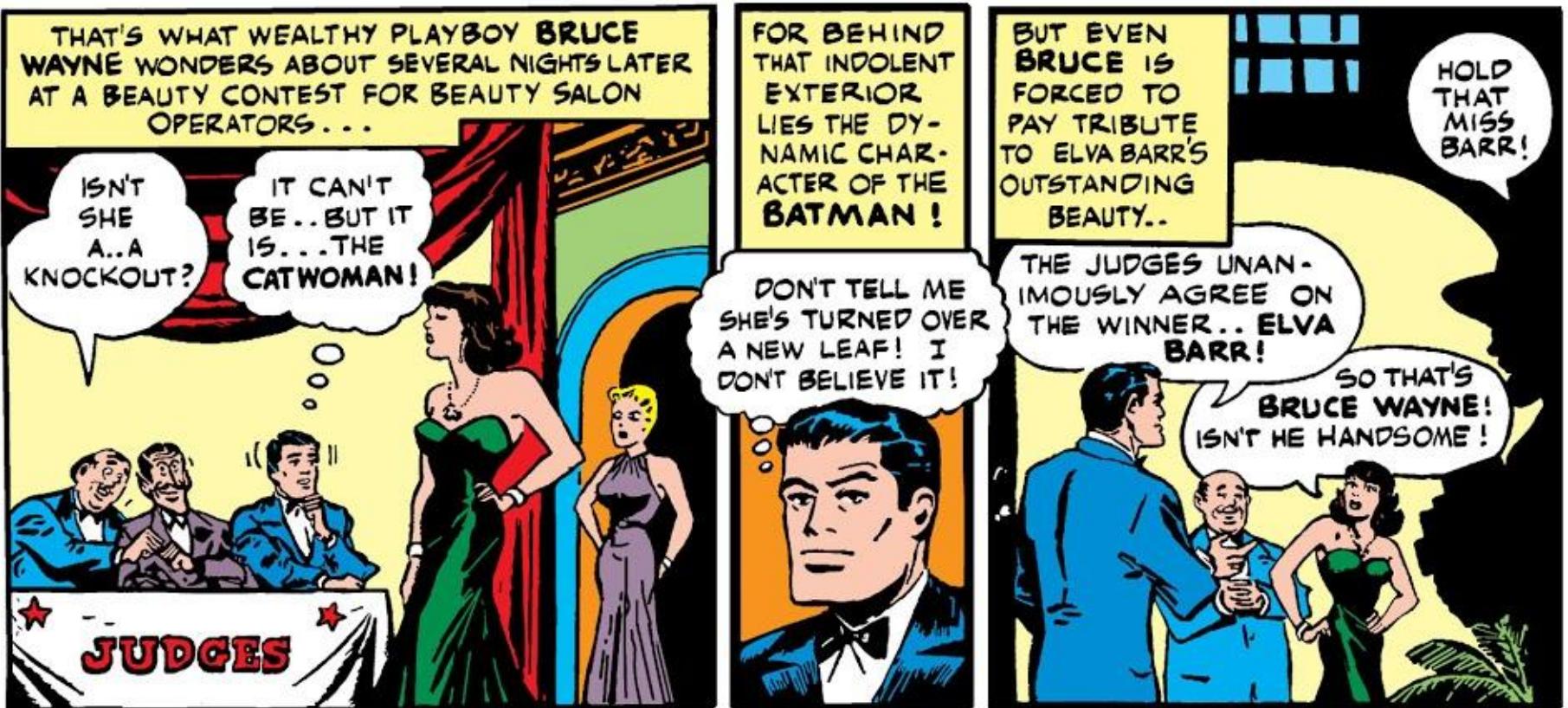
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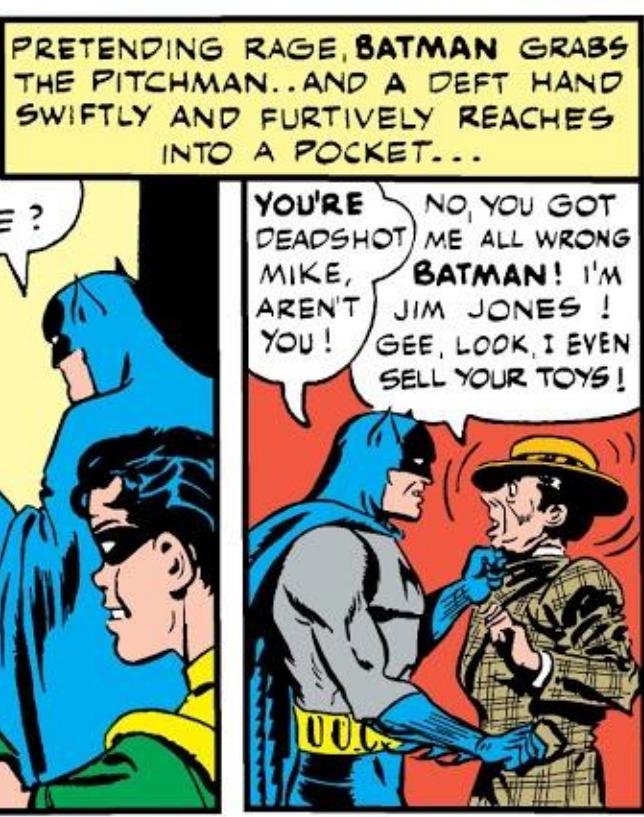
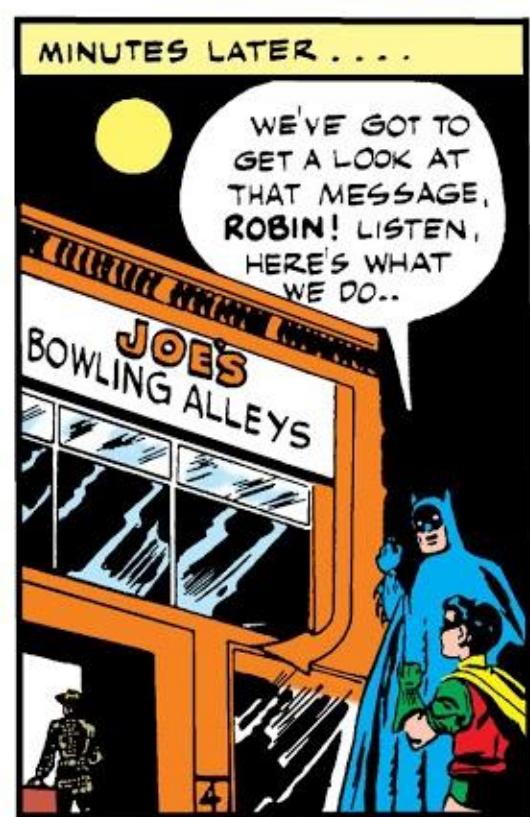
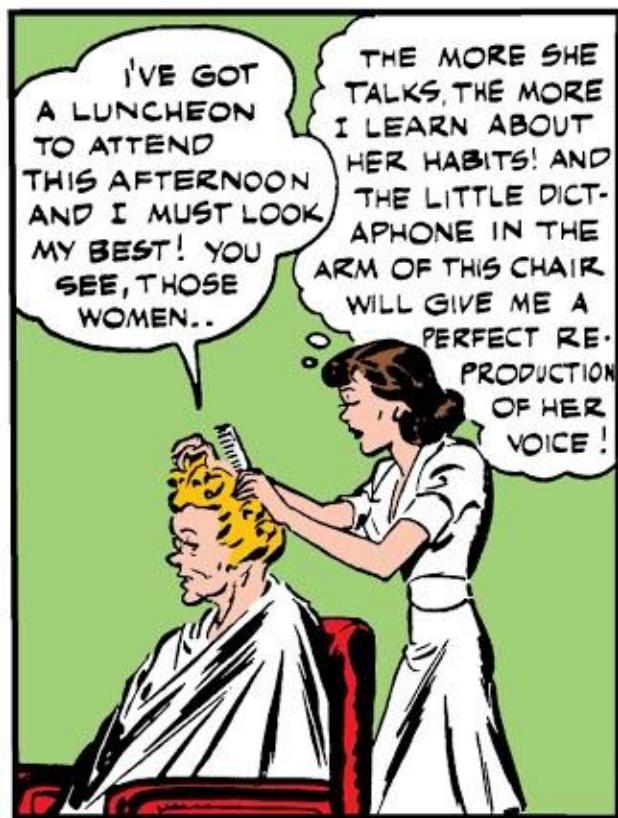




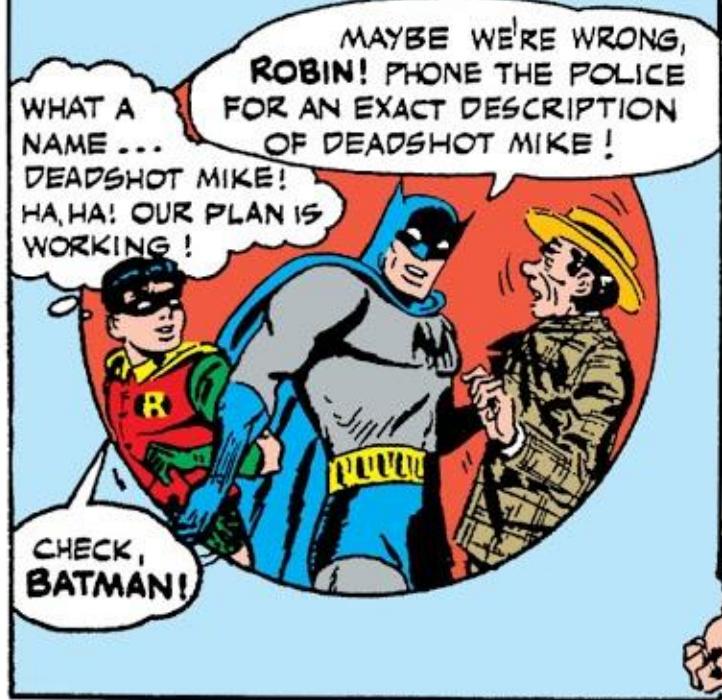
WHO IS THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO WORKS LIKE A TIRELESS BEAVER ALL DAY LONG? LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER . . . YES, YOU'VE GUessed IT! THE CATWOMAN! BUT WHAT IS THE DARING QUEEN OF CRIME, WHO HAS STOLEN COUNTLESS FABULOUS JEWELS, DOING AT AN ORDINARY JOB?

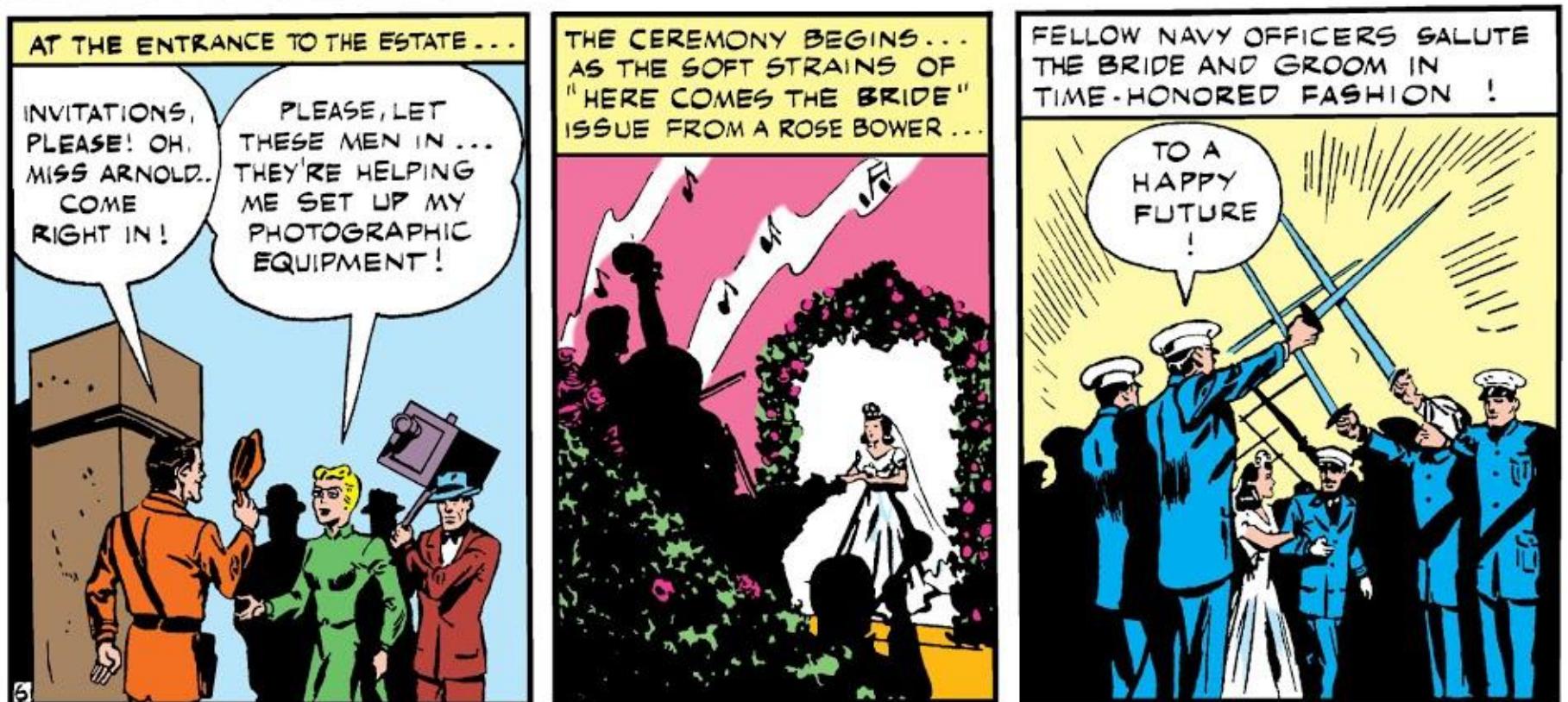
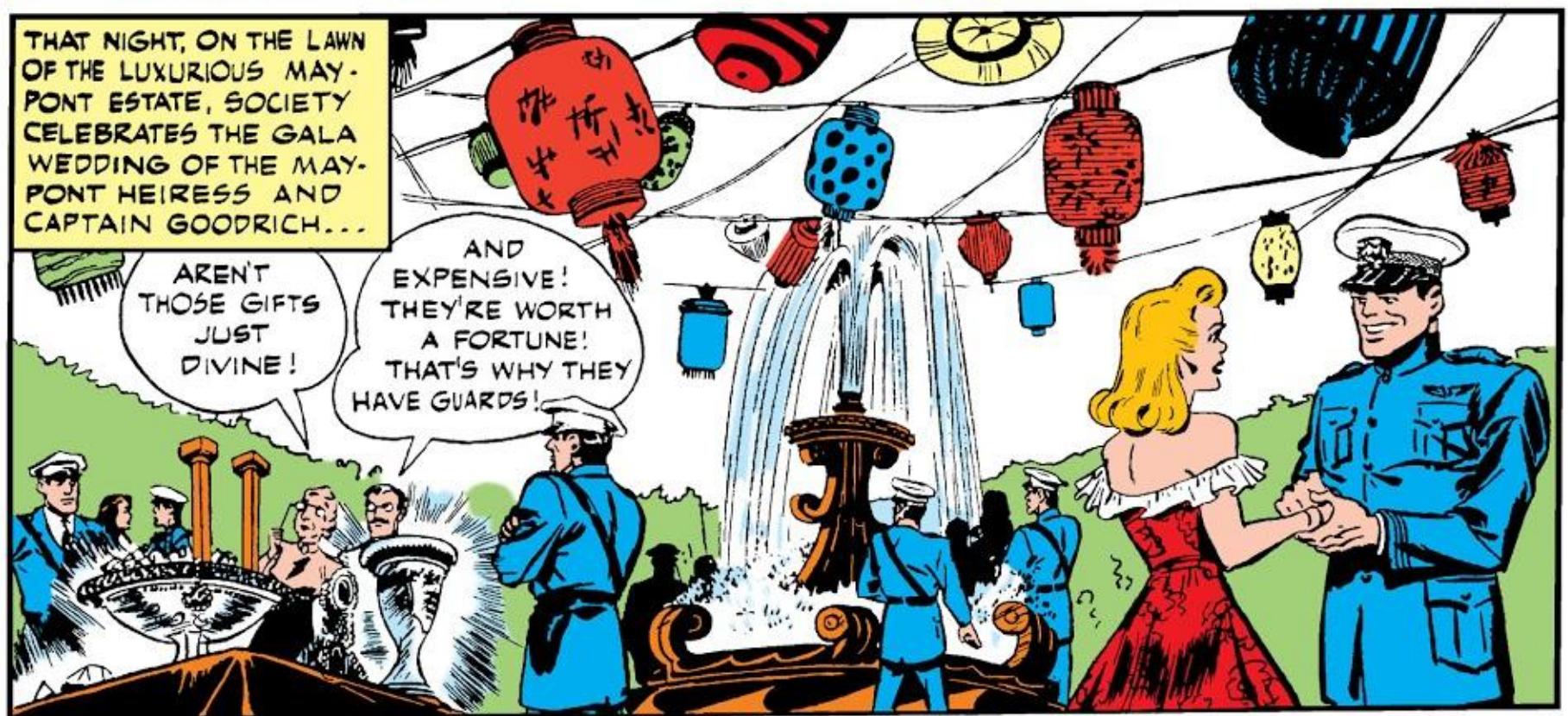
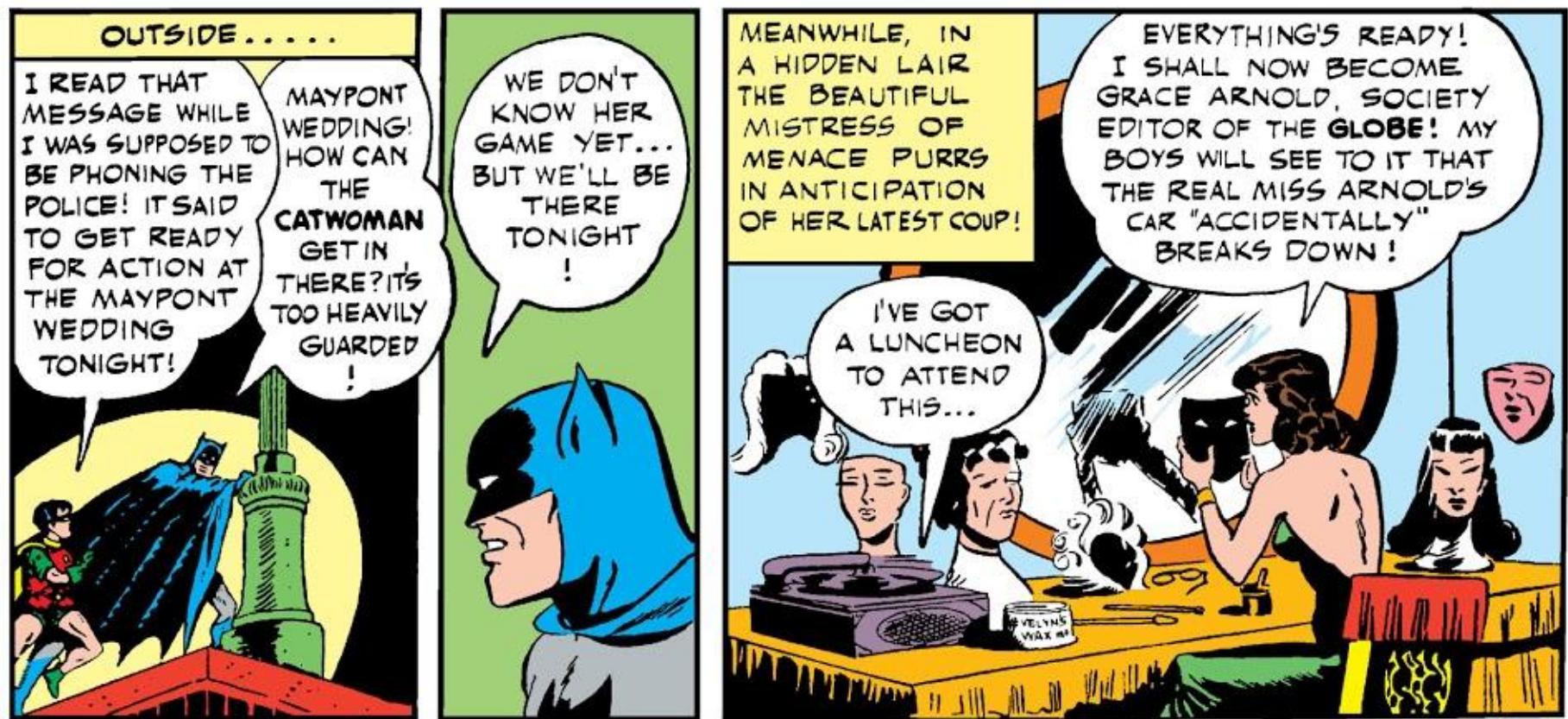
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UNNOTICED, THE ACE CRIME-FIGHTER SLIPS THE MESSAGE TO HIS YOUNG AIDE !





MEANWHILE, THE "SOCIETY EDITOR'S" MEN HAVE SET UP THEIR "PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT".



AND MOMENTS LATER, A SLIM, CATLIKE FIGURE RE-APPEARS TO GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR ACTION!

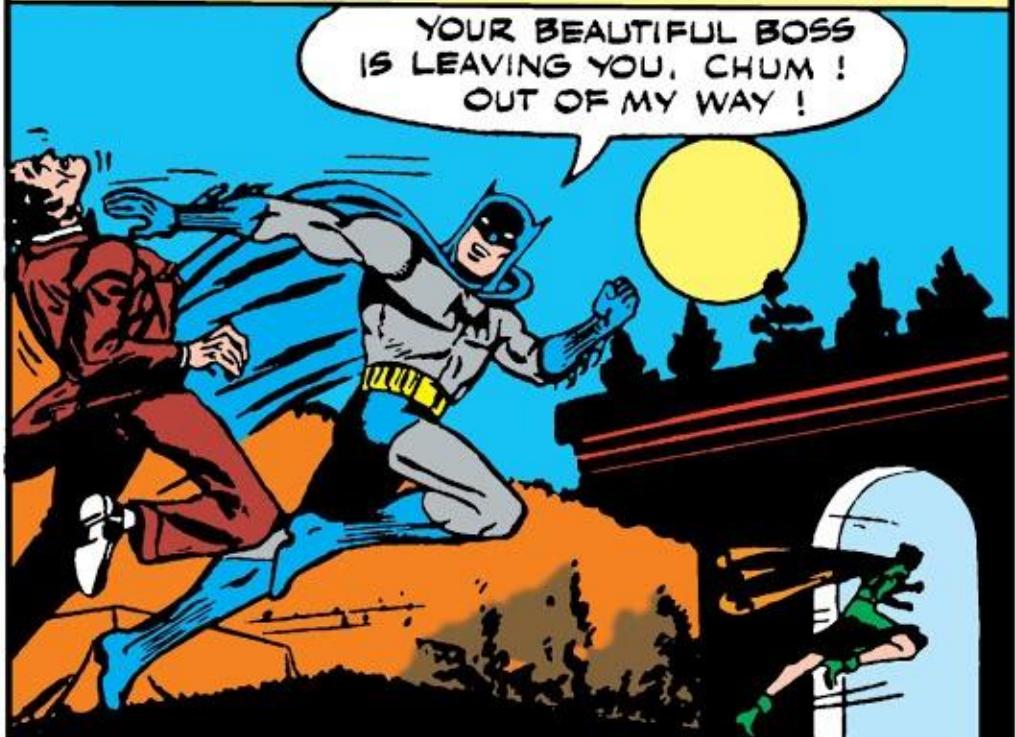


BUT THE CUNNINGLY PLANNED COUP IS ABRUPTLY FOILED!



ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE! BUT WHEN YOU GET UP, YOU'LL BE BLACK AND BLUE!

THE CAT WOMAN DECIDES ON A QUICK EXIT. . . .



FOOTSTEPS DRUM IN SWIFT PURSUIT, AND SOON...

NOW, NOW,  
CATWOMAN.  
IS THAT NICE,  
RUNNING AWAY  
LIKE THIS?  
YOU HAVEN'T  
EVEN SAID HELLO  
TO ME!

YOU..YOU..  
ALWAYS  
SPOILING MY  
PLANS! OH, I  
HATE YOU!

THE PROUD CRIME QUEEN'S HEAD BOWS IN DEFEAT!

ALL RIGHT,  
YOU WIN,  
**BATMAN**!  
BUT I WISH IT  
HAD BEEN  
DIFFERENT! I  
WISH..OH,  
WHAT'S THE  
USE!

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?

I'M IN LOVE,  
**BATMAN**..  
IN LOVE WITH  
A FINE, DECENT  
MAN! YOU'VE  
PROBABLY  
HEARD OF HIM  
..**BRUCE  
WAYNE**!

HUH!  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
ME?

OH! IF YOU'D  
ONLY LET ME  
GO, **BATMAN**..  
IF I KNEW I  
HAD A CHANCE  
WITH HIM, I'D  
GIVE UP MY  
LIFE OF CRIME!

WE..ELL!  
HMM....I  
WONDER...?  
MAYBE SHE'S  
REALLY SIN-  
CERE! WHAT  
A SPOT FOR  
ME TO BE IN!

A MOMENT OF LIGHTNING THOUGHT  
...AND THEN THE **BATMAN** ACTS...  
TO GIVE THE **CATWOMAN** HER  
FREEDOM!

OOPS! I TRIPPED!  
GUESS I CAN'T  
HELP IT IF YOU  
ESCAPE NOW,  
**CATWOMAN**!

THANKS, **BATMAN**!  
YOU'RE..YOU'RE  
WONDERFUL!

THE  
**CATWOMAN**'S  
MEN GOT  
AWAY! .. AND  
... SAY, SHE'S  
GETTING AWAY,  
TOO!

ER..YES..  
LOOKS AS  
THOUGH SHE  
IS. DOESN'T  
IT?

WHAT'S  
GOT INTO  
YOU,  
**BATMAN**?

NOTHING, ROBIN.  
NOTHING! ONLY I  
THINK PERHAPS  
WE MAY BE GET-  
TING RID OF THE  
**CATWOMAN** FOR  
GOOD SOON!

WHAT IS  
THE  
**BATMAN**  
UP TO?  
THE  
**CATWOMAN**  
IS IN  
LOVE WITH  
WAYNE  
...  
BUT WHAT  
CAN THE  
**BATMAN**  
AS  
**BRUCE**  
DO  
ABOUT  
IT?

APPARENTLY A LOT! FOR, IN  
THE NEXT FEW DAYS, **BRUCE**  
**WAYNE** COURTS BEAUTIFUL  
"ELVA BARR" IN A WHIRL -  
WIND ROMANCE!



AND THEN, ONE MORNING, NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT OF SOCIETY PLAYBOY TO BEAUTY CONTEST WINNER!

BUT, BRUCE, YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THAT ELVA'S THE CATWOMAN! WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU? WHAT ABOUT LINDA? WHAT ABOUT.. US?

PATIENCE, M'LAQ. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS!



AND AT THE CATWOMAN'S HIDEOUT...

I'M ALL THROUGH, MEN! NO MORE CRIME! YOU READ THE PAPERS... I'M ENGAGED NOW! I'M GOING STRAIGHT!

AW, THAT GUY BRUCE WAYNE AIN'T IN LOVE WITH YOU! HE'S SWEET ON LINDA PAGE! EVERYBODY KNOWS..



HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT!

I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!

SLAP!



MAYBE... MAYBE HE'S RIGHT! MAYBE I'M JUST A SILLY FOOL!



MEANWHILE, SOMEBODY ELSE HAS SEEN THE NEWSPAPERS.. A HURT, BEWILDERED GIRL.. LINDA PAGE...

AND I THOUGHT BRUCE LOVED ME! OH, I HATE HIM.. I HATE HIM! I DON'T CARE WHO HE'S ENGAGED TO!



BUT JEALOUS CURIOSITY LEADS HER TO MANON'S BEAUTY SALON FOR AN INSPECTION OF HER RIVAL IN LOVE!

LINDA PAGE! JUST THE PERSON I'M THINKING ABOUT! WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?



COME TO LOOK ME OVER, EH? WELL, THAT'S VERY NICE! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL MAKE ONE MORE CAST.. LINDA PAGE'S!

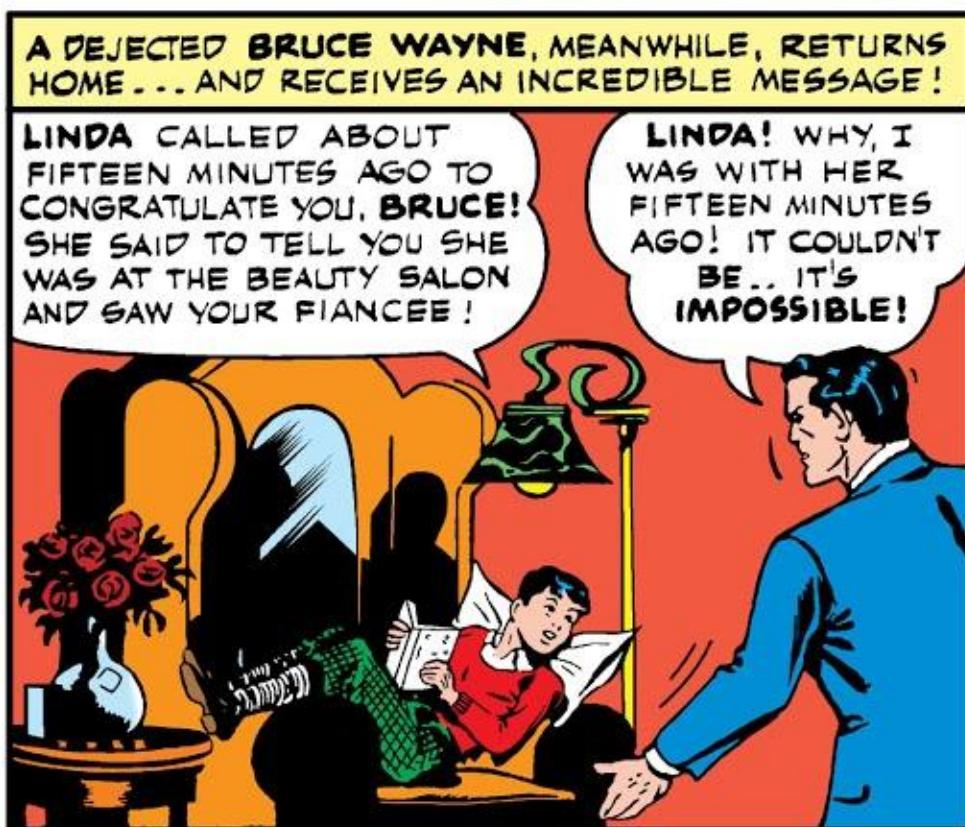
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, ALL RIGHT.. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HER THAT REMINDS ME OF A ... A SLEEK CAT!

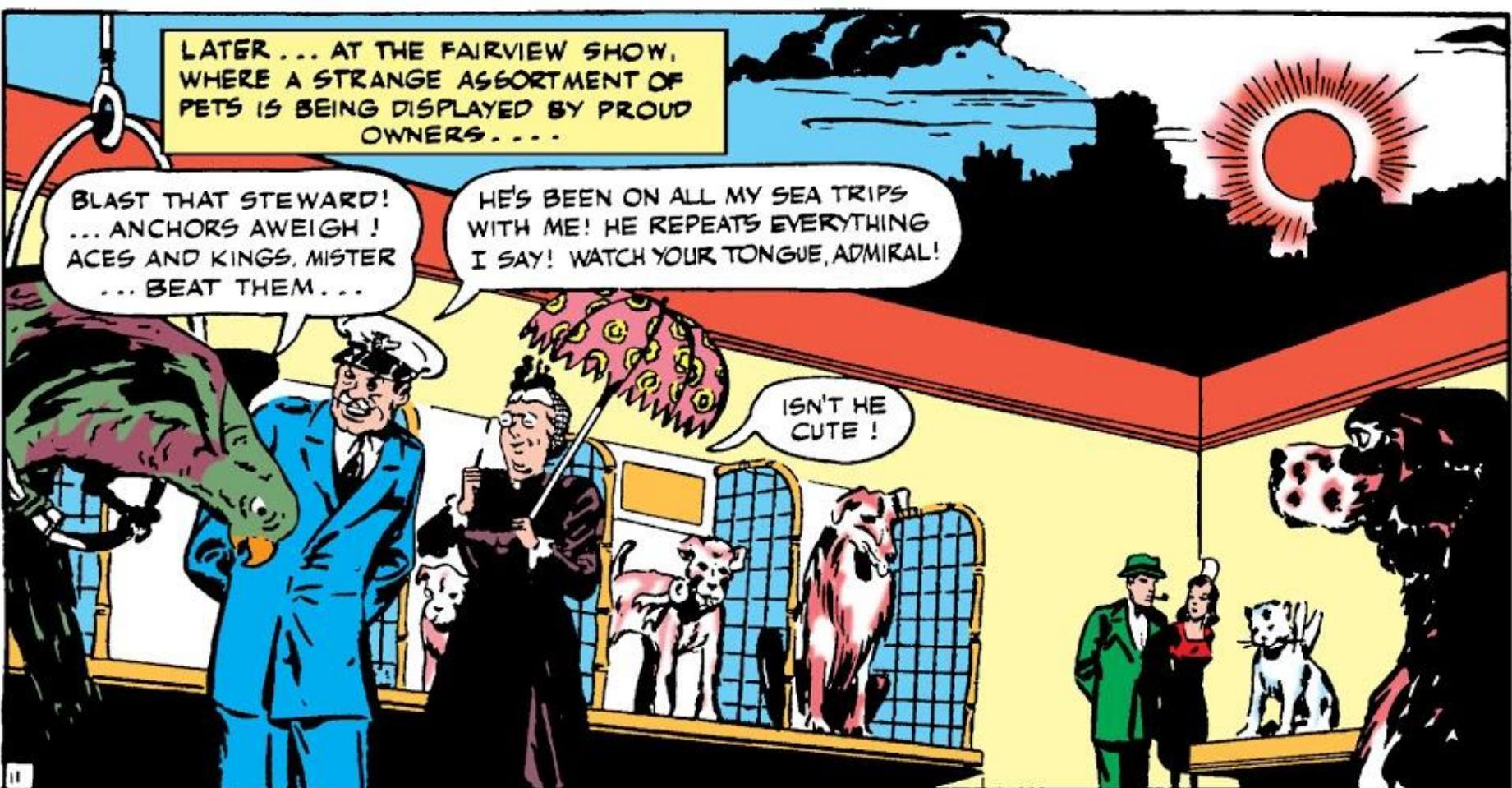


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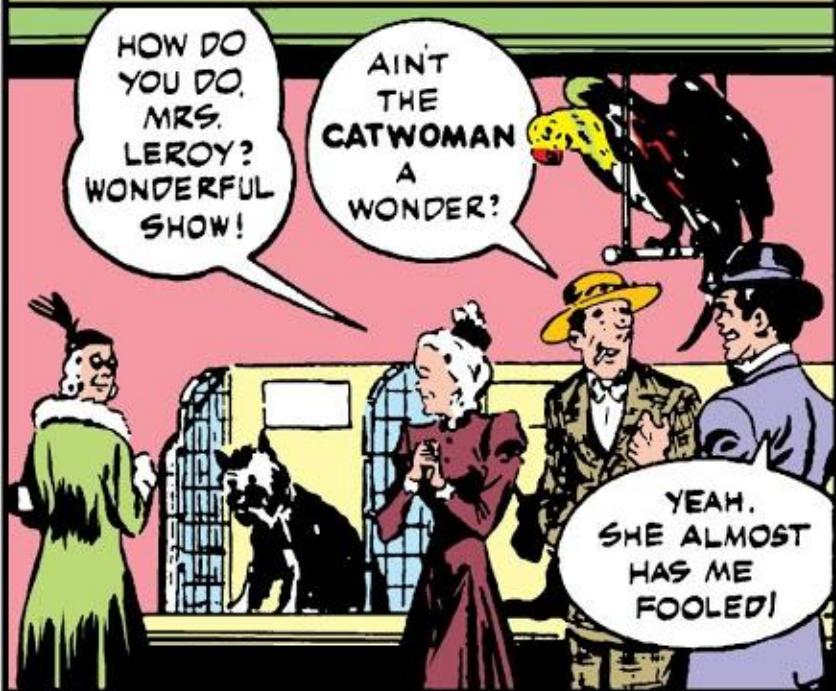
I'LL BECOME LINDA AND FIND OUT FROM BRUCE IF HE LOVES HER OR NOT!







NEAR AN ENGLISH SCOTTIE, A FEMALE SPIT-FIRE LURKS SAFELY BEHIND THE KINDLY GUISE OF A WELL-KNOWN ANIMAL LOVER . . . .



BUT ELSEWHERE, DISGUISE HAS TRANSFORMED TWO OTHER FAMILIAR FIGURES . . . .

THE WAY YOU'RE STICKING NEAR THAT PENGUIN, YOU MIGHT THINK WE'RE AFTER HIM INSTEAD OF THE CATWOMAN!



YES, THAT JIM JONES GUY IS OVER NEAR THE SCOTTIES! THE SWEET OLD LADY WITH HIM MUST BE THE CATWOMAN!

ALMOST AS THOUGH SHE HAD READ HIS MIND, THE FELINE CRIME QUEEN BARES HER CLAWS IN A MENACING MOVE!

HA, HA! SURE! AND IT'LL COST YOU PLENTY TO GET 'EM BACK! IT'S A KID-NAP..I MEAN DOG-NAP! HA, HA!



THEN, LIKE TWIN NIGHTMARES, THE POWERHOUSE PAIR BREAKS UP THE HAPPY DREAM!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A CAT-NAP?

YOU TWO AGAIN! DON'T YOU EVER MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?



SURE, CATWOMAN! THIS IS OUR BUSINESS!

YOU'LL BE SORRY YET, YOU TWO!

BULLETS HISS THEIR DEADLY SONG OF DEATH AS THE CATWOMAN'S HENCHMEN FIGHT LIKE CORNERED RATS!



SUDDENLY....

AT 'EM, MEN!  
AT 'EM!

WATCH OUT..  
SOMEBODY  
IN BACK  
OF US!

THE STARTLED THUGS WHIRL .... AND SEE....

IT'S A MUTINY!  
AT 'EM, MEN !  
AT 'EM!

AH... A...  
AHEM..

HUH?  
IT'S ONLY  
A PARROT!

THIS IS  
OUR CHANCE,  
ROBIN!

THE TWO SENTINELS OF JUSTICE CHARGE... AND  
WHIRLWIND FISTS SCATTER THE CRIME MINIONS  
LIKE LEAVES IN A STORM!

CLEAN UP TIME,  
ROBIN! NO MORE  
FOOLING!

CHECK!

OH, NO.  
YOU DON'T!  
YOU'RE NOT  
GETTING AWAY  
THIS TIME  
!

LOOK AT THOSE CATS  
FLOCKING TO THEIR KINS.  
WOMAN! MAYBE THEY WILL  
HELP HER FIGHT ME OFF!

OHHH!

MEEOW!

BUT IRONY OF IRONIES...

POETIC JUSTICE!  
A CAT TRIPS UP  
THE CATWOMAN..  
LITERALLY!

EEEE!

YOU'RE THE ONE  
MAN WHO ALWAYS  
WINS! WELL, YOU  
CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T  
TRY TO GO  
STRAIGHT!

I'M  
AFRAID YOU'RE  
HOPELESS.  
**CATWOMAN!**  
THERE'S ONLY  
ONE PLACE WHERE  
I'M SURE YOU'LL  
GO STRAIGHT!  
IN PRISON!

AND NEXT DAY...  
GLAD THAT'S OVER! I  
HOPE **LINDA** WILL FOR-  
GIVE ME NOW!

SHE WILL, ROMEO!  
BUT WILL THE  
**CATWOMAN**?

CATWOMAN  
CAUGHT!

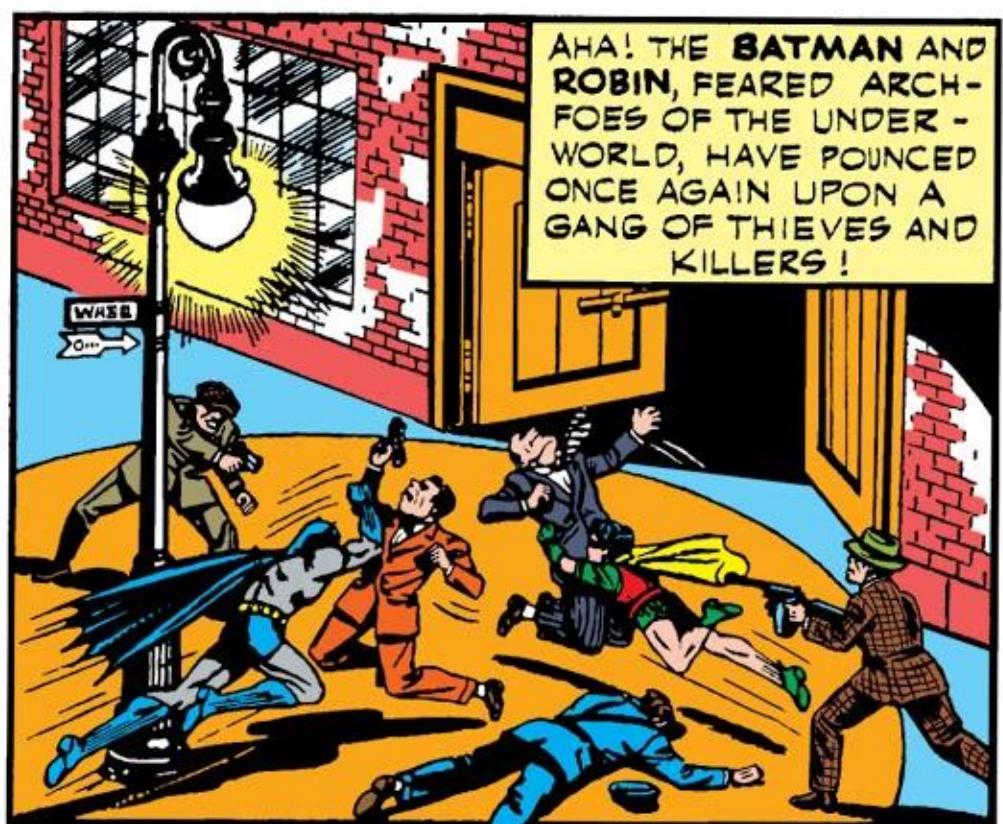
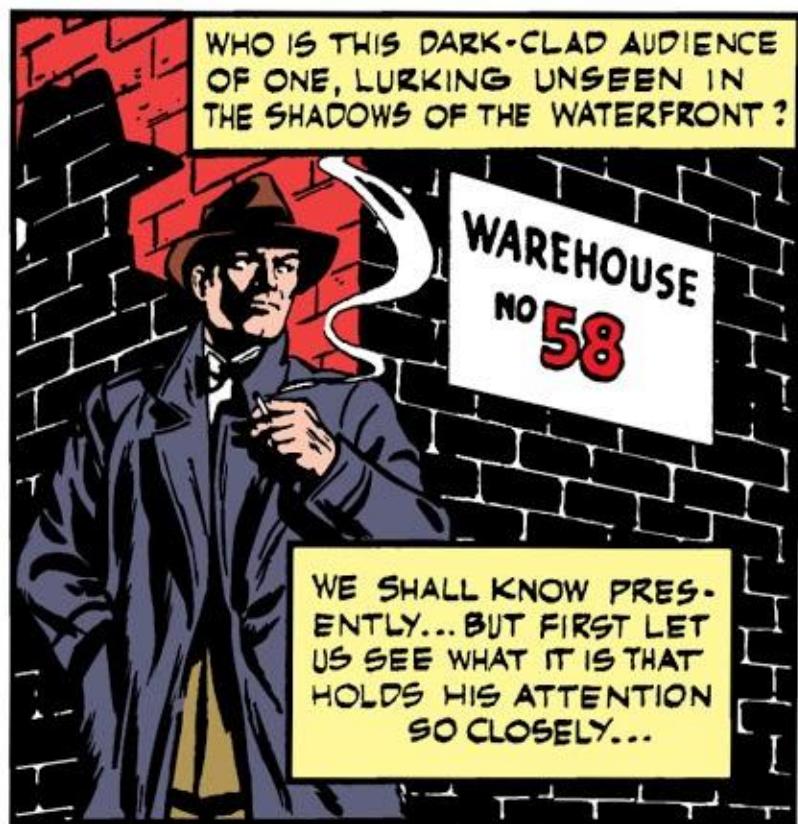
HOW LONG WILL THE  
MISTRESS OF MENACE  
REMAIN BEHIND THOSE  
BARS? HOW SOON AGAIN  
BEFORE CRIME'S BEAUTI-  
FUL QUEEN WILL BE  
FREE AGAIN TO GATHER  
A NEW RING OF ROGUES?

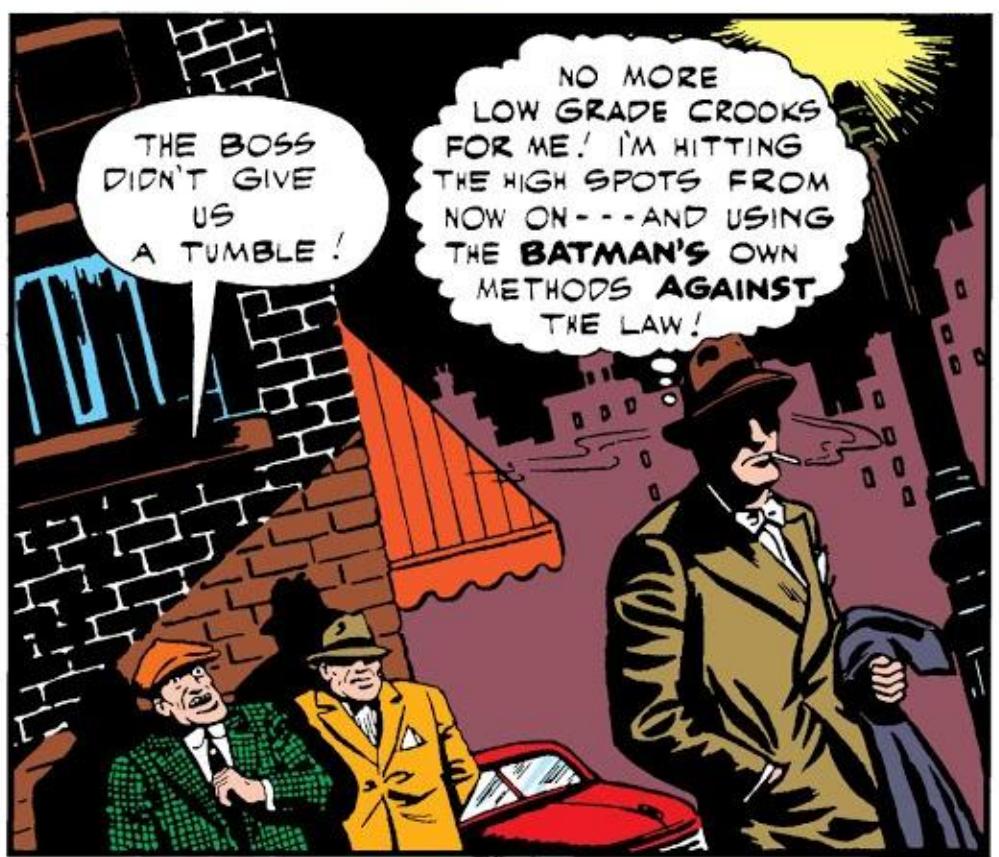
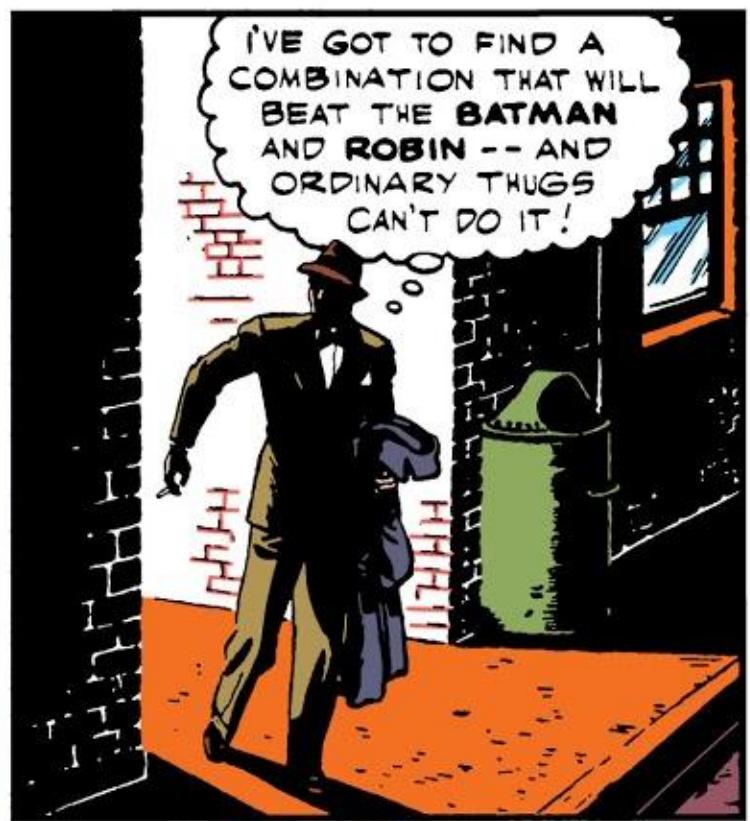
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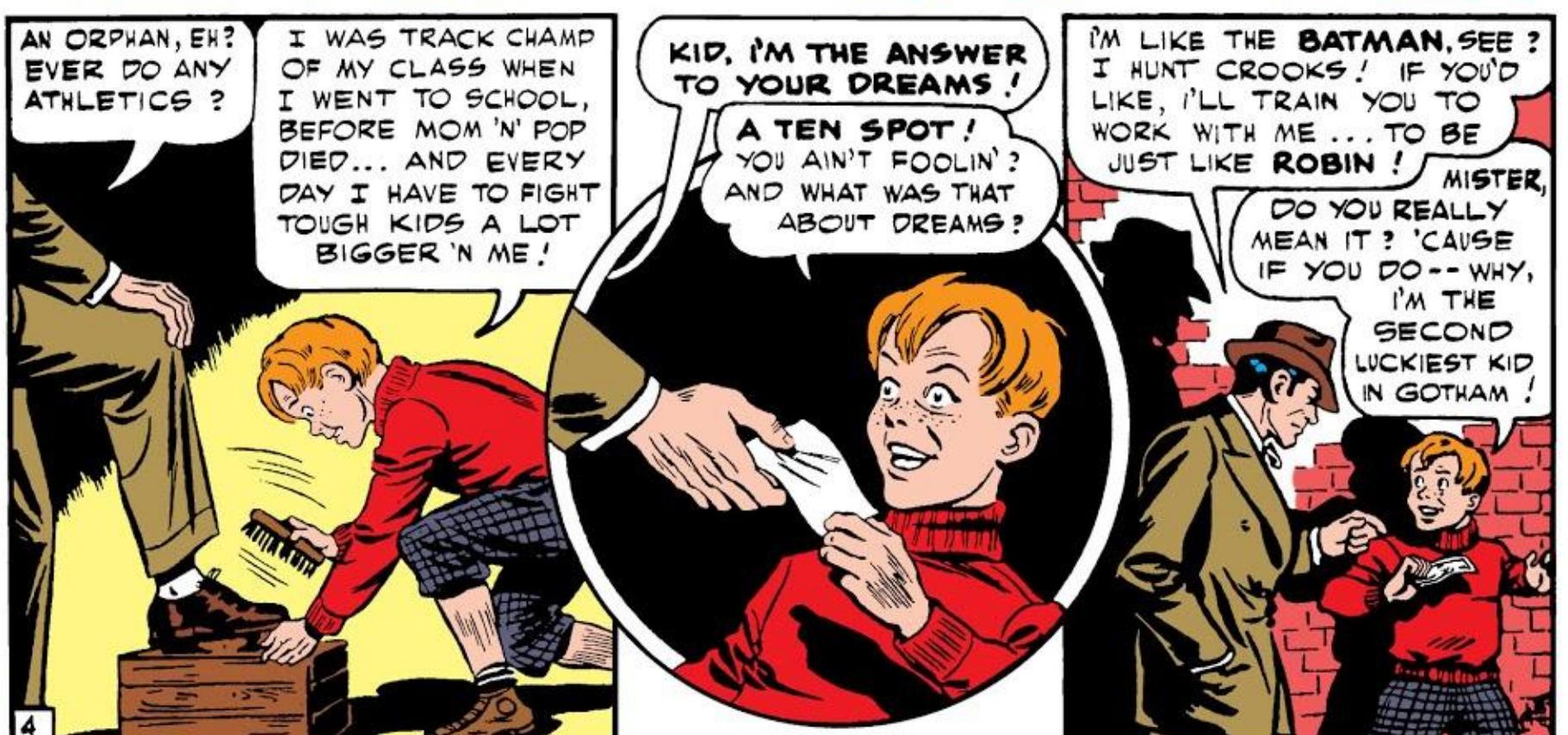
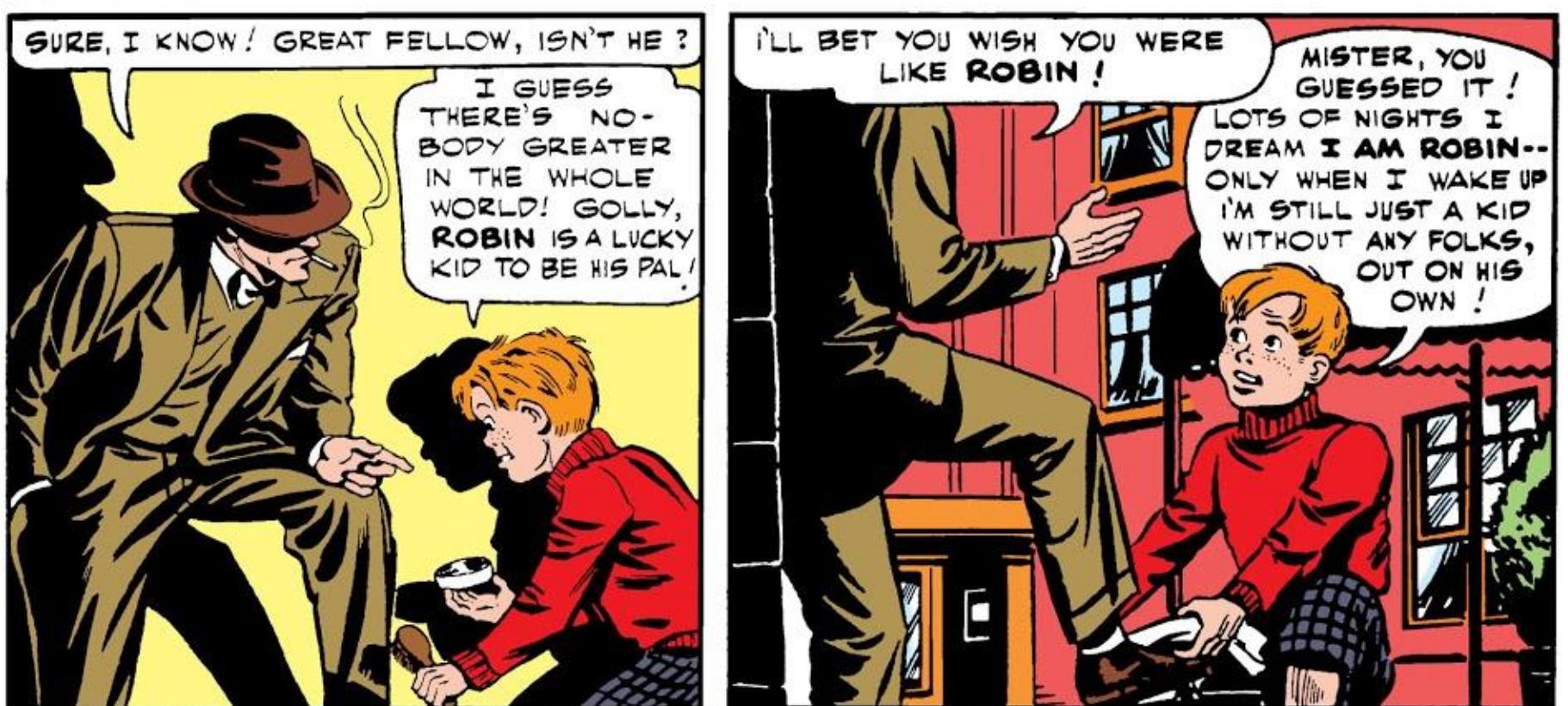
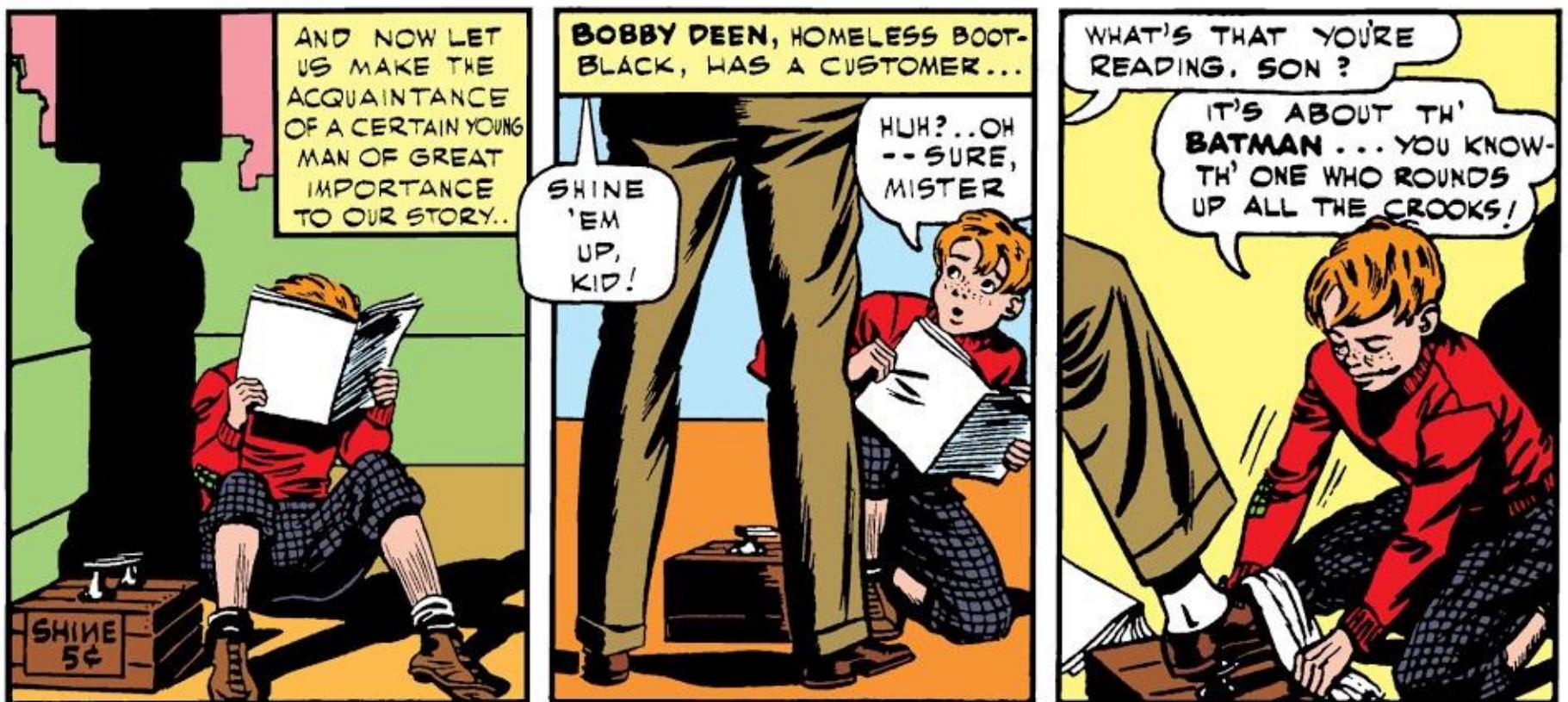
WITH  
**ROBIN**

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT ON THE FIGHTING TOGS OF ROBIN AND RISK PERIL AT THE SIDE OF THE MIGHTY BATMAN? HERE IS THE AMAZING STORY OF A HOMELESS BOY WHO DREAMED OF JUST THAT--AND WAS THE PROUDEST AND HAPPIEST KID IN AMERICA WHEN HE SAW HIS DREAM COME TRUE! OR RATHER, THOUGHT HE SAW IT COMING TRUE--FOR WHAT FOLLOWED PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE MEANEST FRAUDS EVER PERPETRATED! BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN HURLED INTO SWIFT ACTION WHEN THEY HEAR ABOUT "THE BOY WHO WANTED TO BE ROBIN!"

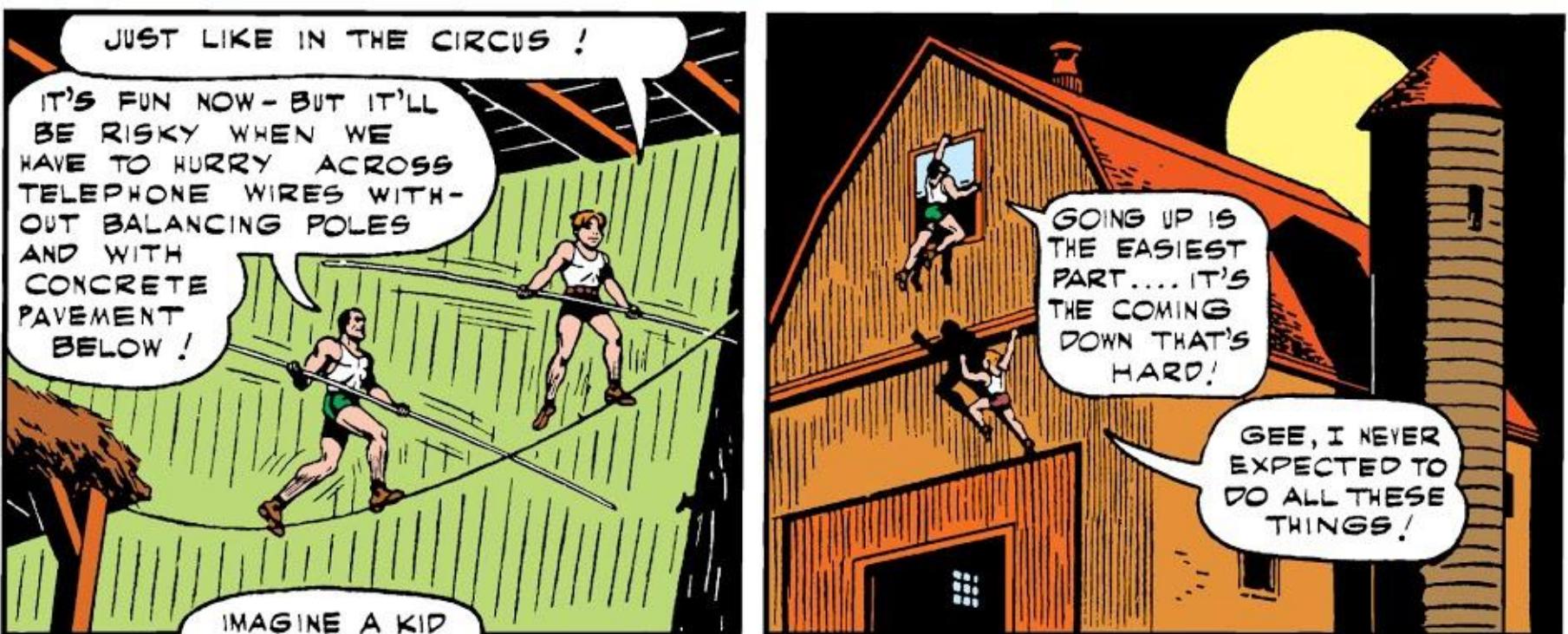
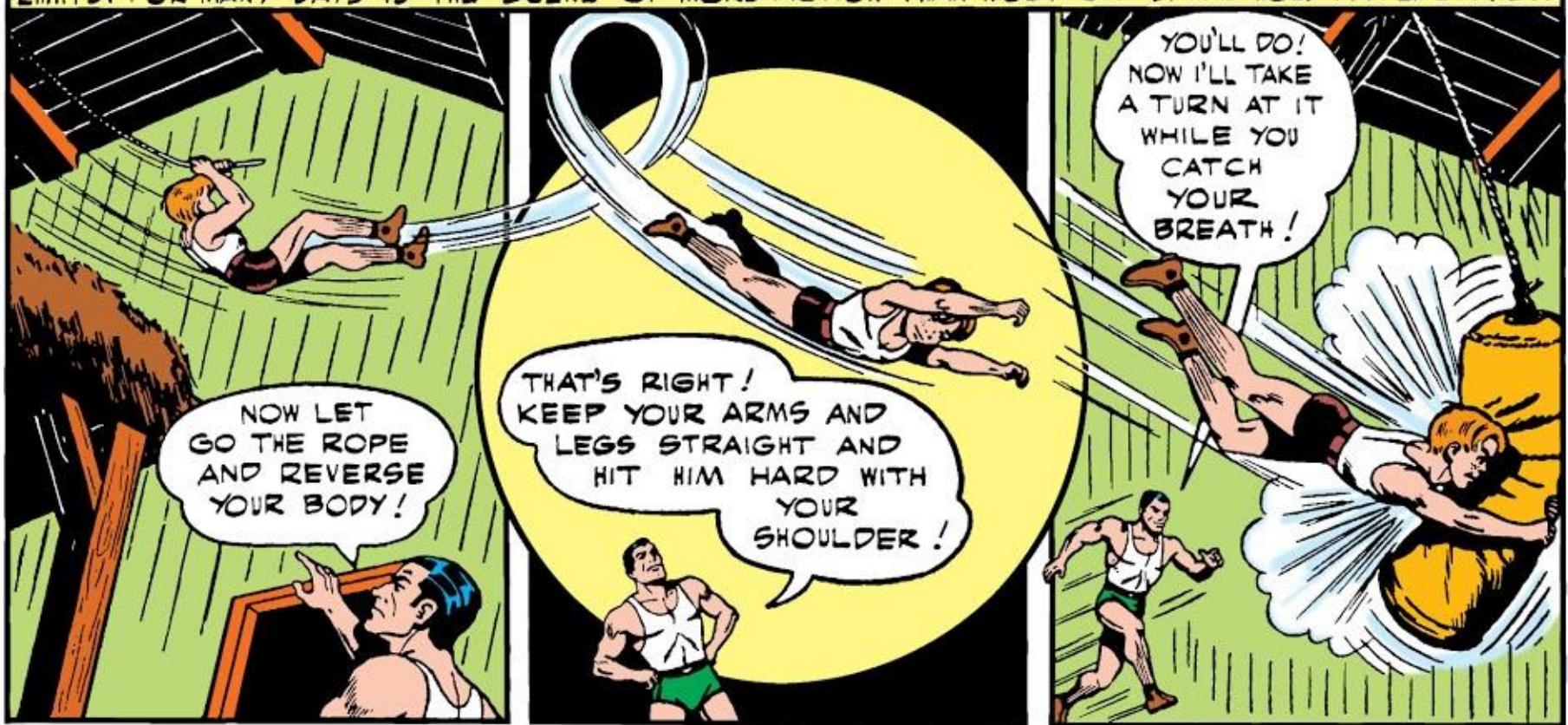








SO IT IS THAT THE LOFT OF A HUGE OLD BARN, IN A SECLUDED SPOT BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS, FOR MANY DAYS IS THE SCENE OF MORE ACTION THAN MOST OLD BARNs HOLD IN A LIFETIME..



**FINALLY . . .**

TONIGHT WE PULL OUR FIRST JOB -- ER -- I MEAN, STRIKE OUR FIRST BLOW AT CRIME! I'VE GOT A LINE ON A CROOKED JEWELER!



UNIFORM! NIX ON THAT STUFF, YOUNGSTER! WE'LL GET ALONG BETTER WEARING PLAIN DARK CLOTHES!

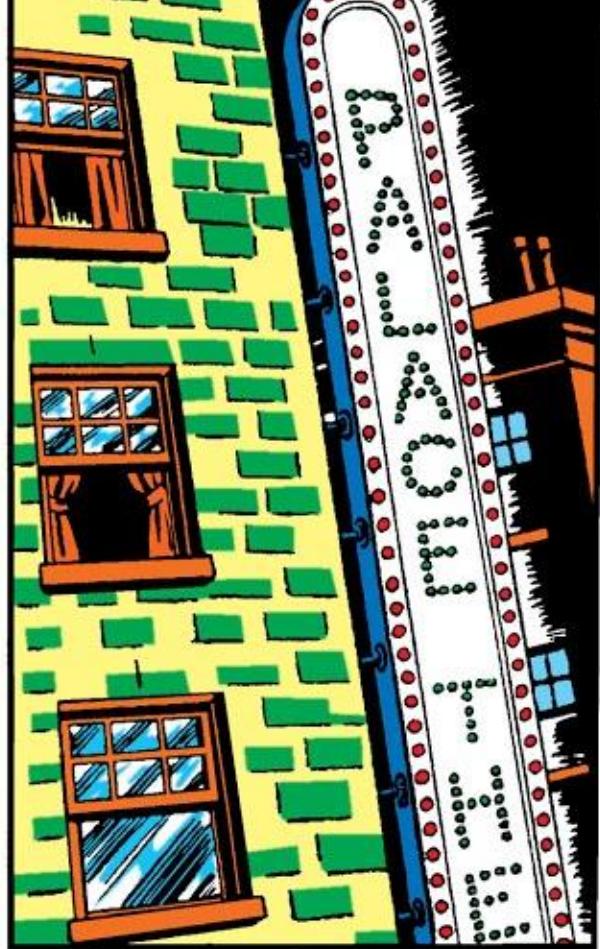


NIGHT -- AND AN EAGER BOY INNOCENTLY FOLLOWS A MASTER CRIMINAL ALONG A DARK AND CROOKED ROAD...

YOU GO FIRST -- RIGHT THROUGH THE WINDOW ON THE FOURTH FLOOR... IF YOU SEE A WATCHMAN, TACKLE HIM! HE'S A CROOK!

I'LL TACKLE HIM, ALL RIGHT!

**MOMENTS LATER . . .**



FIRST THING IS TO GATHER THE EVIDENCE!

ALL STOLEN BY CROOKS, AND PEDDLED TO THE PHONEY JEWELER, HUH?



BUT UNKNOWINGLY THE PROWLERS HAVE TOUCHED OFF AN ALARM!

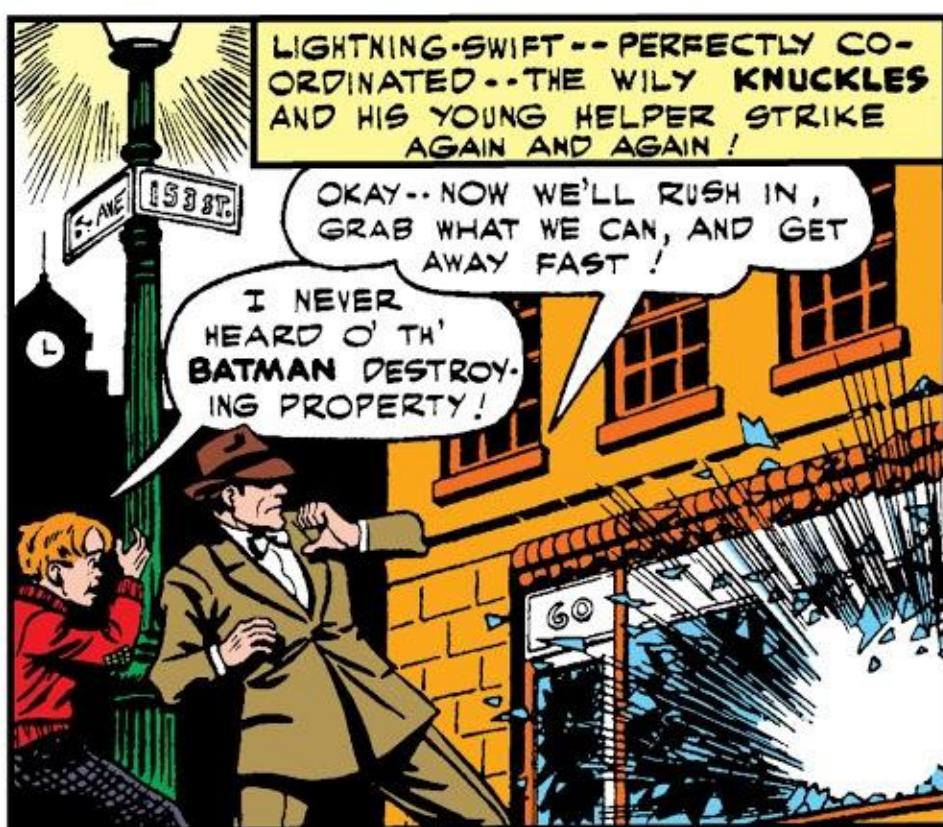
IT'S THE ACME JEWELRY SHOP IN THE PALACE THEATRE BUILDING. WE'LL HAVE THE PLACE SURROUNDED IN A MINUTE!



COPS! QUICK -- WE'LL MAKE OUR GETAWAY FROM THE ROOF!

BUT IF WE EXPLAINED-- WOULDN'T THEY LET US GO? THE BATMAN DOES LOTS A SPECIAL JOBS FOR COMMISSIONER GORDON...





IF YOU ARE BEGINNING TO THINK THAT PERHAPS BOBBY HASN'T BEEN TOO BRIGHT, REMEMBER THAT HE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE MAN WHOM THE BATMAN HIMSELF TERMED THE SLICKEST CRIMINAL IN TOWN! REMEMBER, TOO, THAT BOBBY IS A SMALL BOY ALONE IN THE WORLD!

...YET NOT ALTOGETHER HOPELESS - FOR AT BRUCE WAYNE'S HOME KEEN INTEREST AWAKENS!

THE KID, BOBBY, MUST BE SMART, BRUCE! I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM!

IF THE BATMAN AND ROBIN KEEP HUNTING, DICK, YOU'RE BOUND TO, SOONER OR LATER!

THIS NIGHT, AS ON OTHERS, A WEIRD CAR LEAVES THE WAYNE HOME TO PROWL - THE BATMOBILE!

WHERE TO THIS TIME, BAT-MAN?

THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT, ROBIN! OUR FRIENDS HAVEN'T BOthered IT YET, BUT IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE THEY DO!

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, TWO FIGURES ARE ENTERING A WINDOW THERE AT THIS MOMENT...



YOU SAY THOSE ARE ALL COUNTERFEIT? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

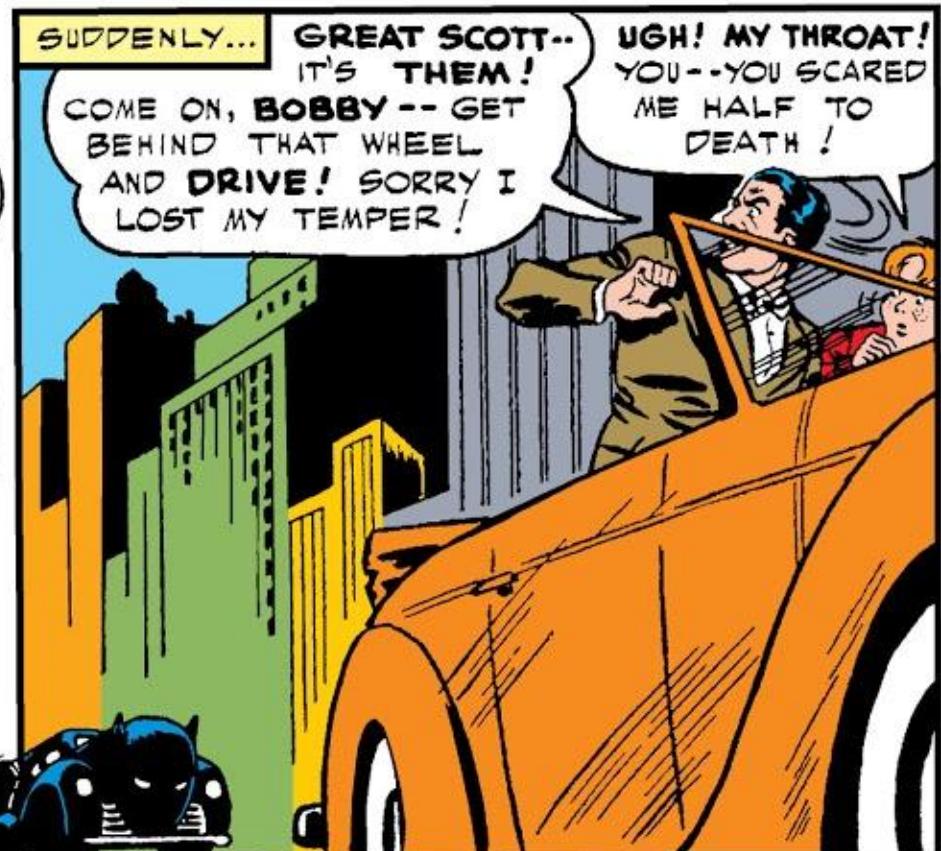
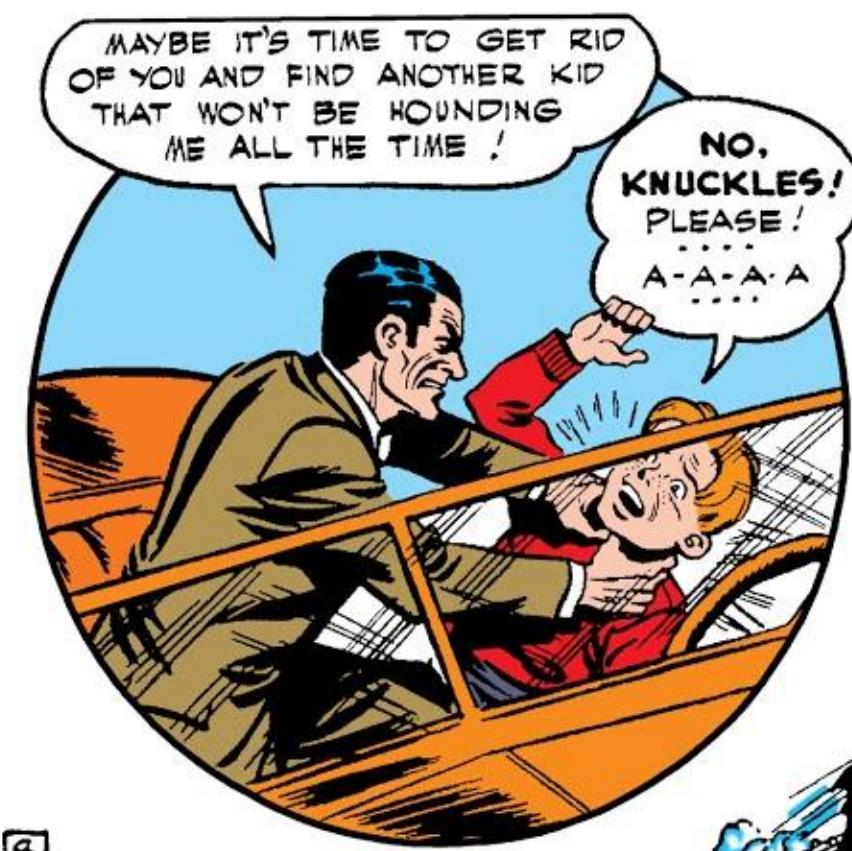
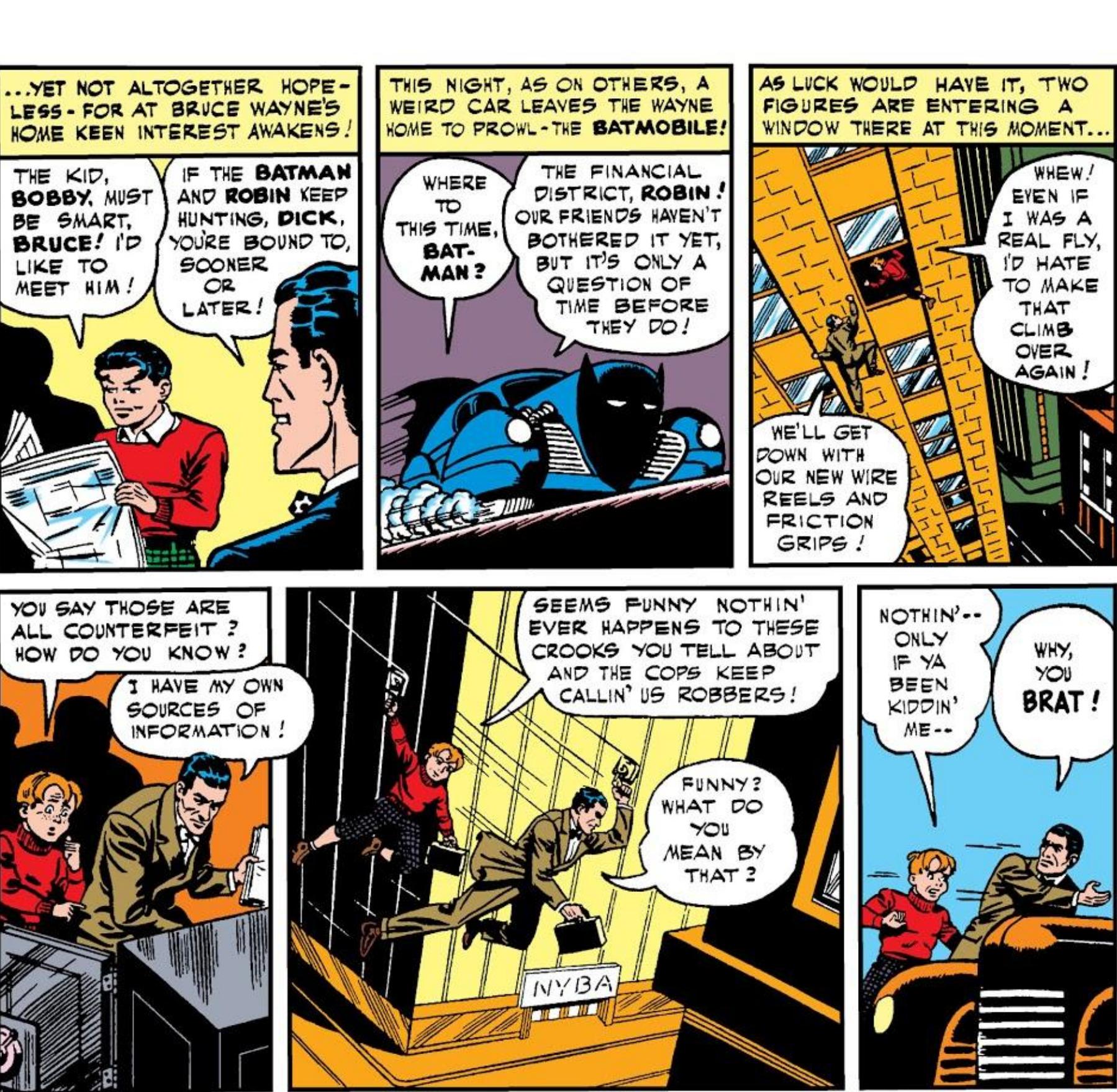
I HAVE MY OWN SOURCES OF INFORMATION!

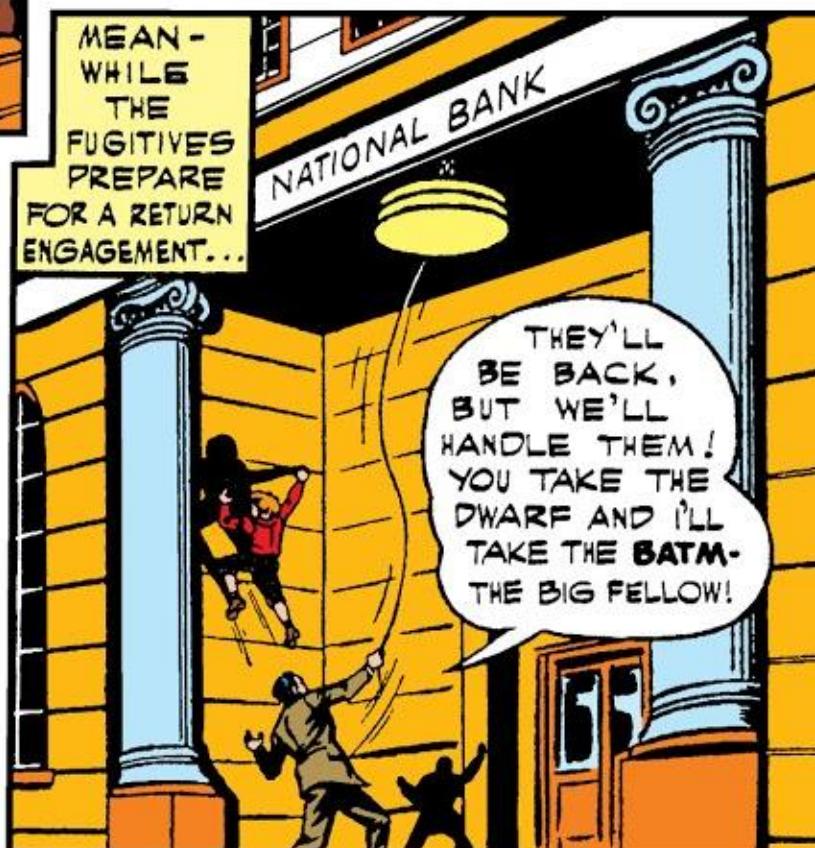
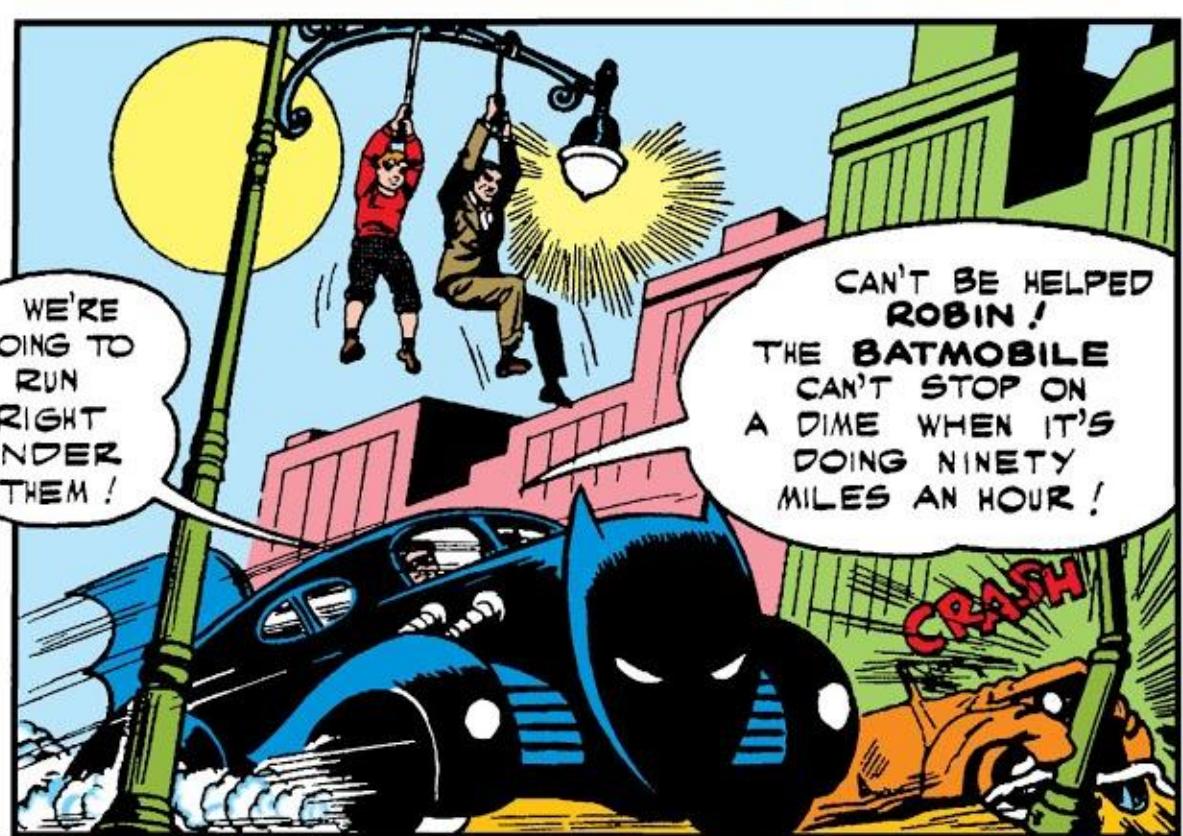
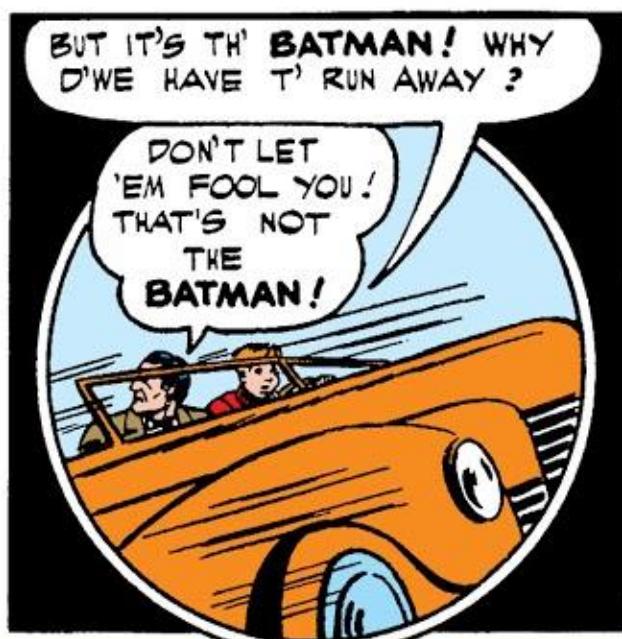
SEEMS FUNNY NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS TO THESE CROOKS YOU TELL ABOUT AND THE COPS KEEP CALLIN' US ROBBERS!

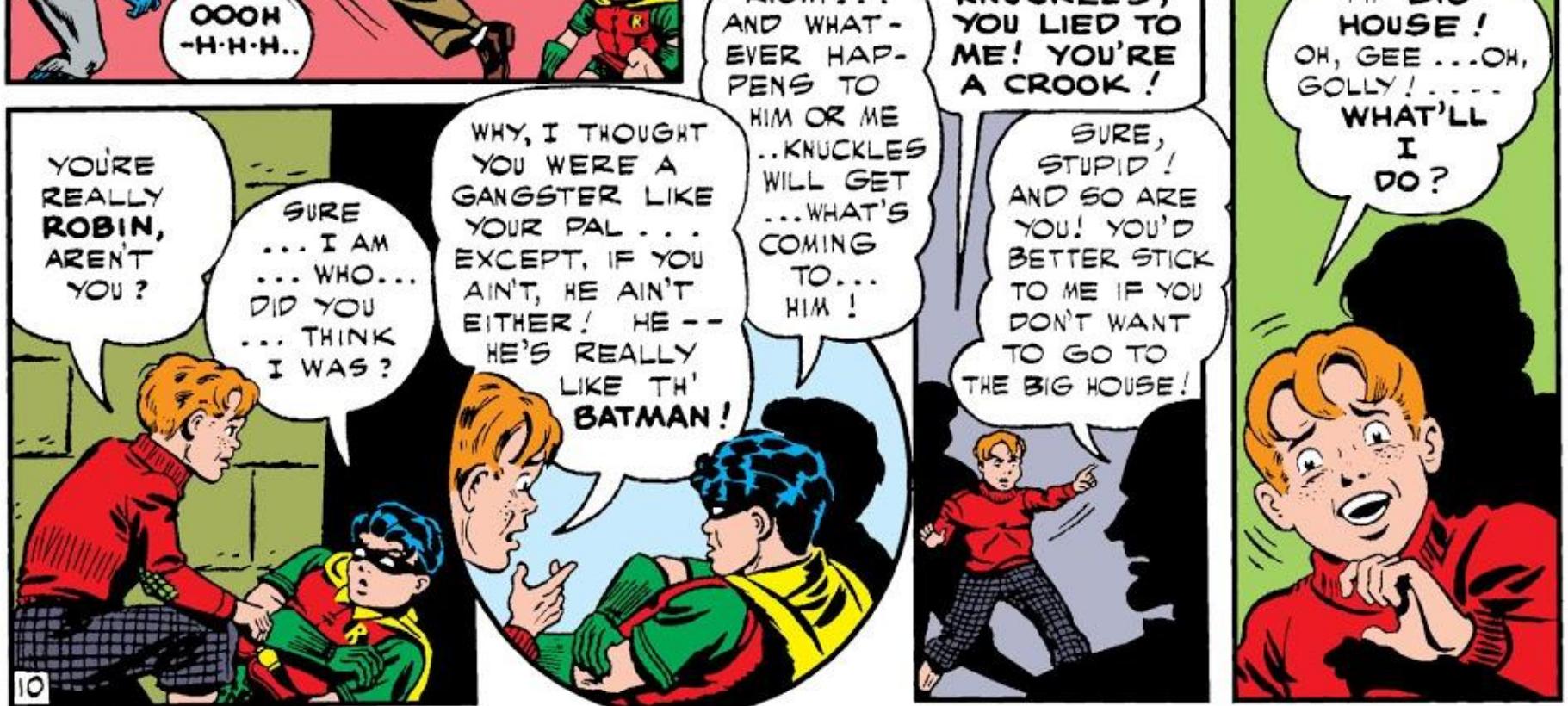
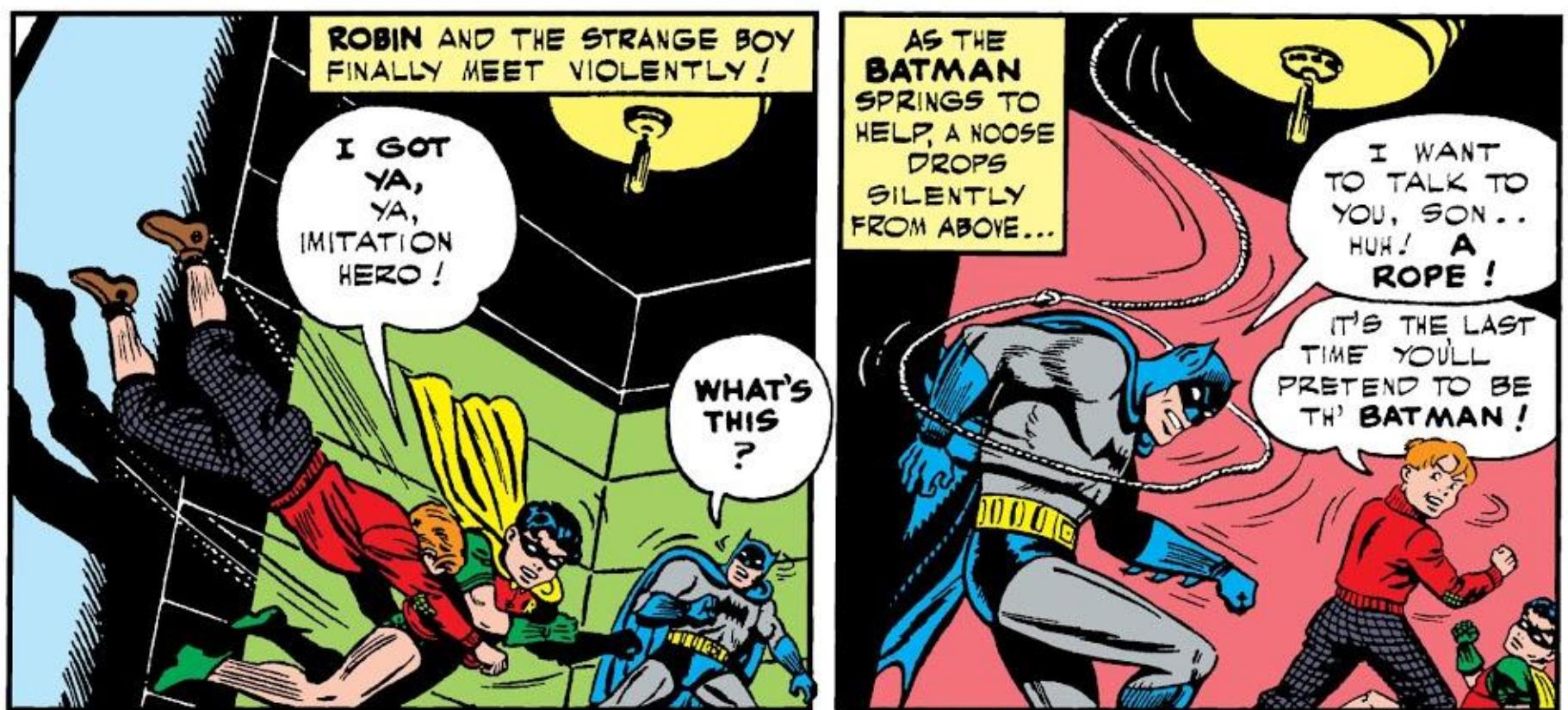
FUNNY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

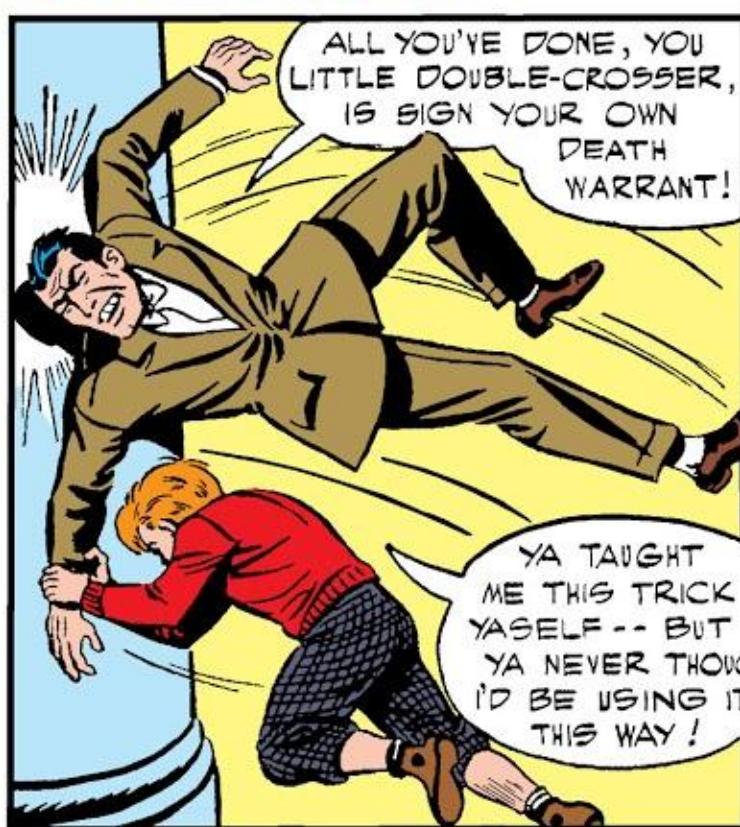
NOTHIN'-- ONLY IF YA BEEN KIDDIN' ME--

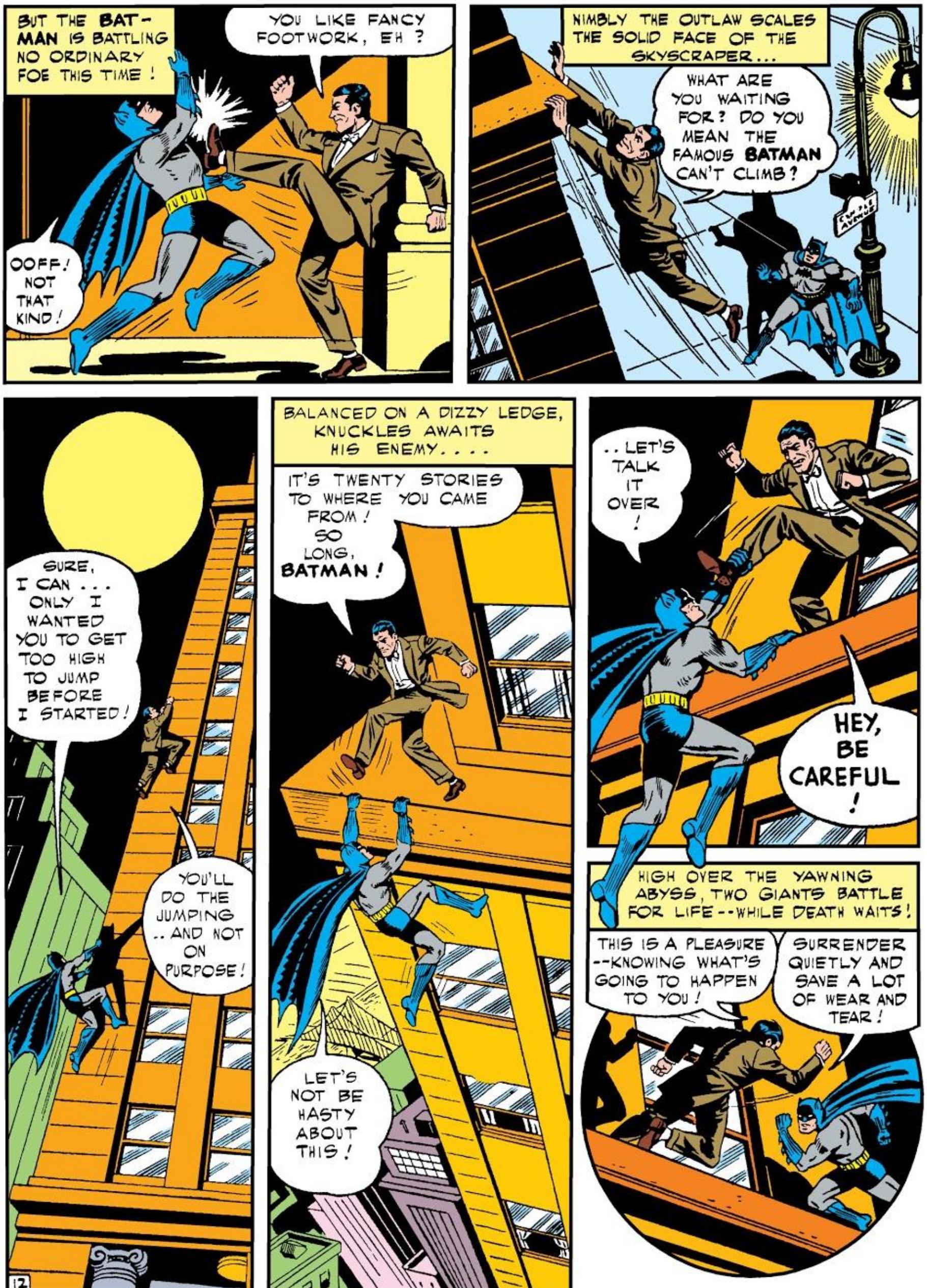
WHY, YOU BRAT!











THE BATMAN SIDESTEPS A MURDEROUS LUNGE, AND...

HERE'S THE PAYOFF --  
HELP!  
SAVE ME!

AM  
I IN  
YOUR  
WAY?

I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M GOING TO  
ALL THIS TROUBLE ... FOR RATS  
WHO LEAD KIDS INTO TROUBLE!

DON'T  
LET ME FALL,  
**BATMAN!**  
ANYTHING BUT  
THAT! I'LL  
MAKE A FULL  
CONFESSTION  
!

LATER...IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

...AN' I THOUGHT I  
COULD BE LIKE **ROBIN**,  
AND WEAR A CLASSY  
UNIFORM, AN' CATCH  
CRIMINALS, BUT  
I GUESS I'LL  
WEAR A REFORM  
SCHOOL ONE!

NO, **BOBBY**... YOU  
HELPED CATCH  
KNUCKLES, AND  
SAVED THE **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**!

**BOBBY**, HOW WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL--  
A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL?

SCHOOL?  
I'D LOVE  
IT! YA  
AIN'T  
KID-  
DIN'?

AND  
UNIFORMS  
THAT REALLY  
ARE  
SOME-  
THING?

SOMETIME LATER...

QUITE  
A PLACE,  
EH,  
DICK?

YOU  
KNOW, SOME-  
TIMES I CATCH  
MYSELF WISHING  
I WAS **BOBBY**!

WE  
RAN INTO  
THE **BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**  
AND THEY  
ASKED US TO  
STOP BY AND  
SEE HOW YOU'RE  
DOING!

GEE,  
YOU KNOW  
THEM, SIR? !?  
LOOKIT MY  
UNIFORM AN'  
ALL THE  
MEDALS  
I WON  
ALREADY!

TELL 'EM I'LL NEVER  
FORGET WHAT THEY  
DID FOR ME ... AND  
TELL **ROBIN** I WANT  
TO BE LIKE HIM!

I'LL TELL  
HIM, **BOB**!  
IT'S THE FINEST  
COMPLIMENT  
HE'S EVER  
HAD!

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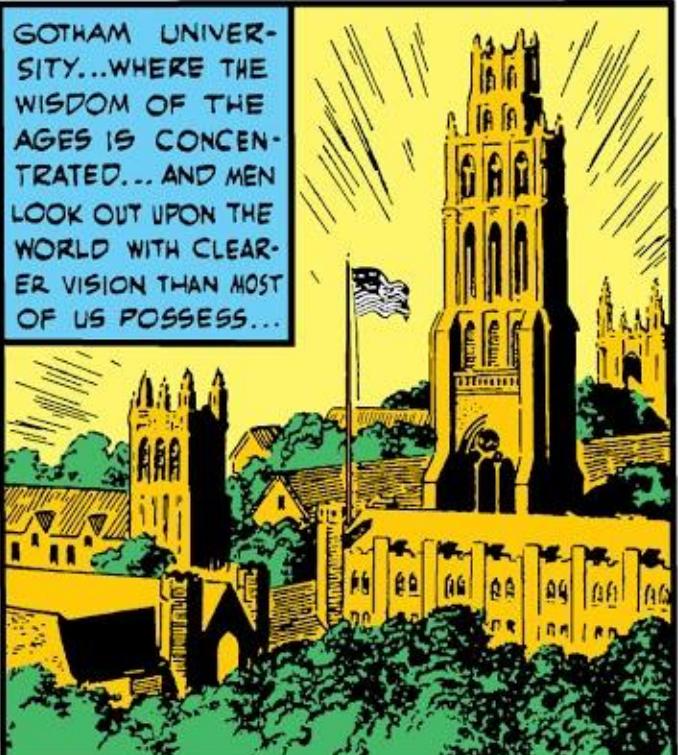
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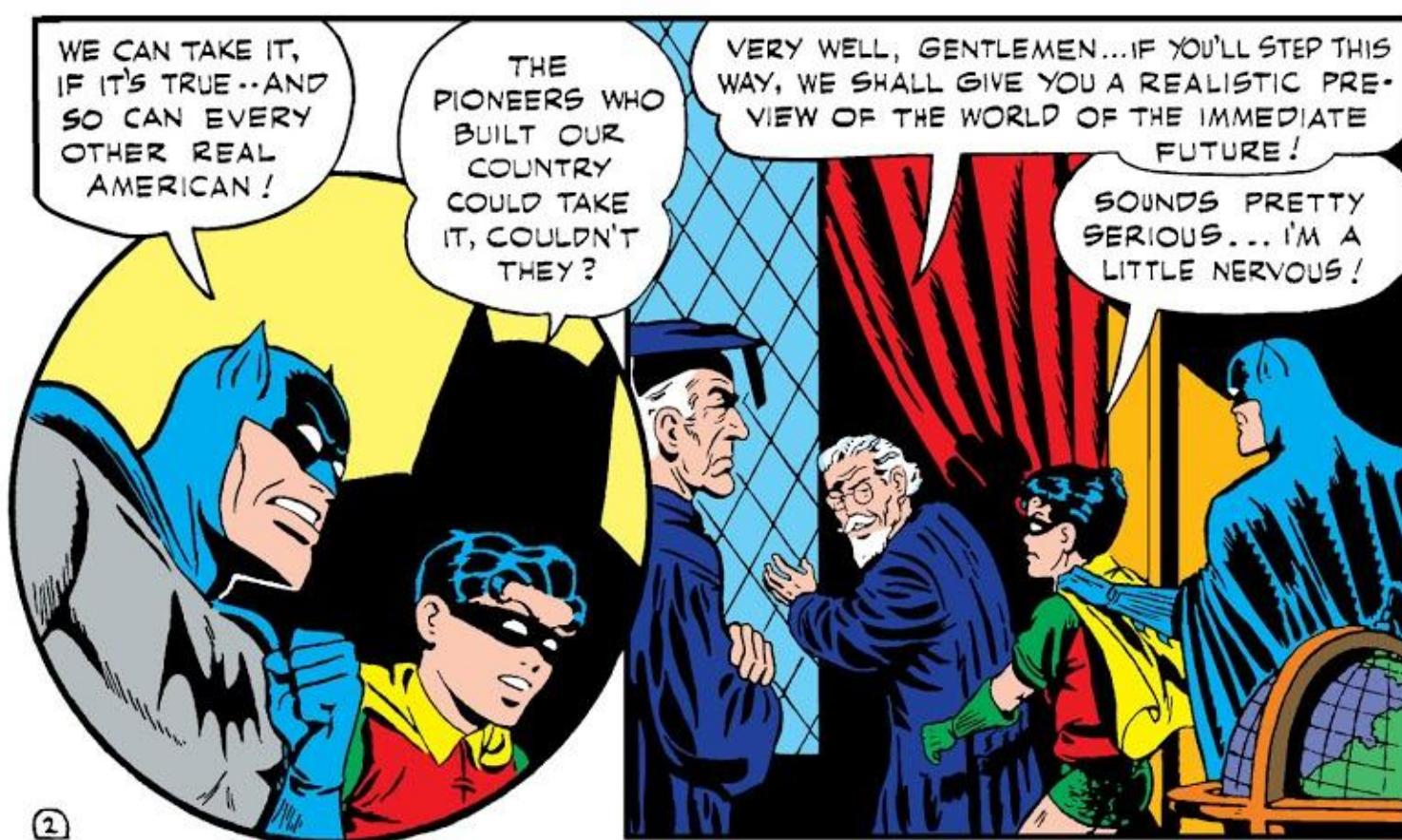
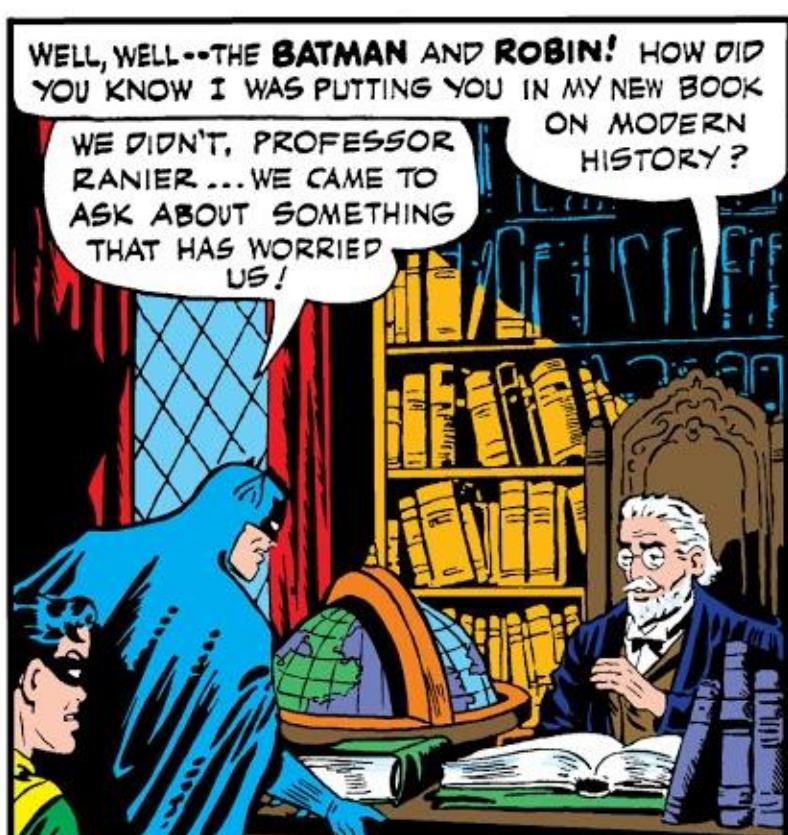
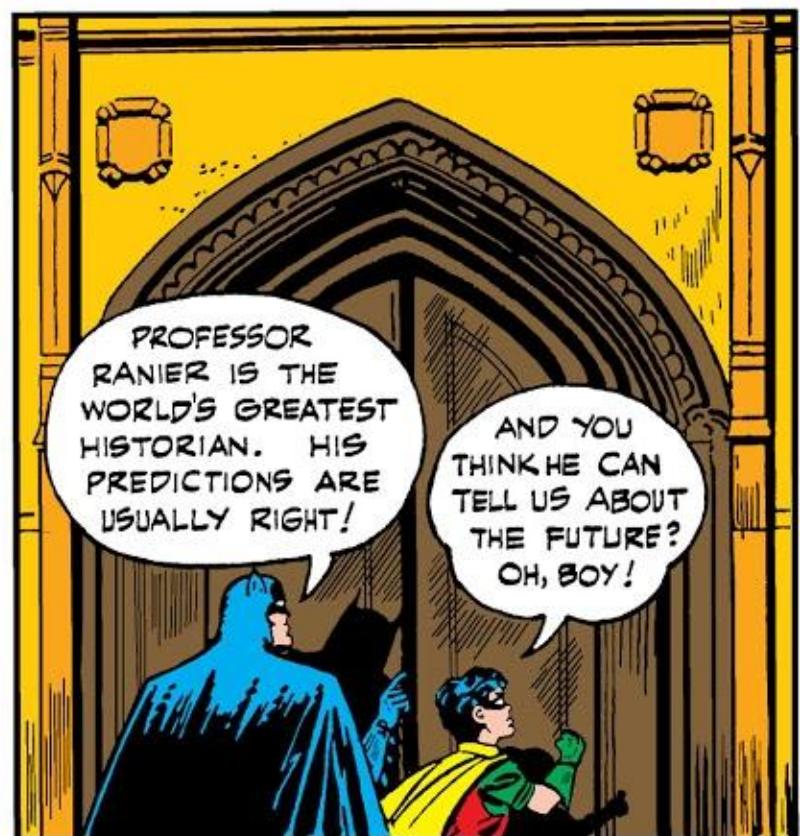
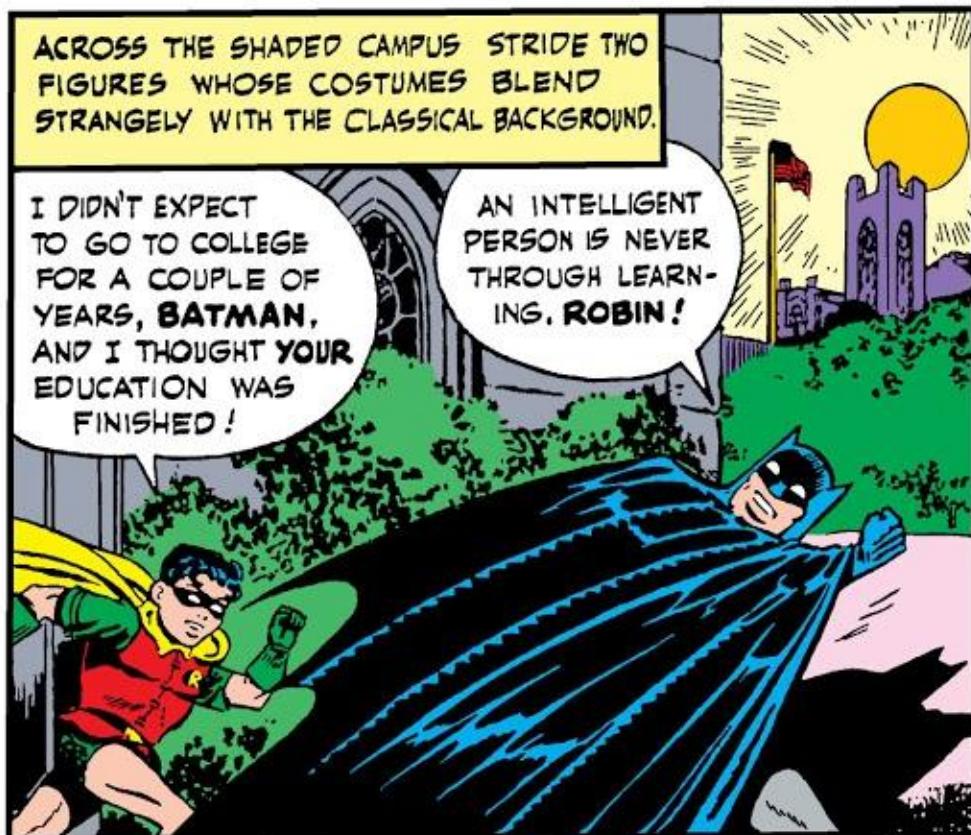
HAVE YOU WONDERED WHAT IS IN STORE FOR AMERICA -- AND FOR YOU -- WHEN THE SLAVE ARMIES OF THE INSANE DICTATORS HAVE ENDED THEIR MURDEROUS ASSAULT UPON THE DECENT AND PEACEFUL NATIONS OF THE WORLD? HERE IS YOUR ANSWER IN UNFORGETTABLE TERMS GIVEN BY THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND HIS LOYAL ROBIN, WHO WONDERED, TOO ---- AND DISCOVERED THAT WHILE THE PAST IS BEYOND CHANGING, AND THE PRESENT DARKENED BY THE THUNDERCLOUDS OF WAR, THE FUTURE STILL BELONGS TO THOSE OF US WITH COURAGE TO MAKE OF IT WHAT WE WILL! A NIGHTMARE OF SHUDDERY TERROR ... OR A GOLDEN ERA OF GLORIOUS DREAMS COME TRUE ... YOU HAVE ONLY TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM WHEN YOU HAVE READ THIS GRIPPING TALE OF ---

"THE TWO FUTURES!"



GOTHAM UNIVERSITY... WHERE THE WISDOM OF THE AGES IS CONCENTRATED... AND MEN LOOK OUT UPON THE WORLD WITH CLEARER VISION THAN MOST OF US POSSESS...





A PREVIEW OF THE FUTURE! BY STRETCHING OUR IMAGINATIONS JUST A LITTLE, WE MAY SEE IT AS VIVIDLY AS IT IS SHOWN TO THE BATMAN AND ROBIN!... WE WILL REMEMBER THAT WHATSOEVER A MAN CAN IMAGINE IS POSSIBLE! YET ITS OPPOSITE IS POSSIBLE ALSO! THUS MEN CAN DECIDE TO SINK OR STRIVE TOWARD THE LIGHT!

THE WAR THAT EVIL MEN PLOTTED THROUGH LONG YEARS WILL HARDLY END TOMORROW OR NEXT WEEK ...



... YET THE DAY WILL SURELY COME WHEN THE DEMONS OF DESTRUCTION ARE GLUTTED, AND THE DOVE OF PEACE STRETCHES ITS WINGS ONCE MORE...



BUT WHAT KIND OF A PEACE IS THIS THAT HAS COME TO GOTHAM CITY? AND WHO ARE THESE SOLDIERS WHO MARCH THE STREETS?



THE THUNDER OF BOMBS HAS CEASED... BUT NOT THE CHATTER OF MURDEROUS GUNFIRE ...

ALL AMERICANS WHO REFUSE TO KNEEL TO HONORABLE JAPANESE EMPEROR MUST BE EXECUTED!



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES, THE GIBBET REARS ITS UGLY BEAMS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE...



AND THE CROWNING HORROR OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMP COMES INTO BEING...

HUSH, MY LITTLE BABY! PERHAPS THEY WILL GIVE US FOOD BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER!

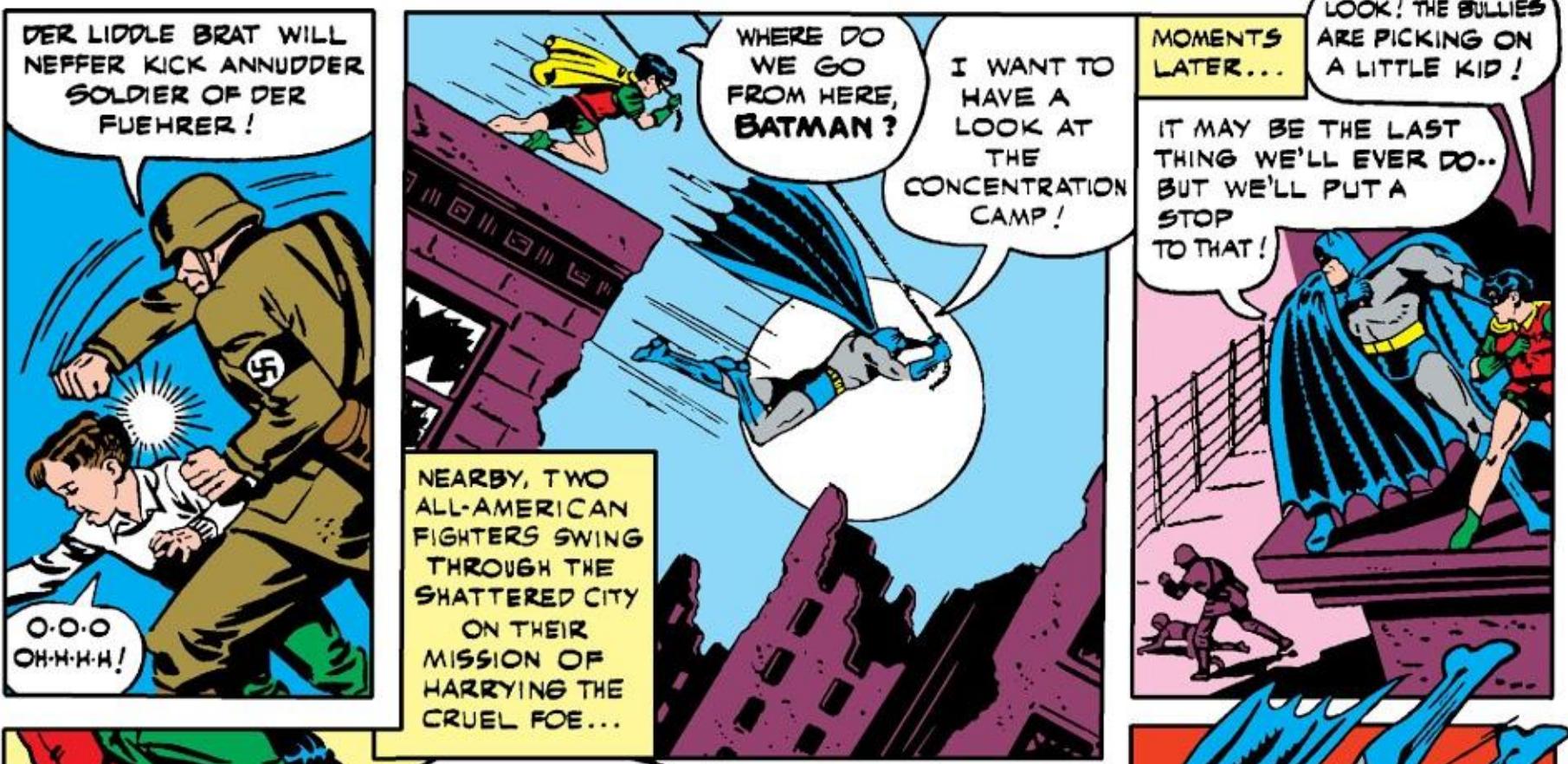


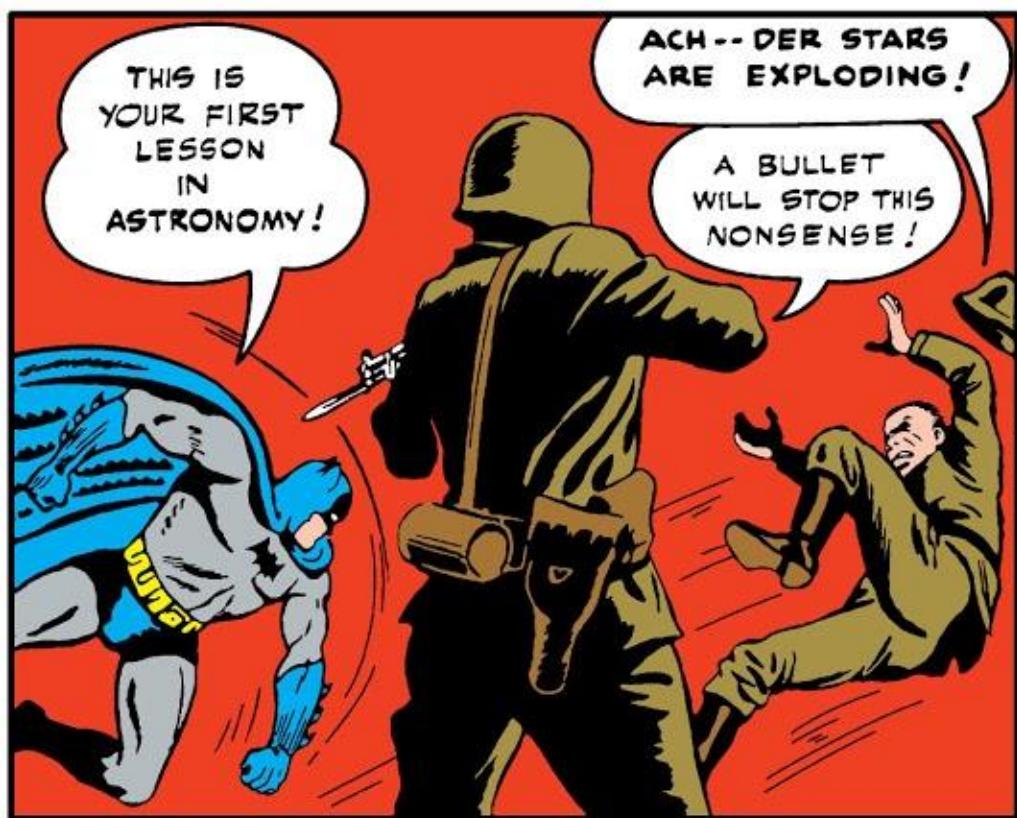
LITTLE BOBBY LOGAN BRAVES THE WRATH OF THE CONQUERORS TO COMFORT HIS MOTHER AND BABY BROTHER ...

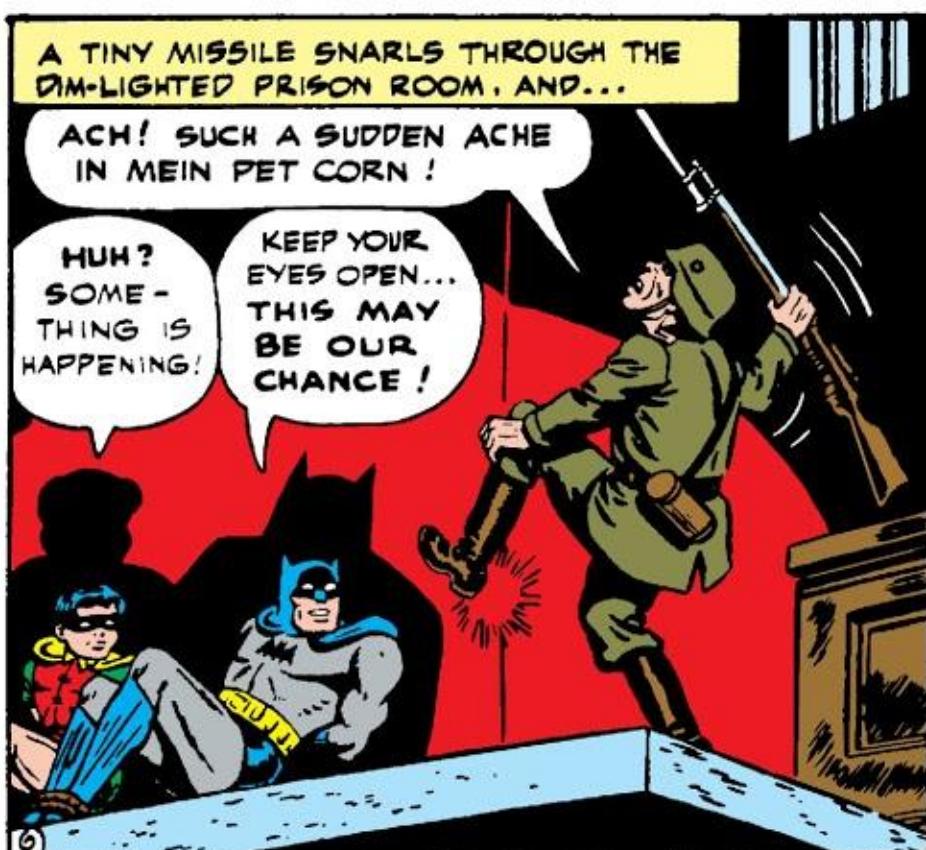
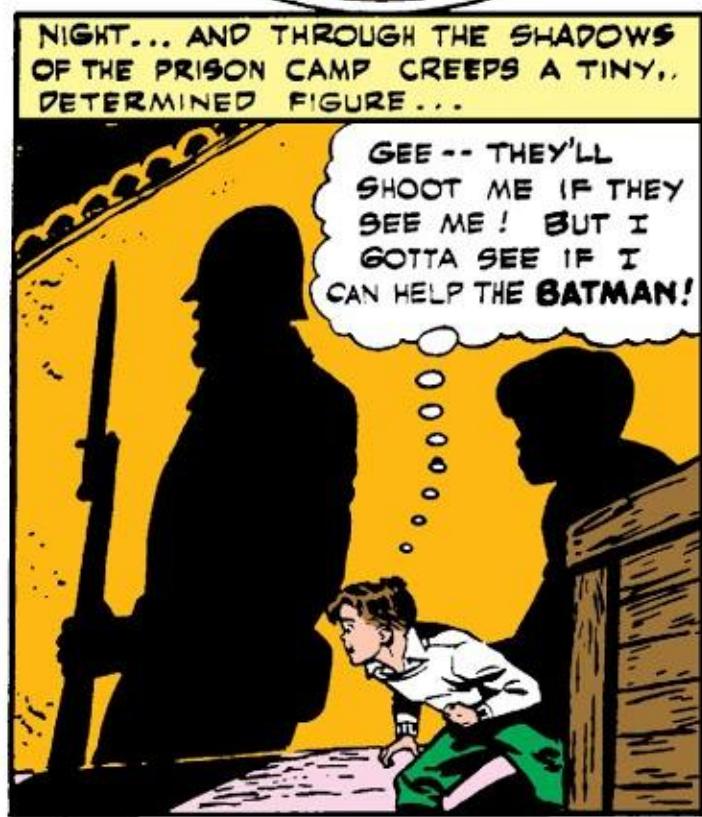
IT'S ALL THE FOOD I COULD FIND, MOM --- BUT I'LL KEEP ON LOOKING!

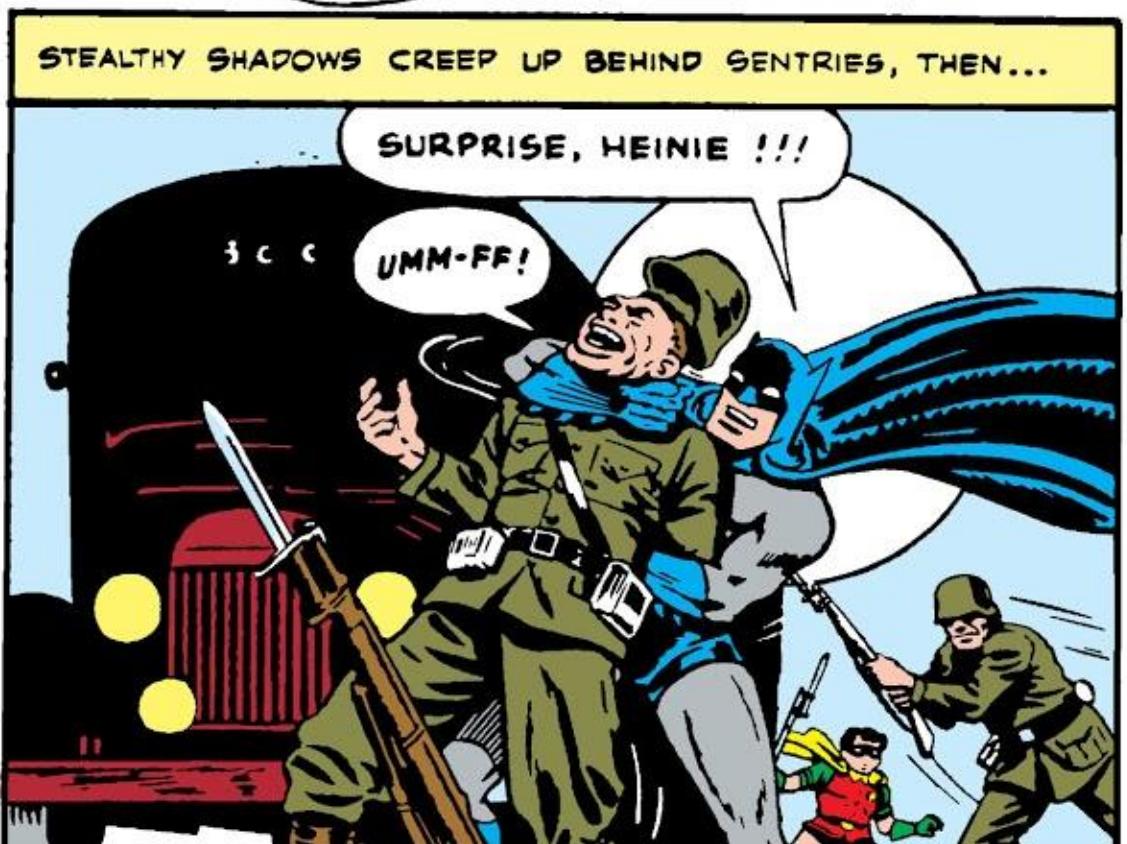
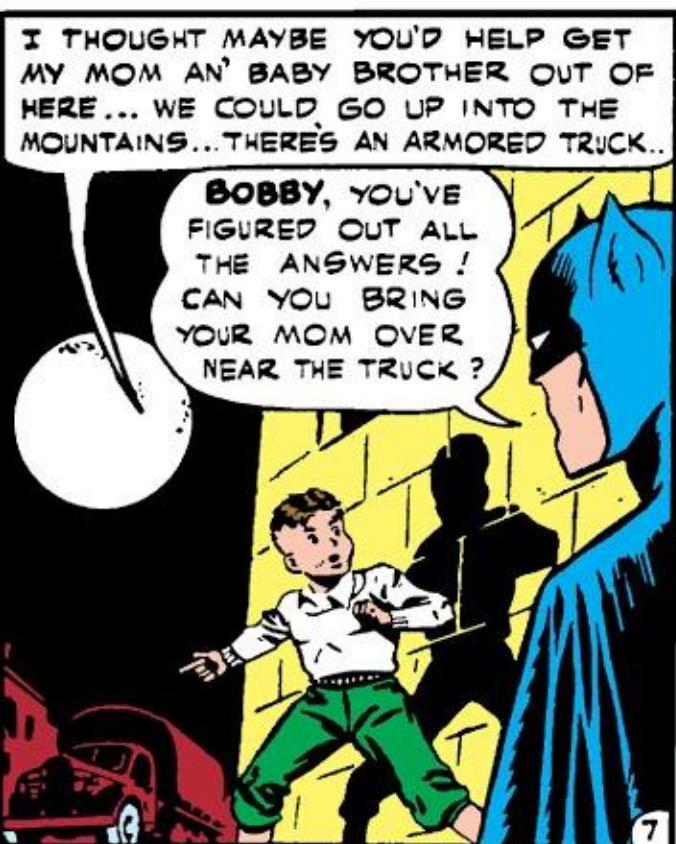
BOBBY, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL! I COULDN'T BEAR IT IF THEY CAUGHT YOU, TOO!

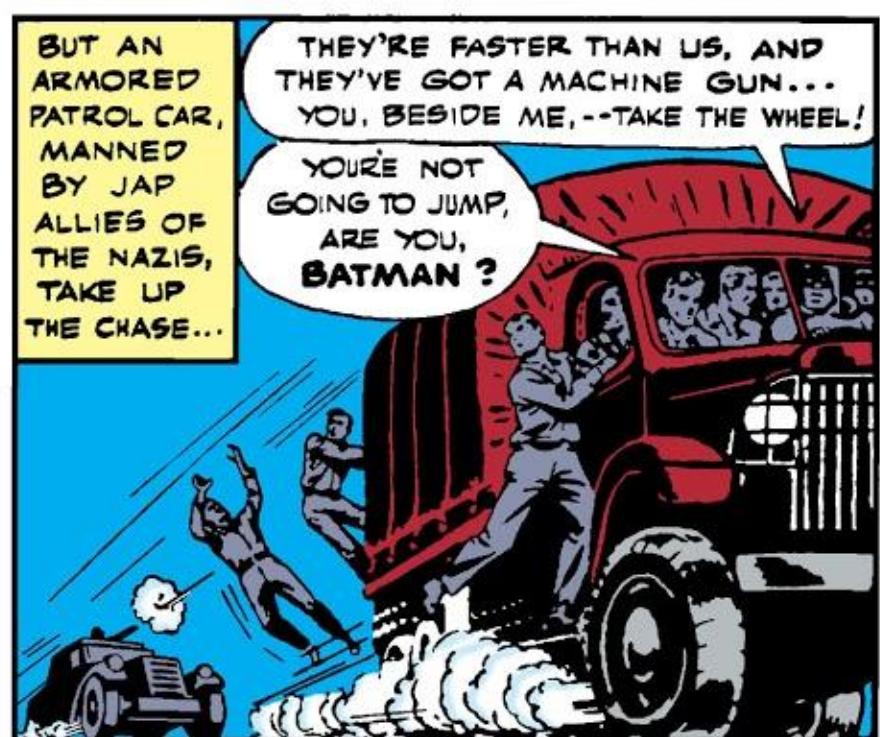
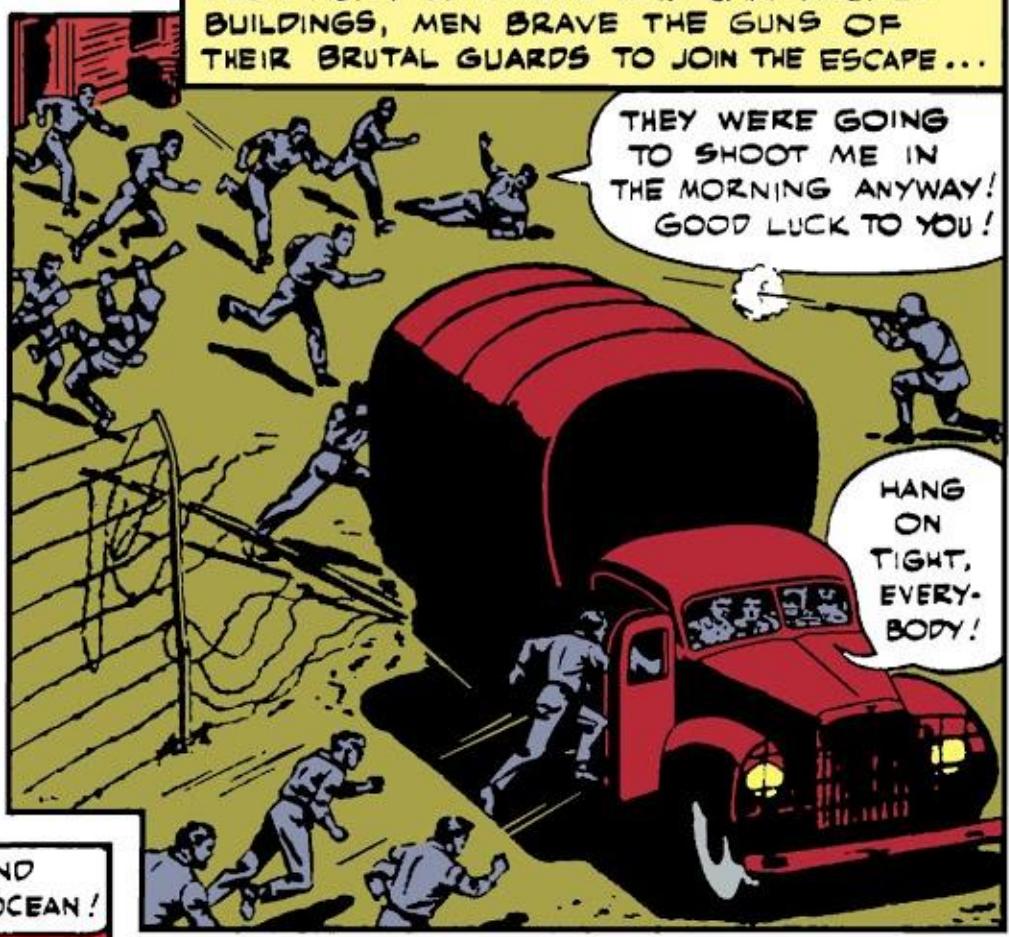
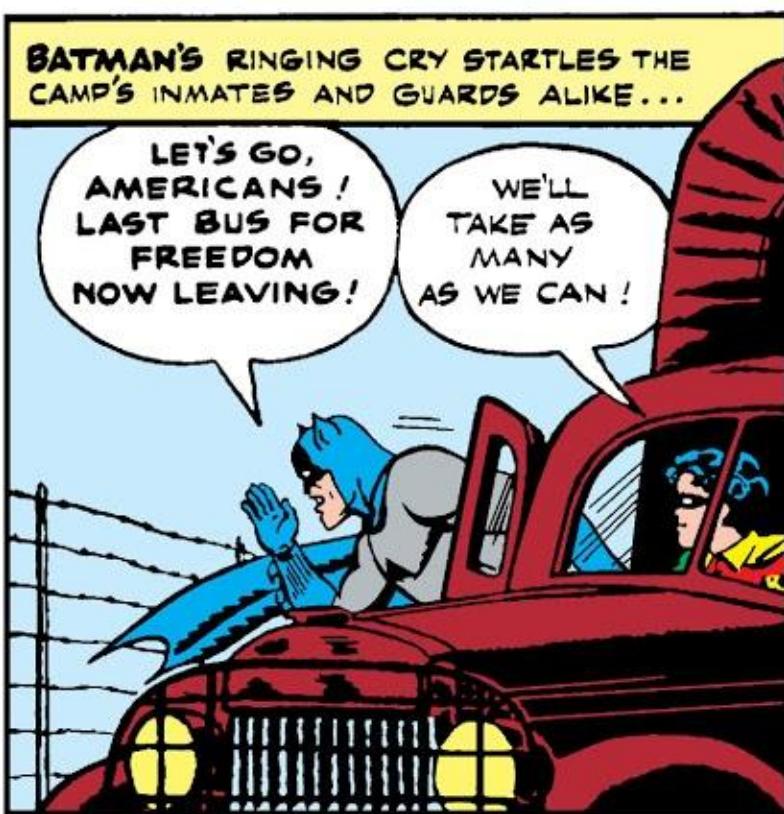


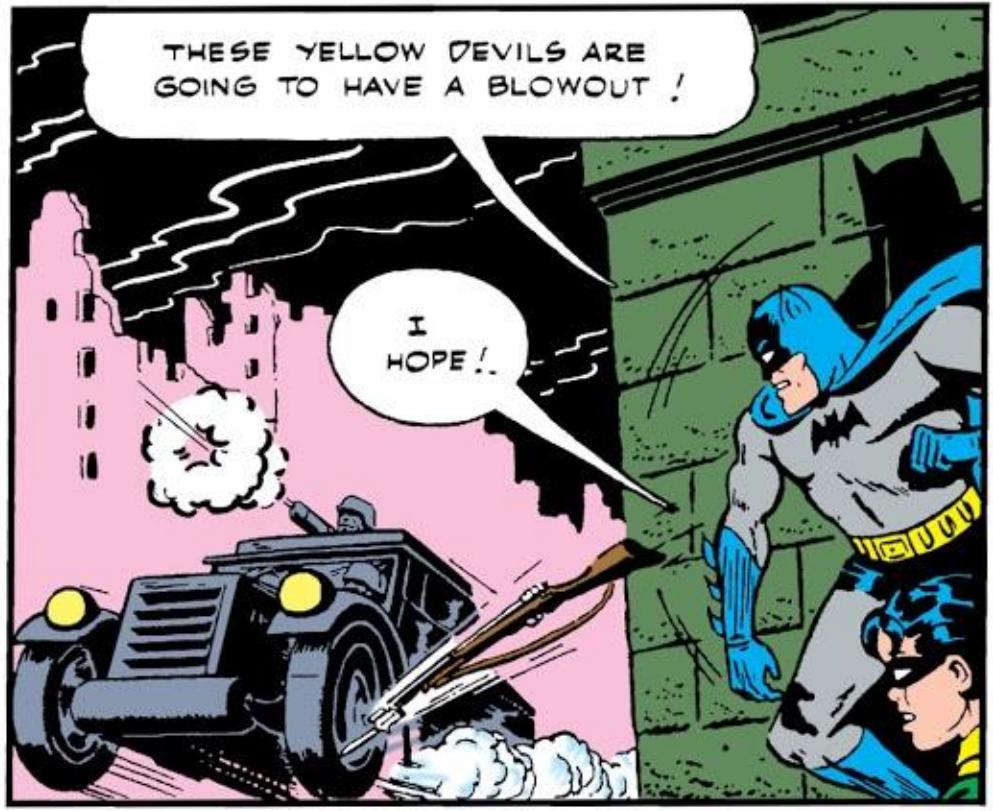


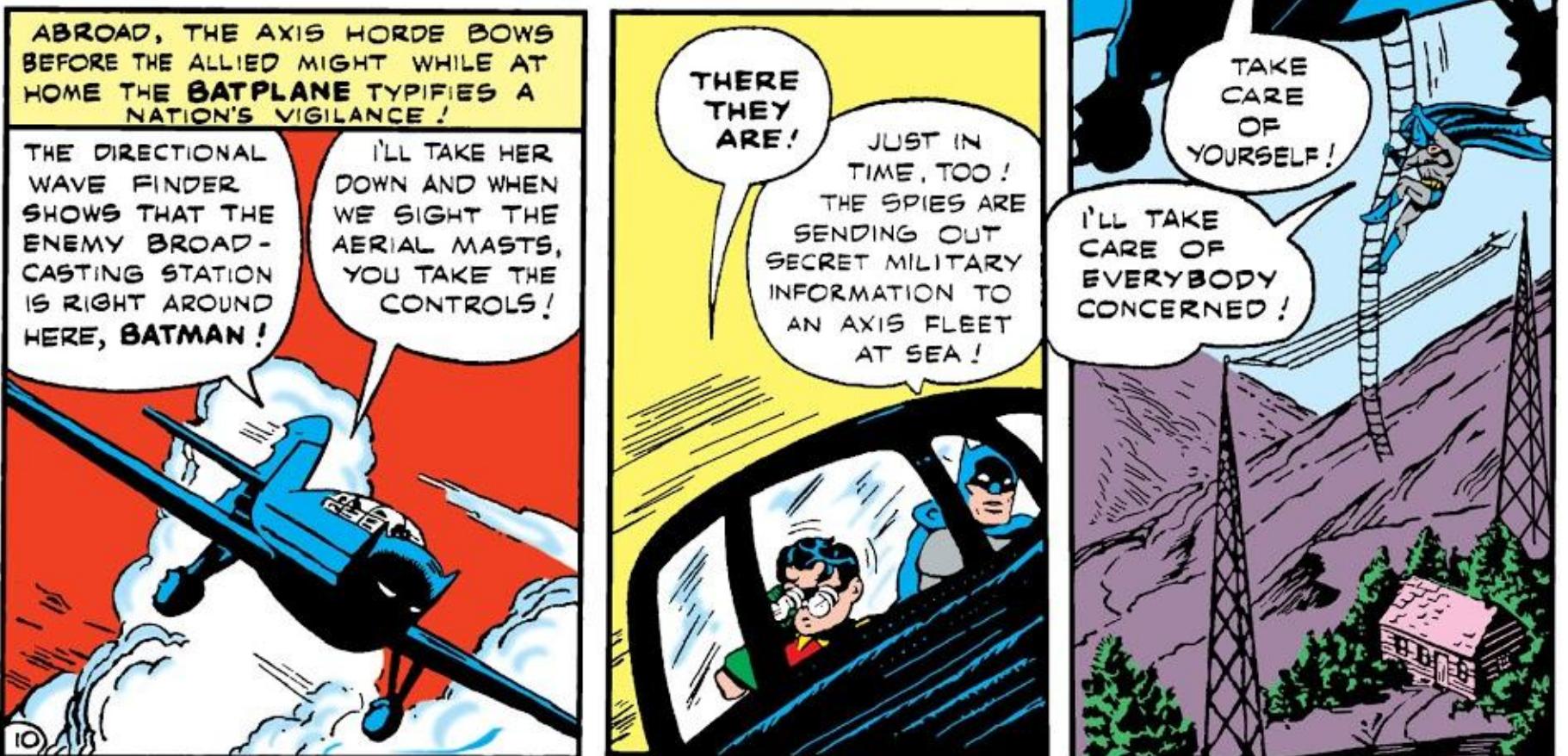
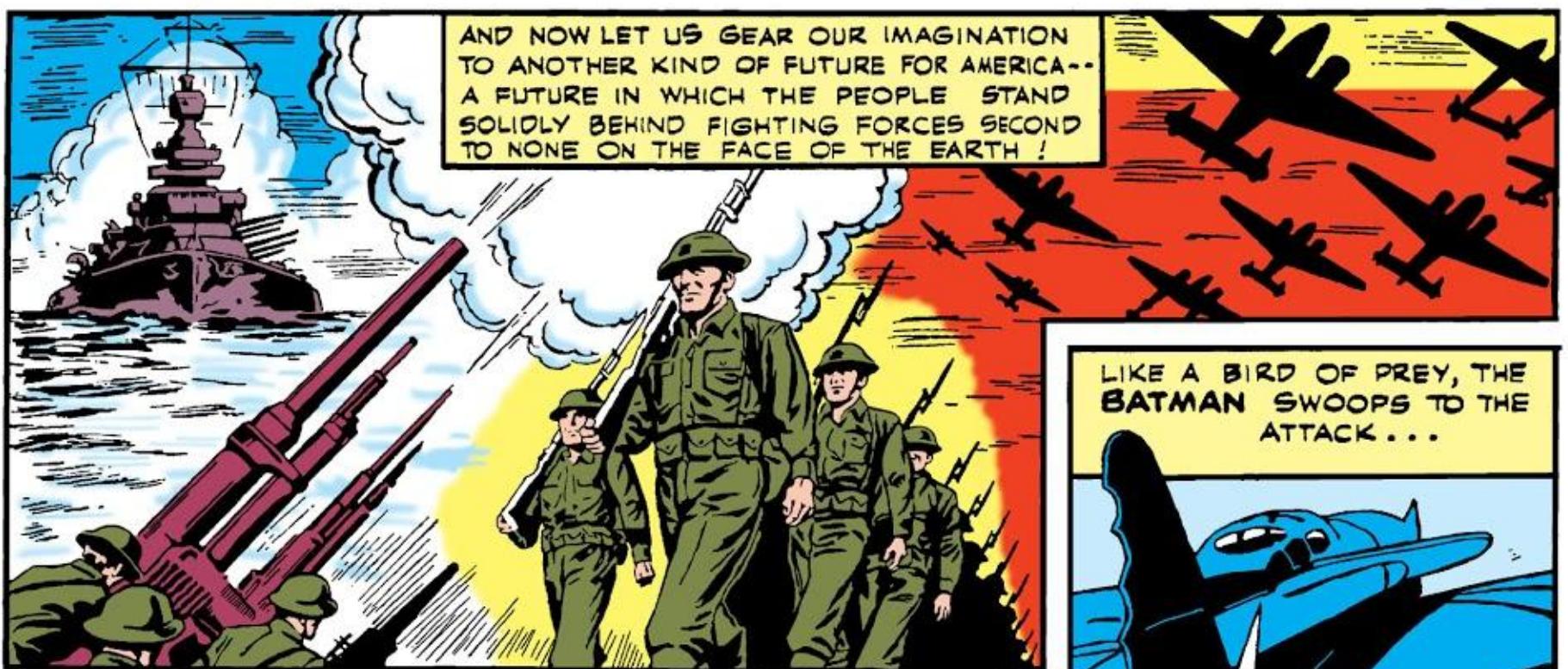
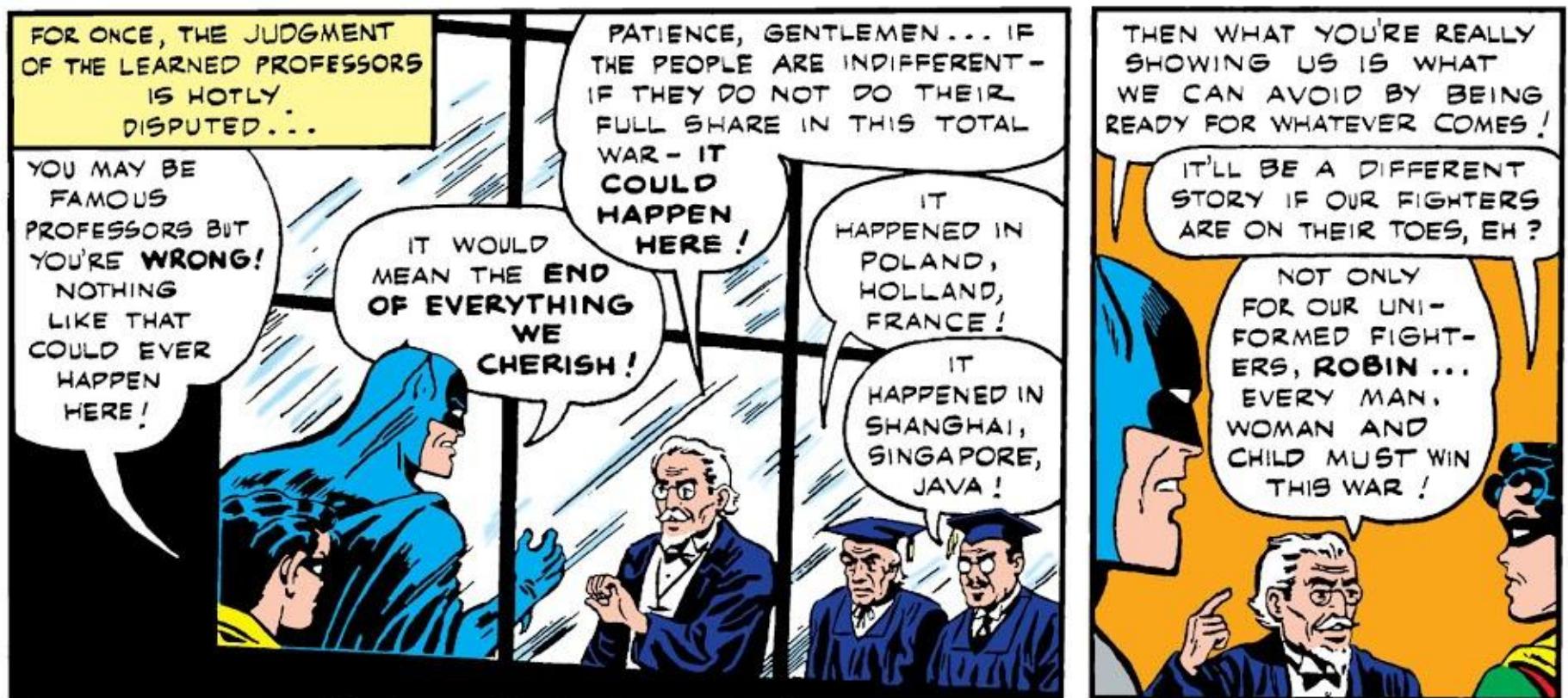


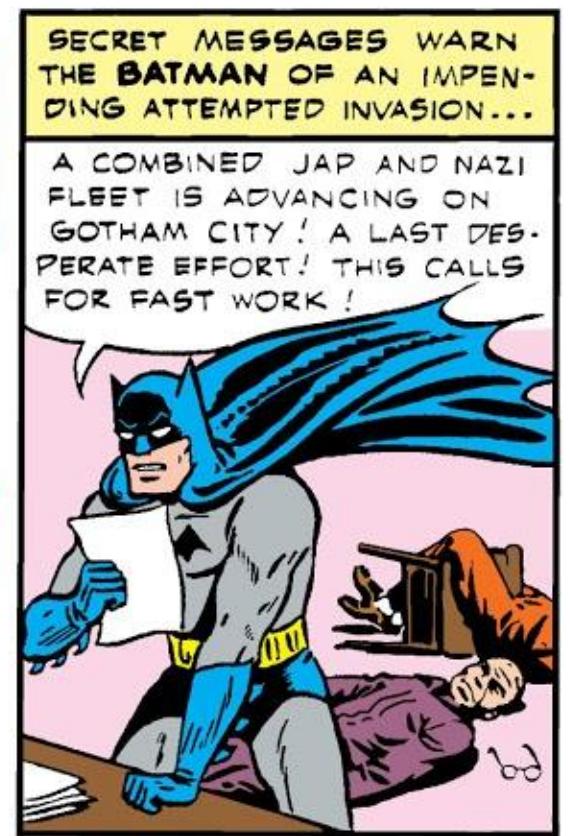


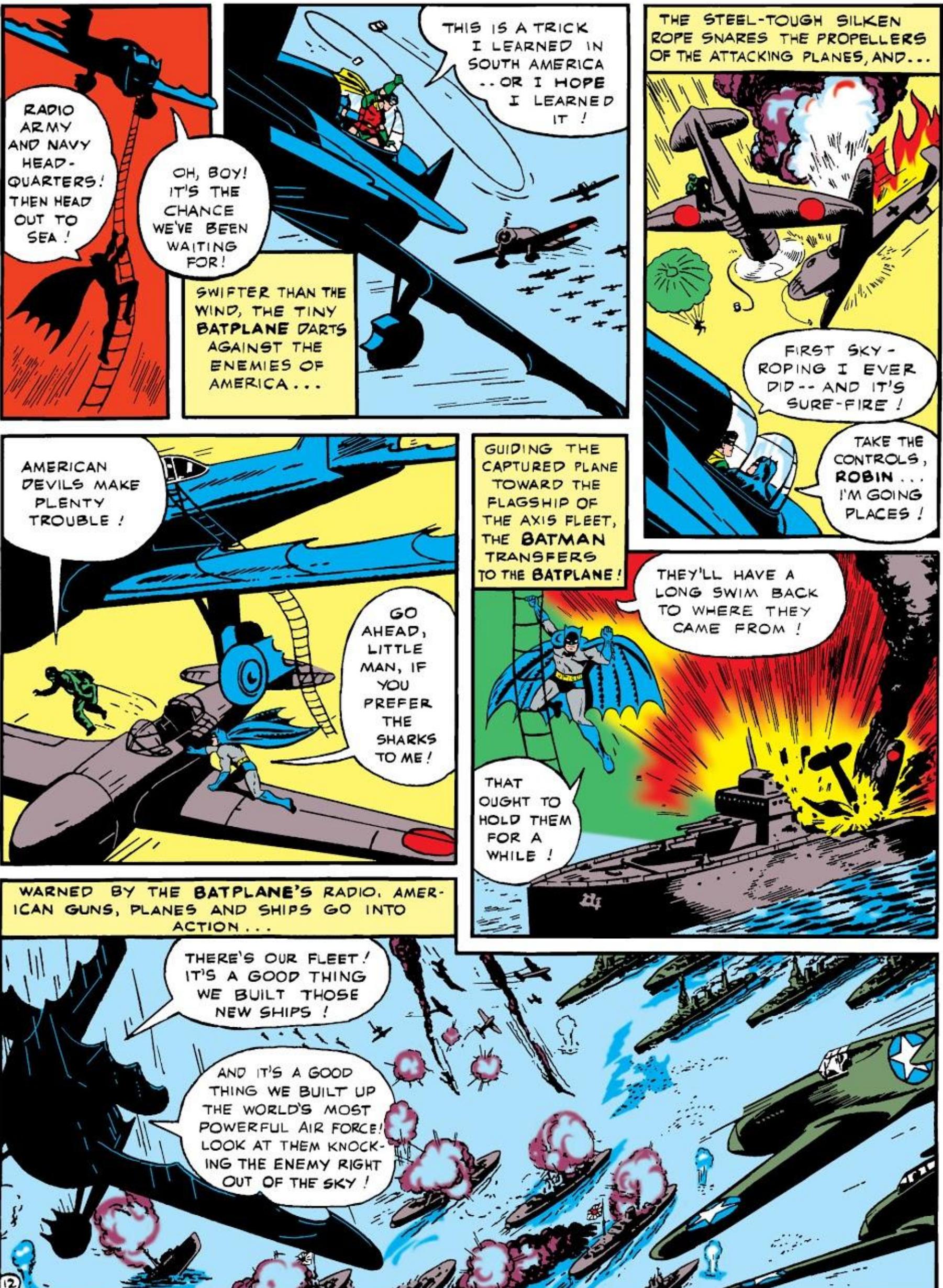


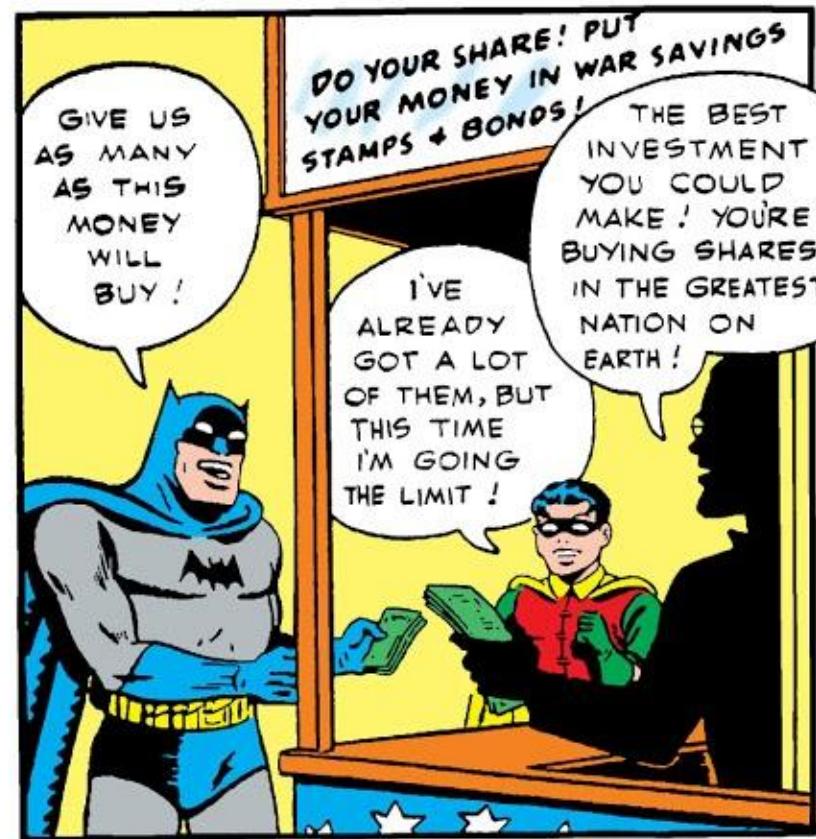
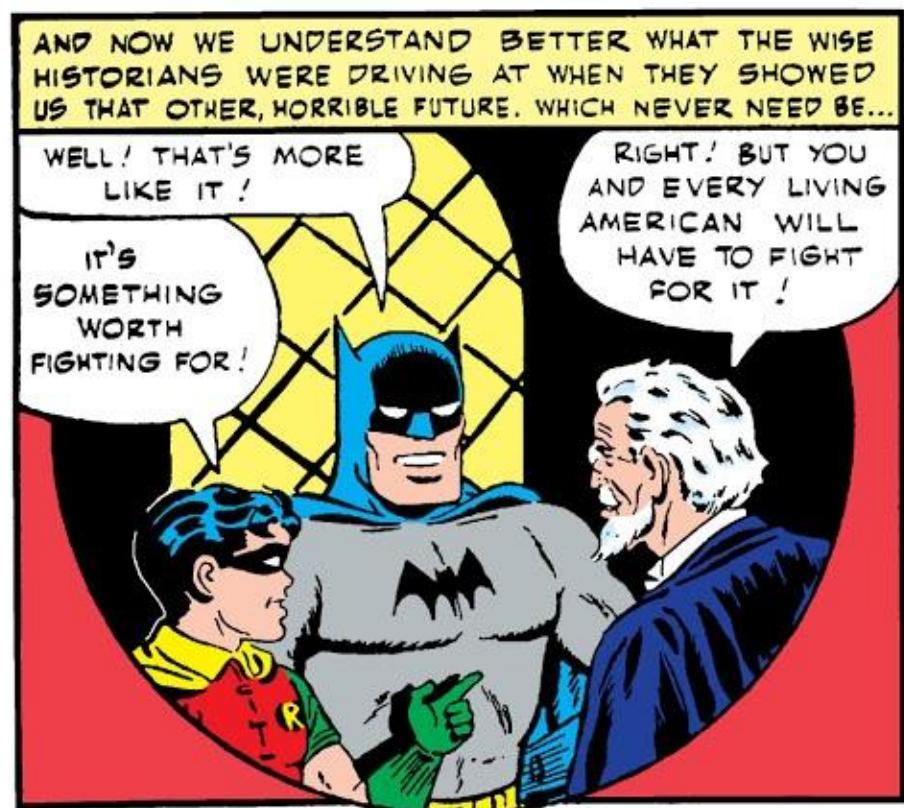
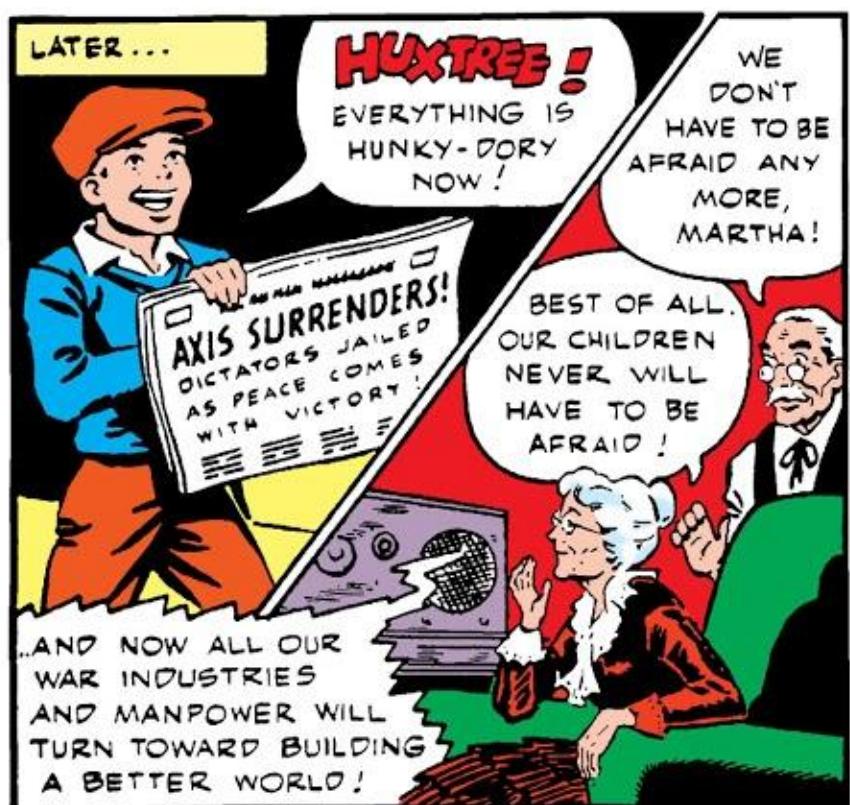












# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**

REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.  
BOB  
KANE

"MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

TO LOVERS OF HIGH ADVENTURE  
EVERYWHERE!" -

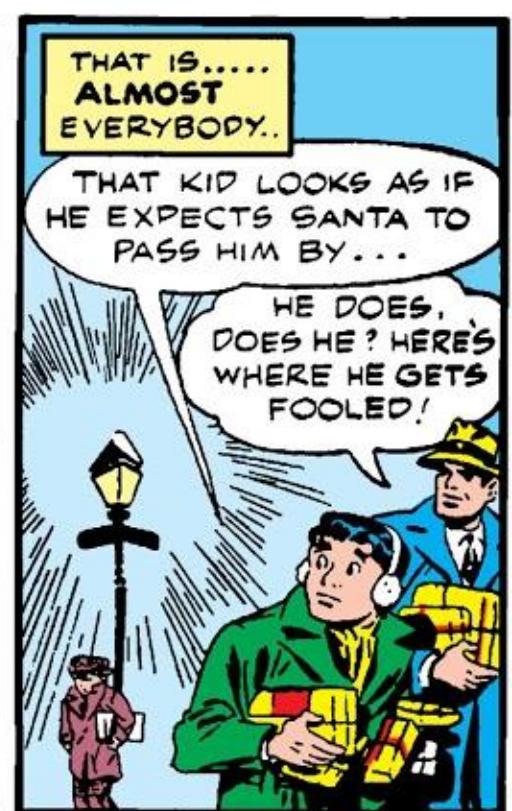
BATMAN AND ROBIN!

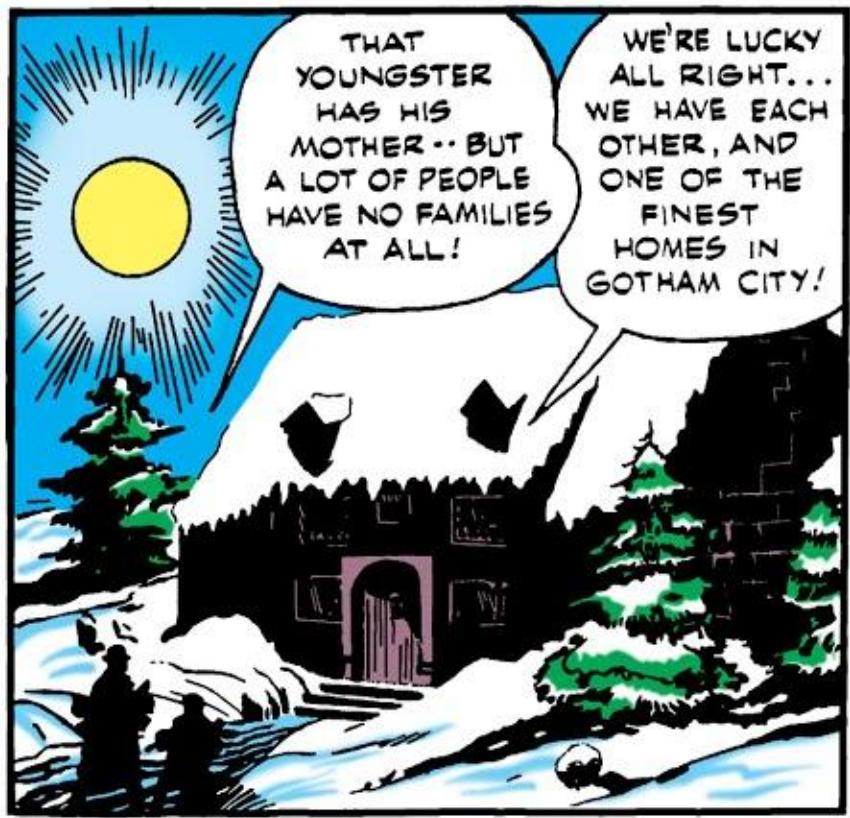
WHEN THE MIGHTY CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE SWEEP ACROSS A WINTER'S NIGHT, CARRYING HAPPINESS TO STRANGE, SAD PLACES, A VENGEFUL UNDERWORLD CHIEFTAIN SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE TREACHEROUSLY AT HIS MOST HATED ENEMIES! TEARS AND LAUGHTER, THRILLS AND HAIRBREADTH ESCAPES, ROMANCE AND PERIL--ALL THESE BLEND INTO AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN THE BATMAN AND ROBIN MEET---

"THE LONELIEST MEN IN THE WORLD."

Merry Christmas







I'VE GOT IT! TO THE LONELIEST MEN IN THE WORLD!

I WAS HOPING YOU'D SUGGEST IT! ONLY I FIGURE IT WOULDN'T BE A JOB FOR DICK GRAYSON AND BRUCE WAYNE -- BUT ONE FOR ROBIN AND THE BATMAN!

SO IT IS THAT WITHIN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE, RICH SOCIETY PLAYBOY, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION OCCURS...

IMAGINE THE BATMAN AND ROBIN PLAYING SANTA CLAUS! ALL WE NEED IS A SLED AND REINDEER!

WE'VE GOT SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD!



WORKING SWIFTLY, THE PAIR MAKES MANY TRIPS THROUGH THE TUNNEL THAT CONNECTS THE HOUSE WITH THE SECRET HANGAR OF THAT SENSATIONAL CRAFT, THE BATPLANE ...

PRESENTLY...

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

IT'S A REGULAR SANTA CLAUS SLED, WITH RUNNERS, SLEIGH BELLS AND EVERYTHING!... THIS IS GOING TO BE MORE FUN THAN ANYTHING WE'VE DONE IN A LONG TIME!



RIGHT, ROBIN!..BUT FUN ISN'T ALL YOU AND THE BATMAN ARE GOING TO ENCOUNTER IN THIS NIGHT'S ADVENTURE! ...FOR THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS HAS NEVER YET PENETRATED THE DARK DEPTHS OF THE UNDERWORLD ...AND THE UNDERWORLD HAS NEVER CEASED TO HATE AND FEAR WHAT YOU STAND FOR!

A WEIRD, BATWINGED SHAPE SOARS INTO THE GRAY WINTER SKY BOUND ON THE STRANGEST VOYAGE IT HAS EVER ATTEMPTED...

BATMAN, WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE LONELIEST MAN ON EARTH?

I'M NOT SURE, ROBIN-- BUT I HAVE A LIST OF THREE WHO AREN'T FAR FROM IT!

THERE'S POLICE HEADQUARTERS... AND THERE ARE LIGHTS IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE!

HE ISN'T ON MY LIST, BUT IT WON'T HURT TO STOP IN AND GIVE HIM THE SEASON'S GREETINGS!

WE FIND COMMISSIONER GORDON IN CONFERENCE WITH ONE DIRK DAGNER, A NOTORIOUS CHIEF OF AN UNDERWORLD GANG...

YOU OUGHT TO BE-LIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS, DIRK! WE'RE NOT LETTING YOU GO BECAUSE WE WANT TO, BUT BECAUSE WE CAN'T PROVE YOU WERE MIXED UP IN THOSE HOLDUPS!

I'LL BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS WHEN I READ THE BATMAN'S OBITUARY!

DID I HEAR SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT US?

BATMAN AND ROBIN! YOU CERTAINLY DID!

HUH?... LISTEN, IF YOU GUYS CAME HERE TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME--

MAYBE LATER, DIRK... BUT JUST NOW WE'RE BUSY CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS!

AND WE'VE THOUGHT UP A BRAND NEW WAY TO DO IT!

HOW ABOUT LETTING ME IN ON THE SECRET?

BAH!

FIRST, WE'RE GIVING A SURPRISE PARTY FOR THE POORMAN AT THE SWANKY CRANE CLUB! THEN WE'LL CALL ON LINK CHESNEY, THE RADIO HUMORIST AND THE GLOOMIEST MAN IN GOTHAM CITY...



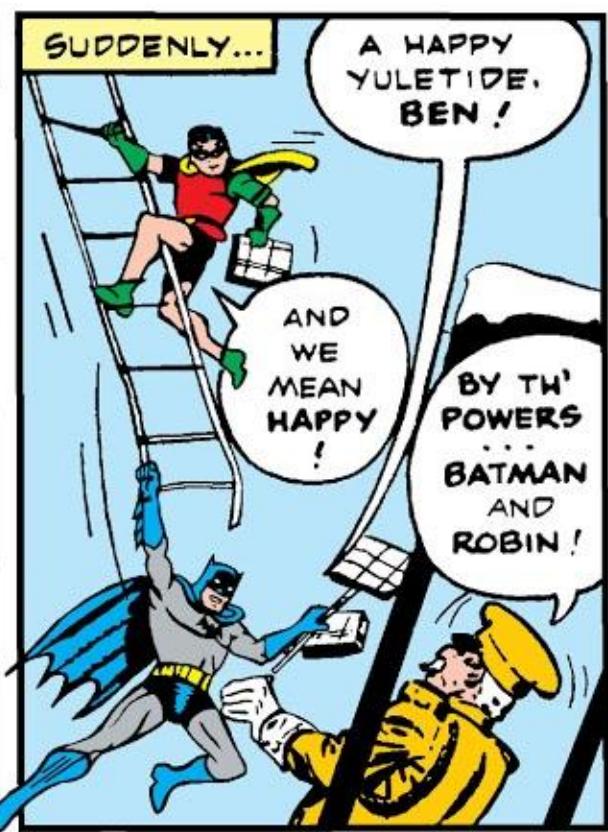
FINALLY WE'LL VISIT THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER AT PIRATE REEF WHO SPENDS MONTHS ON END ALL BY HIMSELF!

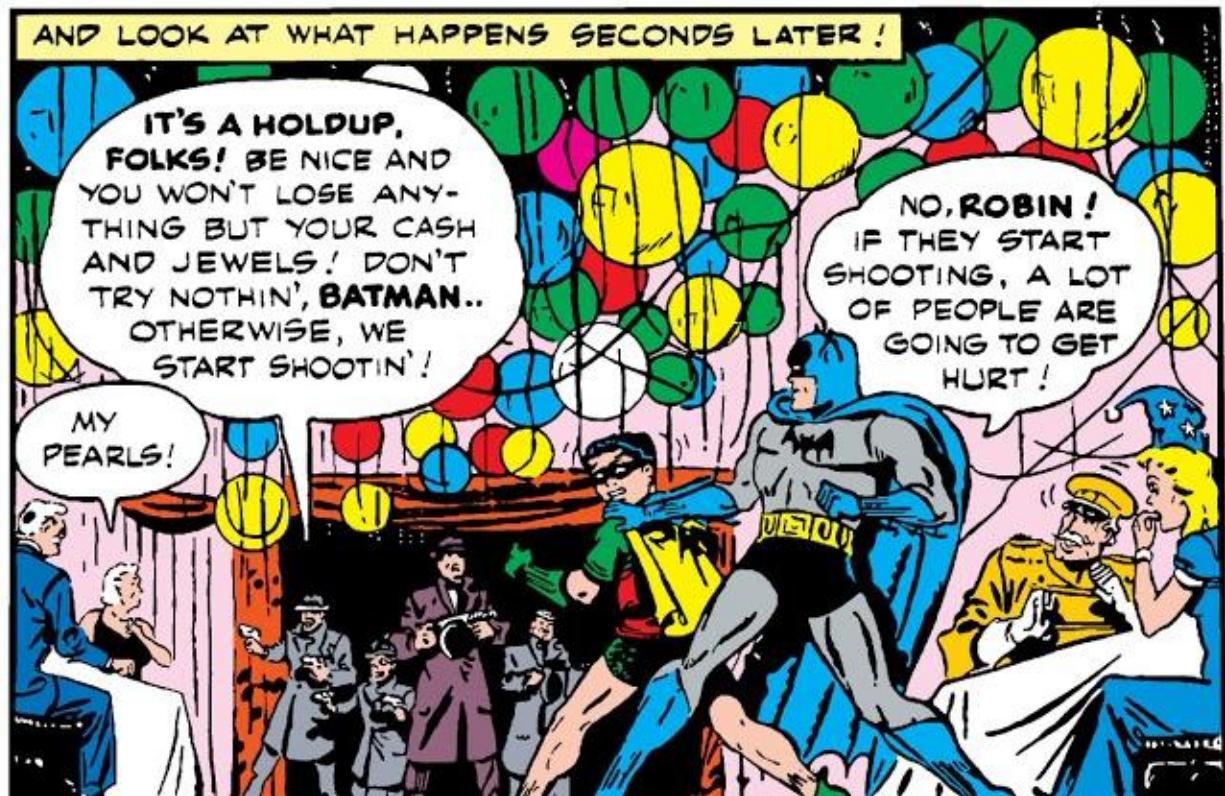
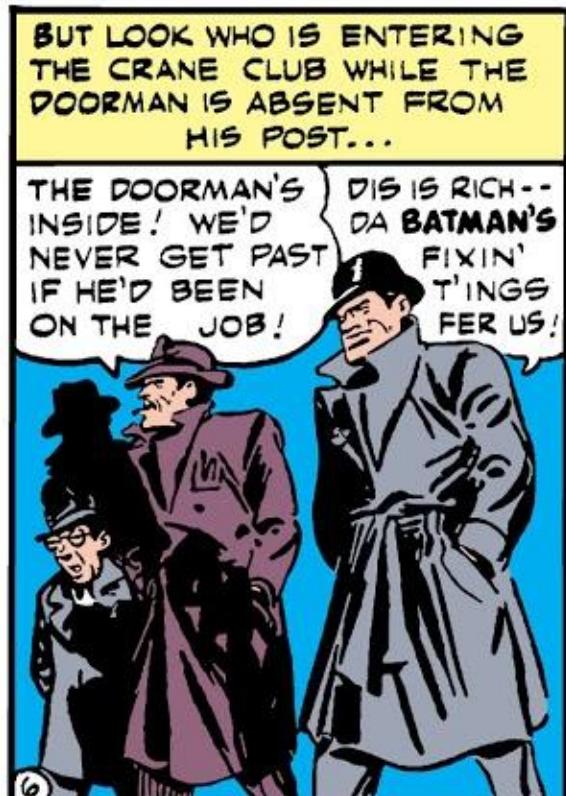
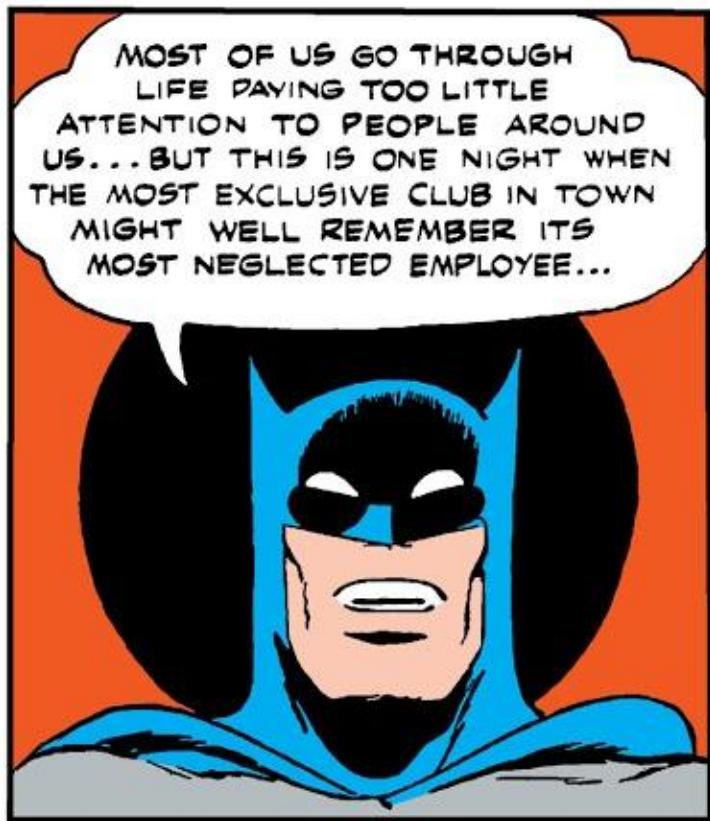
I ONLY WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU!

THAT SENTIMENTAL STUFF GIVES ME A PAIN!

BUT AS DIRK DAGNER LEAVES HEADQUARTERS A FREE MAN, HIS CUNNING BRAIN IS BUSY...

POLICE  
I AND IT ALSO GIVES ME AN IDEA  
LET HOW TO MAKE SOME DOUGH AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVE THE BATMAN THE WORST CHRISTMAS HE EVER HAD!





A MOMENT AGO ONE OF THE  
HAPPIEST MEN YOU COULD FIND,  
**POOR BEN BOOTS** IS ALL AT  
ONCE ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC..

OH, WHY DID I LET  
THE BATMAN DRAG  
ME INSIDE ? I'D  
NEVER HAVE LET  
THESE CROOKS  
GET PAST ME !  
NOW I'M DIS-  
GRACED --- MY  
PERFECT RECORD  
SPOILED !

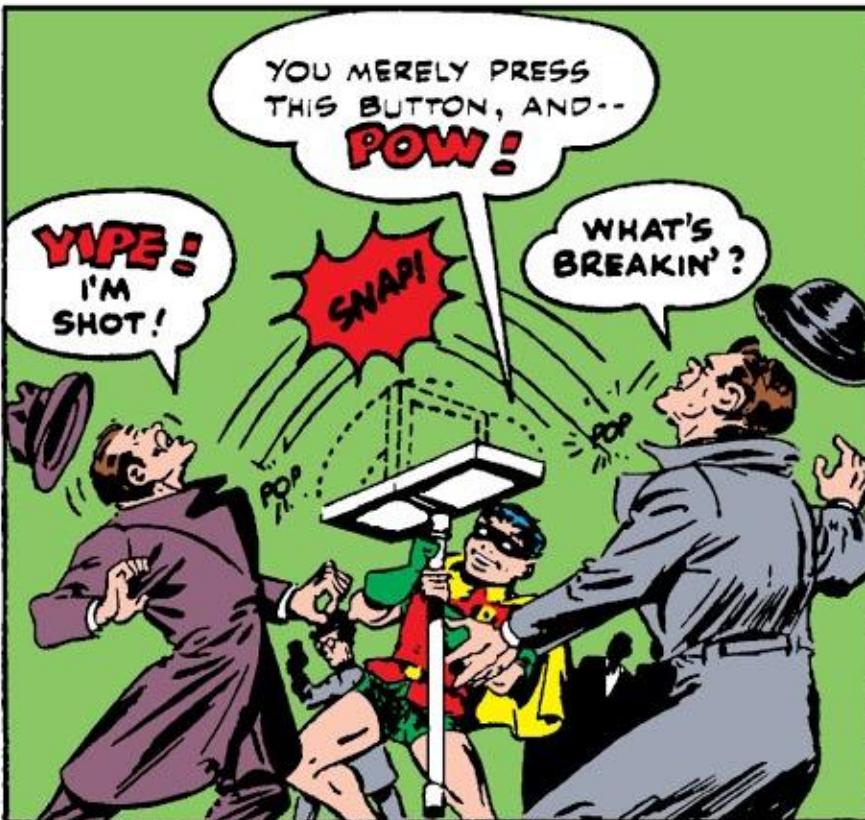
LET'S LOOKIT  
YOUR PRESENTS!  
MAYBE I'LL  
TAKE 'EM ALONG  
TO REMEMBER  
THE BATMAN  
BY ! KEEP  
'EM COVERED,  
SPIKE !

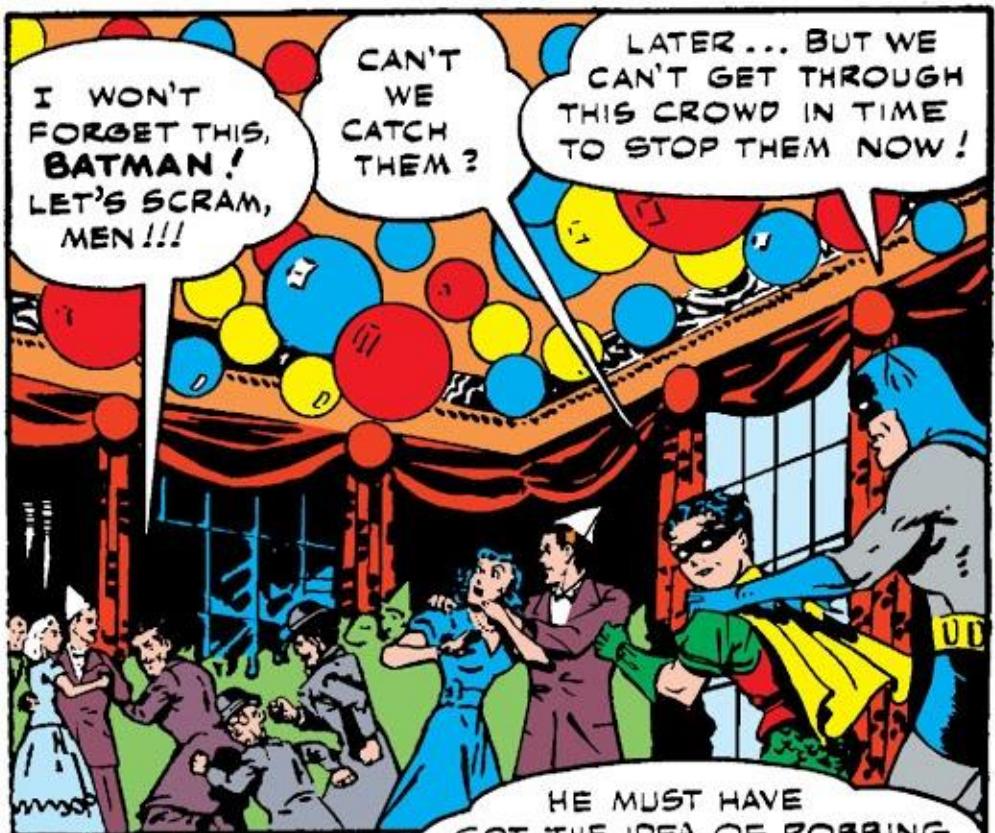
WHAT A  
SHAME ! WE  
WANTED TO  
CHEER BEN UP  
-- AND WE'VE  
ONLY MADE HIM  
MISERABLE ...

I'M  
HAVING  
A  
BRAIN-  
STORM...

WHAT'S  
DIS ? A NEW KIND OF  
SEAT-CANE, A HANDY  
GADGET FOR A MAN  
WHO SPENDS A LOT OF  
TIME ON HIS FEET ---  
LET ME SHOW  
YOU HOW  
IT WORKS !

OKAY,  
KID--BUT  
NO FUNNY  
STUFF OR  
YOU GET  
THIS GUN !





AND THE EVENING ENDS HAPPILY, AFTER ALL!



MINUTES LATER...

WHEW! OUR PLAN ALMOST BACKFIRED! IMAGINE MEETING DIRK AT HEADQUARTERS AND FIGHTING WITH HIM AN HOUR LATER!

HE MUST HAVE GOT THE IDEA OF ROBBING THE CRANE CLUB FROM HEARING US MENTION IT... BUT IF HE'S SMART, HE'LL TAKE THE REST OF THE NIGHT OFF!



BUT DIRK'S BRAIN, INFAMED WITH HATRED, HAS ROOM FOR ONLY ONE THOUGHT...

I'LL SHOW THE BATMAN! ONLY INSTEAD OF MAKING HIM LOOK SILLY, I'LL FINISH HIM AT LINK CHESNEY'S PLACE!



I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!

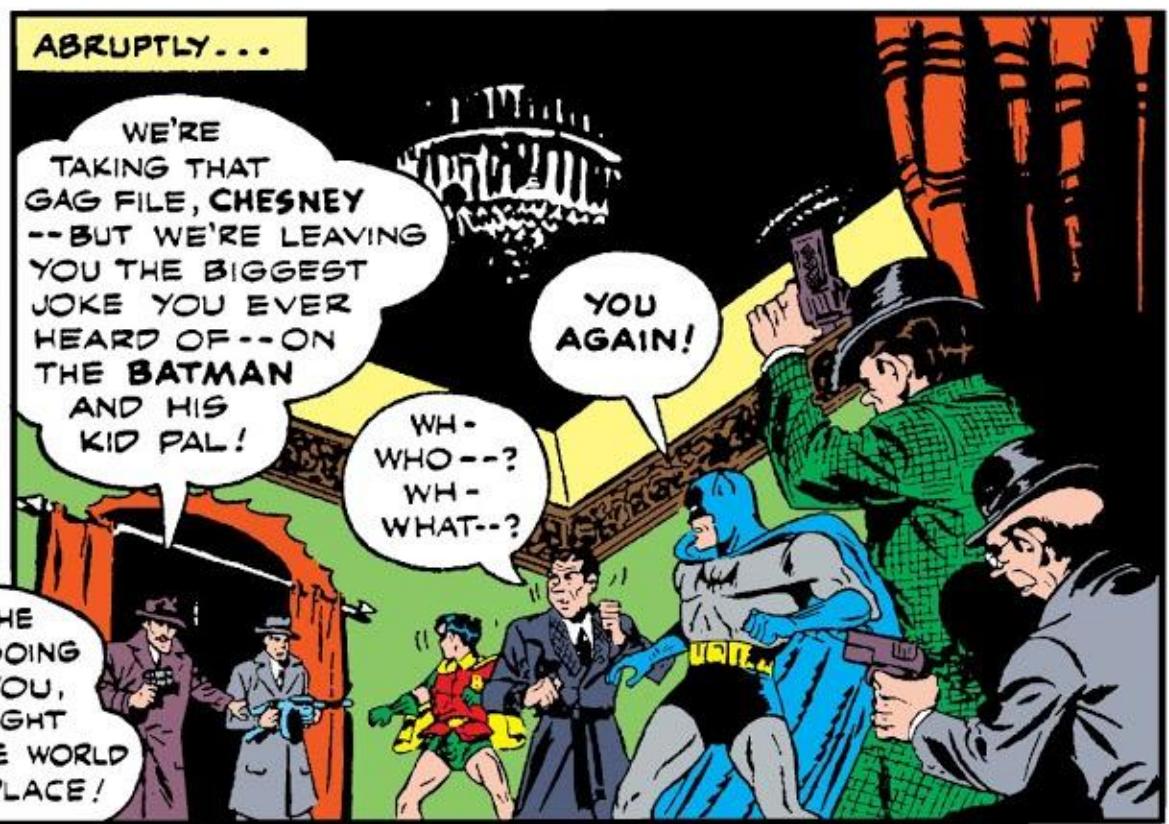
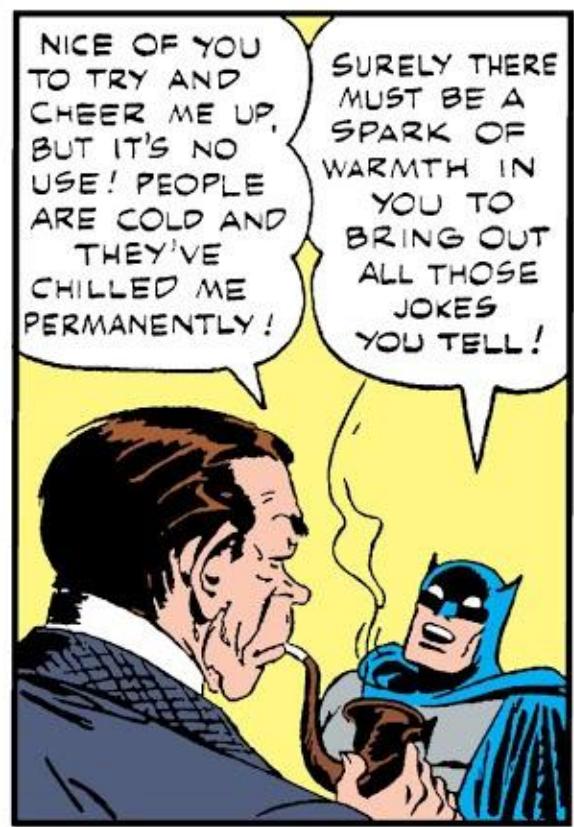
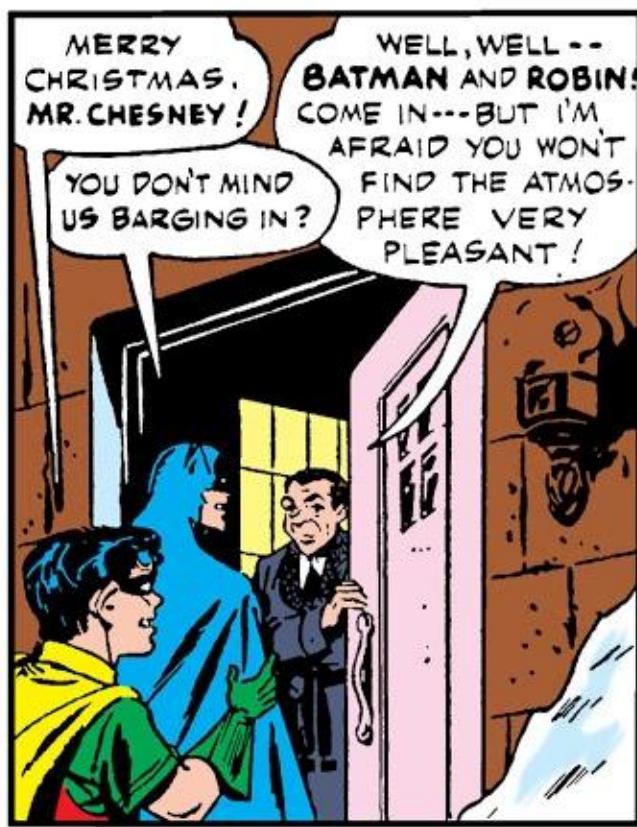
AND NOW MEET LINK CHESNEY, A PARADOX AMONG MEN---ONE WHOSE SHARP WIT MAKES MILLIONS ROAR WITH LAUGHTER, BUT WHO IS HIMSELF STEEPED IN GLOOM!

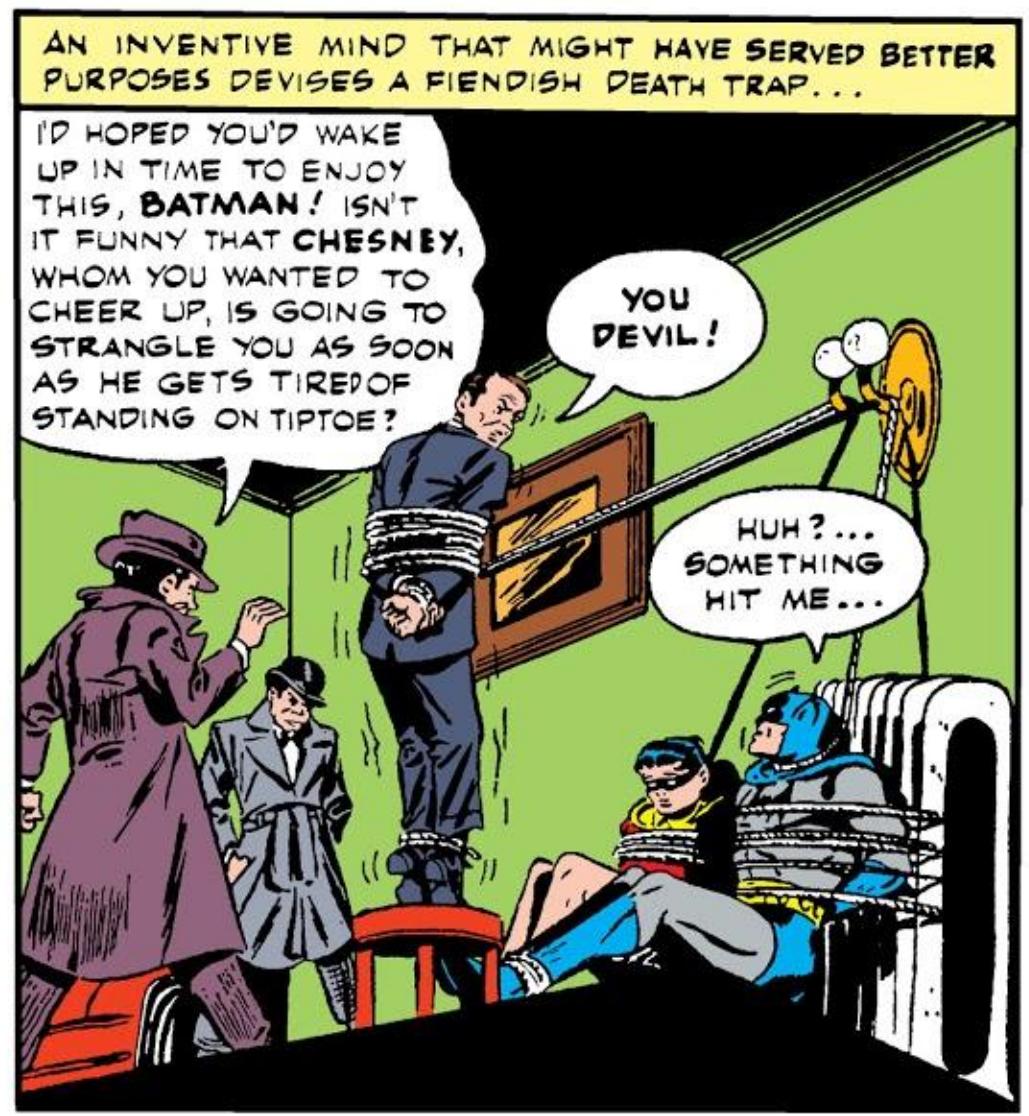
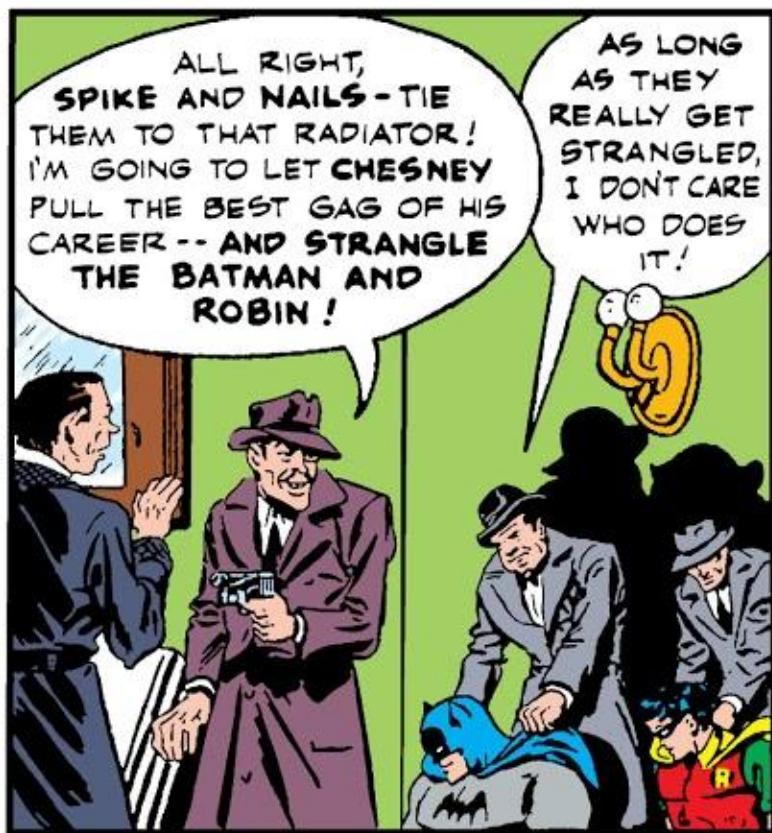
CHRISTMAS EVE -- BAH! I HATE THE SOUND OF IT!



WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN I THE EMPTYNESS OF IT? PEOPLE ROAR AT MY JOKES --- BUT THE MINUTE MY BROADCASTS ARE OVER, THEY FORGET ME! LOOK AT ME TONIGHT-- THE LONELIEST MAN IN AMERICA!







SORRY I HAVE TO HURRY --  
BUT AFTER WE REMOVE  
THE GAG FILE, WHICH OUGHT  
TO BE WORTH PLENTY TO  
SOME OTHER RADIO  
COMIC, WE'RE MAKING  
A SEA VOYAGE!

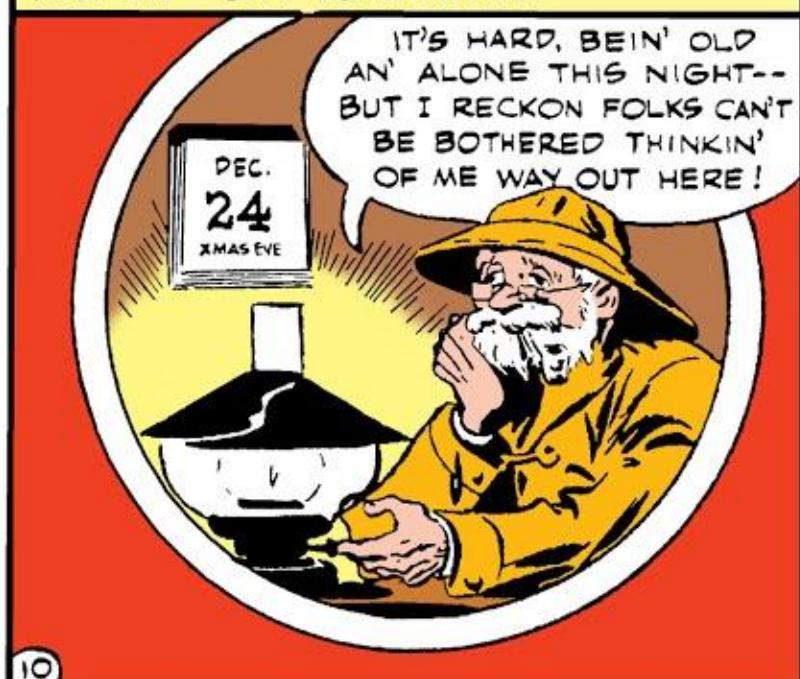
WE'LL TAKE  
YOUR PLACE  
AT THAT  
LIGHTHOUSE,  
BATMAN --  
AND IT WOULDN'T  
SURPRISE ME  
A BIT IF THERE  
WAS A SHIPWRECK  
OUT THAT WAY!

I'D RATHER BE WHERE  
I AM THAN IN YOUR  
SHOES WHEN  
THE LAW  
FINALLY GETS  
YOU!

PIRATE REEF - WHERE  
A WAVE-LASHED STONE  
TOWER SENDS FORTH  
A STRONG GOLDEN  
BEAM OF  
WARNING...



CHRISTMAS EVE IS LIKE ANY OTHER NIGHT  
TO TOM WICK, THE AGED LIGHTHOUSE  
KEEPER -- BUT LONELIER...



HOWEVER, AS HE STEPS UPON THE BALCONY TO HAVE  
A LAST LOOK AT THE WEATHER ...



