

DEATH KNOCKS

THREE TIMES!

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# BATMAN®

I'LL BE THE  
**DEATH**  
OF YOU YET,  
BATMAN  
AND  
ROBIN!

R.I.P.  
BATMAN  
AND  
ROBIN

A SHATTERING NOVEL OF SINISTER  
SUSPENSE STARRING --

# BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

AND THE SPECTRAL VICTIM WHO HAUNTS  
THEM--DEATH-MAN!

SOONER OR LATER,  
EVERY CRIMINAL,  
NO MATTER HOW  
POWERFUL, HOW  
CLEVER, HAS BEEN  
BROUGHT TO JUSTICE  
BY BATMAN, AND  
ROBIN!

NOW, FOR THE FIRST  
TIME, A NIGHTMARISH  
FIGURE APPEARS  
WHO SLIPS THROUGH  
BATMAN'S FINGERS  
LIKE SMOKE--A  
MACABRE MENACE  
WHO SEEMS TO BE  
BEYOND THE FAR-  
FLUNG REACH OF  
LAW ITSELF!  
LISTEN FOR A SOUND  
YOU WILL NEVER FOR-  
GET AS LONG AS YOU  
LIVE WHEN...

"DEATH  
KNOCKS  
THREE  
TIMES!"

BOB  
KANE

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Bruce Wayne, millionaire playboy, and his protégé Dick Grayson are guests at a penthouse showing of Gotham City's swankiest gem dealer...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE PRICELESS "RUBIES OF FIRE" COLLECTION!

AH, MR. WAYNE! THE INTERNATIONAL BEAUTIES YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH--RIVAL MY PRECIOUS GEMS! MAY I BORROW THEM TO MODEL MY DISPLAY?

HELP YOURSELF!

OOOOOH--!

YOU GIRLS WON'T BE SO HAPPY WHEN YOU FIND YOU CAN'T TAKE HOME ANY "SAMPLES"!

TERROR SEIZES THE AUDIENCE BY THE THROAT AT THE SUDDEN SIGHT OF AN EERILY GARBED FIGURE.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU--SO I'M TAKIN' IT WITH ME!

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

GET SET, DICK! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THAT COSTUMED CLOWN!

BUT--LIKE DEATHLY DARK SHADOWS--APPEAR...

IF ANY OF YOU ARE RASH ENOUGH TO TRY TO STOP ME--MY HENCHMEN WILL SEE THAT YOU REACH A DEAD END! HA-HA-HA-HA!

FROM THE FUNEREAL FIGURE--AN ICY WARNING...

LIVE A LITTLE! DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW ME THROUGH THIS DOOR! GUNS WILL BE AIMED AT IT UNTIL I'M GONE! FAREWELL!

WHILE THE AUDIENCE STARES NUMBLY...

WE CAN'T RISK GOING AFTER THAT WISE-CRACKING PHANTOM BY THE DOOR ! HE MAY HAVE PLANTED A HOOD THERE TO GUN DOWN ANYONE COMING THROUGH ! AND WILD SHOTS COULD KILL SOMEONE INSIDE !



WE'LL CHANGE AND FOLLOW HIM DOWN THE FIRE-ESCAPE !

IT'LL BE A 20-STORY CHASE !



MOMENTS LATER, THE UNIQUE TEAM OF BATMAN THE MASTER DETECTIVE, AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, DANGLE IN DIZZY SPACE AS...

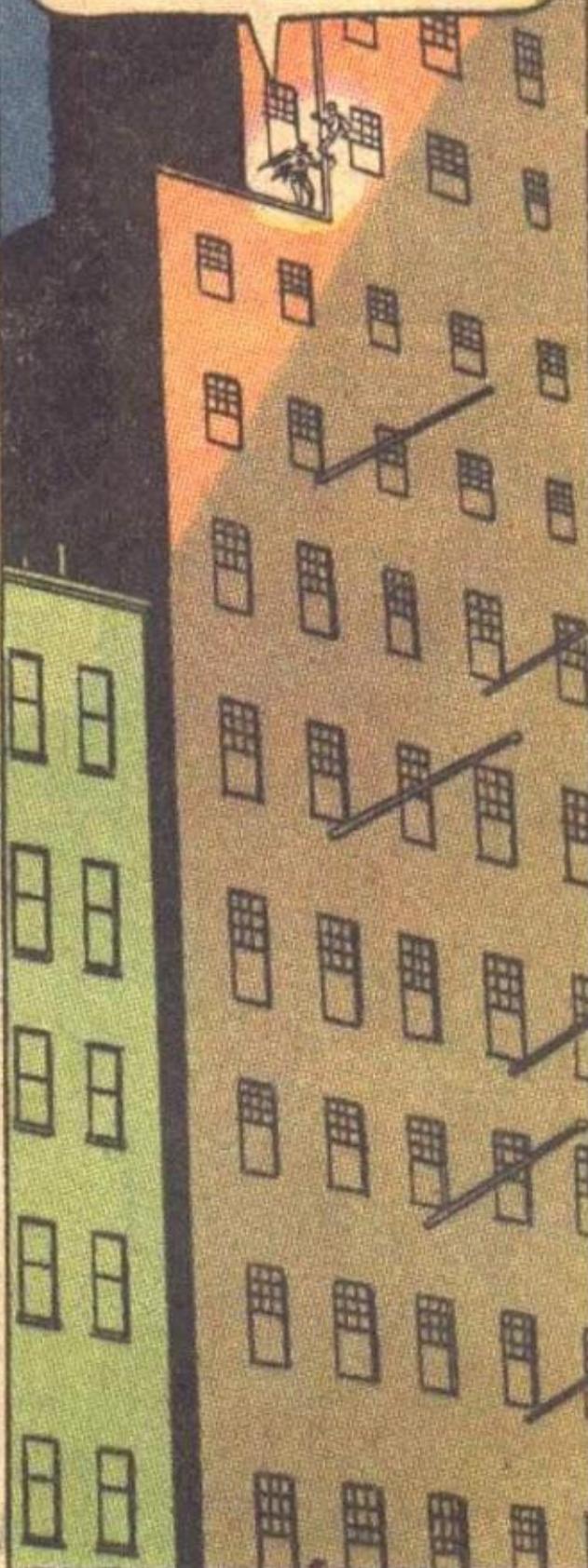
WE'LL HAVE TO SLIDE DOWN THIS PIPE ! I FORGOT THE BUILDING IS FIRE-PROOF-- NO FIRE-ESCAPES !

NOW YOU TELL ME !



SUDDENLY, THE DARING DUO'S SPECTACULAR SLIDE COMES TO AN END WHEN...

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE RUN OUT OF PIPE ! AND WE'VE STILL TEN FLOORS TO GO !



AT THAT MOMENT--A LONE GUARD VALIANTLY TRIES TO HALT THE ESCAPING GANG LED BY THEIR EERIE LEADER...

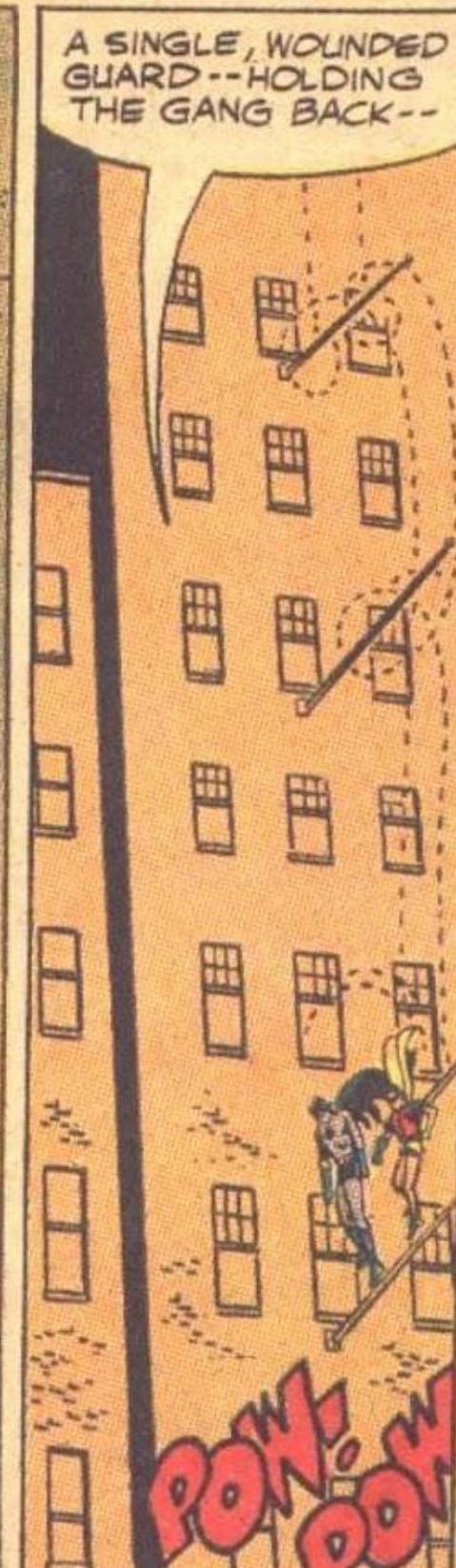
THE FOOL-- GIVING UP HIS LIFE--JUST TO HOLD ME FOR A FEW SECONDS !

HE'S GOT ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF STOPPING YOU-- DEATH-MAN--AS HE'D HAVE OF STOPPING A TIDAL WAVE WITH A TEA CUP !



THE SOUNDS OF GUNFIRE FROM BELOW STING BATMAN AND ROBIN INTO RISKING THEIR LIVES TO THEIR INCREDIBLE ACROBATIC AGILITY AS...

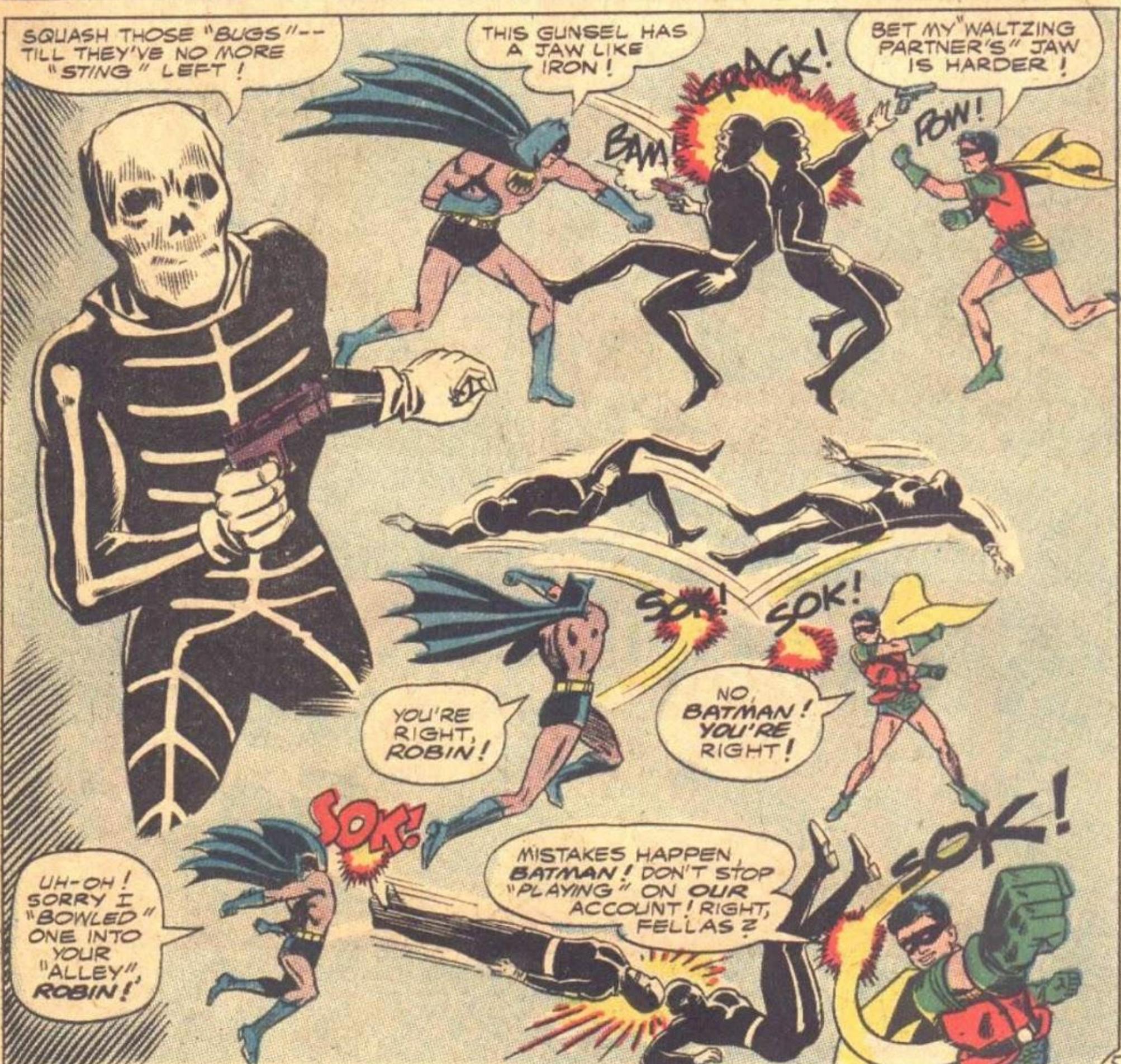
HEAR THAT, ROBIN? SHOTS! THAT GRISLY GANG MUST HAVE REACHED THE STREET AND ARE SHOOTING THEIR WAY OUT! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE FASTEST WAY DOWN TO TRY TO STOP THEM! VIA THOSE FLAGPOLES!



AS THE RUTHLESS FIGURE OF DEATH LEADS HIS SINISTER GANG PAST THE SLUMPED GUARD-- FLAPPING CAPES LIKE GIANT WINGS SEEM TO HOVER OVER THEM ...



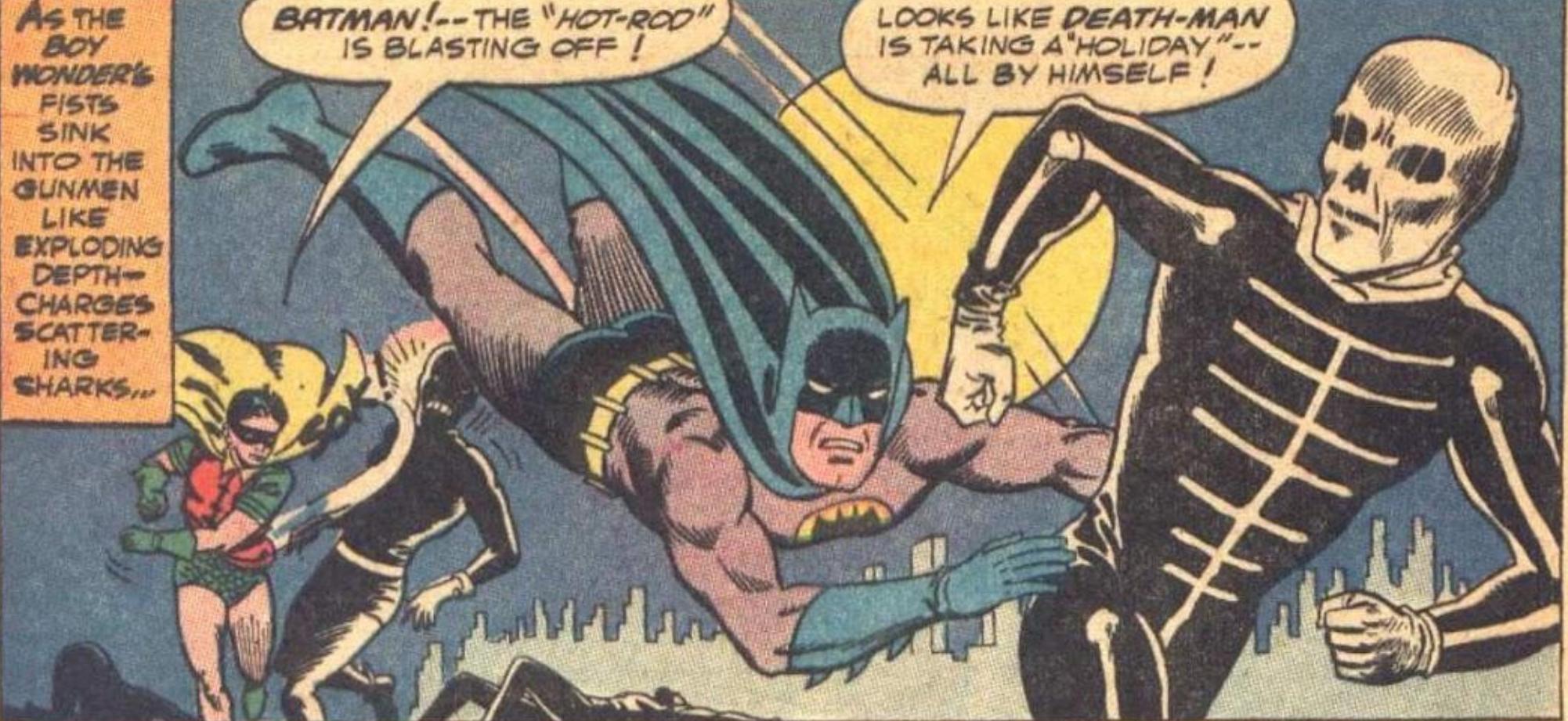
LIKE CURVED ROCKETS, THE DYNAMIC DUO'S BATARANGS SCREECH INTO THE GUNMEN...



AS THE  
BOY  
WONDER'S  
FISTS  
SINK  
INTO THE  
GUNMEN  
LIKE  
EXPLODING  
DEPTH-  
CHARGES  
SCATTER-  
ING SHARKS...

BATMAN!--THE "HOT-ROD"  
IS BLASTING OFF!

LOOKS LIKE DEATH-MAN  
IS TAKING A "HOLIDAY"--  
ALL BY HIMSELF!



EVEN THOUGH BATMAN'S HANDS CLOSE LIKE  
HANDCUFFS AROUND THE EERIE FIGURE--HIS  
BLOOD TURNS TO ICE AT THE CHILLING LAUGHTER..

HA-HA-HA! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE  
CAPTURED ME? YOU'VE NOTHING BUT THE  
BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH IN YOUR HANDS!  
I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS  
LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME I WISH!



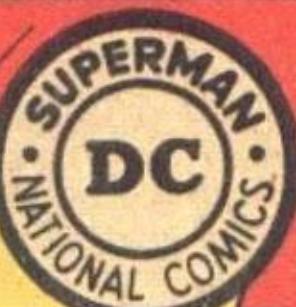
I NEVER HEARD ANY CRIMINAL SO CONFIDENT  
OF ESCAPE! AT THE VERY MOMENT OF HIS  
CAPTURE! HOW COULD HE BE SO SURE?  
HOW?--HOW?--HOW?

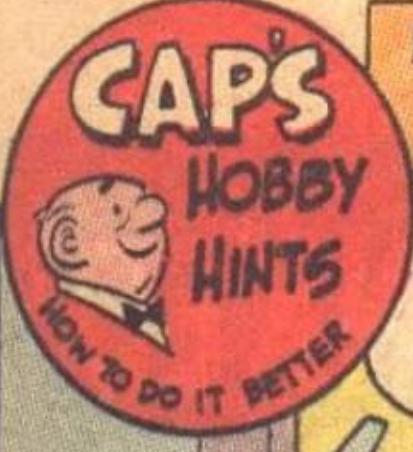


THE EERIE BATTLE BETWEEN BATMAN AND  
HIS SPECTRAL FOE CONTINUES WITH SOARING  
SUSPENSE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> PAGE FOLLOWING!

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with the  
GO-GO CHECKS!





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YOUR SMALL MODEL PARTS  
IN ORDER? MINE SEEM  
TO GET ALL OVER THE  
PLACE!

I FOUND  
A GREAT  
WAY!

I SAVE ALL MY MOM'S  
EMPTY MATCHBOXES!

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HENRY  
BOLT OFF

THEY MAKE  
A DANDY  
SET OF  
DRAWERS...

WHEN I GLUE  
THEM TOGETHER  
LIKE THIS!

BOY, THAT'S NEAT!  
EVERYTHING'S EASY  
TO GET AT!

CUT OUT FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK-----

# DIRECT CURRENTS

By Popular Demand—the feature you've asked for—a column devoted to previews of coming attractions in the DC line of Dynamic Creations! Look for DIRECT CURRENTS in each issue of DC's mighty mags!

DC's newest battle star—CAPT. HUNTER—becomes more like an animal than a human—as he searches for his dead twin in the savage jungles of Vietnam—in battles no news medium would reveal. May OUR FIGHTING FORCES, No. 100, on sale March 22.

Presenting a new IMAGINARY TALE of LOIS LANE! You won't believe your eyes when you see Lois marry SUPERMAN'S arch-enemy, LEX LU THOR, and set out to become an even GREATER villain than he is! In the May issue, No. 65, on sale March 22.

A teen-age "Revolt at Harrison High" brings DC's JUNIOR SUPER-HEROES to battle a sinister hot-rod king who uses high-school dropouts as dupes for crime, in the May-June TEEN TITANS, No. 3, on sale March 22.

\* World War II's great Navajo Ace, JOHNNY CLOUD, hurtles into the battle skies on a seemingly impossible mission—to keep a dying boy alive! In the May-June ALL AMERICAN MEN OF WAR, No. 115, on sale March 15.

SUPERMAN features the most amazing seance of all time, when a medium conjures up the GHOSTS of the MAN OF STEEL and his alter-ego, CLARK KENT, in "The Two Ghosts of Superman." May issue, No. 186, on sale March 17.

Along with Witch Kraft and Renfrew, JERRY LEWIS nearly flips when he trips and slips into a crypt in Egypt, where he learns "A Man's Best Friend Is His Mummy." A FUN-tastic yarn in the May-June issue, No. 94, on sale March 15.

From the GOLDEN AGE'S HALL OF INFAMY comes MINISTER BLIZZARD to battle WONDER WOMAN in a tale of icy suspense! PLUS: For the first time since 1942—the origin of the Amazon's Diana Prince identity! May issue, No. 162, on sale March 17.

"Captives of the Golden Goddess!" That's what the gallant SEA DEVILS become when they're transported to an underwater civilization in a land of gold! This is one place they may never come out of alive! May-June issue, No. 29, on sale March 15.

Meet the greatest group of goof-ups in comic history—MERRYMAN, THE DUMB BUNNY, THE BLIMP, AWKWARDMAN, and THE WHITE FEATHER! They're THE INFERIOR FIVE and they make their debut in the May-June SHOWCASE, No. 62, on sale March 24.

# Health Myths Debunked!

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT NAIL YOU STEPPED ON WAS A NEW ONE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE A DOCTOR, DICK--ONLY A **RUSTY** NAIL IS DANGEROUS!

WRONG, YOUNG MAN! LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT! **ANY** PUNCTURE WOUND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF!

AS LONG AS THE THING THAT CAUSED THE WOUND TOUCHED DIRT, IT COULD CARRY DANGEROUS INVISIBLE GERMS, LIKE TETANUS--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A **RUSTY** OBJECT! THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MYTHS ABOUT HEALTH THAT SHOULD BE EXPOSED!



"MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A GOOD WAY TO TREAT FROSTBITE IS TO RUB THE FROZEN PART WITH SNOW..."



"**FALSE!** GRADUAL WARMING IS NEEDED -- BUT RUBBING WITH SNOW OR ANYTHING ELSE WOULD ONLY DAMAGE **MORE** TISSUE!"

"OR THAT A PIECE OF RAW MEAT SHOULD BE USED TO TREAT A BLACK EYE..."



"**FALSE!** A COLD COMPRESS MAY MAKE IT FEEL BETTER AND CAN HELP REDUCE SWELLING AT FIRST, BUT A PIECE OF MEAT WON'T AFFECT SWELLING OR DISCOLORATION!"

"OR THAT CUTTING OR SHAVING A PERSON'S HAIR MORE OFTEN MAKES IT GROW FASTER..."



"**FALSE!** THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HAIR IS DETERMINED BY THE HAIR ROOTS OR FOLLICLES **BENEATH** THE SKIN, BY HEREDITY AND GENERAL HEALTH!"

GOSH, DOC, I'LL BET I'M DOING THE WRONG THING TRYING TO CURE A COLD WITH A HARD WORK-OUT AND THEN A HOT BATH!



YES, DICK, REST IS USUALLY MORE USEFUL THAN EXERCISE TO HELP THE BODY FIGHT A COLD--EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER AFTER "SWEATING" IT OUT. IT **COULD** MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE!

DON'T RELY ON UNSCIENTIFIC MYTHS! LEARN THE RIGHT HABITS--AND STAY HEALTHY!



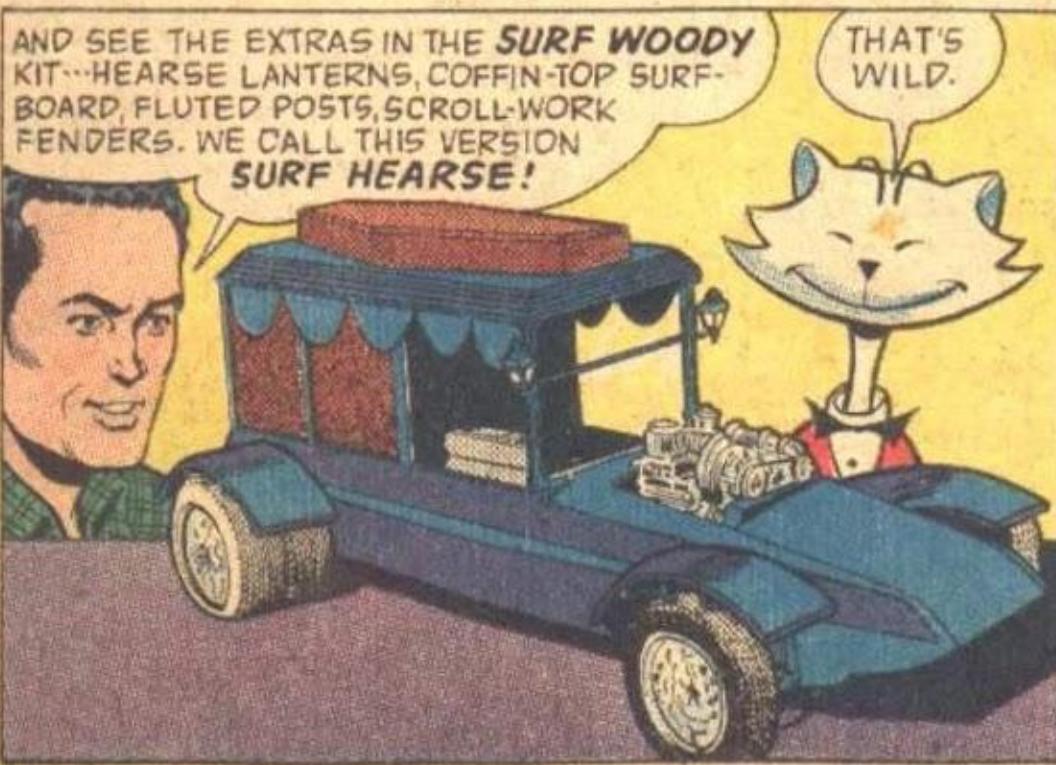
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The KAT  
from AMT

VISITS GEORGE  
BARRIS, KING OF  
THE KUSTOMIZERS,  
IN HIS  
HOLLYWOOD  
CUSTOM  
SHOP...



AND SEE THE EXTRAS IN THE SURF WOODY  
KIT...HEARSE LANTERNS, COFFIN-TOP SURF-  
BOARD, FLUTED POSTS, SCROLL-WORK  
FENDERS. WE CALL THIS VERSION  
SURF HEARSE!



AND HERE'S MY NEWEST AMT KUSTOM  
KIT--SURF WOODY. HOW'S IT GRAB YOU,  
KAT? DOUBLE SLICK TIRES, SUPERCHARGED  
COBRA ENGINE, THE WORKS!

GR-R-REAT!



... YOU GET ALL THESE  
OTHER PARTS, TOO.



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# SUPERBOY FANS!

IF YOU DIG THE  
BOY OF STEEL  
IN SOLO ACTION, WAIT'LL  
YOU GET A LOAD OF THE  
SUPER-THRILLS WHEN HE TEAMS  
UP WITH THESE SUPER-GUESTS--

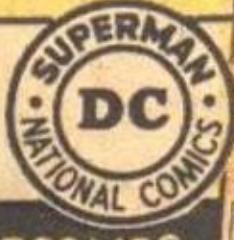
**MON-EL,**  
THE WONDER-BOY FROM DAXAM--  
BEFORE HE JOINED THE  
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!

**SUPERGIRL,**  
SUPERBOY'S  
KRYPTONIAN COUSIN!

**VIDAL,**  
THE KENTS'  
SECOND SUPER-SON!

**KID KRYPTON,**  
THE SUPER-LAD WHO'S  
SMARTER than SUPERBOY!

and **DWORN,**  
THE SUPER-WEAKLING  
with the GOLDEN TOUCH!



**Extra!** SUPERBOY BECOMES  
HIS OWN RIVAL IN...  
**"The Two Boys of STEEL!"** All in

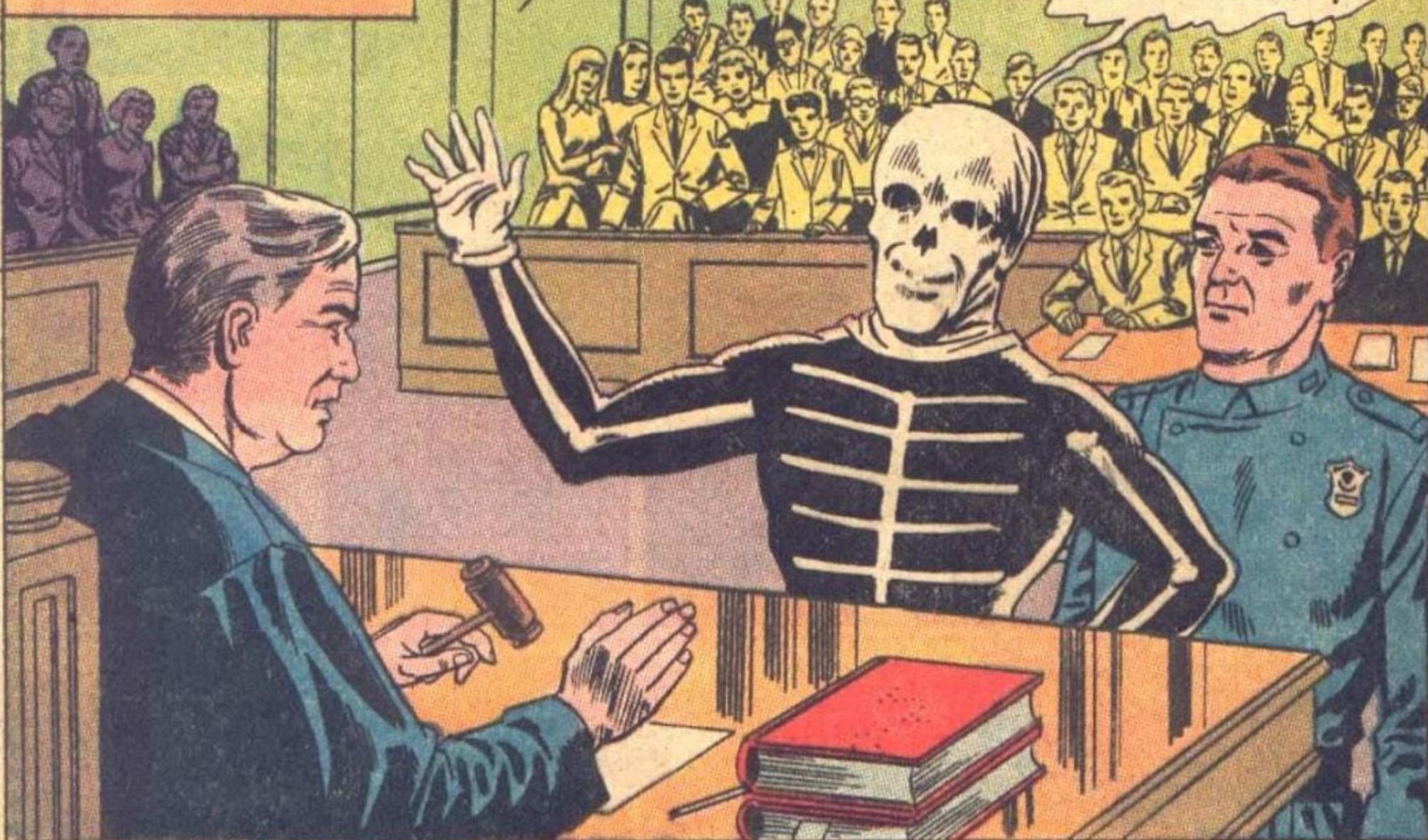


# DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES! PART 2

BATMAN AND ROBIN'S CAPTURE OF THE SINISTER DEATH-MAN, WHOSE UNIFORM, GRAFTED ON TO HIM, CANNOT BE REMOVED, RESULTS IN A SPEEDY TRIAL WITH THE INEVITABLE ENDING FACED BY ALL CRIMINALS... BUT EVEN SO-- FERIE LAUGHTER CHILLS THE COURTROOM AS...

SINCE THE JURY UNANIMOUSLY FOUND YOU GUILTY-- THE DEATH PENALTY IS MANDATORY! I THEREFORE SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH IN THE MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE LAWS OF THIS ST--

HA! HA! HA!  
DO YOU REALLY  
THINK YOU HAVE THE  
POWER TO SENTENCE  
ME TO DEATH?



I-- AND I ALONE POSSESS THE POWER OVER LIFE AND DEATH! I AM BEYOND YOUR FEEBLE LAWS! YOU CAN NO MORE JAIL A SHADOW-- OR PUNISH IT-- THAN M-M-M--

HE-- HE'S NOT BREATHING... HIS PULSE HAS STOPPED BEATING!-- HE'S DEAD!



IN GOTHAM'S TAVERN-ON-THE-GREEN, AFTER THE SPECTACULAR CONCLUSION TO THE TRIAL...

BRUCE?... BRUCE,  
DARLING--YOU'RE  
NOT WITH US!

THAT'S OBVIOUS,  
DARLING! ISN'T  
HE, DARLINGS?

BUT--  
WHERE  
IS HE?



EXCUSE ME, GIRLS! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAD TO DO! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK--IN A DAY OR SO! CHARLES--SEE THAT THE LADIES HAVE EVERYTHING THEY WANT!

THEY'LL LACK FOR NOTHING--EXCEPT YOUR COMPANY, MR. WAYNE!



THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN AND HIS YOUTHFUL WARD HURRY TO THE BATCAVE WHERE...

MAYBE YOU'LL THINK I'M FLIPPING--BUT I CAN'T GET DEATH-MAN'S MOCKING LAUGHTER--JUST WHEN I CAUGHT HIM--OUT OF MY HEAD! HOW COULD HE HAVE BEEN SO CONFIDENT HE WOULDN'T PAY FOR HIS CRIME?

I'VE BEEN BUGGED BY THE SAME THING! HE SEEMED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM--RIGHT UP TO THE VERY MOMENT OF SENTENCING!



IT ISN'T HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO BE THAT CONFIDENT! UNLESS--HE WAS ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE THAT HE WOULD ESCAPE THROUGH THE USE OF SOME GIMMICK THAT WE WERE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OF CHECKING--AND YOU'RE TAKING IT!



AT A GRAVEYARD, AT THE CITY'S OUTSKIRTS...

I COULD HAVE SWORN--?  
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW! IT'S DEATH-MAN ALL RIGHT! DESPITE ALL HIS MOCKING LAUGHTER AT ME--AND THE LAW!

LOOKS LIKE THE LAST LAUGH WAS ON HIM!



BUT, IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW-- BRUCE IS HAUNTED BY HOLLOW LAUGHTER...

FOOL ! DO YOU REALLY  
THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED  
ME ?

YOU'VE NOTHING BUT THE  
BLACK SHADOW OF  
DEATH IN YOUR HANDS !  
I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BE-  
TWEEN YOUR FINGERS  
LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME  
I WISH !



JUST IMAGINE--I COULD KILL YOU-- AND NO  
LAW COULD TOUCH ME-- BECAUSE-- HOW CAN  
YOU PROSECUTE A DEAD MAN ?



WAKE UP, BRUCE !  
WAKE UP ! YOU  
MUST HAVE BEEN  
HAVING A KING-SIZE  
NIGHTMARE ! I  
HEARD YOUR  
MOANS CLEAR  
ACROSS TO MY  
ROOM ! WHAT WAS  
IT ? SOMETHING  
YOU ATE ?

N-NO... "SOMETHING" I  
CAN'T "DIGEST"... I--I  
THINK A CHANGE OF  
SCENE WILL DO ME  
GOOD--HELP ME FOR-  
GET SOMETHING THAT  
NEEDS FORGETTING !  
TELL YOU WHAT--LET'S  
GO SCUBA-DIVING --  
IN JAMAICA --



A FEW DAYS LATER...

THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL "DRYLAND"  
FISHING! EVER SINCE WE LANDED HERE --  
BRUCE HASN'T BEEN NEARER WATER THAN  
THE ICE IN THAT SOFT DRINK HE'S BEEN  
DIVING INTO --



FLASH! DEATH-MAN  
HAS STRUCK AGAIN,  
KILLED AGAIN! THIS  
TIME IN BAY CITY! --  
THE KILLER --  
SENTENCED TO  
DEATH AFTER BEING  
CAPTURED BY BAT-  
MAN -- HAS BEEN  
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED  
BY EYE-WITNESSES  
AT THE SCENE OF  
HIS LATEST  
CRIME!

SORRY, GIRLS! I'VE  
A JET TO CATCH!

HEY! WAIT  
FOR ME!



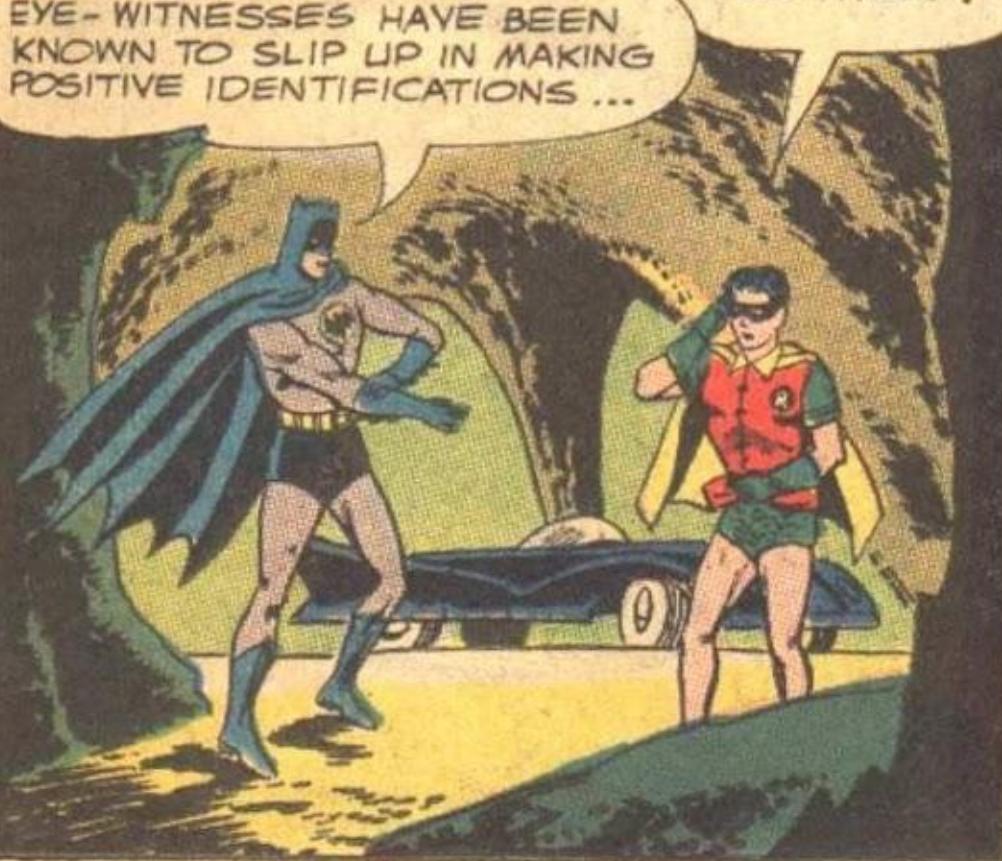
A SPEEDY JET-FLIGHT... AND A SWIFT CHANGE  
IN THE BATCAVE...

EYE-WITNESSES HAVE BEEN  
KNOWN TO SLIP UP IN MAKING  
POSITIVE IDENTIFICATIONS...

POSITIVELY!

WE BOTH SAW DEATH-MAN  
TOPPLE DEAD! WE SAW HIM  
IN HIS GRAVE! THIS CAN'T  
BE HIM! IT MUST BE SOME  
GOON IMPERSONATING HIM!

WE'LL  
FIND  
OUT--  
WHEN  
WE GET  
TO BAY  
CITY!



AS THE BAT-COPTER GLIDES TOWARD BAT CITY...

A.P.B.! -- DEATH-MAN AND HIS NEW HENCHMEN WERE LAST SEEN HEADING FOR ROUTE 66-A -- IN THE BLACK FUNERAL COACH IN WHICH THEY MADE THEIR GETAWAY FROM THEIR LATEST HOLDUP! IT IS REPORTED ARMORED AS BULLETS HAVE RICOCHETED OFF ITS SIDES ...

BLACK FUNERAL COACH SPEEDING ALONG ROUTE 66-A! THAT MUST BE IT BELOW! I'LL GO NEARER AND CHECK--



AS A HAIL OF BULLETS SUDDENLY POURS FROM THE RACING GETAWAY CAR...

WE "KNOCKED" AND THEY "ANSWERED" WITH LEAD! IT'S THE GANG ALL RIGHT! BUT WHETHER IT'S DEATH-MAN IS ANOTHER MATTER!

SEEING IS BELIEVING! LET'S SEE!



FROM THE SWOOPING BAT-COPTER HURLE ...

OUR SMOKE-GRENADES COULD STOP THEM-- BUT THEY MISSED!

MAYBE THE BEST WAY TO SCORE A BULL'S-EYE-- IS TO STAND RIGHT ON IT!



HEY-- THAT'S NOT FAIR, BATMAN! IT WAS MY IDEA!

AGE BEFORE BRAINS, ROBIN! I NEED A COOL, STEADY HAND AT THE CONTROLS! LOWER AWAY-- RIGHT ONTO THE TARGET!



AS THE FEARLESS MASKED MANHUNTER IS LOWERED TOWARD THE DEATH CAR...

HA-HA-

HA-

HA! HA!

HA!

IT IS DEATH-MAN! THERE'S NO MISTAKING THAT LAUGH! SOMEHOW-- HE'S RISEN FROM THE DEAD!



YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, BATMAN-- RISKING A SECOND MEETING WITH DEATH! BUT YOU'RE ALSO A FOOL! YOU'LL HANG FOR YOUR FOOL HARDINESS!

HA-HA-HA-HA



AS BY THE FIGURE-OF-DEATH'S COMMAND, A VIOLENT GUST OF WIND ALMOST HURLS BATMAN FROM HIS PRECARIOUS PERCH...

WHIISSUUU!

HOW CONSIDERATE OF YOU, BATMAN! JUST HANG THERE ONE MOMENT MORE-- AND I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME LIKE A DEER SLUNG OVER THE HOOD!

HA! HA!

POW.

POW!



THE ASTOUNDING CONCLUSION TO "DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES" WILL MAKE YOU DOUBT YOUR OWN SENSES-- AS IT CONTINUES WITH BOILING SUSPENSE ON THE 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING !!

## An APOLOGY to OUR FANS --

FOR PICKING THIS CHARACTER  
TO BE THE LEADER OF

The **inferior**  
THE MOST  
DISASTROUS COLLECTION  
OF DUMB CLUCKS IN  
DC HISTORY!

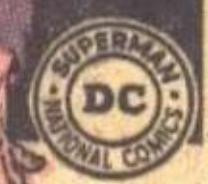
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YOU'VE MET SUPERMAN! YOU'VE MET THE FLASH!  
NOW MEET THE HERO WHO IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING  
LIKE THEM-- WHO IS IN FACT,

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!--

# MERRYMAN



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IF YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE NOT AFRAID TO WALK THROUGH A GRAVEYARD AT MIDNIGHT-- THEN GO AHEAD AND GASP AT THE STARTLING CONCLUSION TO...

# DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES

AS HE DANGLES PRECARIOUSLY UP-SIDE DOWN FROM THE BAT-COPTER, LIKE AN AERIAL TOW-TARGET, BATMAN HEARS THE UNMISTAKABLE CHILLING LAUGHTER OF...

HA-HA-HA--  
ISN'T IT NICE OF  
BATMAN TO GIVE  
US TARGET PRACTICE!

WE'LL FILL  
HIM SO  
FULL OF  
SLUGS  
HE'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
SELL SHARES  
IN HIMSELF  
LIKE HE WAS  
A LEAD  
MINE!

POW!  
PUN!

ZING!

THE MASKED DETECTIVE'S DARING TOSS EXPLODES THE SMOKE GRENADE RIGHT ON THE GETAWAY CAR'S HOOD!

THEY'LL BE  
LAUGHING WITH  
SMOKE IN  
THEIR EYES!

BAM!  
SSSSHHH!

CAN'T SEE--!

AND THEN--BY FATE'S GRIMMEST IRONY...

THE KILLER'S GETAWAY CAR--RUNNING BLIND--! RAMMED BATMAN ONTO ITS HOOD!

THAT SPINE-FREEZER!  
IT'S DEATH-MAN'S  
LAUGH ALL RIGHT!  
LIKE A BUZZARD  
AT A BANQUET!

THUD!



AS BATMAN FIGHTS BOTH THE WAVES OF DARKNESS WHICH ROLL OVER HIM AS HE CLINGS DESPERATELY TO THE HOOD OF THE WIDELY-CAREENING DEATH-CAR AND THE SMOKE-BLINDED KILLERS...

DEATH-MAN-- WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK WHERE YOU "CAME" FROM-- THE CEMETARY!

GOTHAM JUNK YARD

VERY FUNNY, BATMAN!  
HA-HA-HA!  
BUT YOU FORGET  
THERE'S ALWAYS  
ROOM FOR ONE  
MORE! I'VE GOT  
A ROOM RESERVED  
FOR YOU THERE--  
THAT'S JUST  
YOUR SIZE!

THE MASKED DETECTIVE'S WILD PUNCHES FORCES THE GANGSTER GETAWAY CAR TO ZIGZAG CRAZILY INTO ...

WE'RE IN A "GRAVEYARD" OF RUSTING MACHINES!

POW! POW!



AS THE CAR SCREECHES AROUND THE JUMBLE OF MACHINERY ...

THIS IS THE END OF THE RIDE FOR YOU, BATMAN!  
AND THERE ARE NO "TRANSFERS" ON THIS LINE!

SNOOSH!!



AS BATMAN LIES MOMENTARILY STUNNED, THE DEATH-CAR BACKS UP...

I CAN GUARANTEE YOU GUYS ONE THING! UNLIKE ME-- WHEN THEY PRONOUNCE BATMAN DEAD-- HE WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK FOR A "REPEAT" PERFORMANCE!

THAT GOON'S GOT IT WRONG--DEATH-MAN'S AIMING TO KILL ME!

DEATH-MAN-- YOU KILL ME! HA-HA-HA!

WHOOSH!

AT THE LAST SPLIT-SECOND, AS THE CRUSHING WHEELS WHIRL DOWN AT HIM ...

I'LL ROLL IN BETWEEN THE WHEELS WHERE THAT GIGGLING GHUL WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ME!

WE DIDN'T GET BATMAN! AFTER HIM!

WHOOSH!

I DON'T LIKE THIS "BALL GAME"! NOT WHEN DEATH-MAN'S USING ME FOR THE "BALL"!

I'VE GOT TO CHANGE PLACES WITH THAT DEMOLITION BALL... BEFORE DEATH-MAN TAKES ANOTHER "SWING" AT ME!



GRIMLY, THE MASTER ATHLETE HURLS HIS ENTIRE WEIGHT AGAINST THE MASSIVE IRON BALL AS...

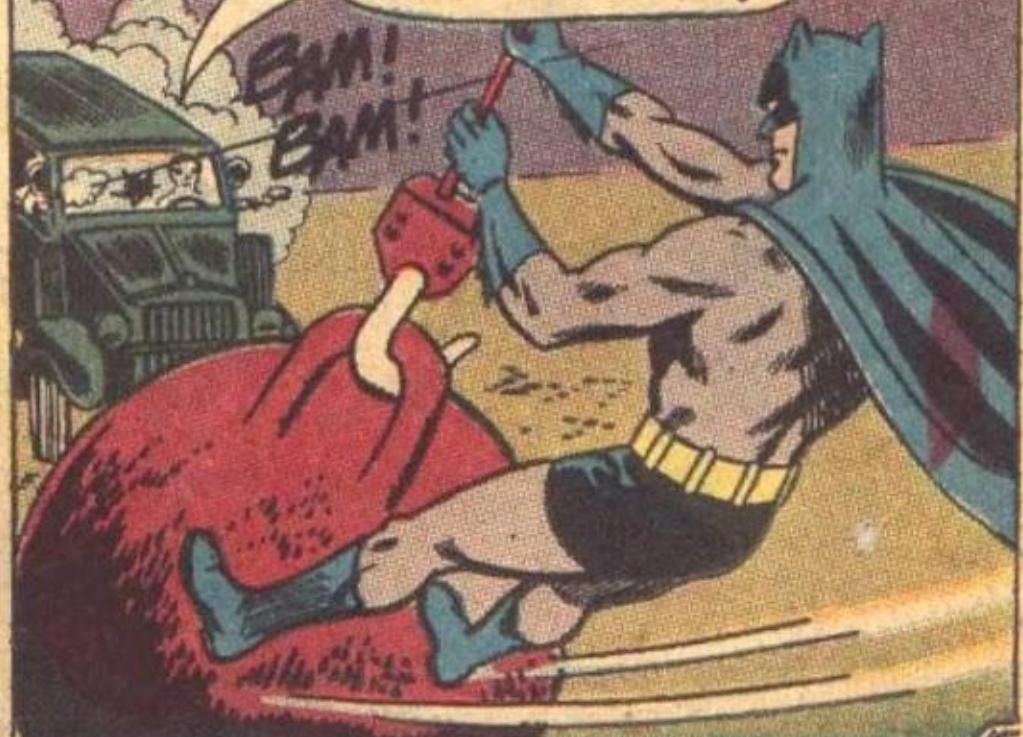
HERE HE COMES! BUT--I HAVEN'T MADE THE BALL SWING HARD ENOUGH TO PUT A DIMPLE IN A BLONDE'S CHEEK!

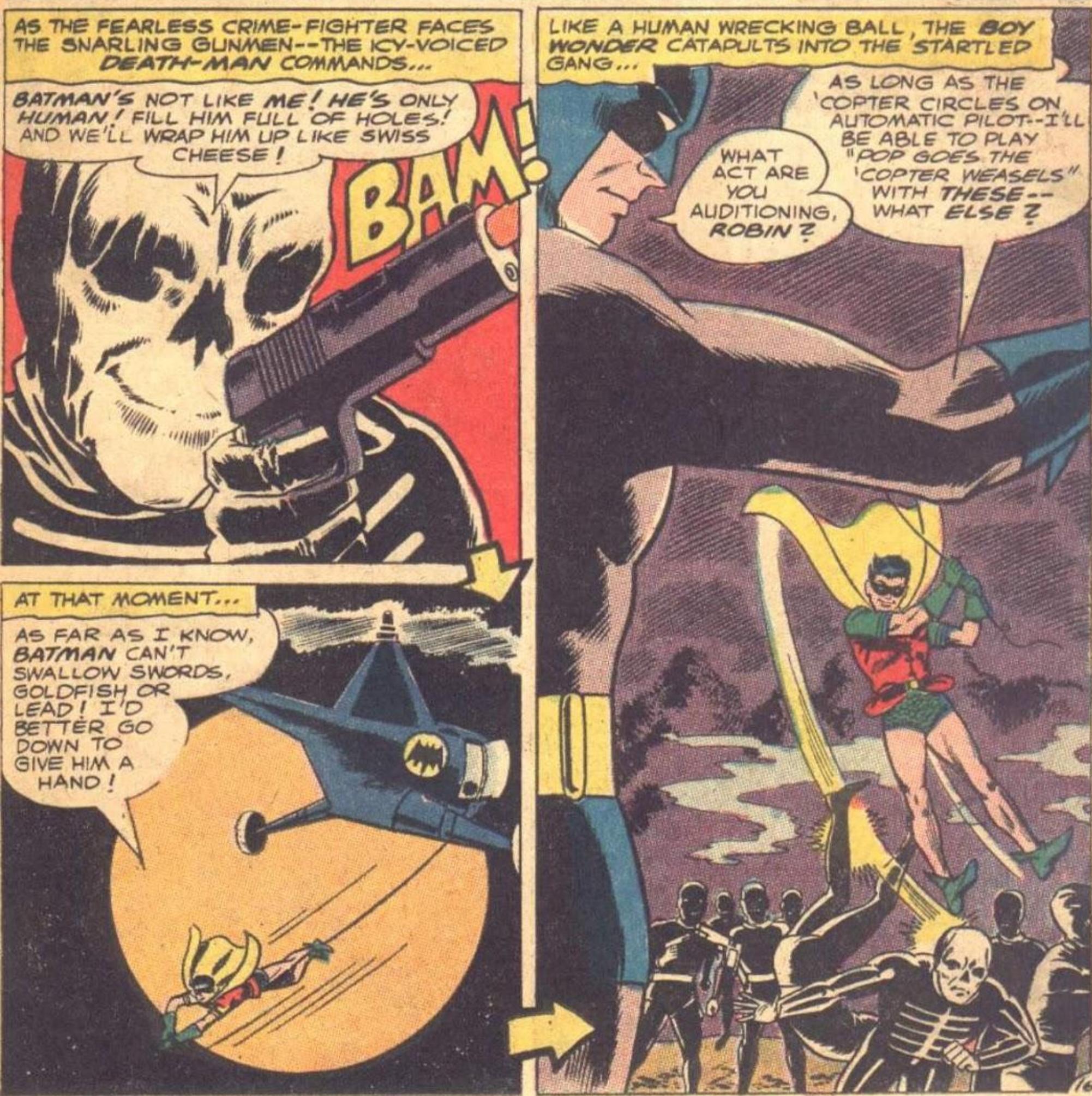
POW!



AS BATMAN DESPERATELY SWINGS BACK ON THE HUGE BALL...

BATMAN IS PUTTING ON A GOOD ACT! BUT LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S HIS "FAREWELL PERFORMANCE"! APPLAUD HIM WITH LEAD!





WHILE THE DARING ROBIN WHIRLS AROUND THE STARTLED GUNMEN ...

LET'S  
PLAY  
MERRY-  
GO-  
ROUND...

I'LL GO ROUND  
WHILE YOU BE  
MERRY...

WHAT'S THE  
MATTER?  
NOBODY WANT  
TO PLAY?

ZOK!

ZOK!  
BAM!

SOK!

ZOK!

ZOK!

ZOK!

THE MASKED MANHUNTER IS ON A PERILOUS CHASE AS...

DEATH-MAN IS ESCAPING -- COVERED BY THREE OF HIS GUNSEL'S! IF I DON'T CATCH HIM -- I'LL NEVER FIND OUT HOW HE ESCAPED FROM HIS LAST "REST HOME" AFTER HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD!

BATMAN SNEAKS AROUND IN FRONT OF THE KILLERS UNTIL...

I'LL ROOST UP HERE IN THIS STEAM SHOVEL UNTIL THEY PASS UNDER ME! HOPE THEY DON'T SPOT ME FIRST-- OR I'LL BE A DEAD ROOSTER!



MOMENTS LATER, THE SHADOWY DEATH-MAN AND HIS RUTHLESS KILLERS RACE TOWARD...

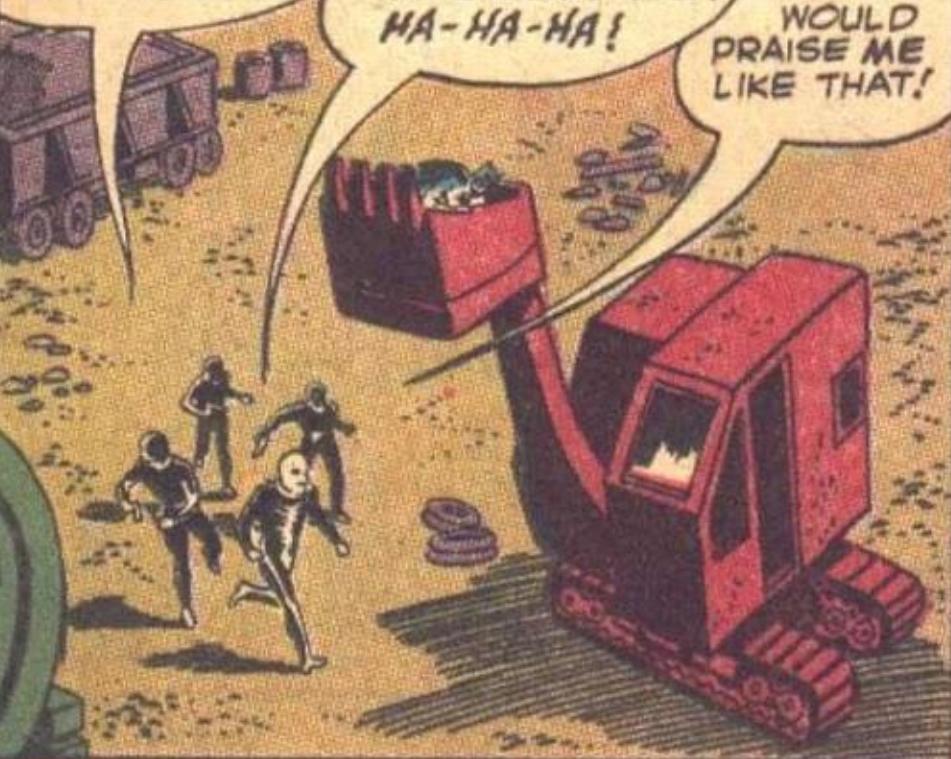
LOOKS LIKE OUR SLUGS SCARED THE CAPE OFF BATMAN !

THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD JOKE FOR A HIGH CLASS MORON LIKE YOU ! HA-HA-HA !

GOSH--WISH DEATH-MAN WOULD PRAISE ME LIKE THAT !

SUDDENLY...

HOW SPORTING OF YOU, BATMAN--GIVING MY MEN A BETTER SHOT AT YOU ! HE'S EASY GAME NOW, MEN !



DIDN'T I TELL YOU, DEATH-MAN--?

I'M NOT PLAYING GAMES ANYMORE--

PERIOD !



RELENTLESSLY, THE MAN-HUNTER CLOSES IN ON THE EERIE KILLER...

FOOL ! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE CORNERED ME ? HA-HA-HA-HA !

HOW CAN HE LAUGH WHEN HE KNOWS I'VE REALLY GOT HIM BOXED IN ? WHAT DOES HE KNOW--THAT I DON'T ?



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① DIAL H FOR HERO



THE BOY WHO CAN CHANGE  
INTO 1,000 SUPER-HEROES!

# DESTINATION COOL!

You're  
not "IN"  
IF YOU'RE NOT  
READING THE  
LATEST  
ISSUES  
of



③ ULTRA,  
THE EARTHTMAN  
WITH THE BIZARRE  
MULTI-ALIEN BODY!



WILD, WAY-OUT ADVENTURES  
OF DC'S SWINGING  
JUNIOR SUPER-HEROES!



④ BALLOON BUSTER!

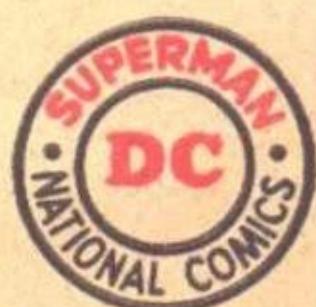
THE WORLD-WAR ACE WHO  
BROKE ALL THE RULES!

① HOUSE of MYSTERY

② TEEN TITANS

③ MYSTERY IN SPACE

④ ALL AMERICAN MEN of WAR



EVEN AS BATMAN'S HANDS CLOSE IN ON HIS FOE LIKE A STEEL VISE...

SO YOU THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED ME? WHY-- YOU'VE GOT NOTHING BUT THE BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH IN YOUR HANDS! I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS LIKE SMOKE-- ANYTIME I WISH!  
HA-HA-HA-HA!

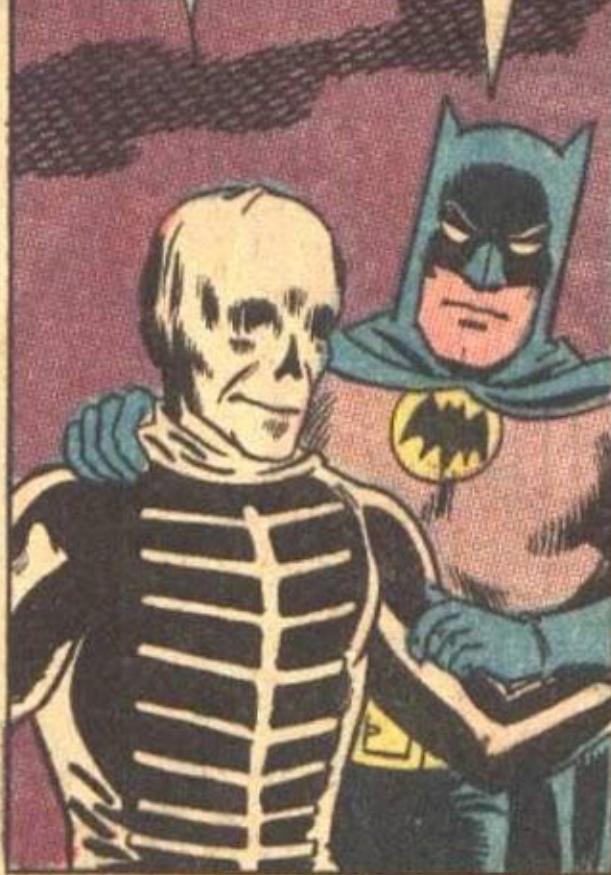
YOU'VE HAD YOUR THREE WISHES, DEATH-MAN!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME, BATMAN? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUNISH A MAN DECLARED DEAD? I COULD MURDER YOU-- AND NO LAW COULD TOUCH ME! BECAUSE-- HOW CAN YOU PROSECUTE A DEAD MAN? BE HONEST! ADMIT IT!

BE PATIENT... I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!

IF YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO WALK TO JAIL-- I'LL CARRY YOU!

FOOL! I AND I ALONE-- POSSESS THE POWER OF DEATH! YOU CAN NO MORE JAIL A SHADOW-- THAN-- THAN M-- UHHH...



ONCE AGAIN, BATMAN KEEPS A CHILLING VIGIL...

HE REALLY DID IT! DEATH-MAN PULLED OFF THE GREATEST "ESCAPE" IN HISTORY! NOT ONCE -- BUT TWICE!

WELL--THERE WON'T BE A THIRD TIME FOR HIM! SEEING IS BELIEVING! AND YOU'RE SEEING HIM--FOR THE LAST TIME!



CURTAIN GOING DOWN FOR GOOD THIS TIME! HIS ACT IS OVER!

AND NOBODY'S APPLAUDING FOR ENCORES!



THAT SAME NIGHT--THE MASKED PURSUER FINDS HIMSELF THE PURSUED--IN A NIGHTMARE...

FOOL! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED ME?



YOU CAUGHT NOTHING BUT THE BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH--I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME I WISH!



HA-HA-HA!



THE NEXT DAY... THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN SEEKS TO FORGET THE CHILLING SPECTRE IN A PARTY GIVEN BY ANOTHER WEALTHY MEMBER OF HIS SET...

AND NOW--FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT! A MAN BEING BURIED ALIVE! IT'S JUST THE TRICK TO LEARN, BRUCE--IF YOU WANT TO BE ALONE WITH ONE OF YOUR CUTIES!



AS MOMENTS LAPSE INTO MINUTES... AND  
MINUTES INTO HOURS...

DIG HIM UP, PLEASE !  
NOBODY COULD HAVE  
BEEN BURIED FOR  
SO LONG--AND STILL  
BE ALIVE !

WE SHALL  
SEE !

LOOK AT HIM !  
MOTIONLESS  
AS A WAX  
FLOWER !

YOU'VE GOT A  
CORPSE ON  
YOUR HANDS !



NO, SAHIBS ! I ONLY APPEARED DEAD !  
I HAVE MASTERED THE ULTIMATE YOGI  
EXERCISE WHICH SLOWS UP BREATHING,  
PULSE, AND HEARTBEAT UNTIL LIFE ITSELF  
CAN NO LONGER BE DETECTED ! I CAN  
REMAIN IN THIS STATE OF SUSPENDED  
ANIMATION, APPARENTLY DEAD -- UNTIL  
I AM DUG UP AGAIN ! I HAVE HEARD OF  
WESTERNERS WHO HAVE MASTERED  
THE ART OF APPEARING DEAD--IN  
MY COUNTRY !



EXCUSE ME, LADIES -- IT'S  
TIME FOR MY EXERCISE !  
I'VE GOT A LITTLE  
DIGGING TO DO !



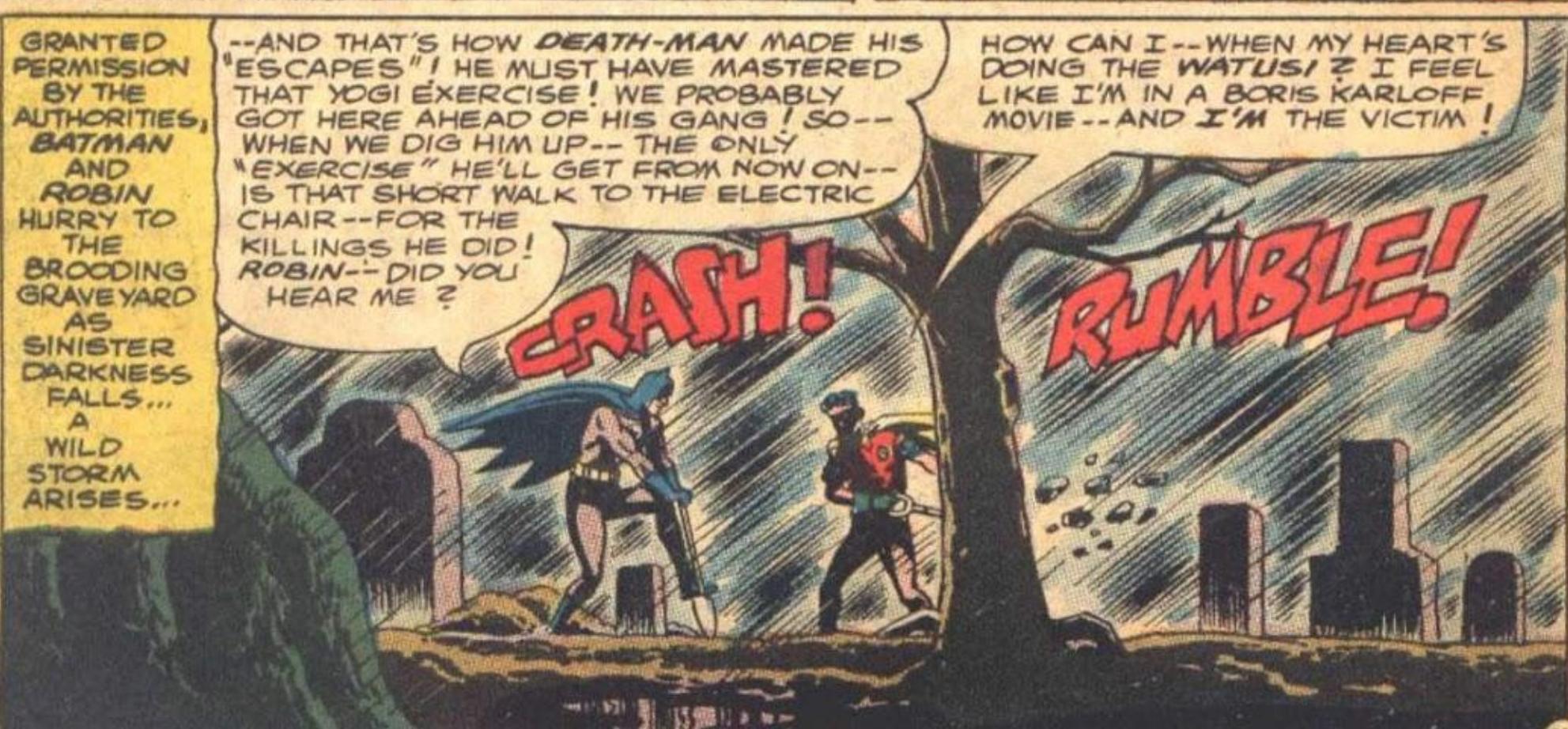
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AS  
SINISTER  
DARKNESS  
FALLS...  
A  
WILD  
STORM  
ARISES...

--AND THAT'S HOW DEATH-MAN MADE HIS  
"ESCAPES" ! HE MUST HAVE MASTERED  
THAT YOGI EXERCISE ! WE PROBABLY  
GOT HERE AHEAD OF HIS GANG ! SO--  
WHEN WE DIG HIM UP-- THE ONLY  
"EXERCISE" HE'LL GET FROM NOW ON--  
IS THAT SHORT WALK TO THE ELECTRIC  
CHAIR -- FOR THE  
KILLINGS HE DID !  
ROBIN-- DID YOU  
HEAR ME ?

HOW CAN I -- WHEN MY HEART'S  
DOING THE WATUSI ? I FEEL  
LIKE I'M IN A BORIS KARLOFF  
MOVIE -- AND I'M THE VICTIM !

CRASH !

RUMBLE !



AS A LIGHTNING BOLT MAKES THE SCENE GLOW  
WITH A BALEFUL LIGHT...

EMPTY! -- DEATH-MAN "VACATED"  
HIS "LEASE" EVEN SOONER THAN  
I EXPECTED!

LOOK! HE  
LEFT A  
"VALENTINE  
NOTE" BEHIND!

DEAR BATMAN:  
SINCE YOU SEEM TO BE  
TIME IN GRAVEYARDS  
LATELY--I'M "RESERVING"  
THIS "UNDERGROUND  
SUITE" EXCLUSIVELY  
FOR YOU!

DEATH-MAN!

ICY LAUGHTER SHRIEKS EVEN ABOVE THE  
WILD WIND AND THE LASH OF LIGHTNING...

HA-HA-HA! I KNEW YOU'D COME AROUND  
TO "HAUNT" ME AGAIN,  
**BATMAN**! SO NOW I'M  
GOING TO MAKE YOU A  
GENUINE GHOST!

AS FLAMING LEAD SIZZLES BY...

ROBIN--  
STEP TO THE  
REAR OF THE  
CAR, PLEASE!

BATMAN-- YOU CAN'T USE  
YOURSELF AS A HUMAN SHIELD  
TO STOP THOSE BULLETS  
FROM REACHING ME!  
WHO DO YOU THINK  
YOU ARE-- **SUPERMAN**?

POW!

DREEEE!

ZINNG!

POW!



FIGHTING TO FORGET THE SEARING BULLET PAIN BLAZING INSIDE HIM --THE GOTHAM GANGBLISTER BARRELS INTO...

I'VE GOT TO PULL THE CARPET OUT FROM UNDER THESE HOODS...

--BEFORE THEY FIND OUT...

--I'M SHOT--!



DESPERATELY, THE WOUNDED BATMAN SENDS HIS RELENTLESS ADVERSARY HURTLING DOWN THE EMBANKMENT WITH HIM AS...

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SHOT, BATMAN!  
YOUR STRENGTH IS POURING OUT  
OF YOU LIKE SAND FROM AN HOUR  
GLASS! YOU'VE CHOSEN A GOOD  
PLACE FOR YOUR FINISH!

HA-HA-HA!



THE FRENZIED OPPONENTS CANNONBALL INTO ROBIN...

VAINLY, BATMAN CALLS UPON HIS BLEEDING WILL...

I--I--  
CAN'T...  
MAKE...  
IT...

YOU WERE BEATEN  
FROM THE START, BATMAN--  
WHEN YOU DARED TO MATCH  
WITS WITH ME! NOW-- YOU'LL  
LIVE ONLY UNTIL IT TAKES ME  
TO LOWER THIS GUN ON A LINE  
WITH YOUR HEAD! AND NO  
YOGI TRICK CAN SAVE YOU  
FROM DEATH!

HA-HA-HA-HA!



THE CHILLING LAUGHTER IS TORN IN TWO  
BY A WHITE-HOT FLASH AS...

THE  
GUN--  
ATTRACTED  
THE  
LIGHTNING!

HA-  
HA!

KRAC

HE WAS ELECTROCUTED--JUST AS  
SURELY--AS IF HE WERE--IN THE  
ELECTRIC CHAIR! HIS SENTENCE  
WAS CARRIED OUT!

AS THE BATTERED CRIME FIGHTERS LIMP  
AWAY...

DEATH-MAN  
WAS WRONG...NO CRIMINAL...  
IS EVER BEYOND THE  
REACH...OF JUSTICE!

...EVEN IF IT  
HAS TO REACH  
FOR HIM...  
FROM THE  
SKY!

THUS ENDS BATMAN'S ELECTRIFYING  
BATTLE AGAINST THE CRIMINAL WHO  
"CAME BACK" FROM THE GRAVE TWICE  
TO FIGHT HIM--ONLY TO DISCOVER  
THAT--"DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES!"

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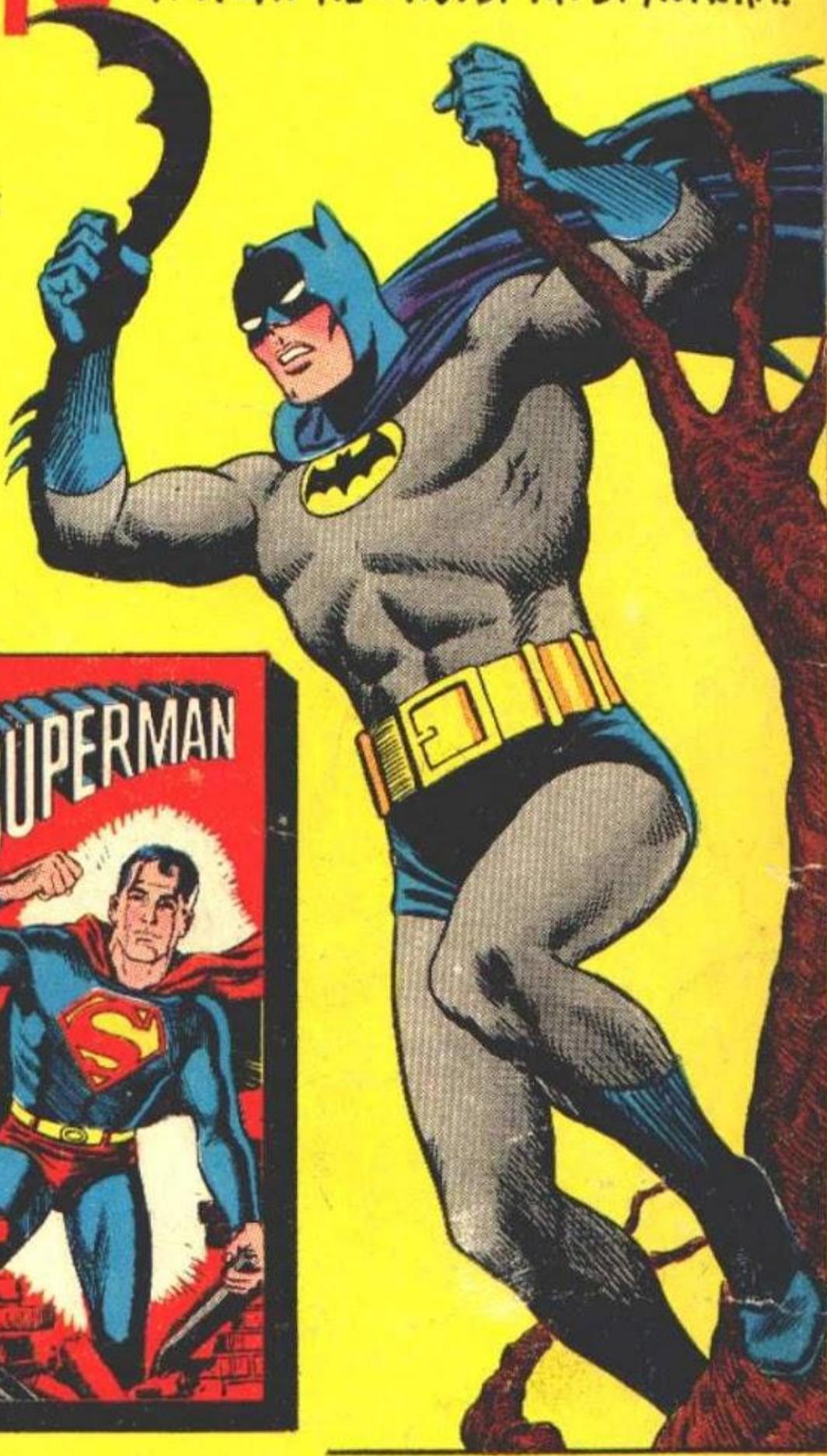
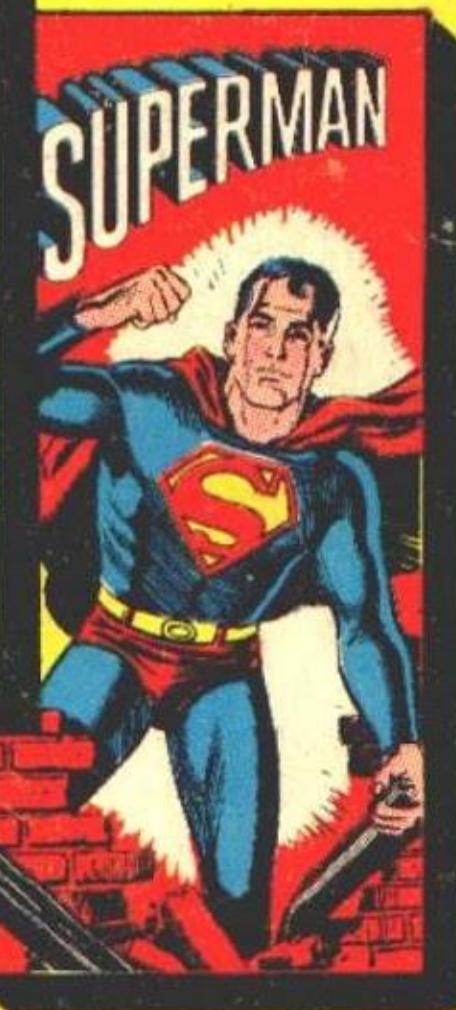
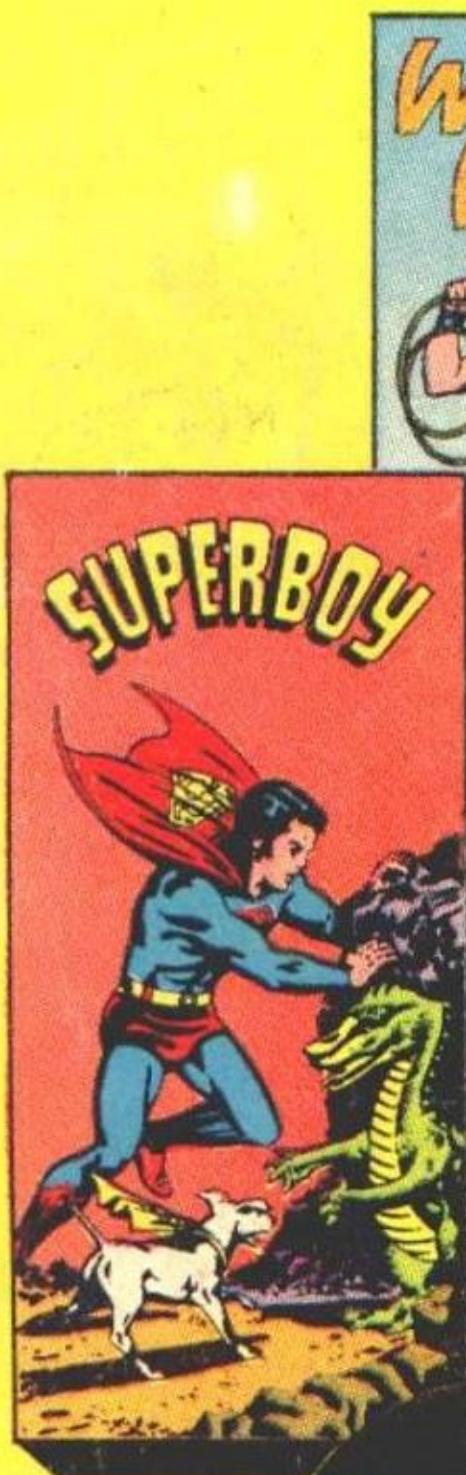
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