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BATMAN

ARE TWO VILLAINS
BETTER THAN ONE?

JOKER AND PENGUIN
GET TOGETHER
IN THIS ISSUE!



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WITH
ROBIN

-THE BOY WONDER-

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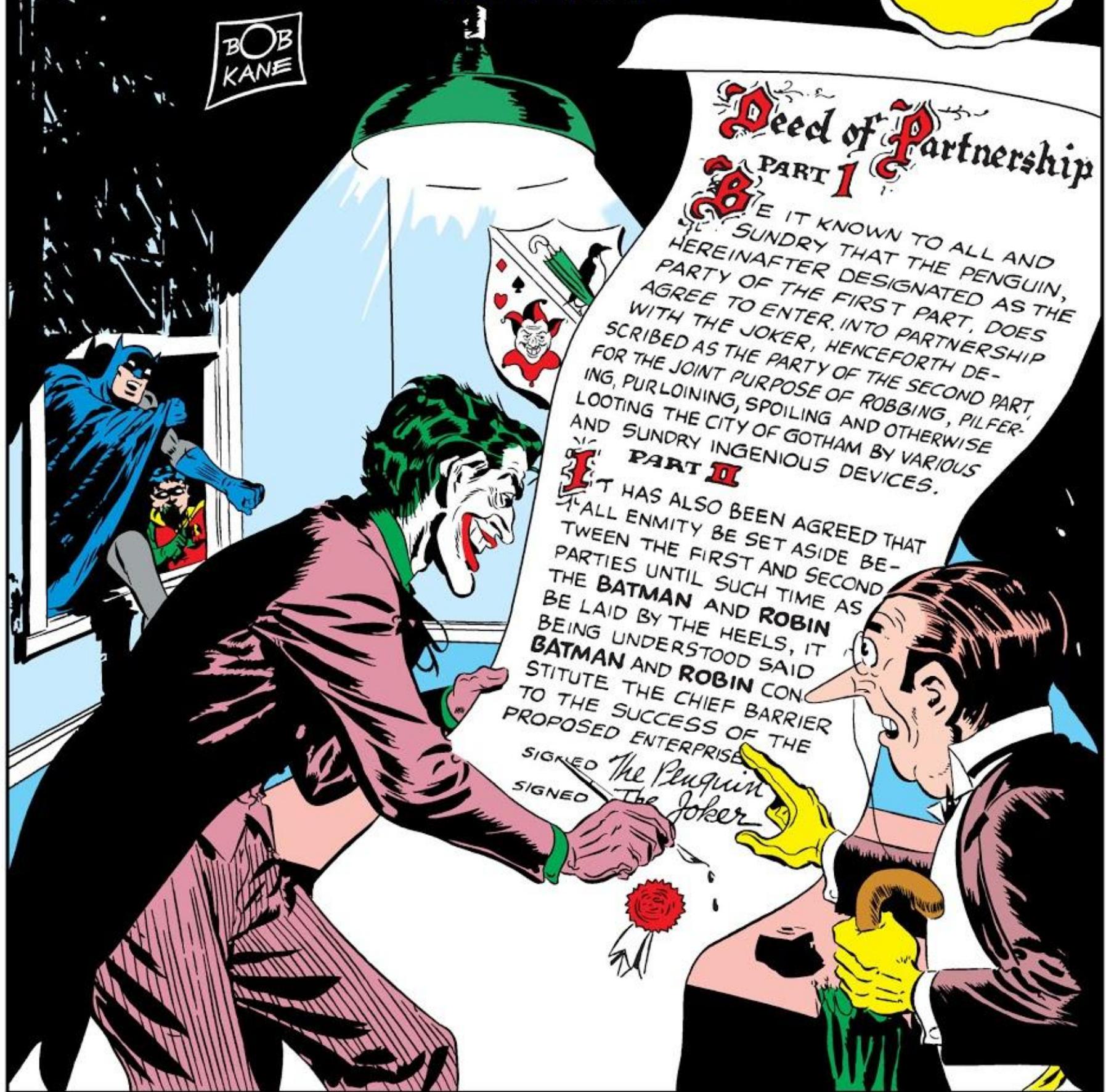
KNIGHTS
of
KNAVERY

Deed of Partnership PART I

B E IT KNOWN TO ALL AND SUNDY THAT THE PENGUIN, HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED AS THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART, DOES AGREE TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE JOKER, HENCEFORTH DESCRIBED AS THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, FOR THE JOINT PURPOSE OF ROBBING, PILFERING, PURLOINING, SPOILING AND OTHERWISE LOOTING THE CITY OF GOTHAM BY VARIOUS AND SUNDY INGENIOUS DEVICES.

I T HAS ALSO BEEN AGREED THAT ALL ENMITY BE SET ASIDE BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND PARTIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BATMAN AND ROBIN BE LAID BY THE HEELS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD SAID BATMAN AND ROBIN CONSTITUTE THE CHIEF BARRIER TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROPOSED ENTERPRISE.

SIGNED The Penguin
SIGNED The Joker



NESTLED AMONGST THE ROLLING SLOPES OF GOTHAM'S SUBURBS LIES THE HOME OF THE RICHEST WOMAN IN TOWN,
MRS. VAN LANDORPF...



WHAT A SERENE AND TRANQUIL PICTURE ---



BUT WAIT--!
DEAR ME -- TO THINK THAT ONE OF MY INTELLECT SHOULD WALK INTO SUCH A TRAP. HASTE IS MY ONLY RESOURCE NOW!

NO-YOU ARE NOT DECEIVED. IT IS INDEED THE PENGUIN, THAT GROTESQUE BIRD OF ILL-OMEN!

THE BATMAN AND ROBIN! WILL THOSE TWO NEVER CEASE TO HAUNT MY WAKING MOMENTS?



HE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM US NOW, BATMAN!



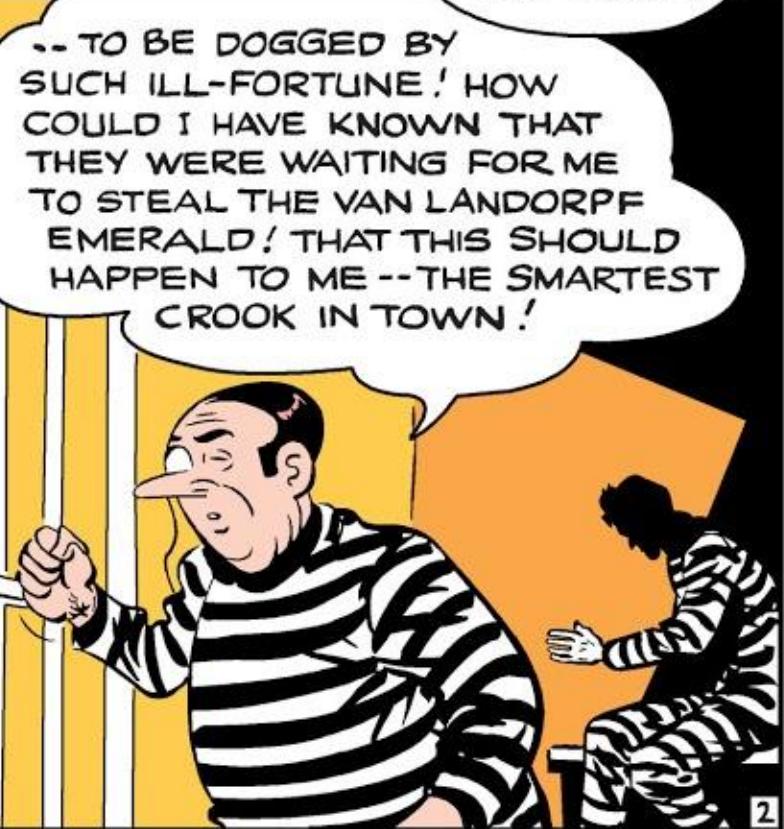
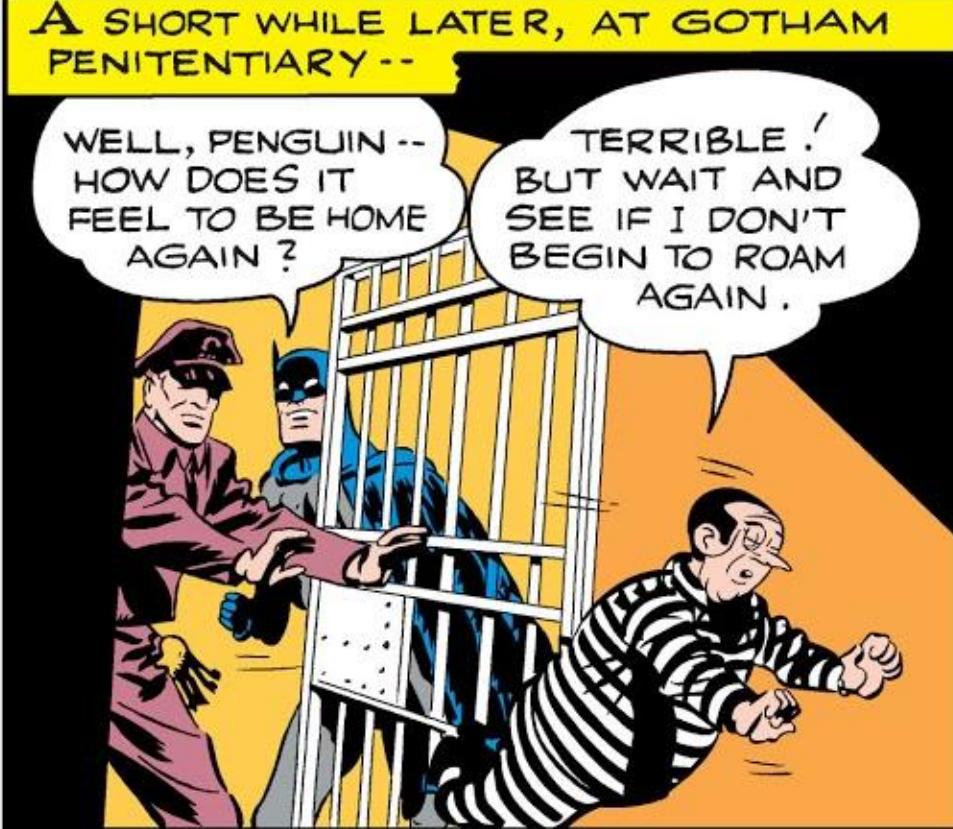
QUICK AS A WINK, WE'LL HAVE YOU IN THE CLINK!

BUT I'LL BE OUT MUCH SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

A SHORT WHILE LATER, AT GOTHAM PENITENTIARY --

WELL, PENGUIN -- HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE HOME AGAIN?

TERRIBLE! BUT WAIT AND SEE IF I DON'T BEGIN TO ROAM AGAIN.



-- TO BE DOGGED BY SUCH ILL-FORTUNE! HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR ME TO STEAL THE VAN LANDORPF EMERALD! THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME -- THE SMARTEST CROOK IN TOWN!

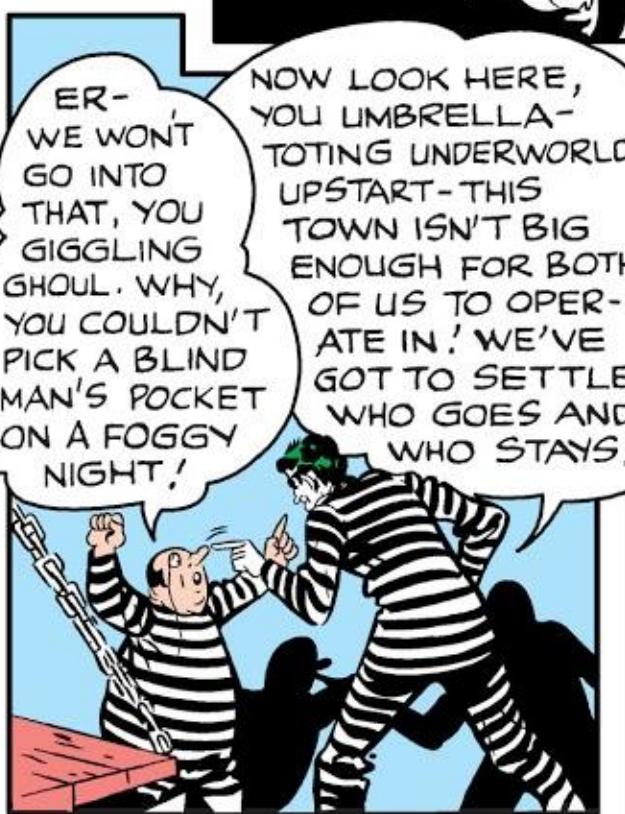


THOSE SPINE-CHILLING CHUCKLES! THAT SATANIC VOICE! WHERE HAVE WE HEARD THEM BEFORE?

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE SMARTEST CROOK IN TOWN -- MY CARD!

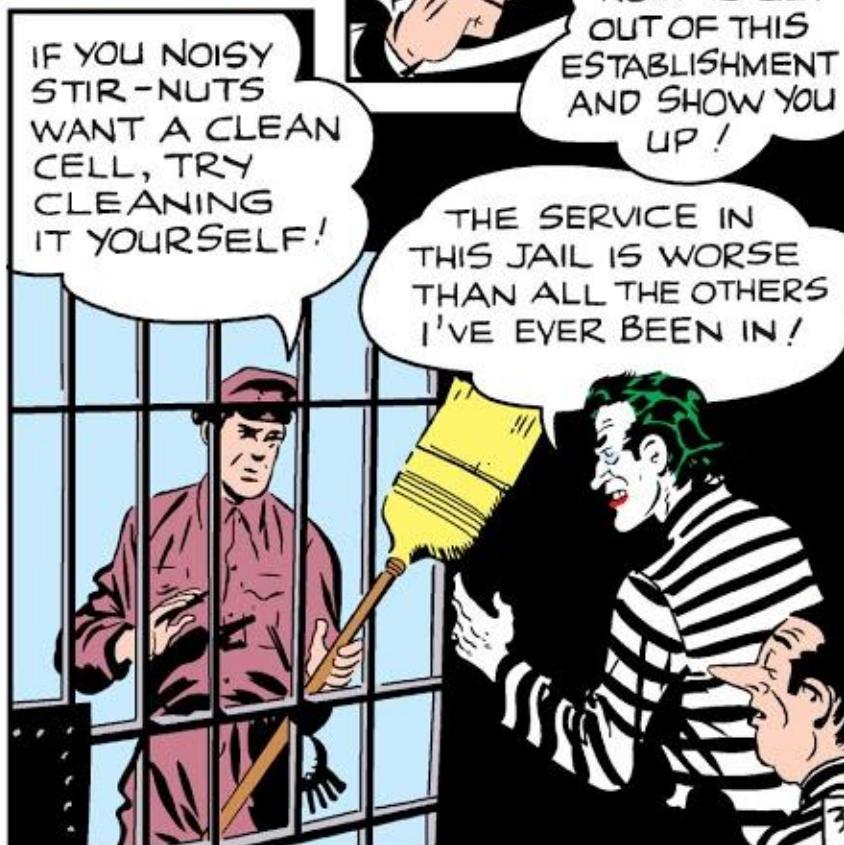


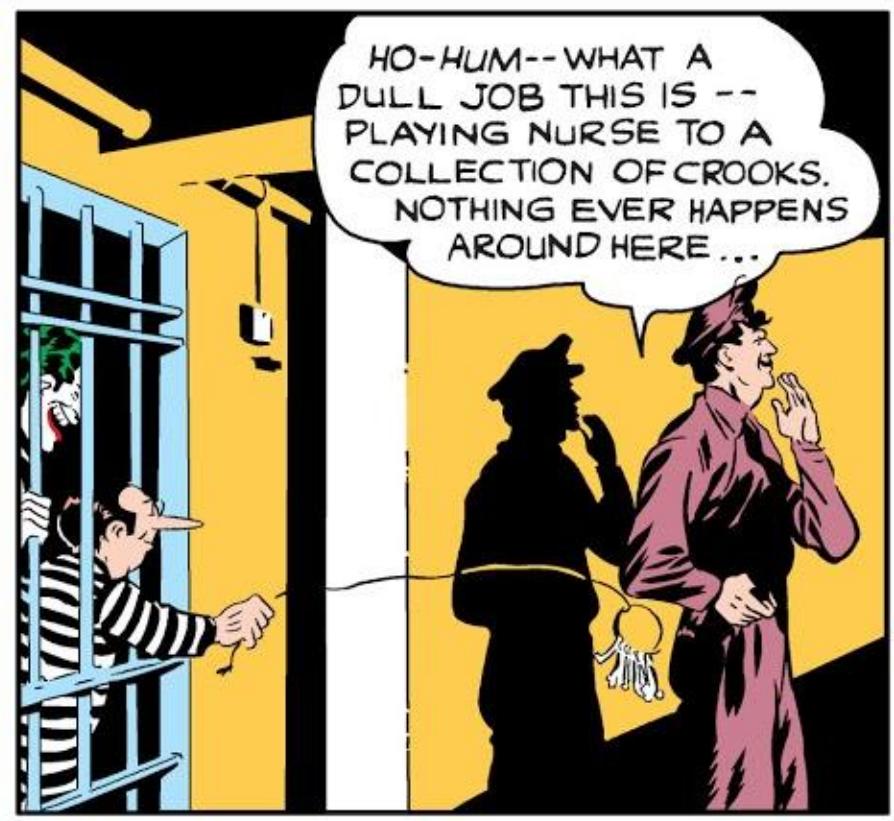
THE JOKER! THAT LEERING MONSTER OF MENACE! WHAT STRANGE TWIST OF FATE HAS PLACED HIM IN THE SAME CELL AS THE PENGUIN? WHAT IMPISH IRONY HAS BROUGHT THESE TWINS IN TRANSGRESSION FACE TO FACE? CAN PRISON WALLS CONTAIN THIS COMBINATION OF CRAFT AND CUNNING?

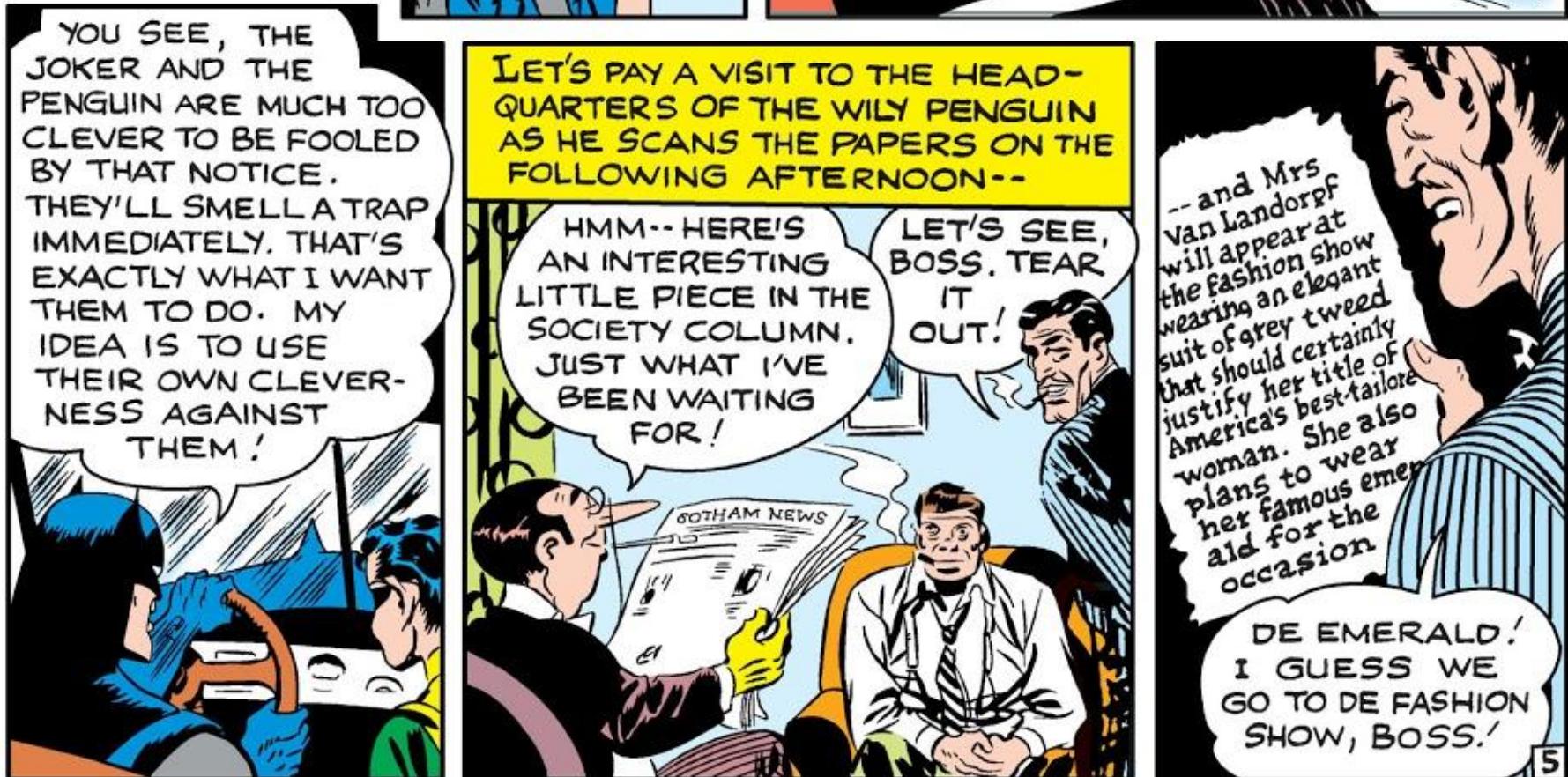
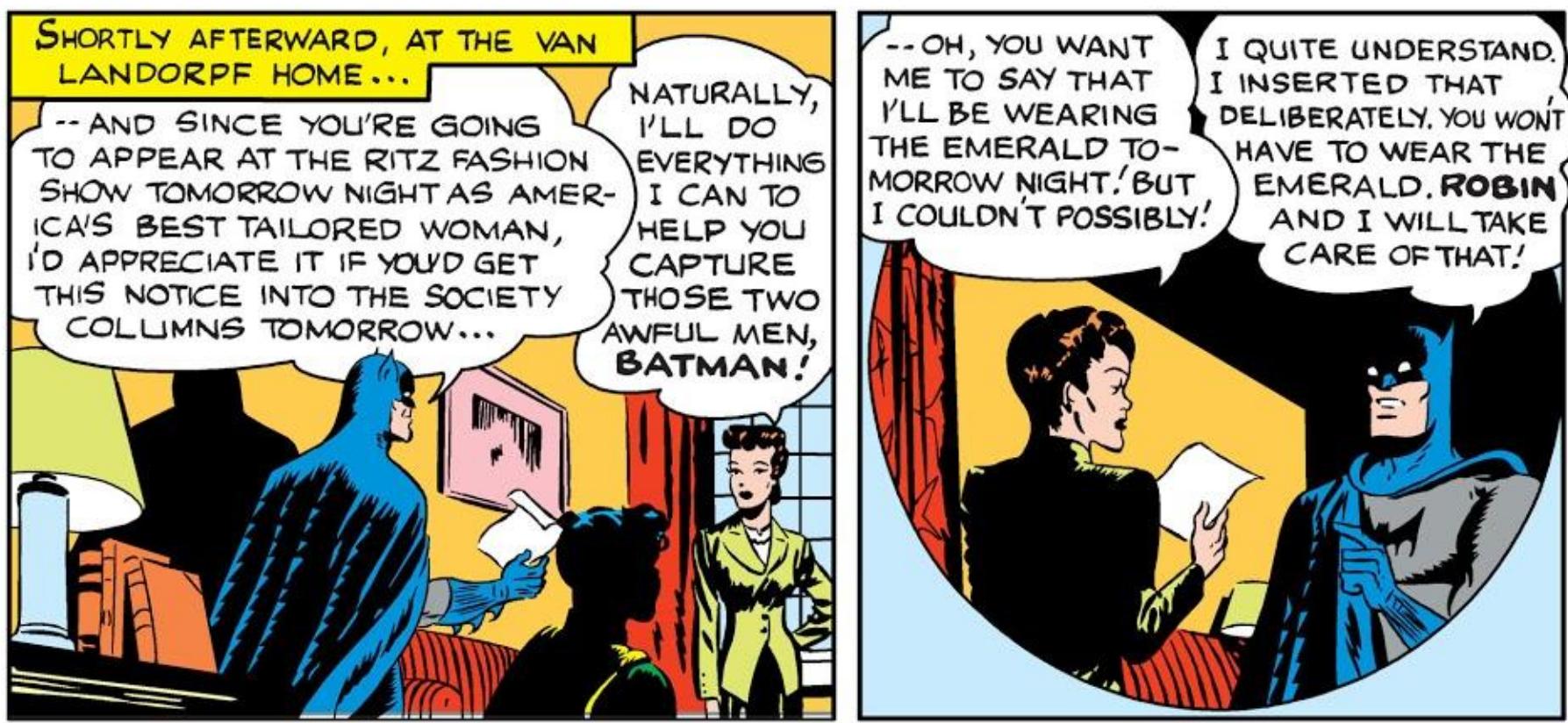


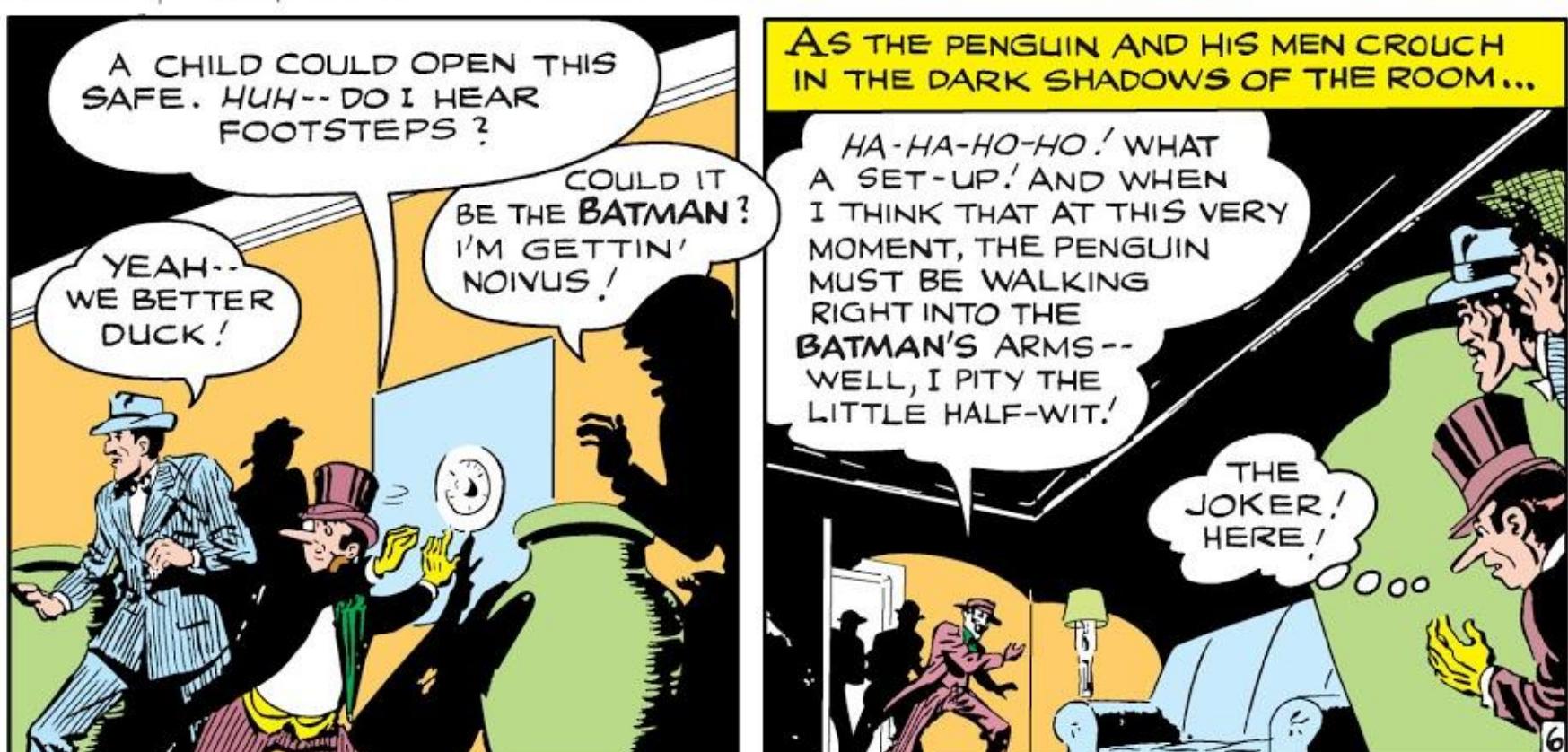
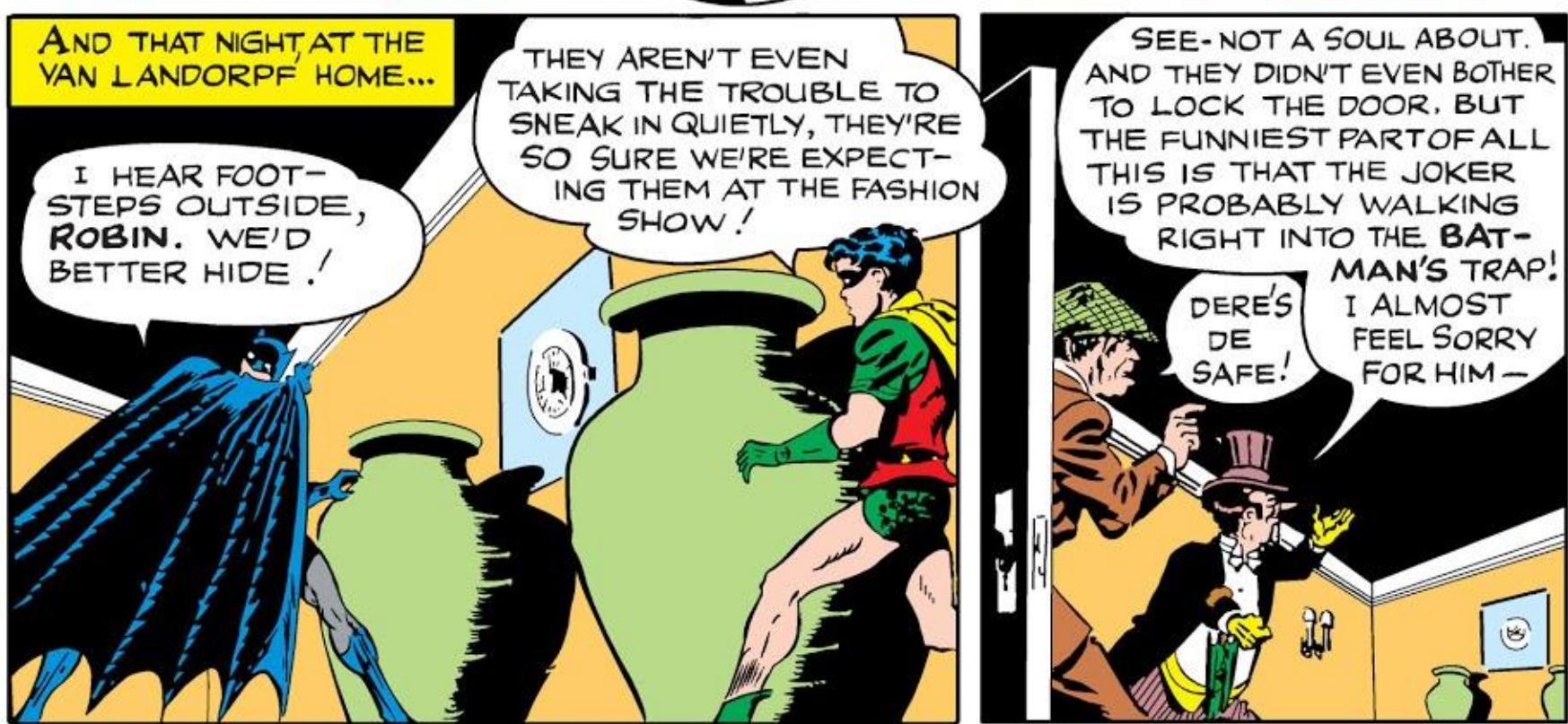
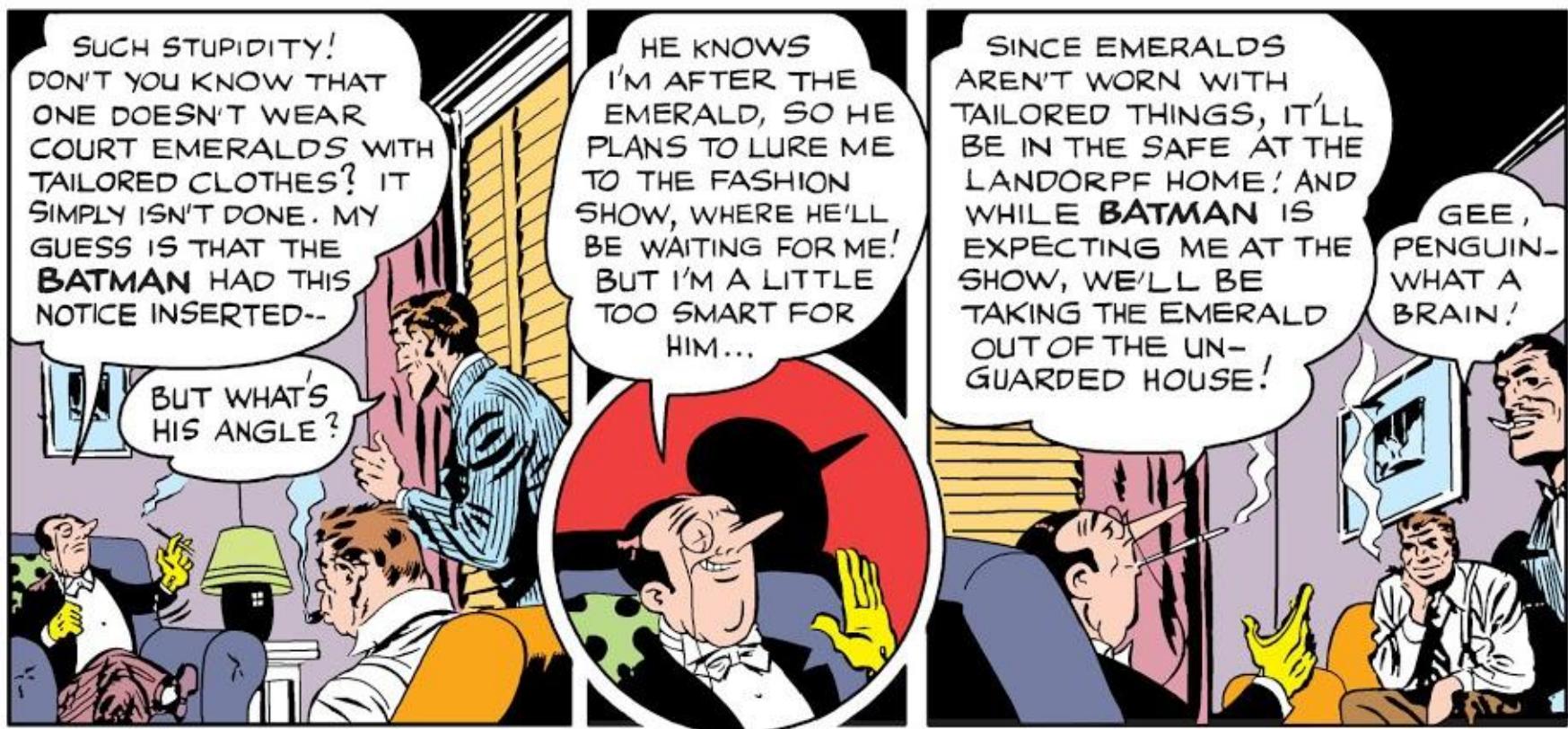
THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME. HOW ABOUT A LITTLE CONTEST? WE'RE BOTH AFTER THE VAN LANDORPF EMERALD-- SHALL WE SAY THAT WHOEVER GETS IT FIRST WINS EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF THE GOTHAM CITY TERRITORY?

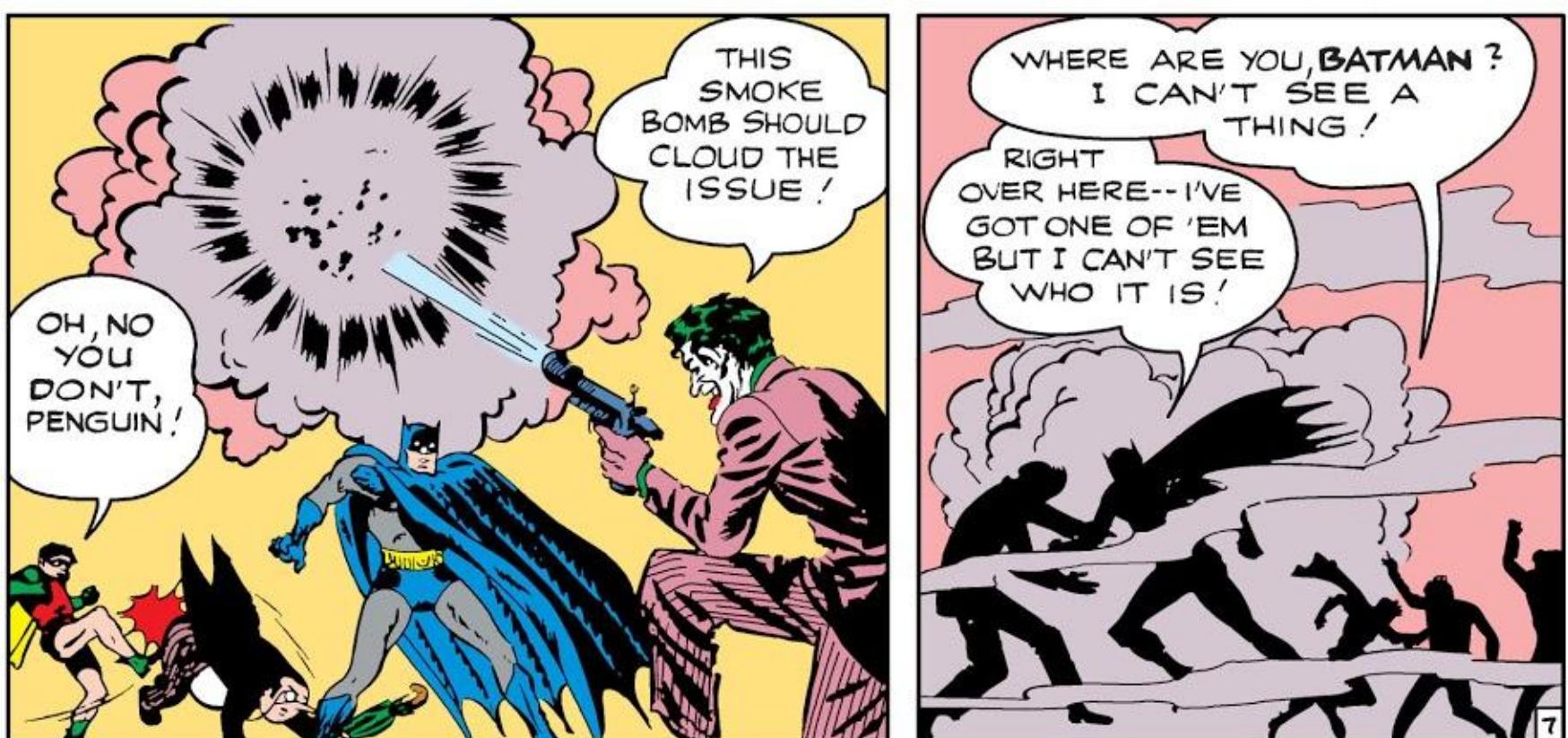
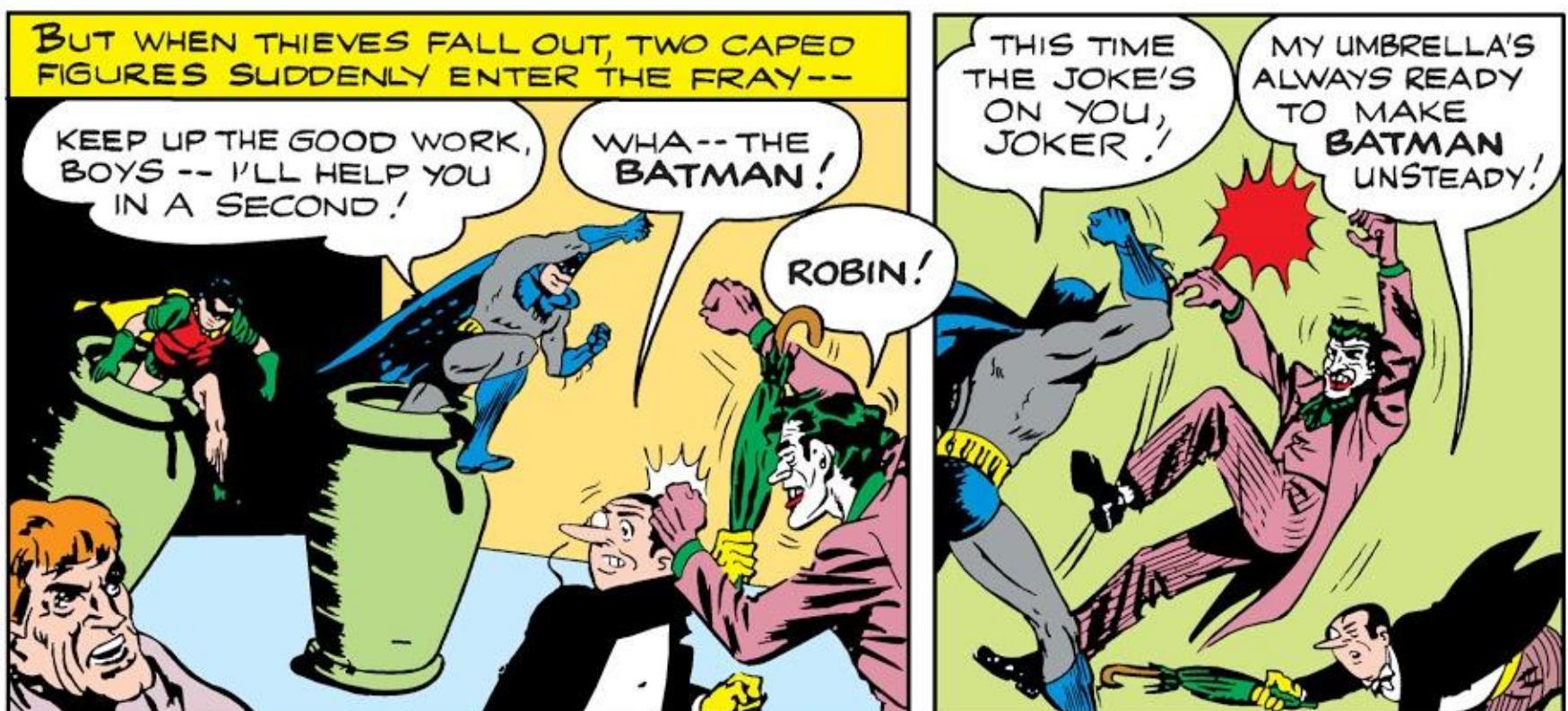
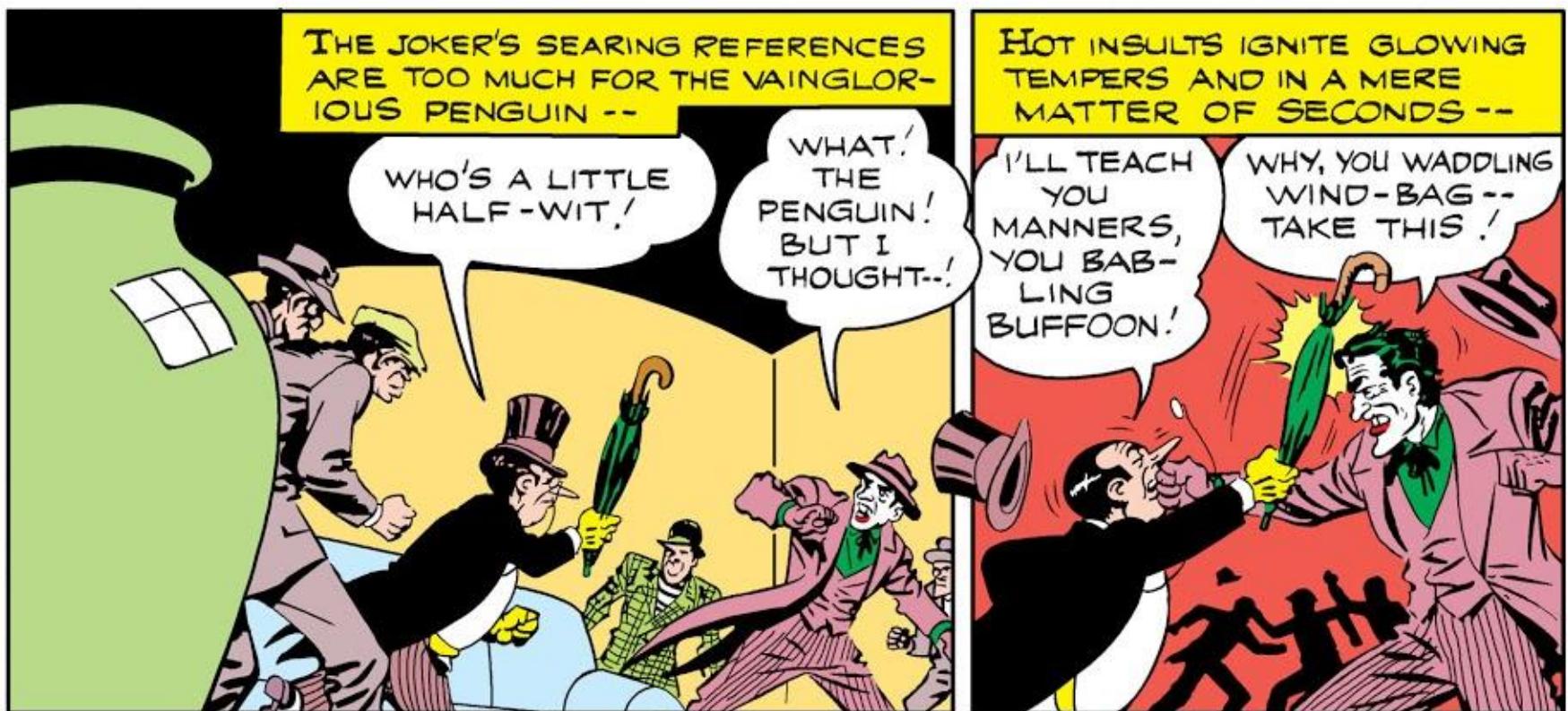
THAT SUITS ME FINE! NOW TO GET OUT OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT AND SHOW YOU UP!

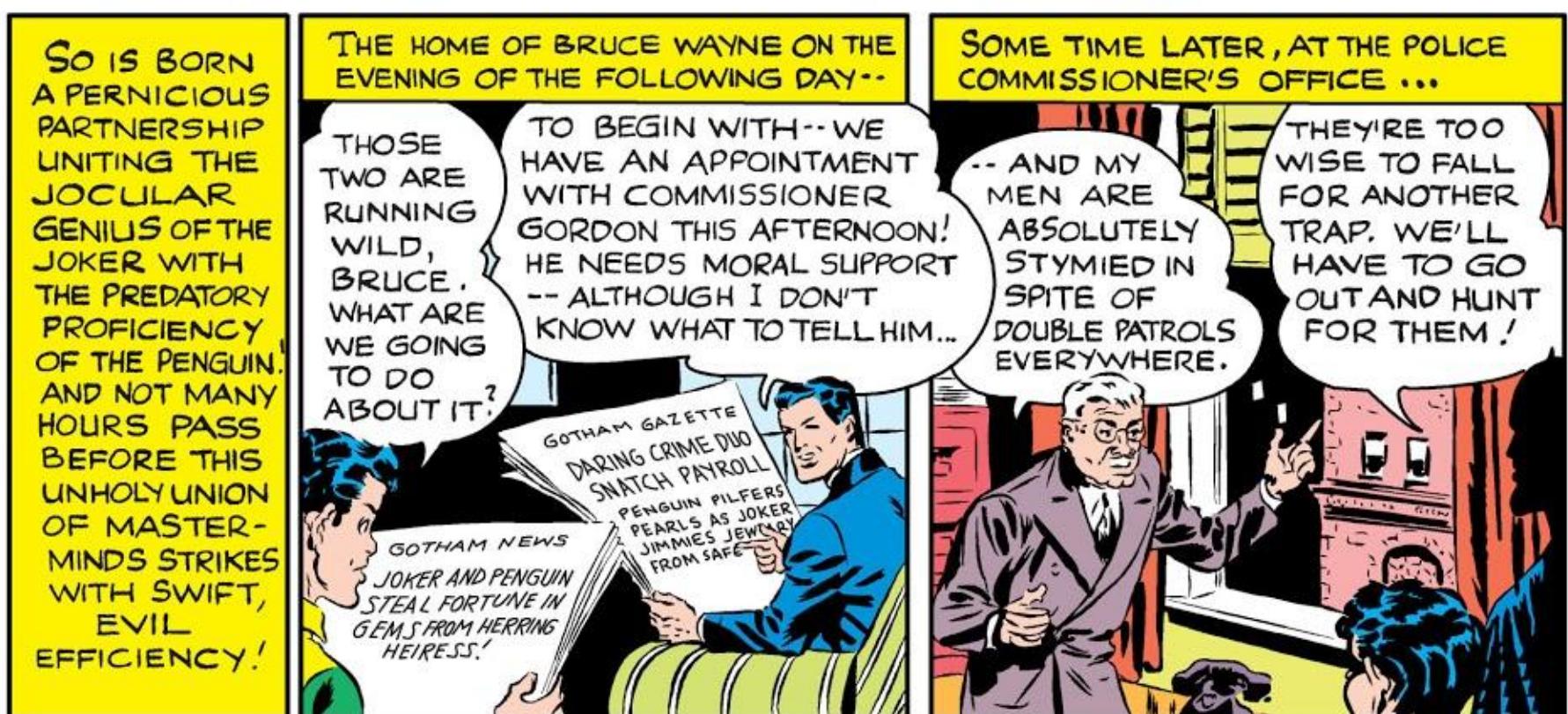
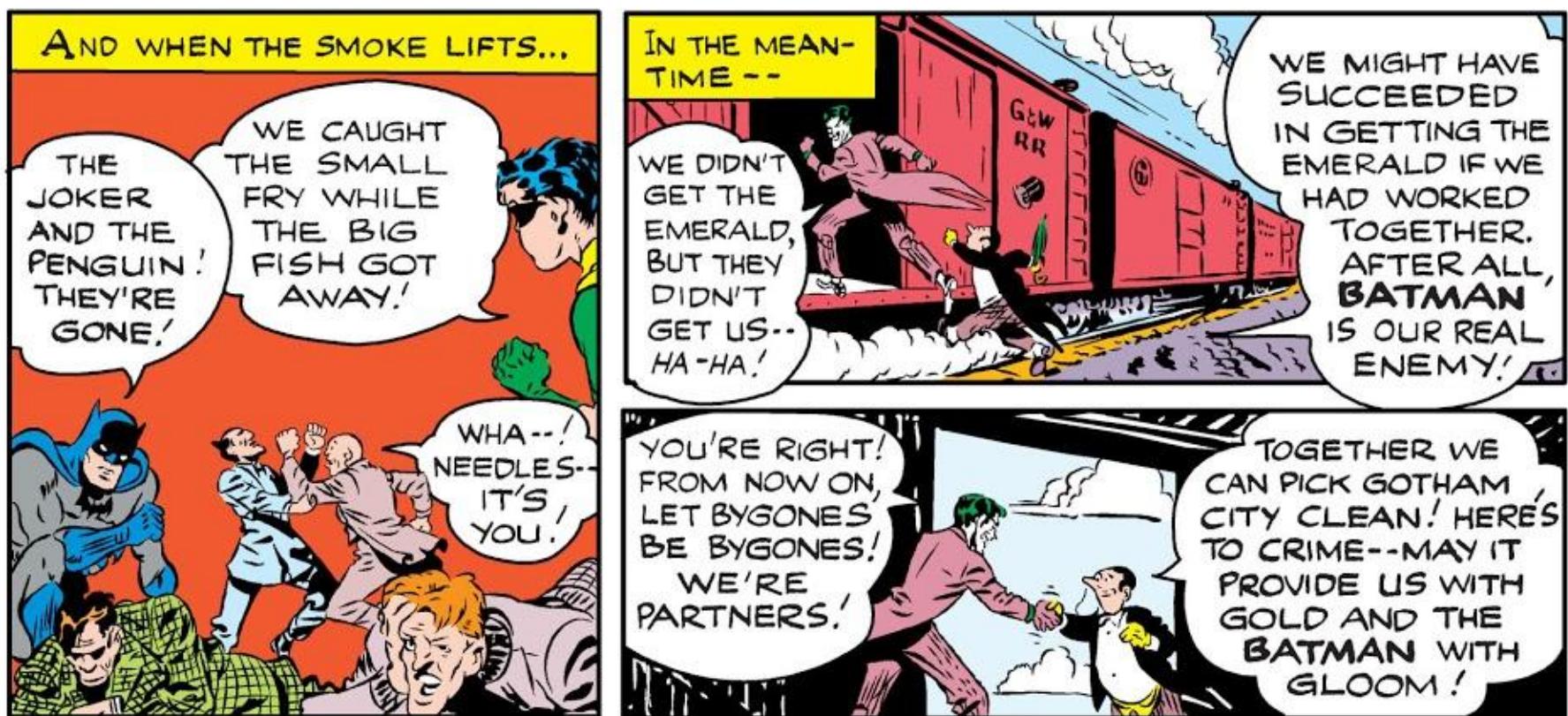












AS THE BALLOONS STREAK SKYWARD,
THE WIND CARRIES THE PENGUIN PAST
COMMISSIONER GORDON'S WINDOW--

WHA--! BATMAN--
LOOK!

THE PENGUIN!
I'D RECOGNIZE
HIM ANYWHERE!



TWO CAPE FIGURES MAKE A DESPERATE
PLUNGE---

MAYBE OUR
COMBINED WEIGHT'LL
BRING HIM DOWN!

EITHER
THAT--OR WE GO
ALONG FOR THE
RIDE!



YOU'VE SLOWED ME UP, BUT
YOU HAVEN'T BROUGHT ME DOWN!
AND WHEN WE DO LAND --
THERE'LL BE A NICE SUR-
PRISE FOR YOU - IF THE
WIND STAYS RIGHT!

I DON'T LIKE
THE WAY HE
SAYS THAT!

WELL, THERE'S NOTHING
WE CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW!
WE CAN'T LET GO!

ON A HIGHWAY SEVERAL MILES
AWAY -- THE PENGUIN'S JOCUND
PARTNER -- }

HERE HE COMES NOW! WHA--
HE HAS BATMAN AND ROBIN
WITH HIM! GET THE NET READY,
BOYS -- AND
PREPARE FOR
ACTION!

WE'RE
ALL,
SET.

THE BARK OF A SHOT GUN FROM
BELOW, AND--

AH-- MY,
PARTNER'S
ON THE JOB!

WE'RE
FALLING!

IF THE
PENGUIN
LANDS
SAFELY--
SO WILL
WE !

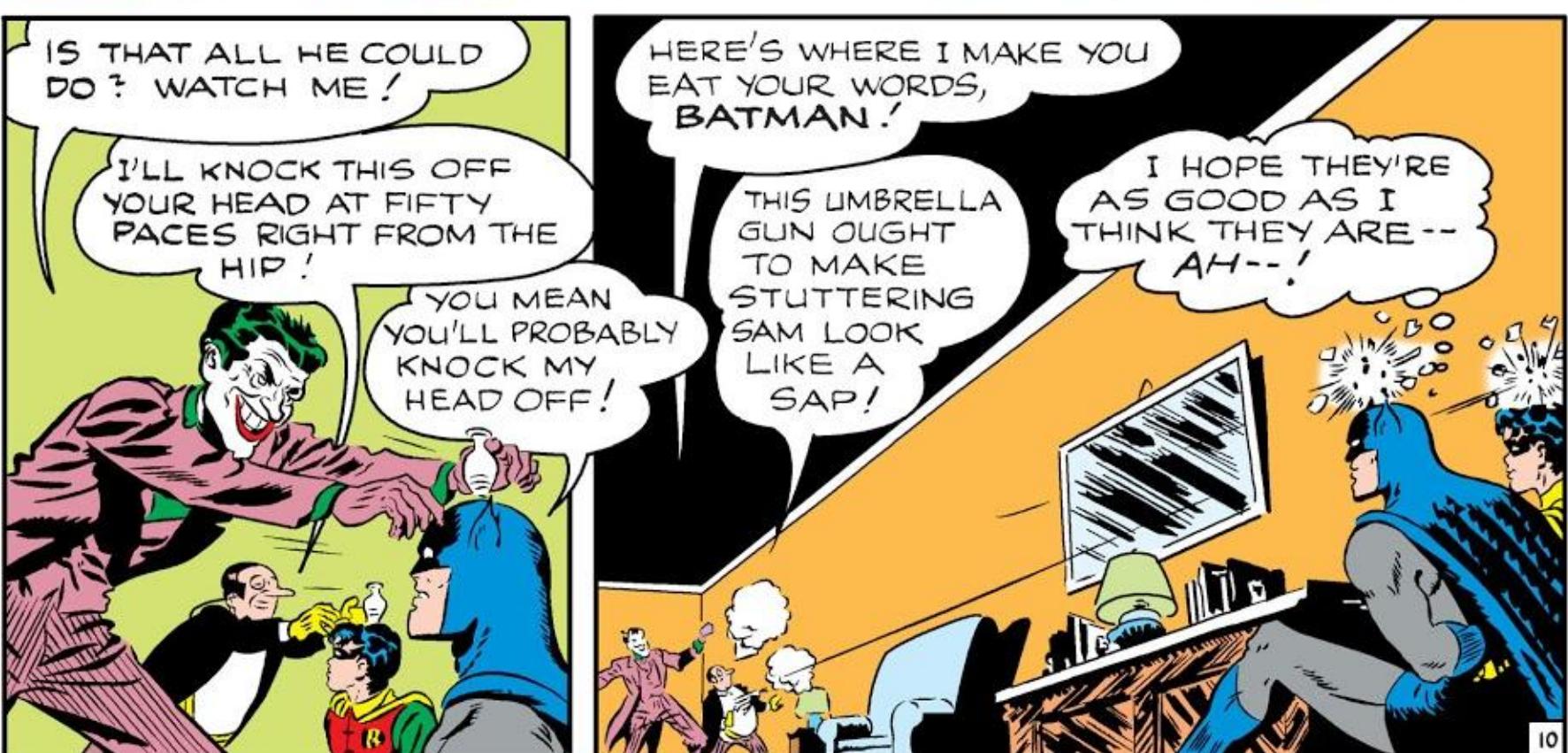
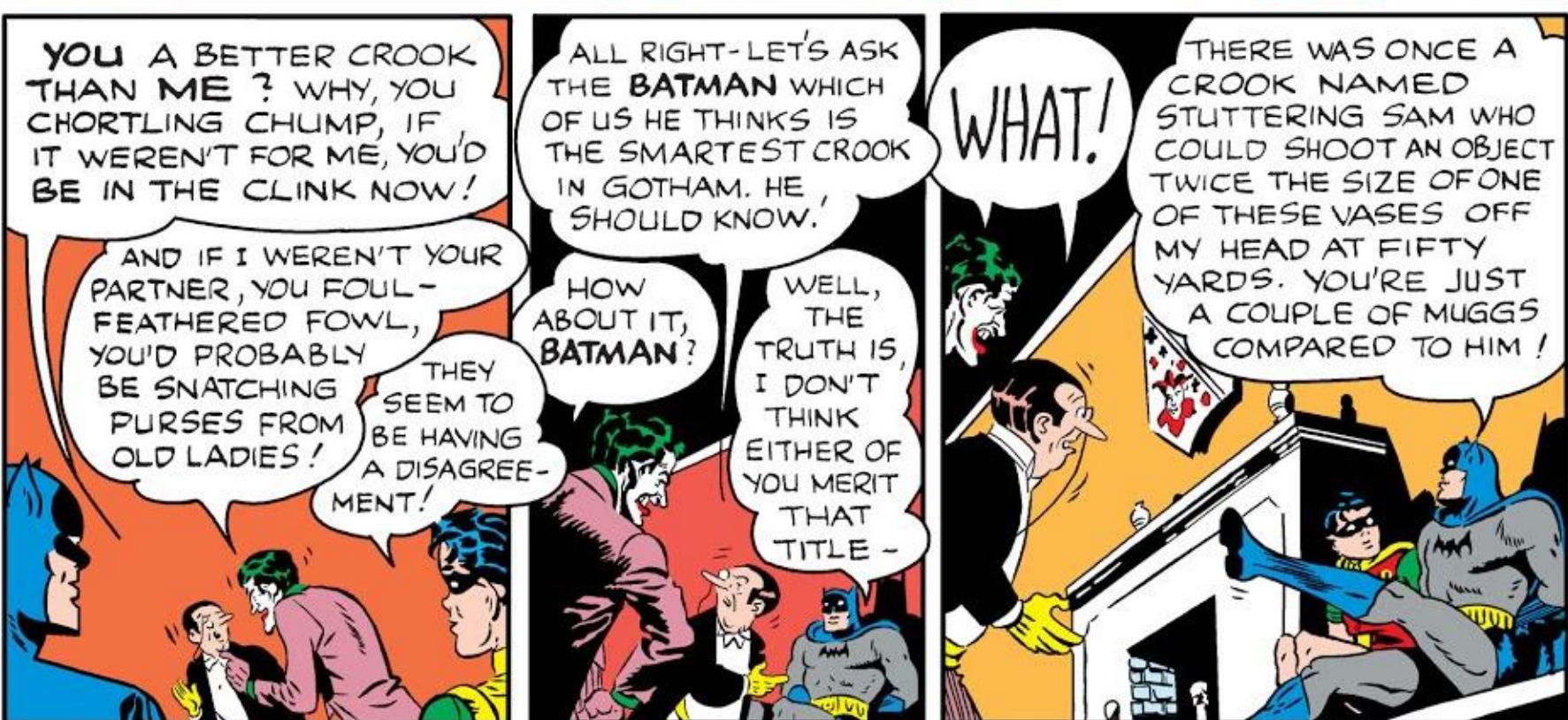
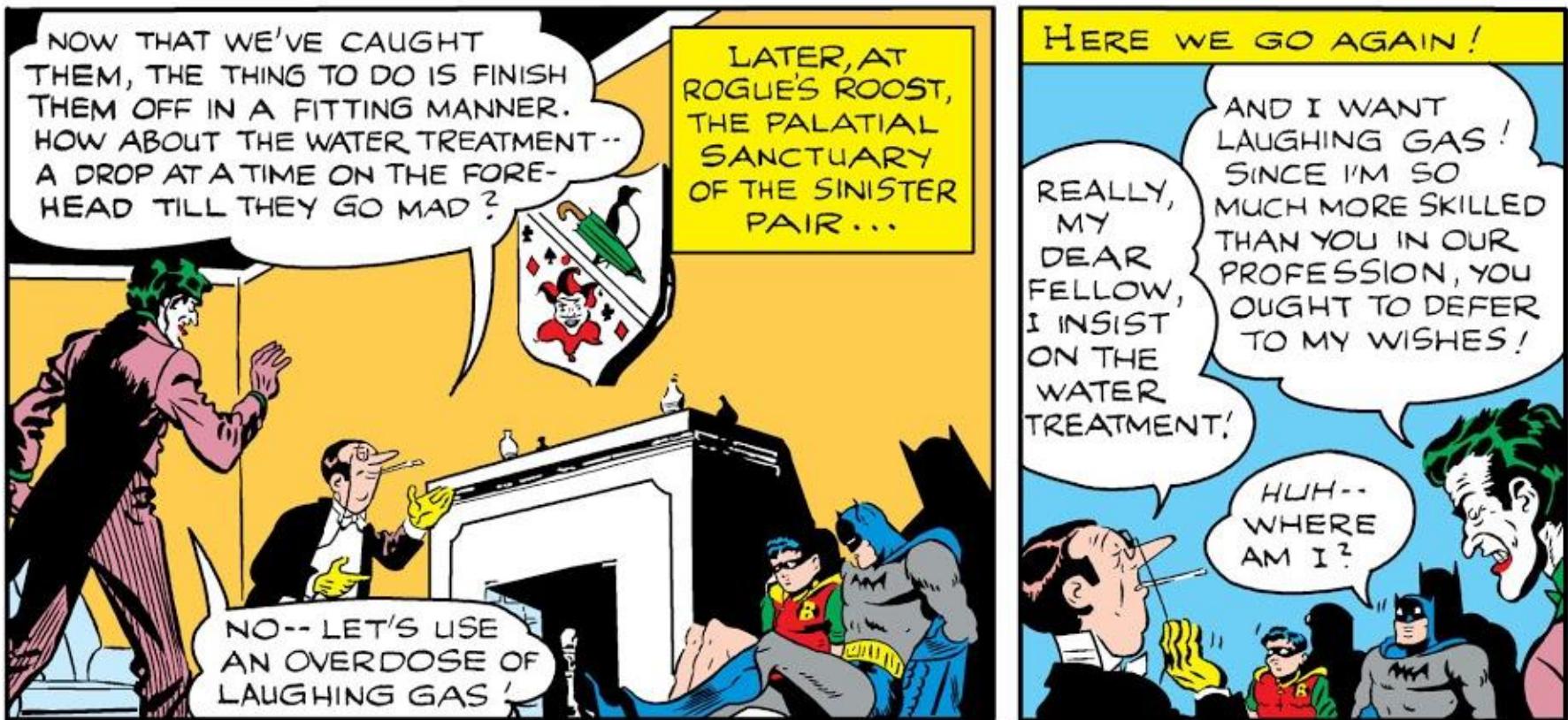
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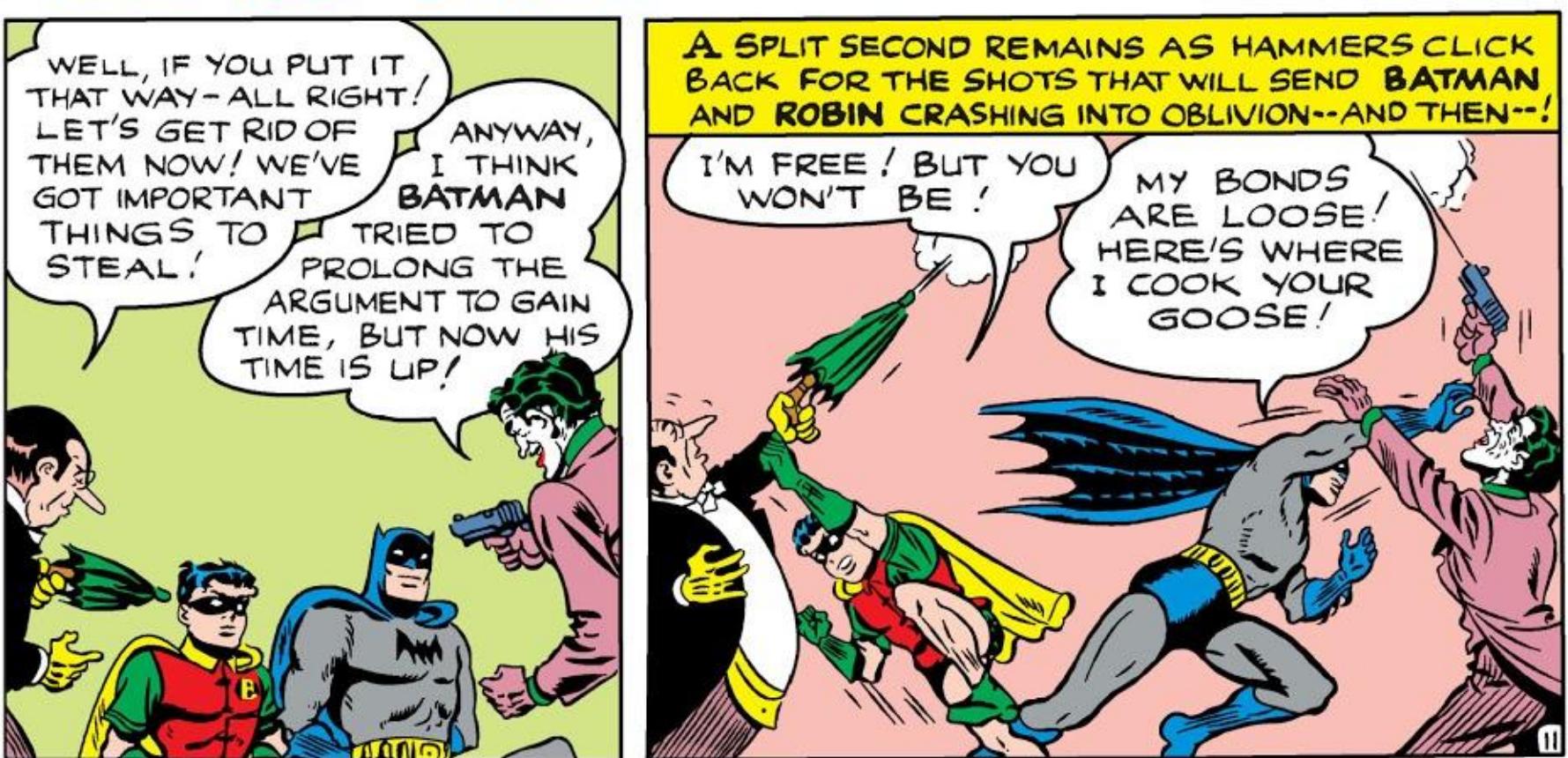
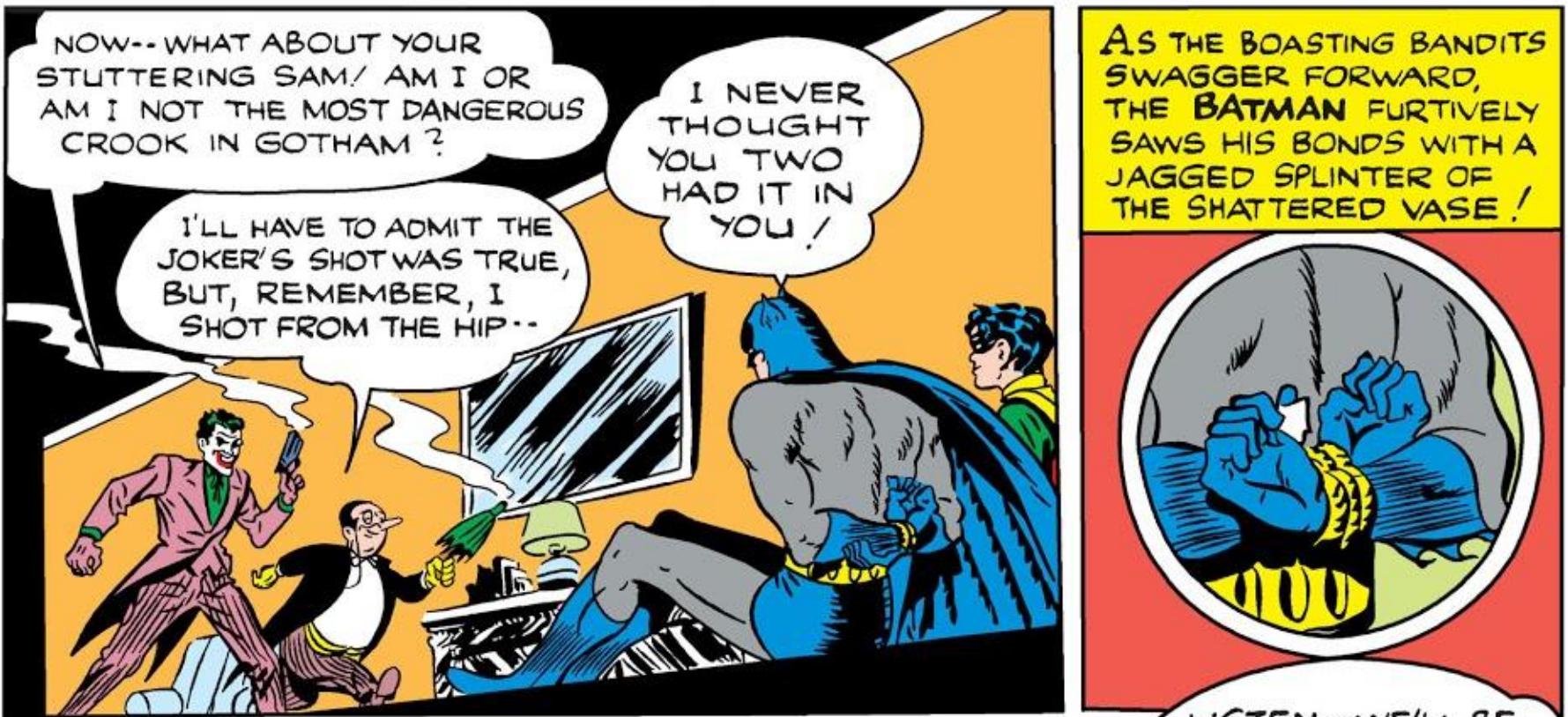
WHOOMP!
HERE I
COME--
WITH THE
BOODLE
AND THE
BATMAN!

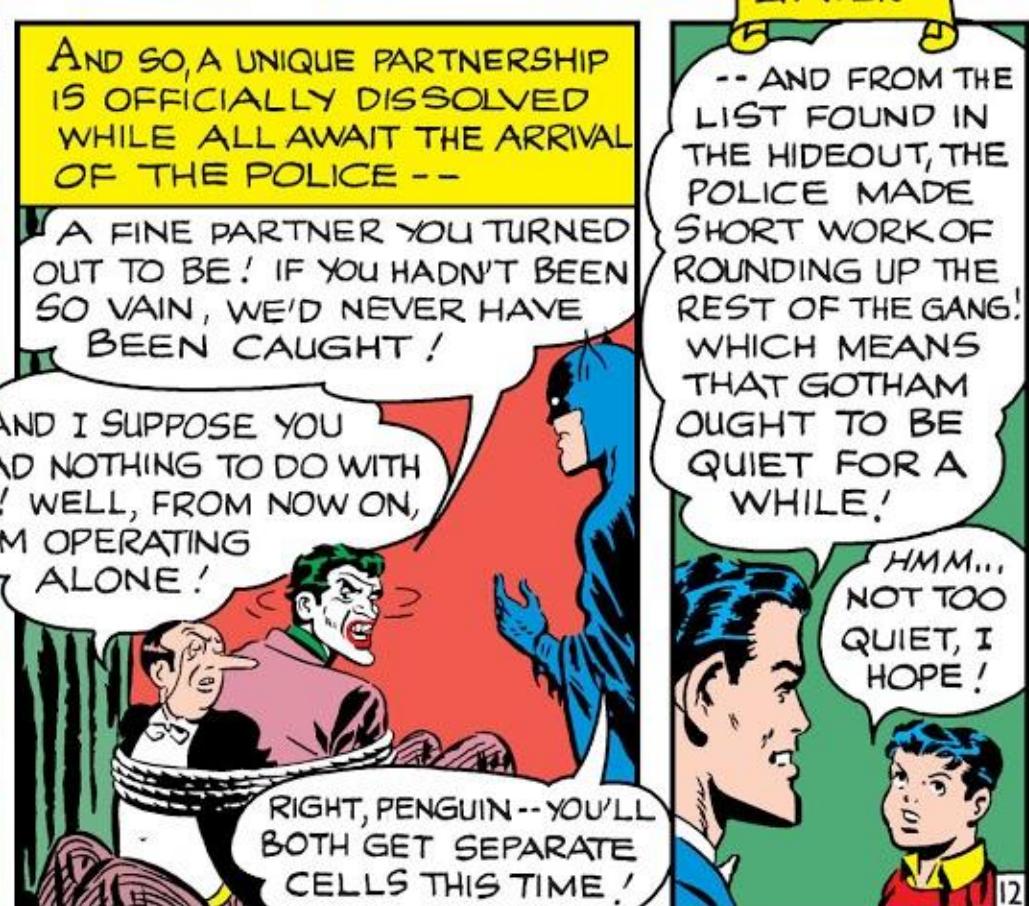
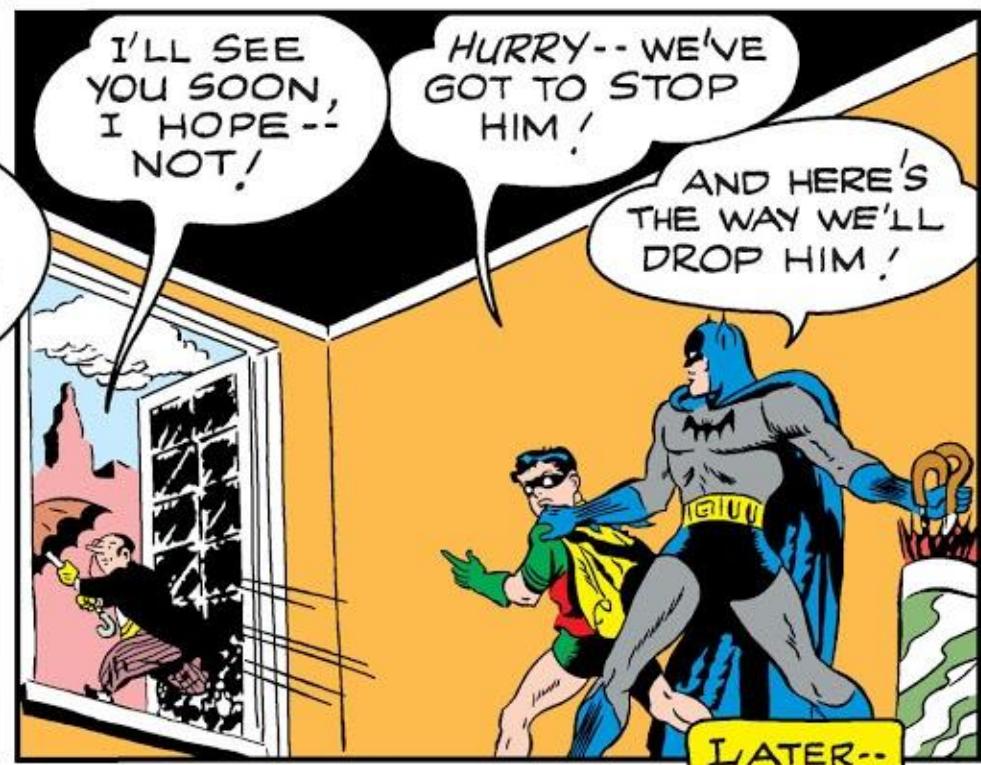
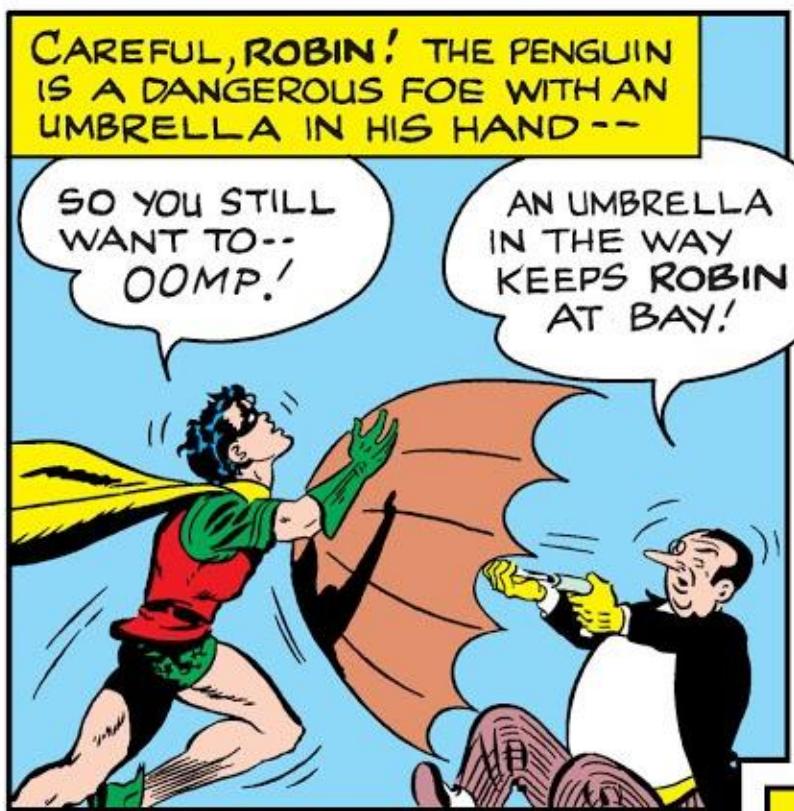
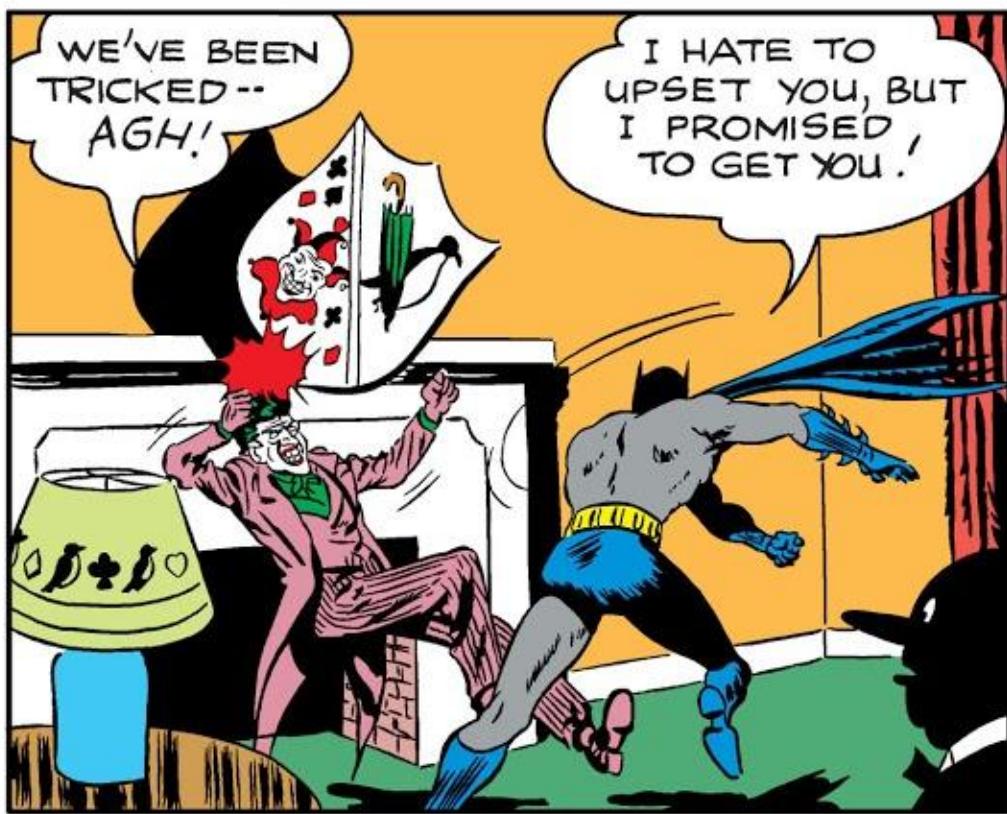
THUMP!

HA-HA-- SO THEY TRIED TO
NAB YOU AND WE NABBED
THEM! QUICK-- LET'S GET
THEM TO THE HIDEOUT!

THEY REALLY DID
ME A FAVOR! THERE
WAS TOO MUCH GAS IN
THE BALLOONS AND
WITHOUT THEIR HOLD-
ING ON, I'D HAVE
RISEN OUT OF SHOT-
GUN RANGE!







BATMAN

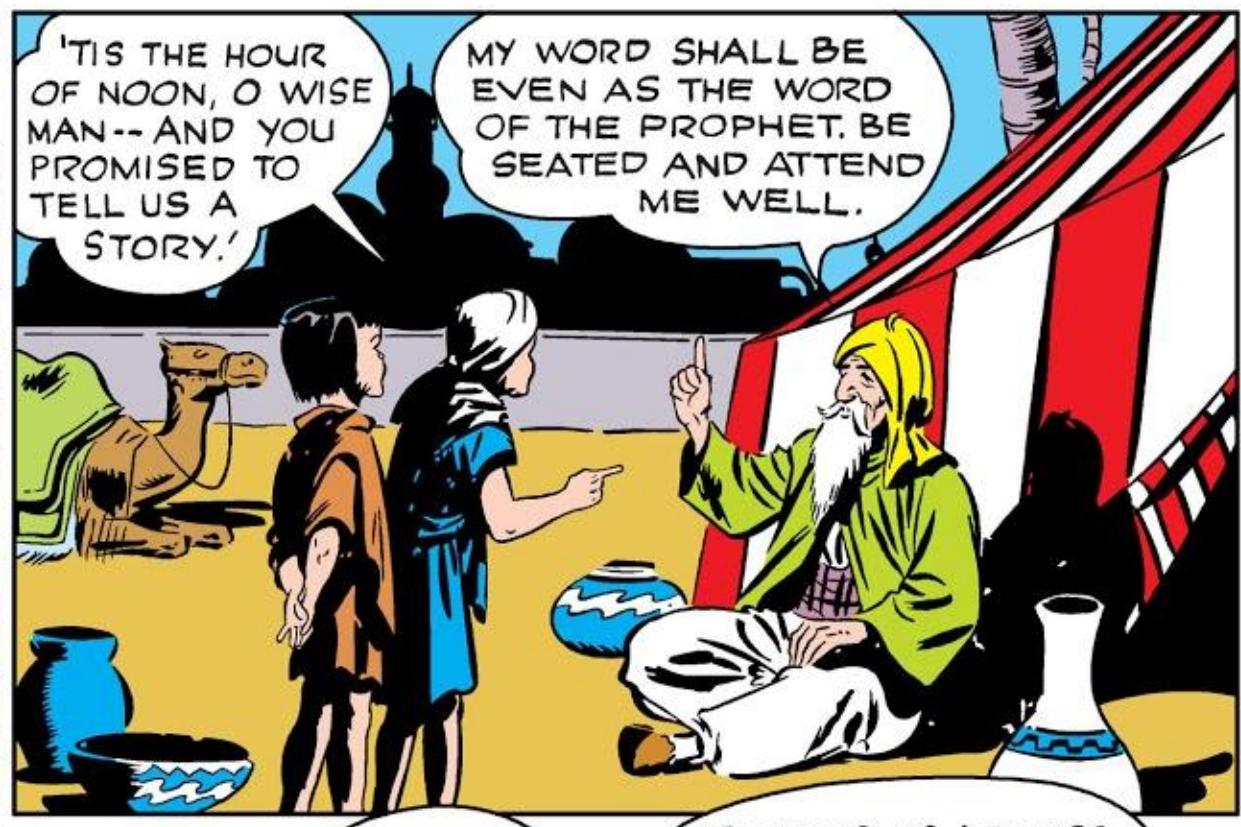
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WHATEVER HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN THE
ETERNAL SANDS OF THE DESERT SHALL BE BLOWN
AWAY EVEN AS CHAFF BEFORE THE WIND. BUT AMONG THE
SONS OF THE PROPHET THIS TRIBE SHALL BE ALWAYS REMEMBERED--
OF HOW THERE WENT FORTH TO THE WEST ONE OF BLACK HEART AND EVIL WAYS
TO DESTROY HIM ORDAINED TO BE A LEADER AMONG HIS PEOPLE -- AND HOW A
MAN AND A BOY KNOWN UNTO ALL AS THE BATMAN AND ROBIN DID
RISE AND SMITE THE UNJUST ONE, RESTORING UNTO THE PEOPLE OF
THE DESERT THEIR JUST AND RIGHTEFUL RULER...
“THE SHEIK OF GOTHAM CITY!”

SEAT YOURSELF ON THE MAGIC CARPET, FOR WE ARE GOING ON A FAR JOURNEY TO A FABULOUS LAND... HIGH OVER THE GLITTERING SEA WE SAIL, AND SOON -- WE ARE PASSING THE GLEAMING SPIRES OF ANCIENT BAGDAD. AT LAST, WE HOVER OVER A TINY OASIS IN THE ARABIAN DESERT. DOWN FLUTTERS THE MAGIC CARPET.. WE ARE BEFORE THE TENT OF THE WISE MAN, ALI KA-BADA.



THIS IS NOT, AS HAS BEEN MY CUSTOM, A TALE OF LONG AGO, BUT ONE OF ONLY YESTERDAY. IT CONCERNED ITSELF WITH SIDI BEN HASSEN, THE SHEIK OF OUR TRIBE, AND HOW HE CAME UNTO HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE.

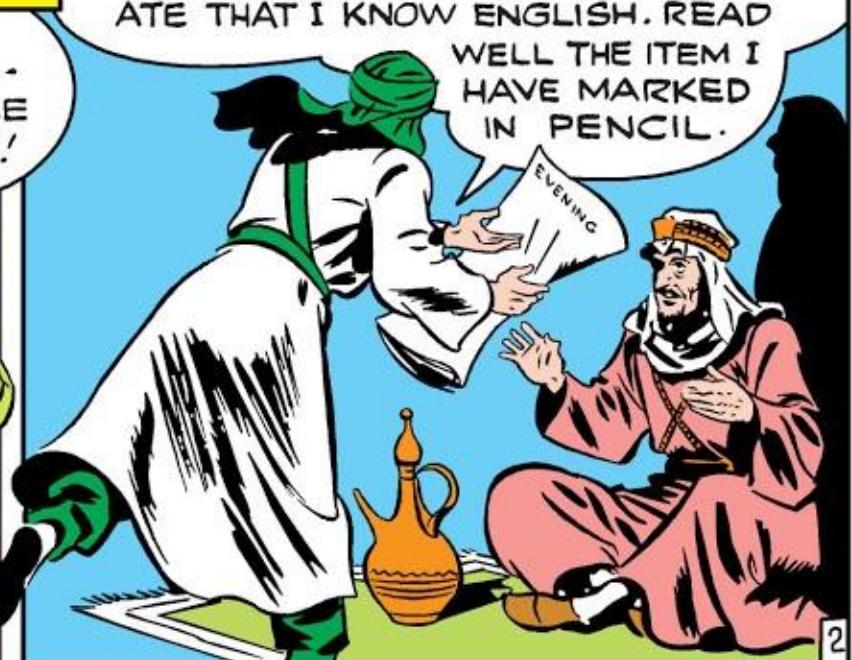
OFTEN DID I HEAR MY FATHER SPEAK OF SUCH A TALE, BUT NEVER DID I LEARN IT.

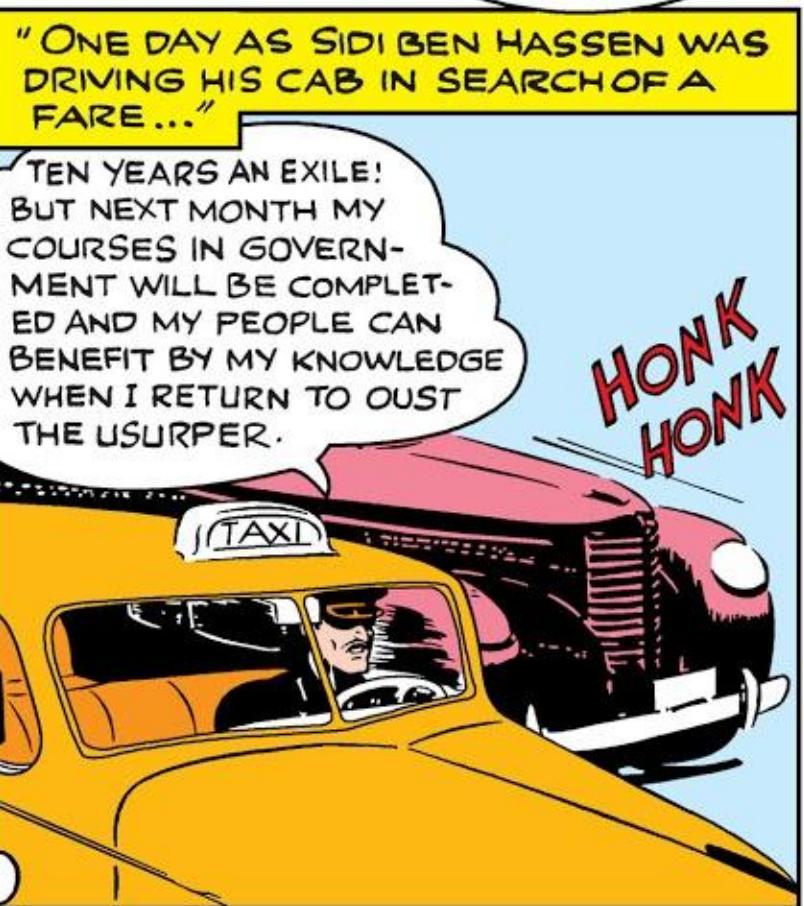
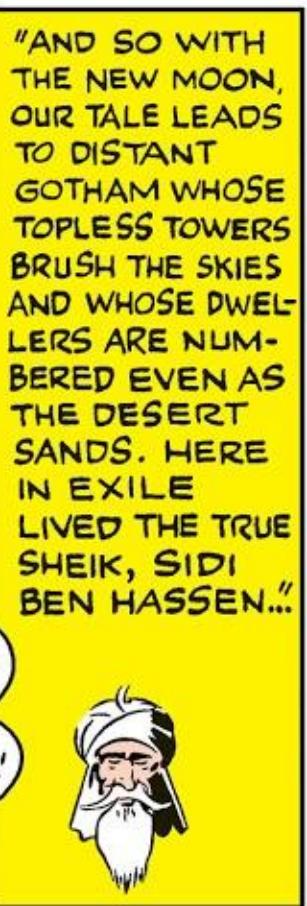
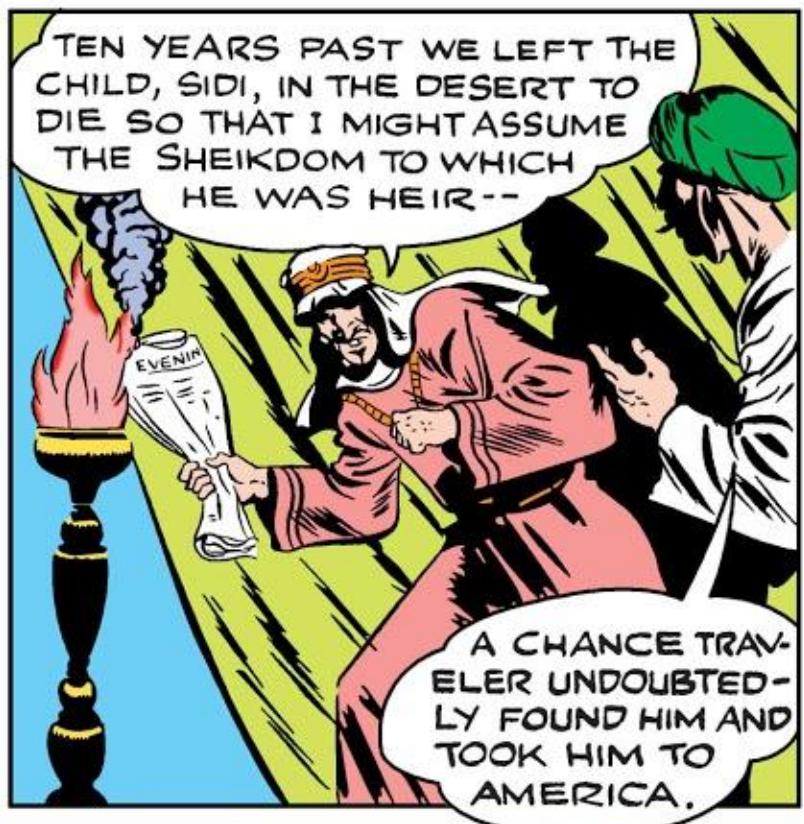
IT TAKES US ACROSS THE GREAT SEA TO A VAST CITY WHERE THE SYMBOL OF THE FLYING BAT, THE EYES OF THE NIGHT, KEEPS CONSTANT VIGIL AGAINST THE DEPREDATIONS OF EVIL...

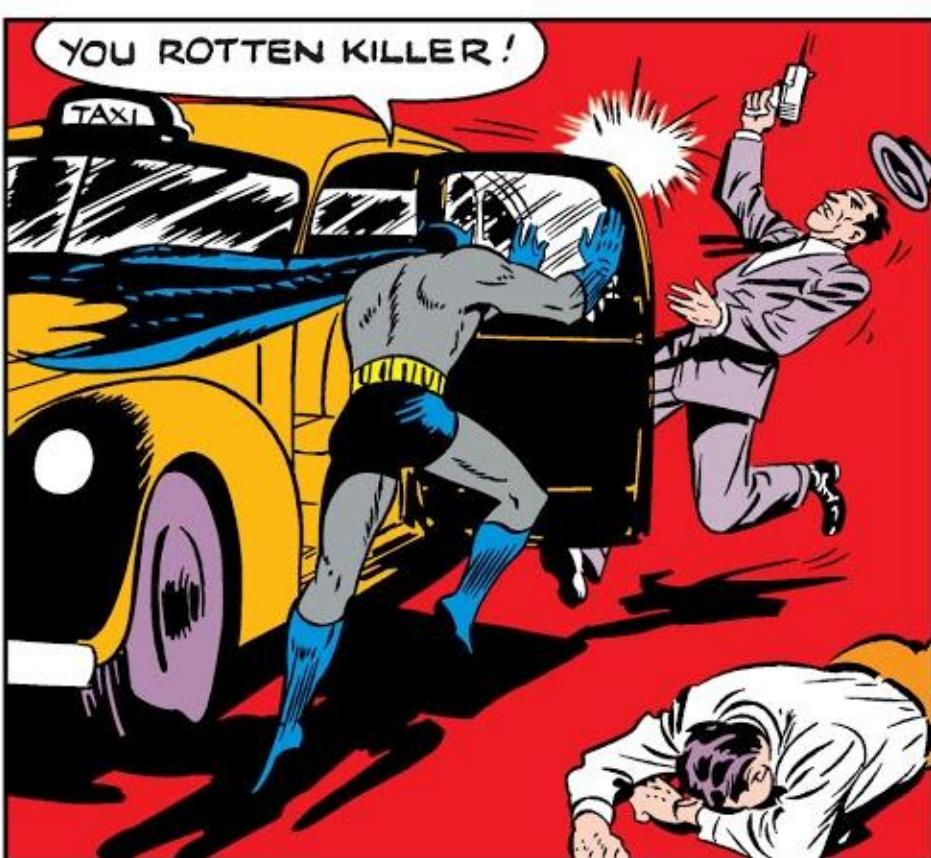
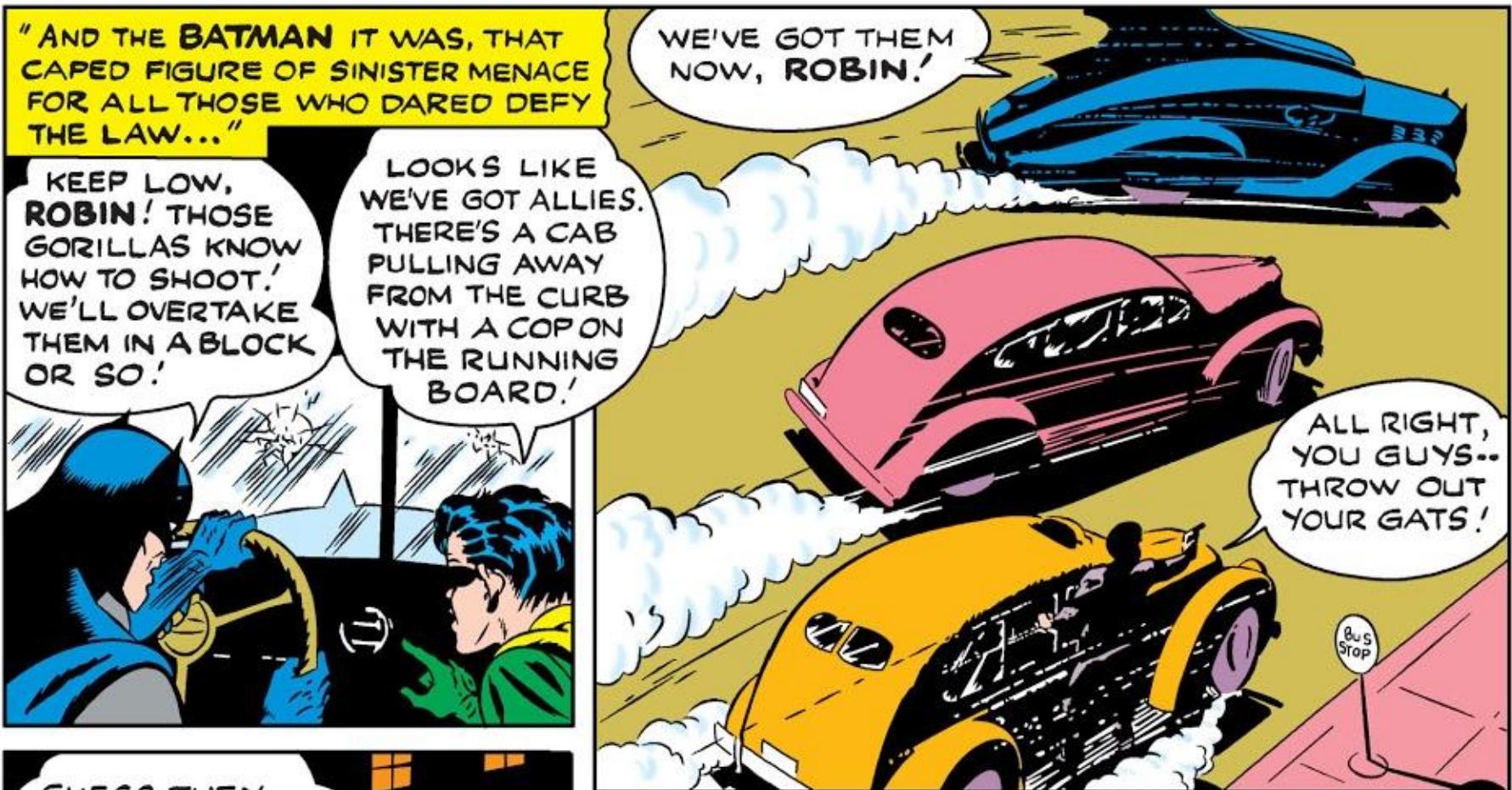


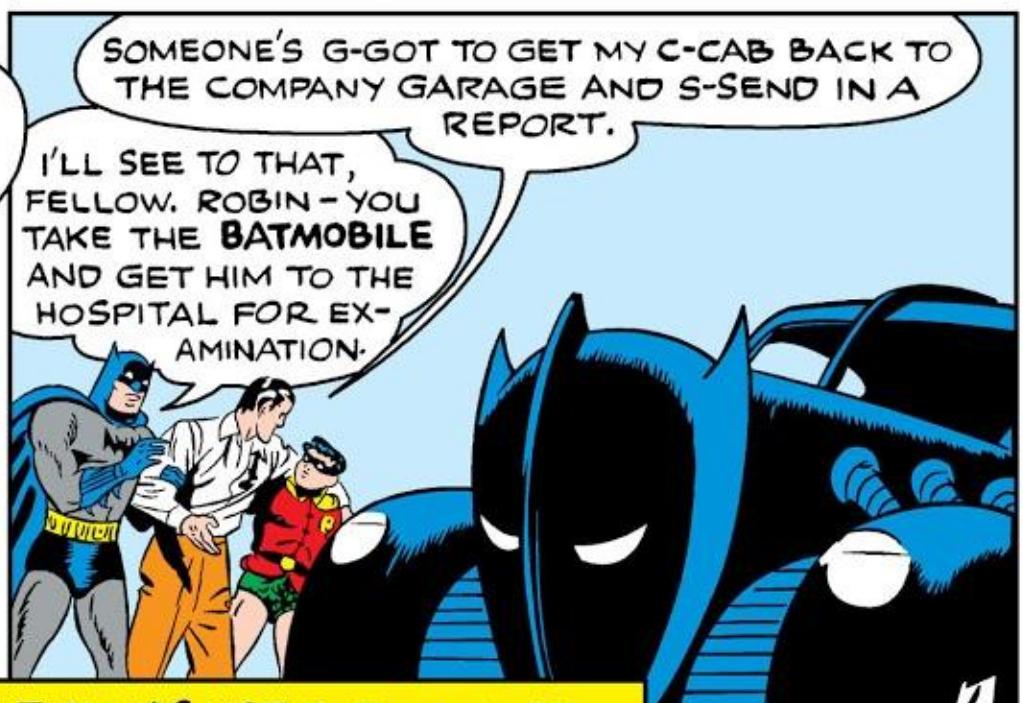
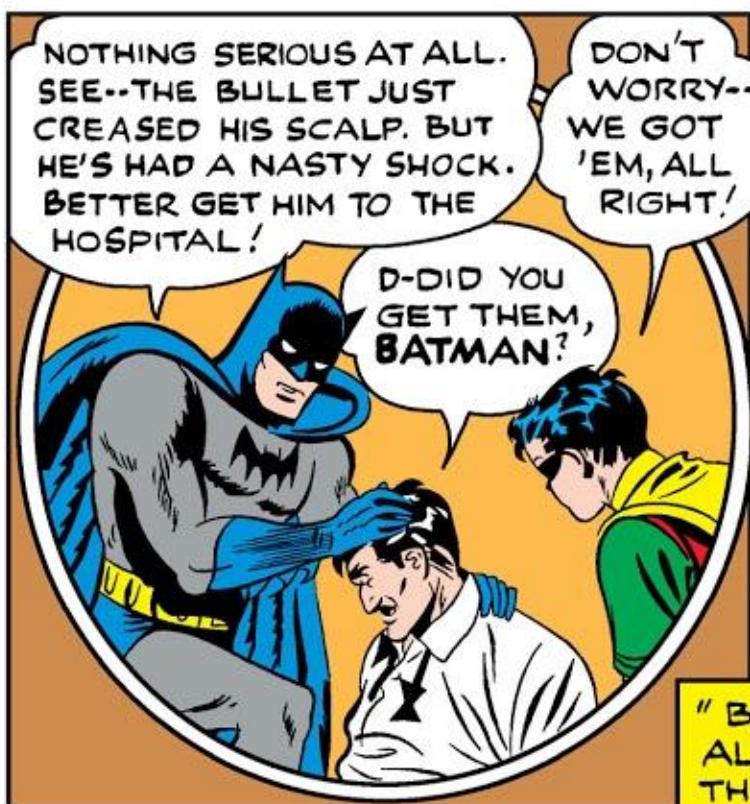
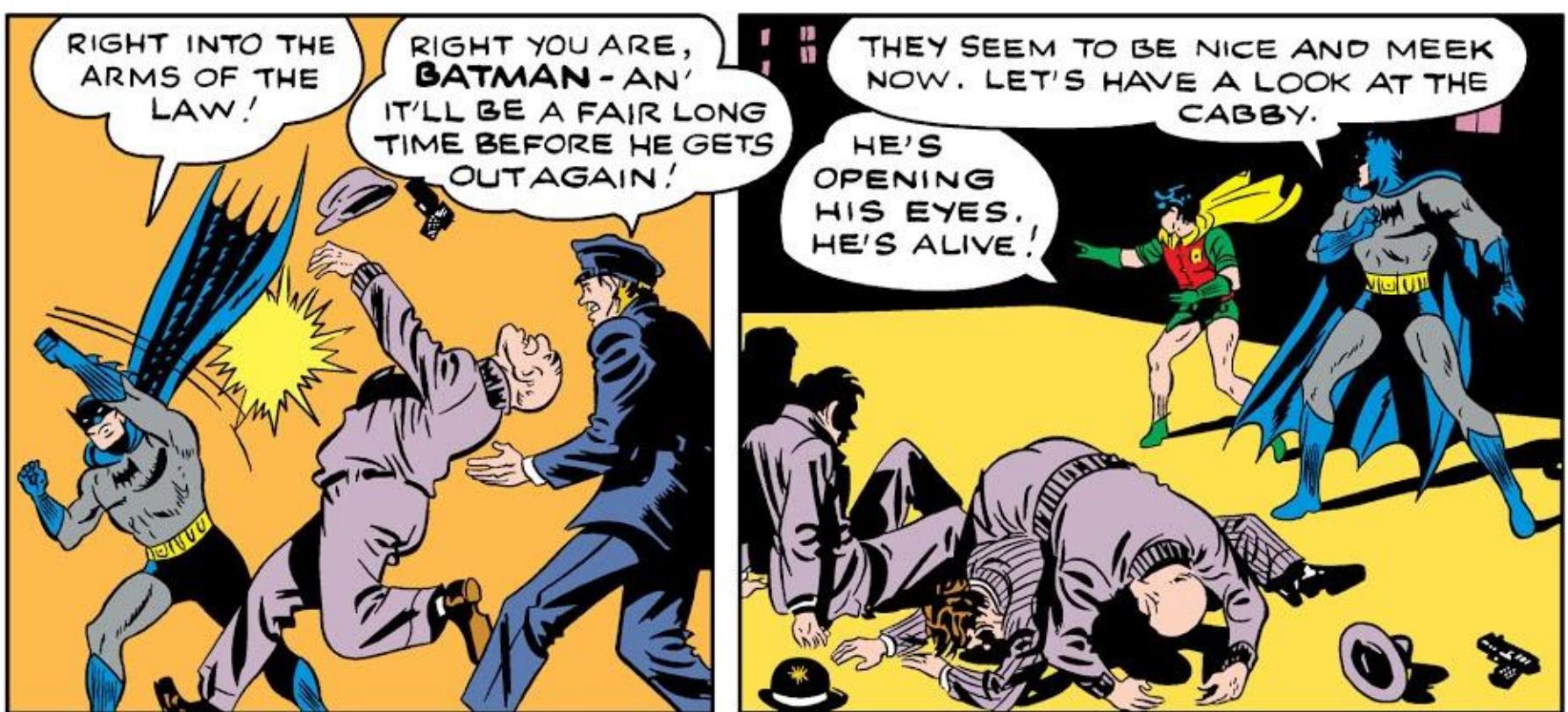
"NOT MANY MOONS AGO, A TRIBESMAN, RETURNING FROM THE DISTANT SEA-COAST, SPURRED HIS CAMEL ACROSS THE BURNING DESERT TOWARD OUR OASIS AND BURST INTO THE TENT OF THE FORMER SHEIK, OMAR EL KOBRA, HE OF THE EVIL NAME..."

WHILE PURCHASING SUPPLIES, I CAME UPON THIS AMERICAN NEWSPAPER IN THE TOWN. I OBTAINED IT FROM A FOREIGN SOLDIER. 'TWAS FORTUNATE THAT I KNOW ENGLISH. READ WELL THE ITEM I HAVE MARKED IN PENCIL.



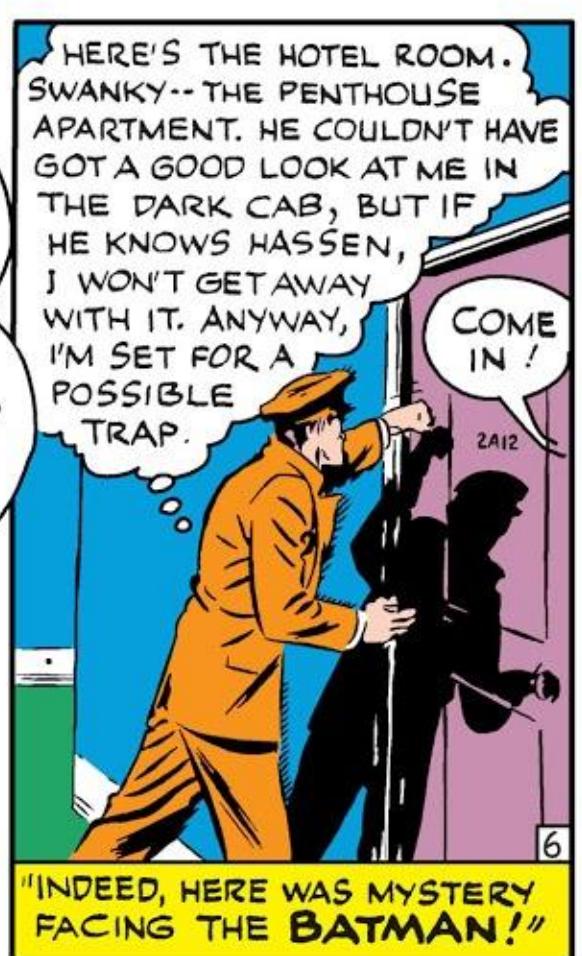


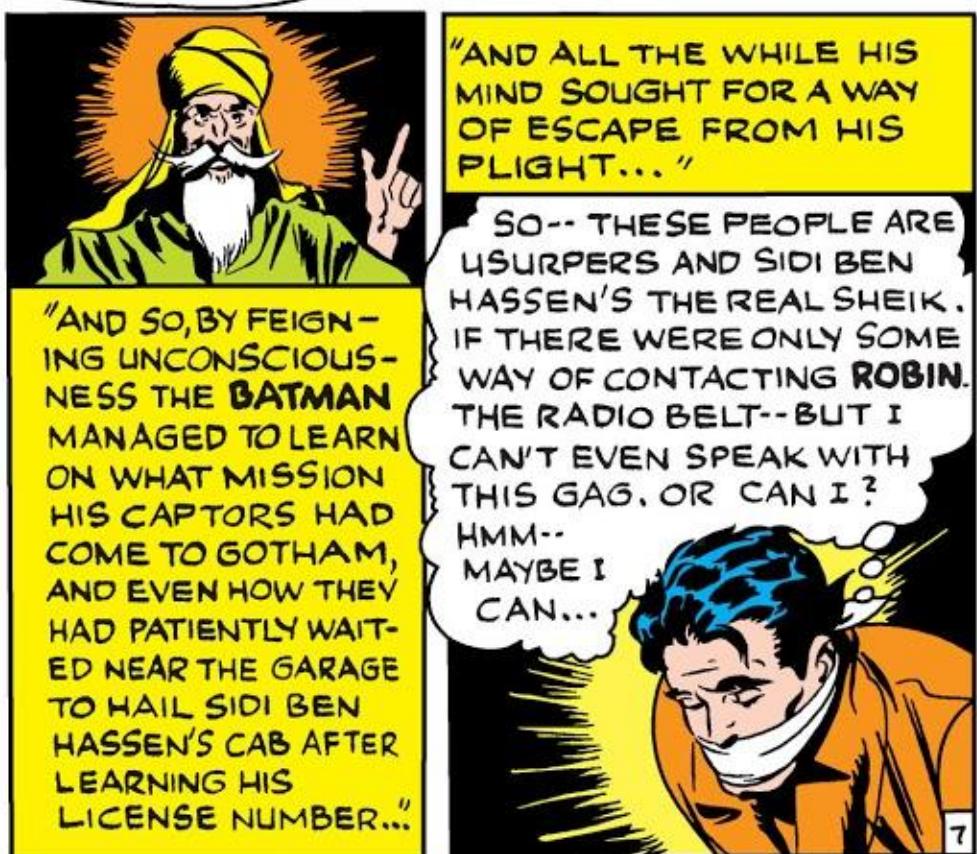
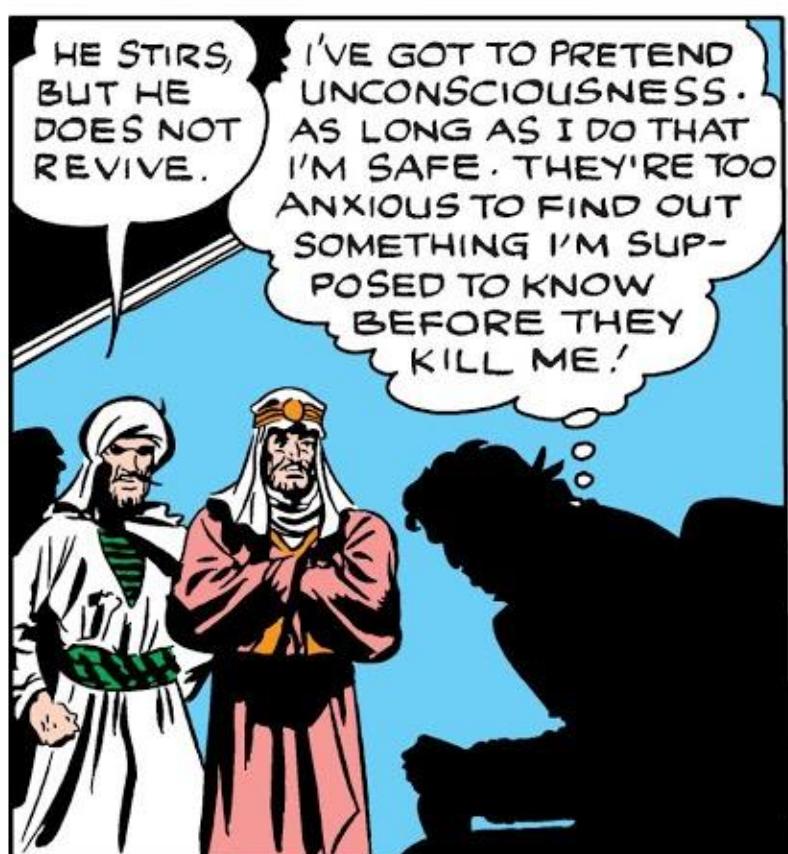


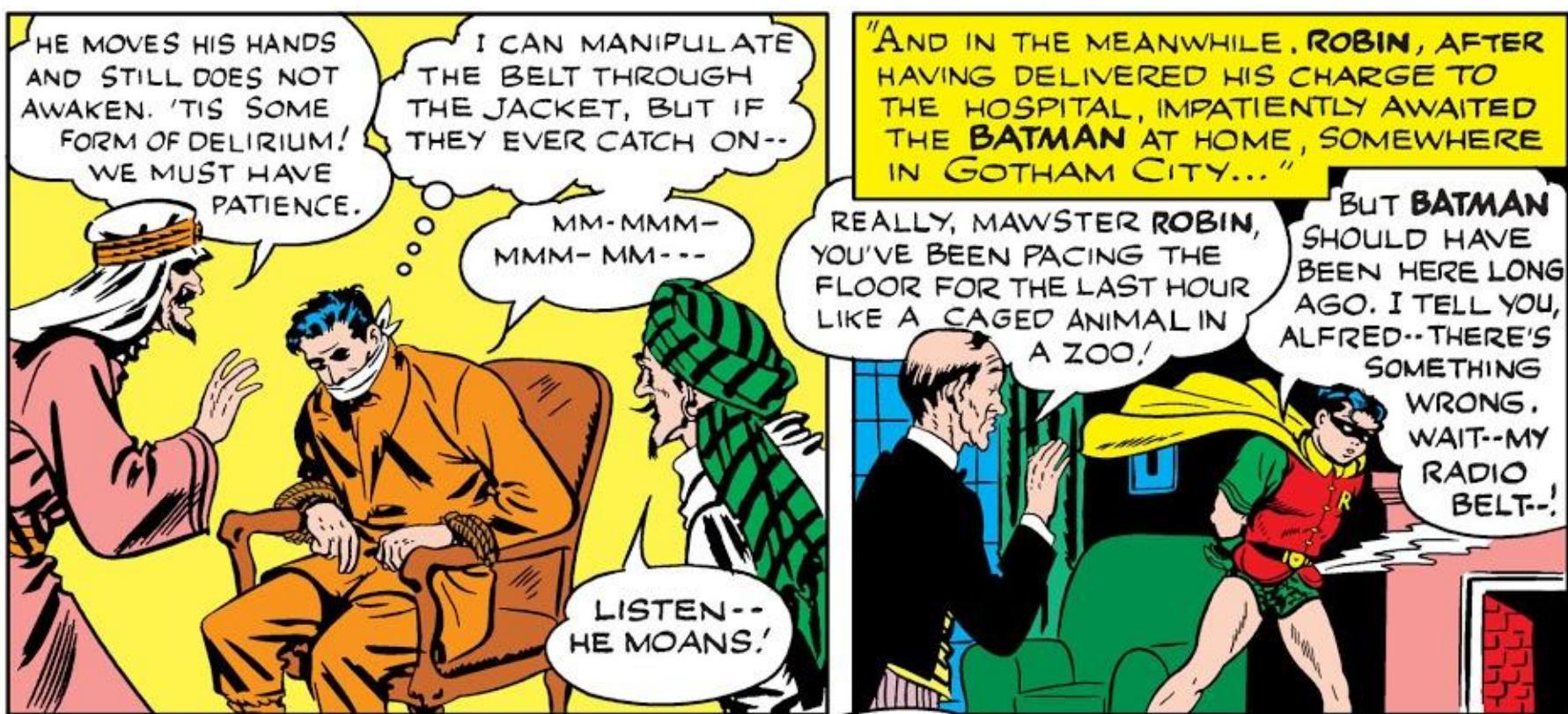


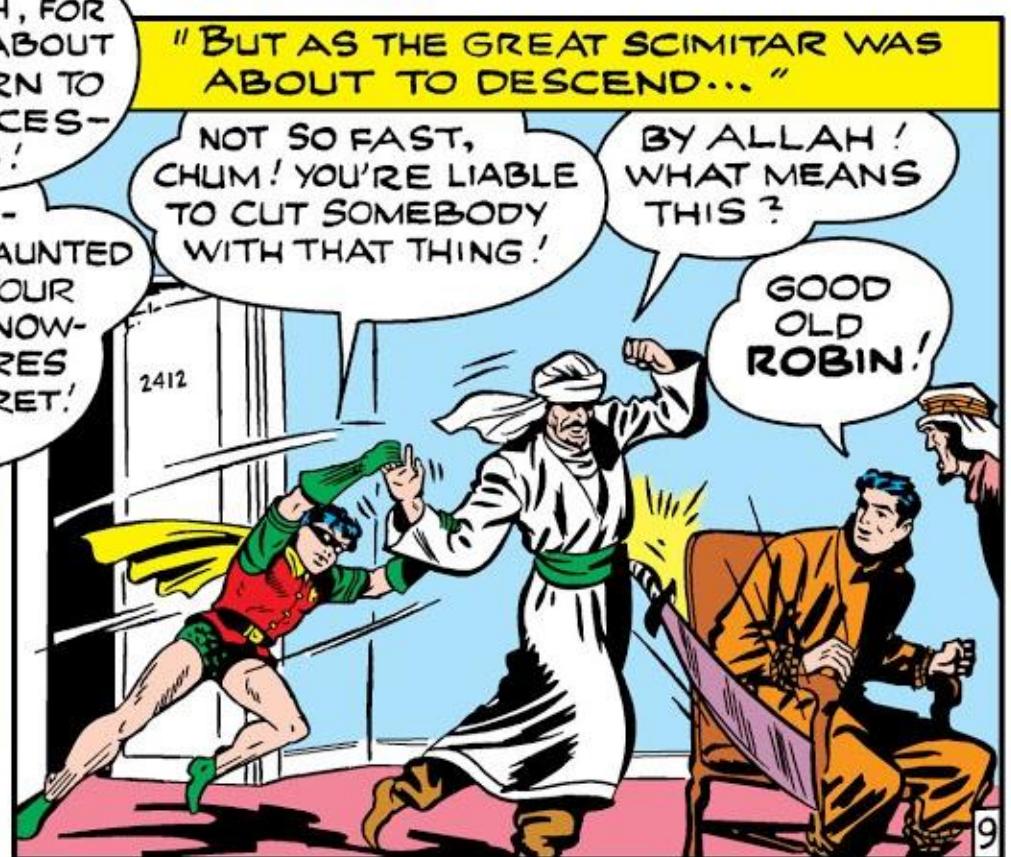
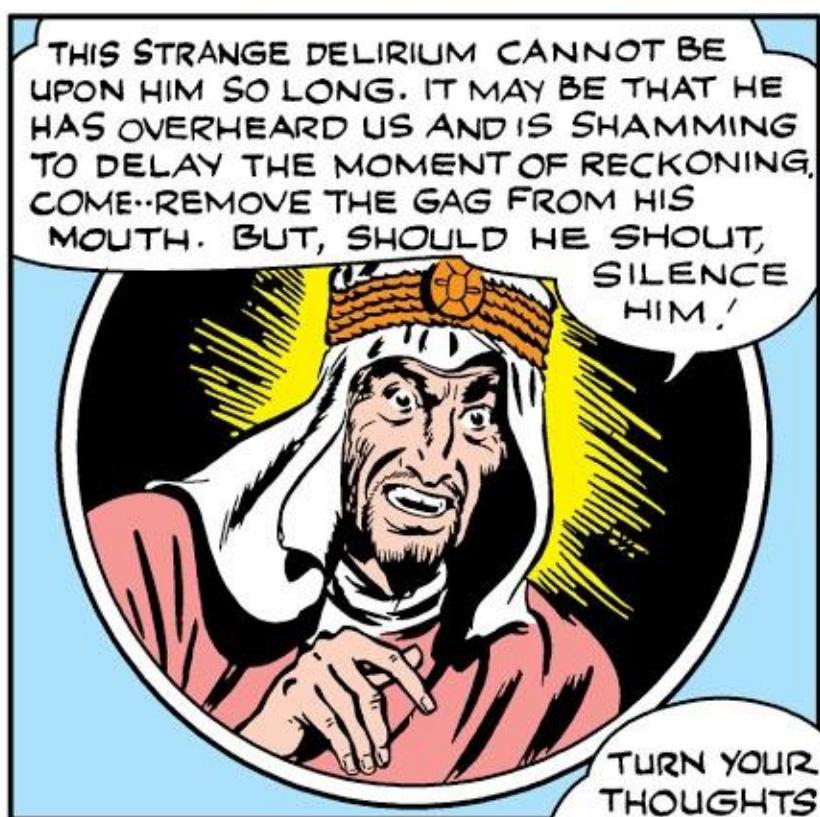


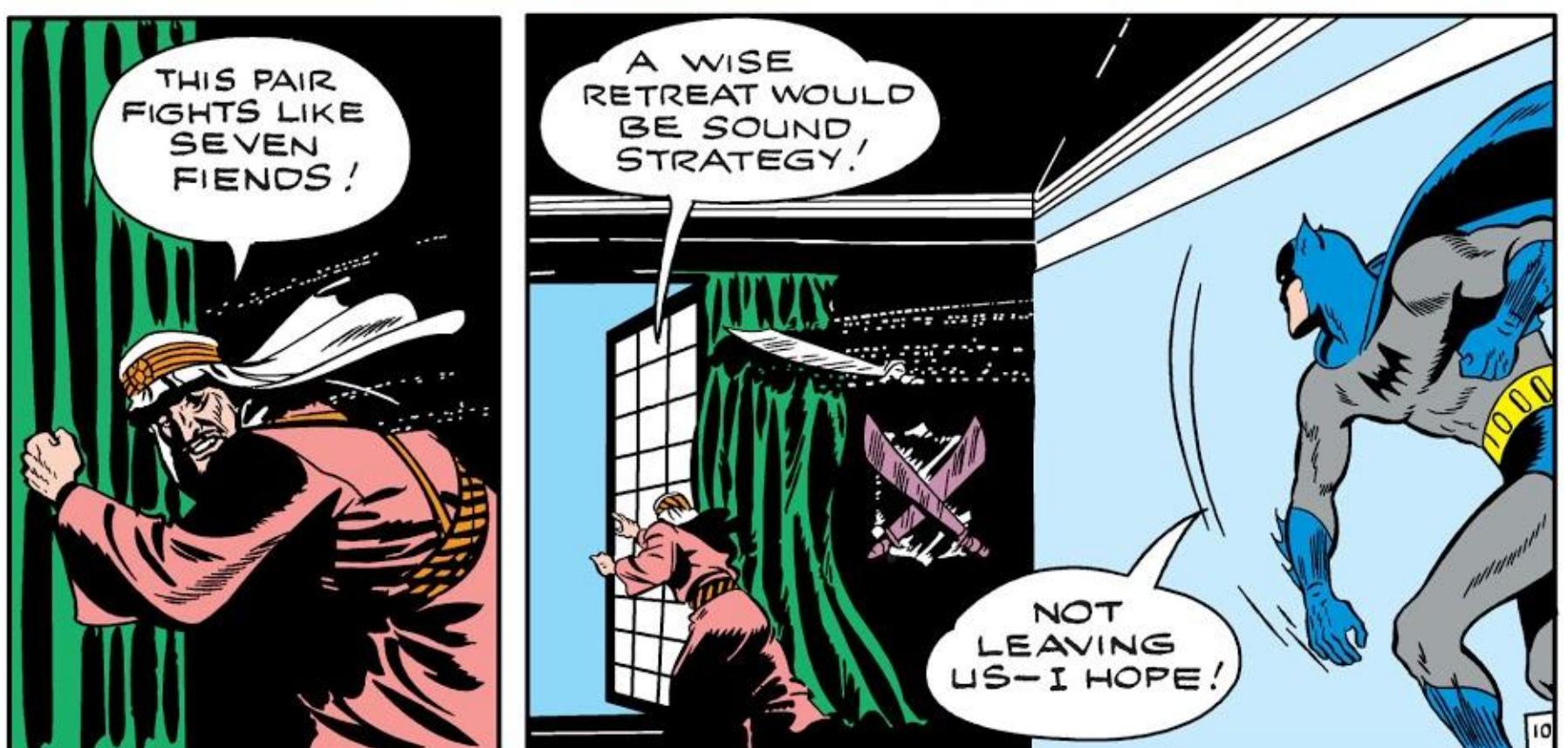
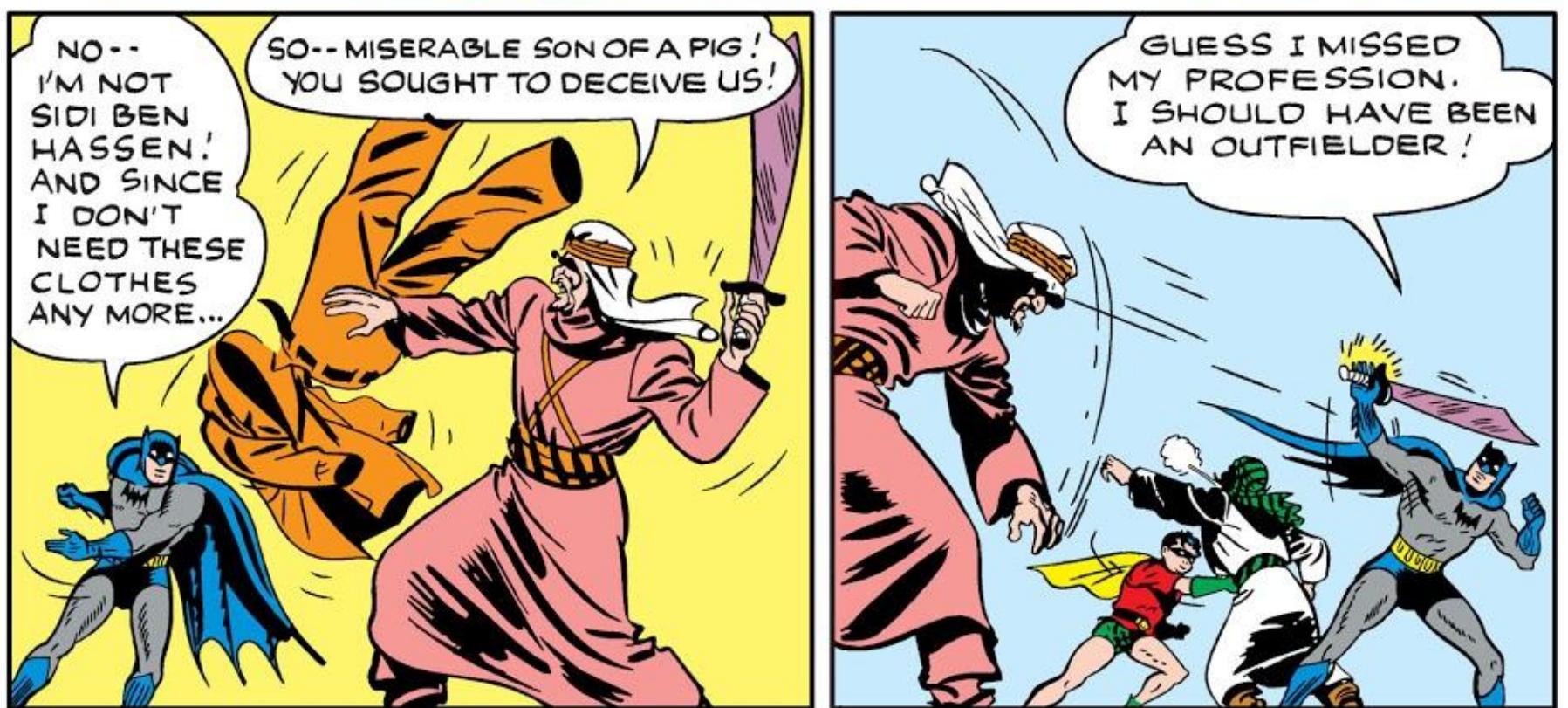
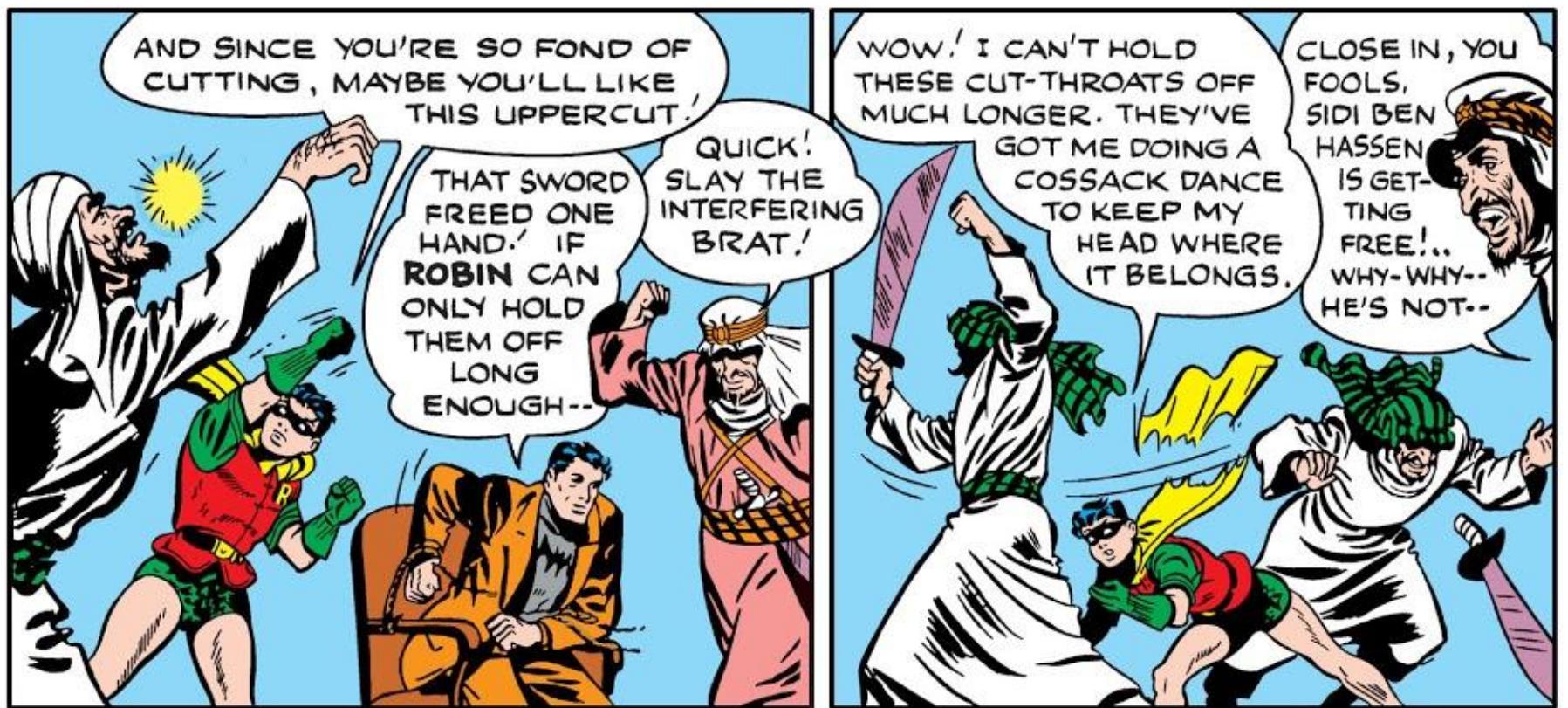
"AND INDEED, THE MAN'S BEHAVIOR
IN DELIBERATELY LEAVING HIS WALLET
ON THE SEAT WAS CAUSE FOR WONDER!"

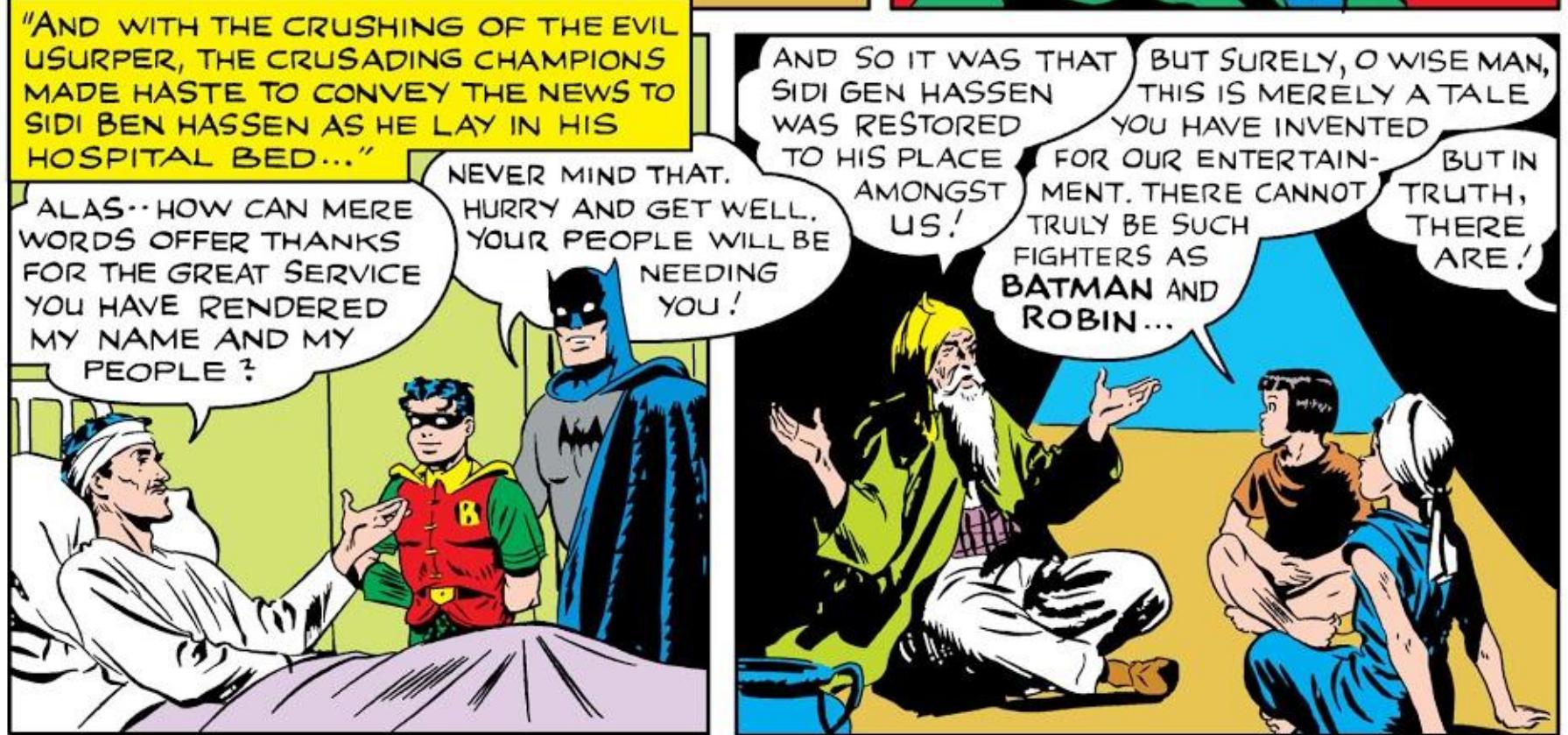








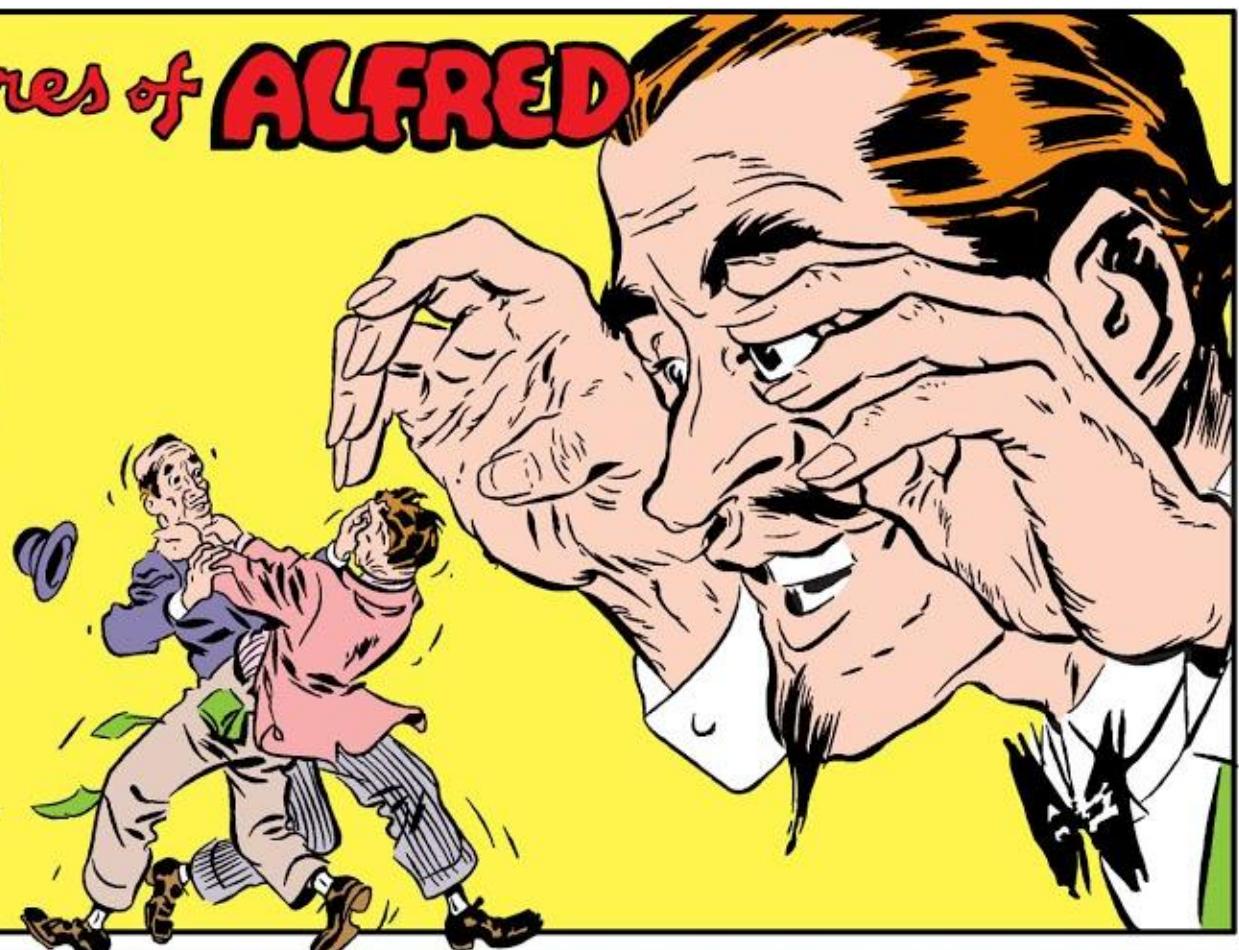




The Adventures of ALFRED

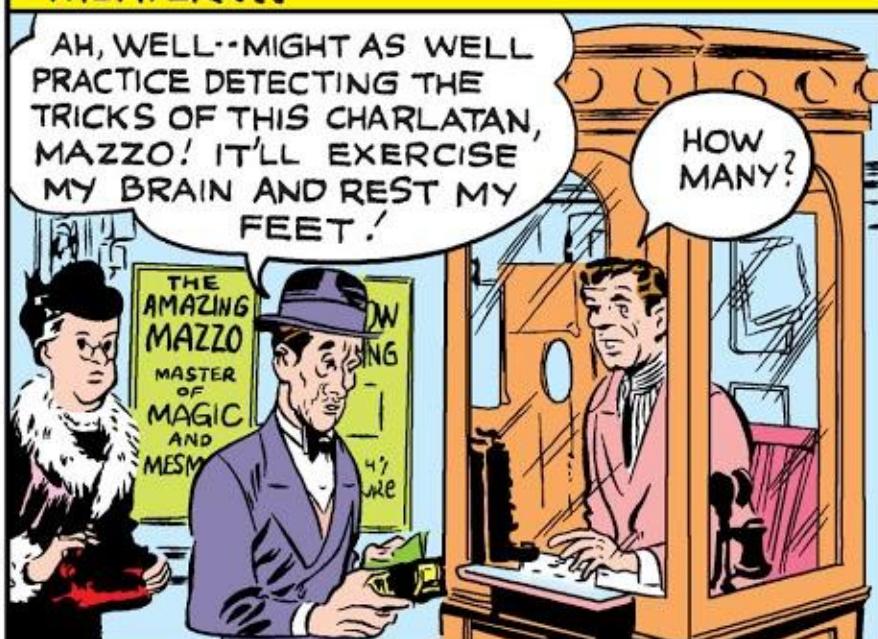
HALF BUTLER, HALF BLOODHOUND--THAT'S ALFRED, MAJORDOMO TO BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON! AND JUST TO PROVE HOW DEEPLY HIS SLEUTHING INSTINCTS ARE ROOTED IN HIS SUBCONSCIOUS MIND, WE GIVE YOU THIS THRILLING STORY OF...

"The MESMERIZED MANHUNTER!"

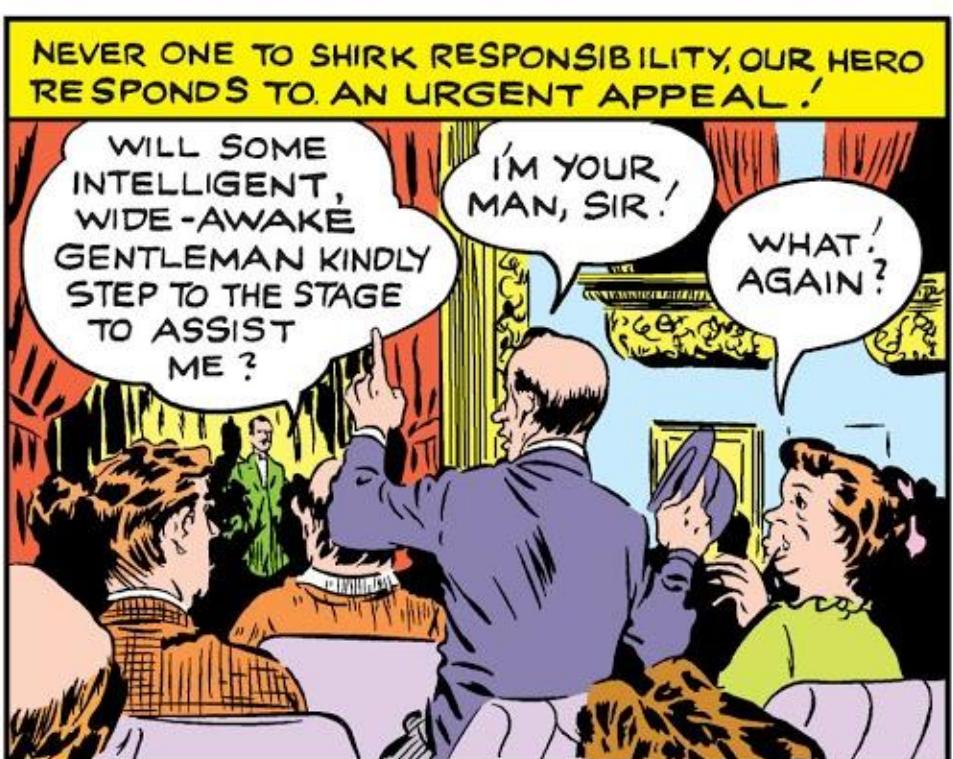


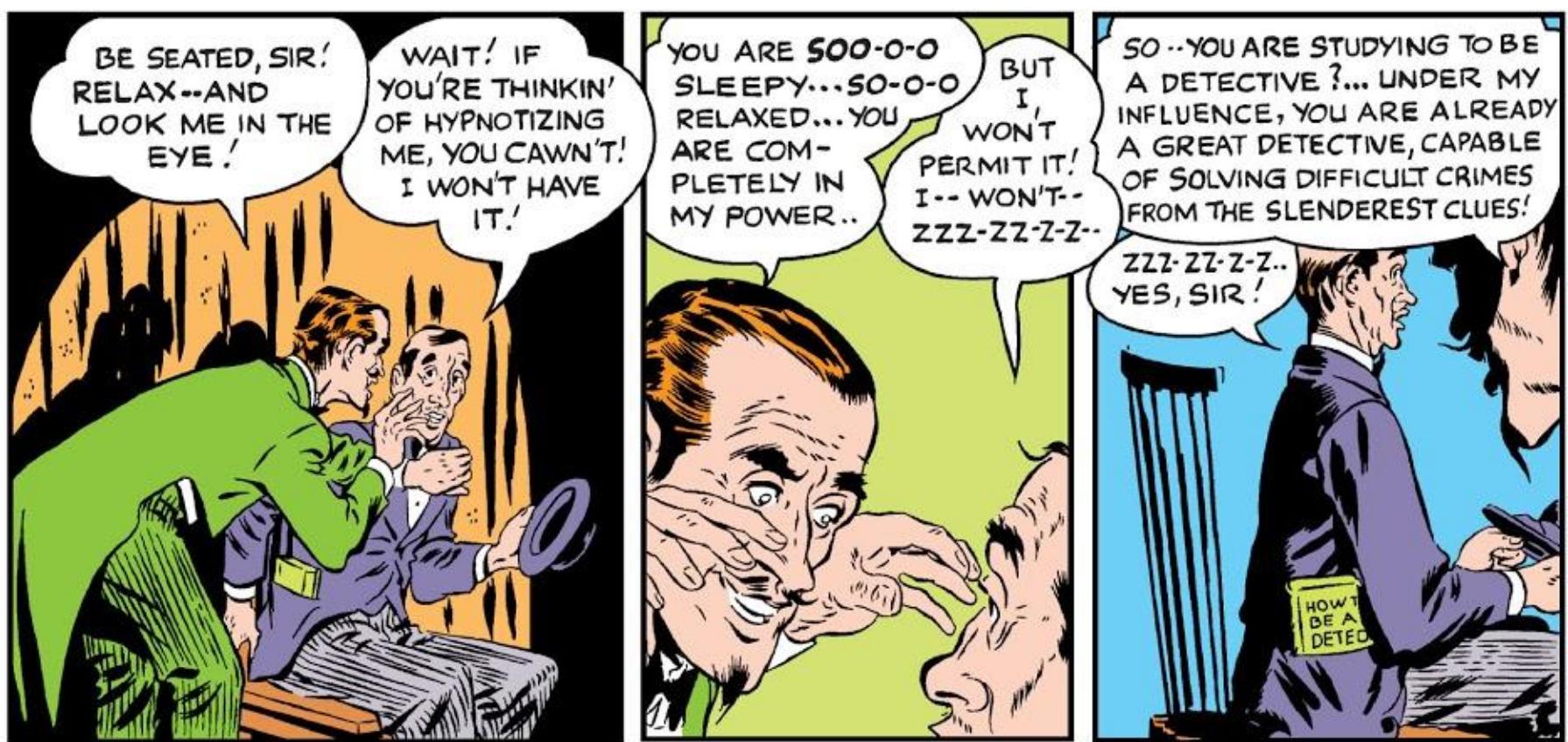
HAVING SOUGHT VAINLY FOR A CRIME TO SOLVE, ALFRED DECIDES TO END HIS DAY OFF AT A THEATER...

AH, WELL--MIGHT AS WELL PRACTICE DETECTING THE TRICKS OF THIS CHARLATAN, MAZZO! IT'LL EXERCISE MY BRAIN AND REST MY FEET!

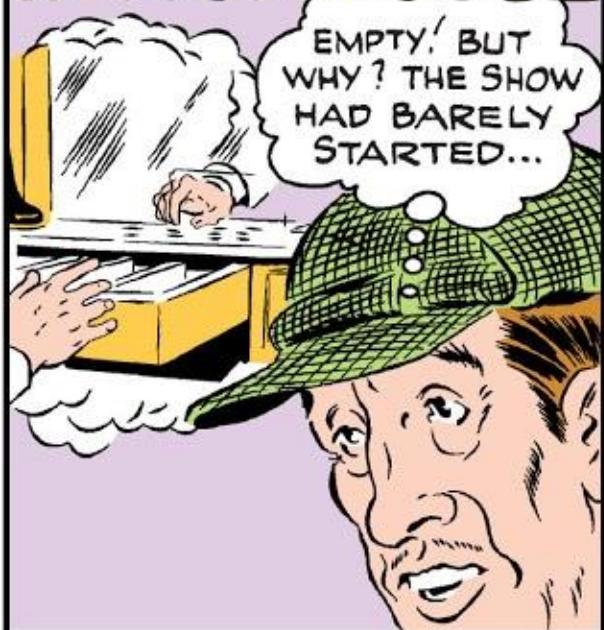


AUTOMATICALLY, THE CASHIER OPENS THE MONEY-DRAWER...

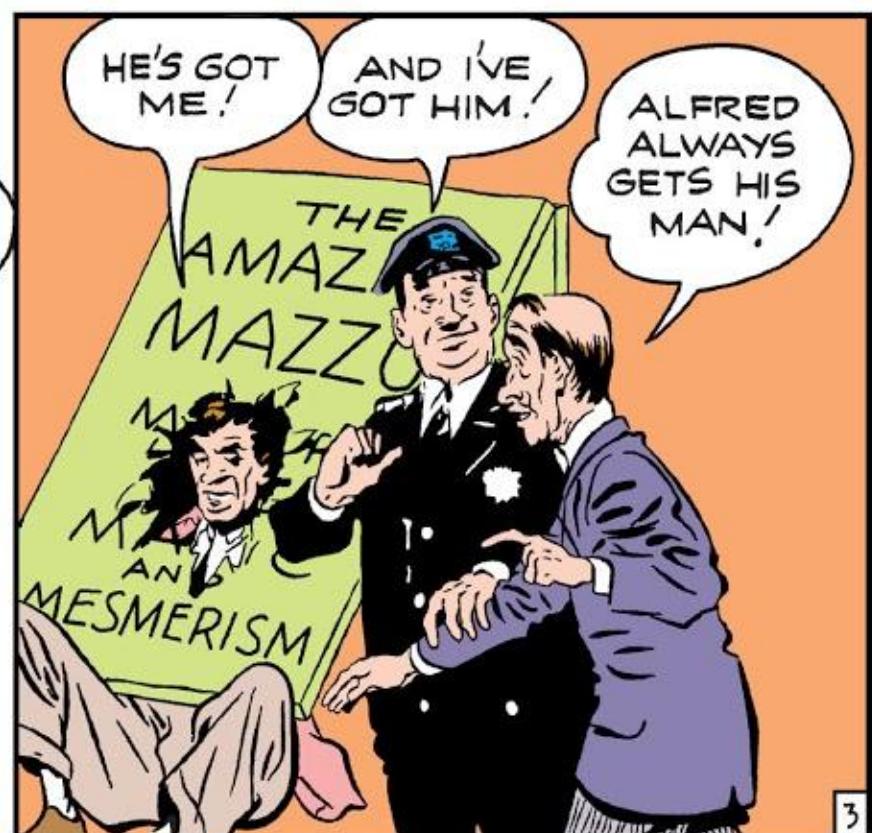
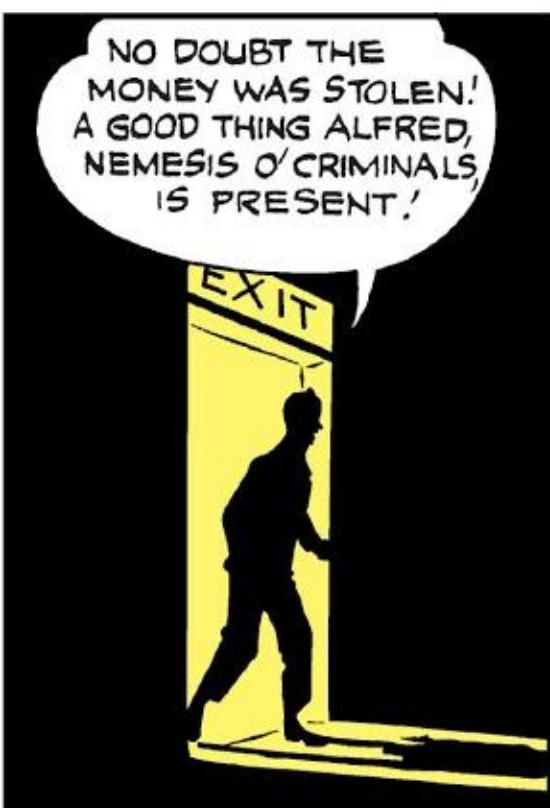




THE KEY WORD STIRS A RECENT MEMORY IN ALFRED'S SUBCONSCIOUS MIND, WHERE THE SHOT HAS ALREADY AWAKENED SLUMBERING SUSPICIONS...



AND DIDN'T MAZZO HIMSELF SAY THAT THIS AMATEUR SLEUTH WAS CAPABLE OF SOLVING CRIMES FROM THE SLENDEREST CLUES?



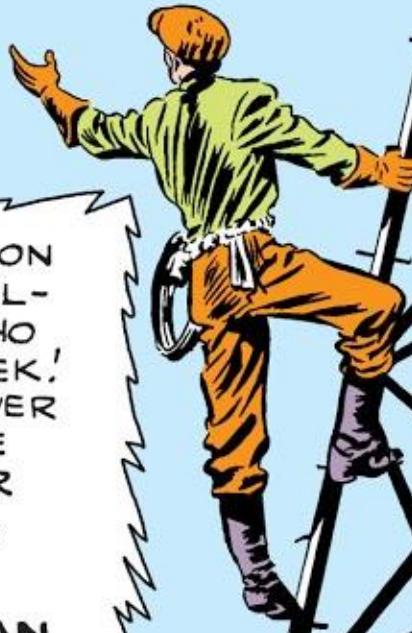


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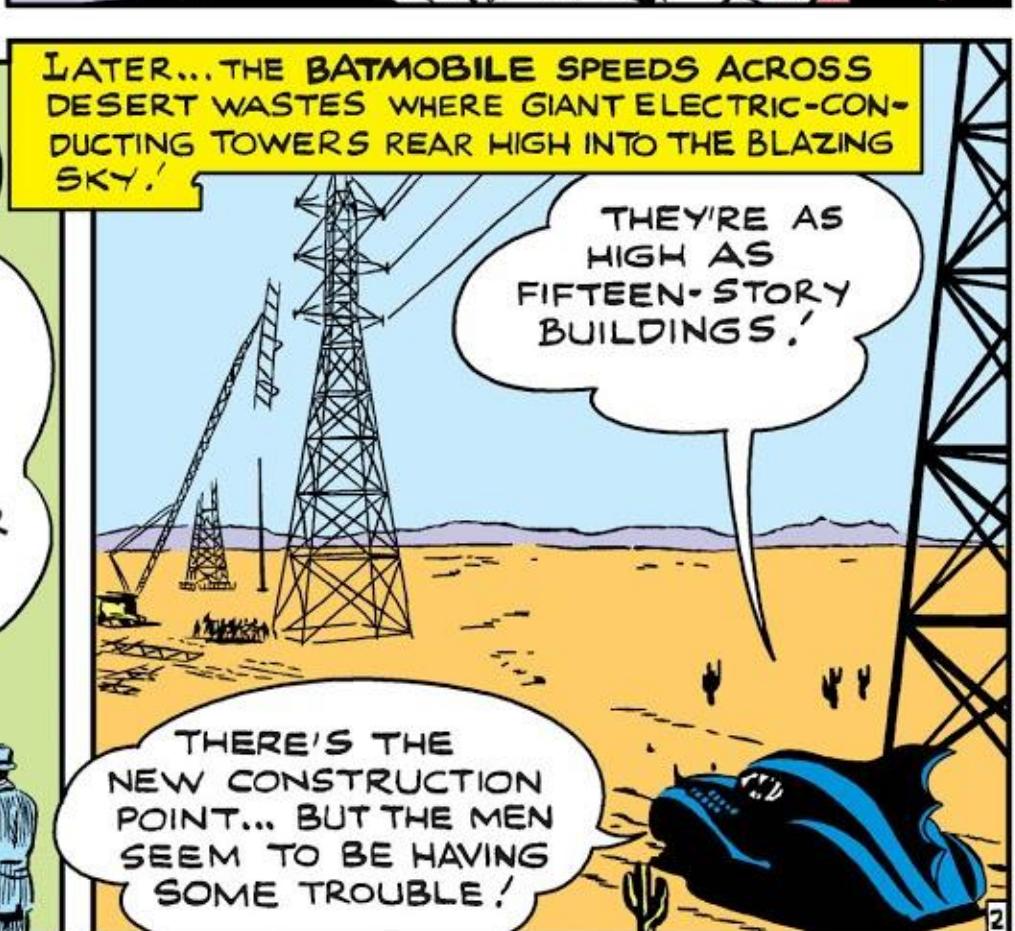
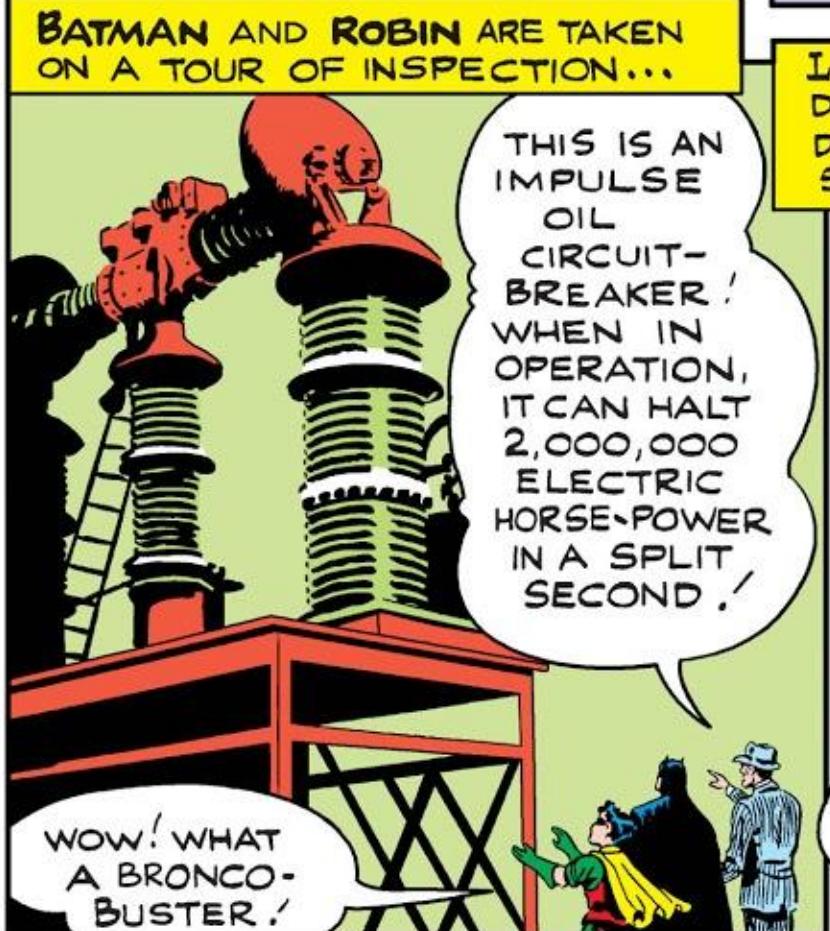
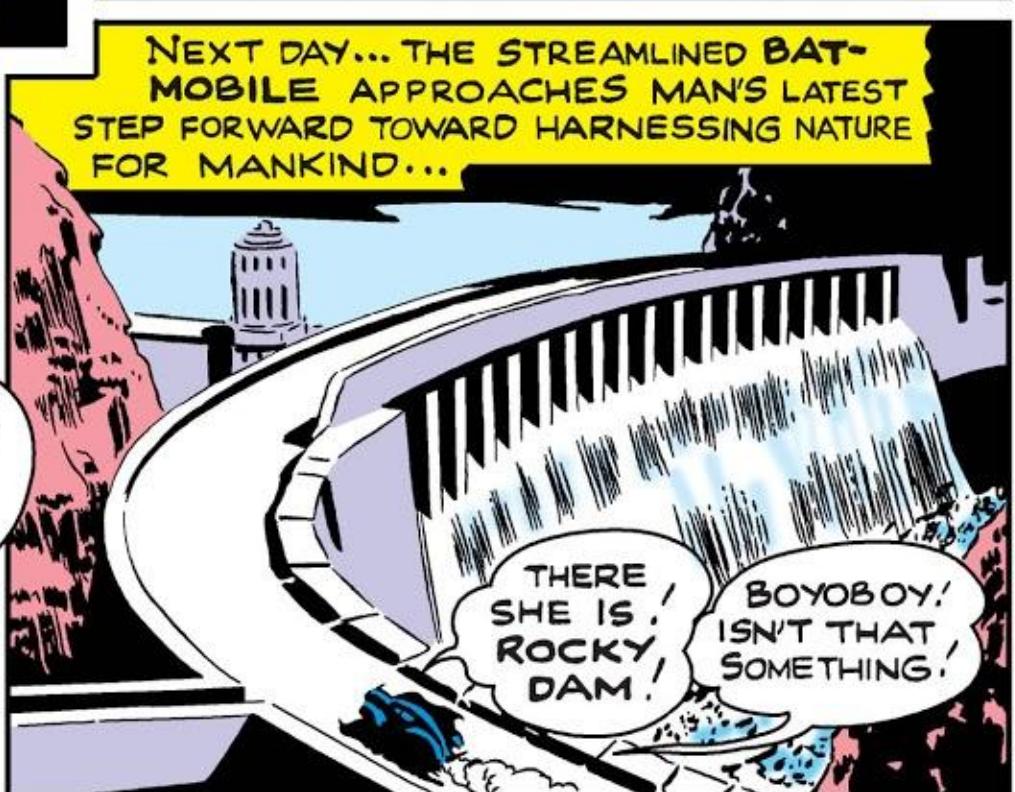
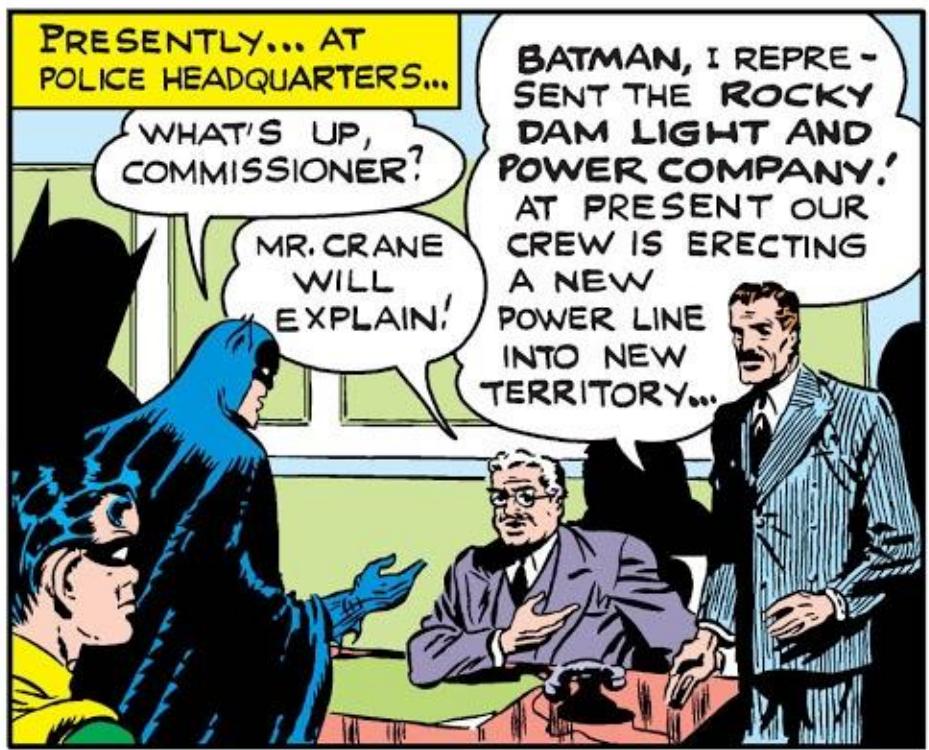
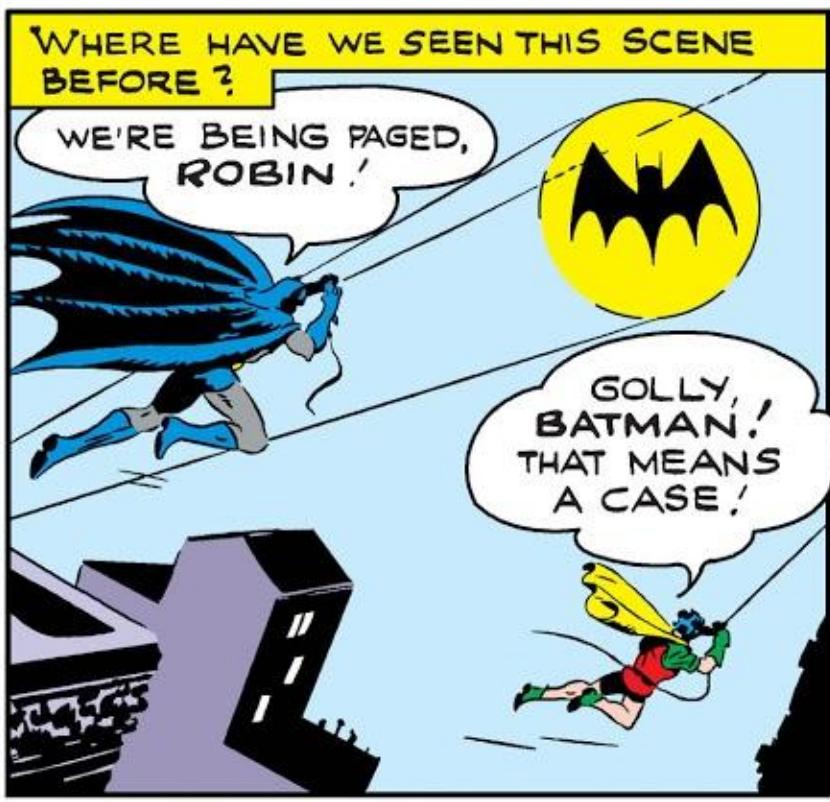
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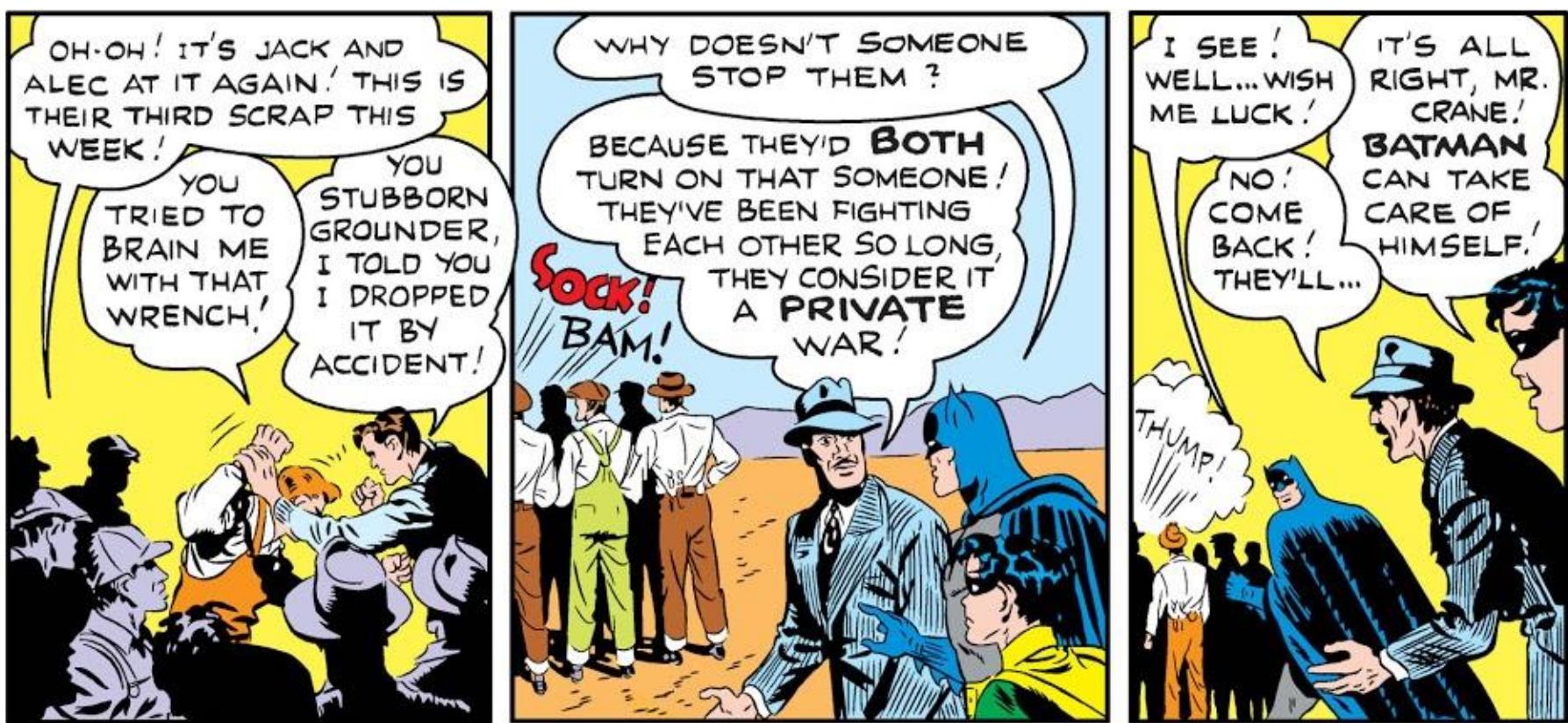
BOB KANE



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE HERD ON TROUBLE AS 2,000,000 HORSES GALLOPED AT YOU? THERE ARE MEN WHO DO JUST THAT EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEK! THE HORSES -- 2,000,000 HORSE-POWER ELECTRIC CURRENT! THE MEN -- THE MAINTENANCE EXPERTS WHO REPAIR THE POWER LINES THAT SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO THE BIG CITIES! MEN WHO LAUGH AT DANGER AND DEATH - THESE ARE THE MEN BATMAN AND ROBIN MEET...

"THE KILOWATT COWBOYS!"







"JACK CARRIED THE BALL... ALEC CLEARED THE FIELD FOR HIM! BUT JACK, THE STAR QUARTERBACK, BECAME THE CELEBRATED HERO AND ALEC AN UNSUNG ONE! SO THEY FOUGHT OVER THAT!"

CARRYING THE BALL STRAIGHT OVER THE GOAL LINE!... UGH!

ALL-AMERICAN QUARTERBACK! WHERE WOULD YOU BE WITHOUT ME?... OOF!

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"THE YEARS PASSED! ALEC BECAME A LINEMAN... AND THEN ONE DAY, JACK BECAME PART OF THE CREW!"

YES, IT'S ME! MY FOLKS LOST ALL THEIR MONEY, SO NOW I'M WORKING FOR A LIVING!

DO YOU MIND?

I DON'T MIND, SO LONG AS YOU KEEP OUT OF MY WAY ... BIG SHOT!

"THEN ONE DAY IT HAPPENED! ALEC FELL OFF A TOWER ... BROKE SOME RIBS! COULDN'T CLIMB A TOWER AFTER THAT - LOST HIS NERVE ON HEIGHTS!"

HELP! HELP ME! I'M GOING TO FALL

HOLD ON, ALEC! I'M COMING!

"SO ALEC BECAME A GROUND GRUNT (THAT'S SLANG FOR LINEMAN'S ASSISTANT)... AND GUESS WHO WAS THE LINEMAN?!"

FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE JACK'S GRUNT MAN!

AND DO A GOOD JOB!

NEVER MIND ME! JUST WATCH OUT YOU DON'T TAKE A TUMBLE!

HERE... BUTTER-FINGERS!

-- SO THEY'RE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN... JUST LIKE IN FOOTBALL

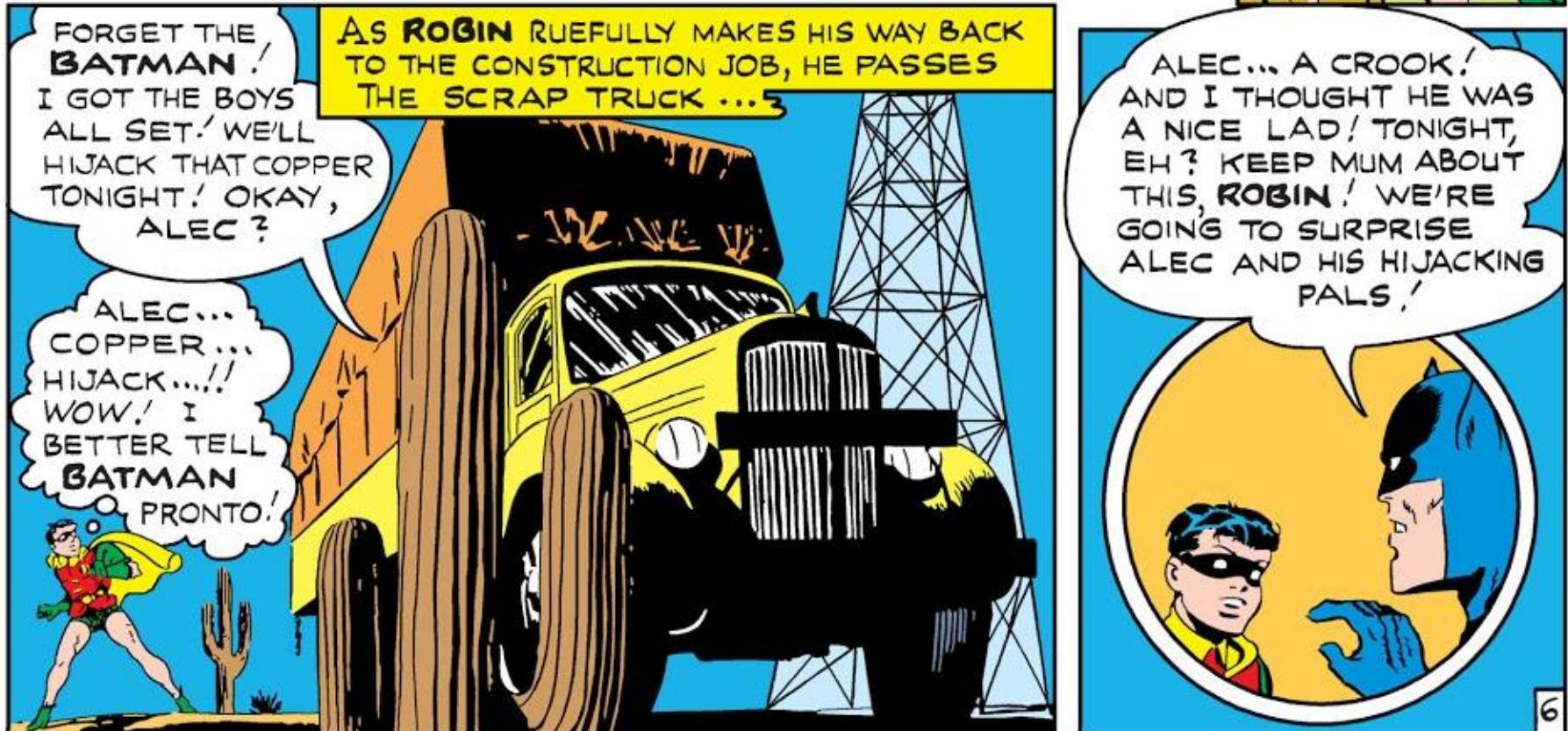
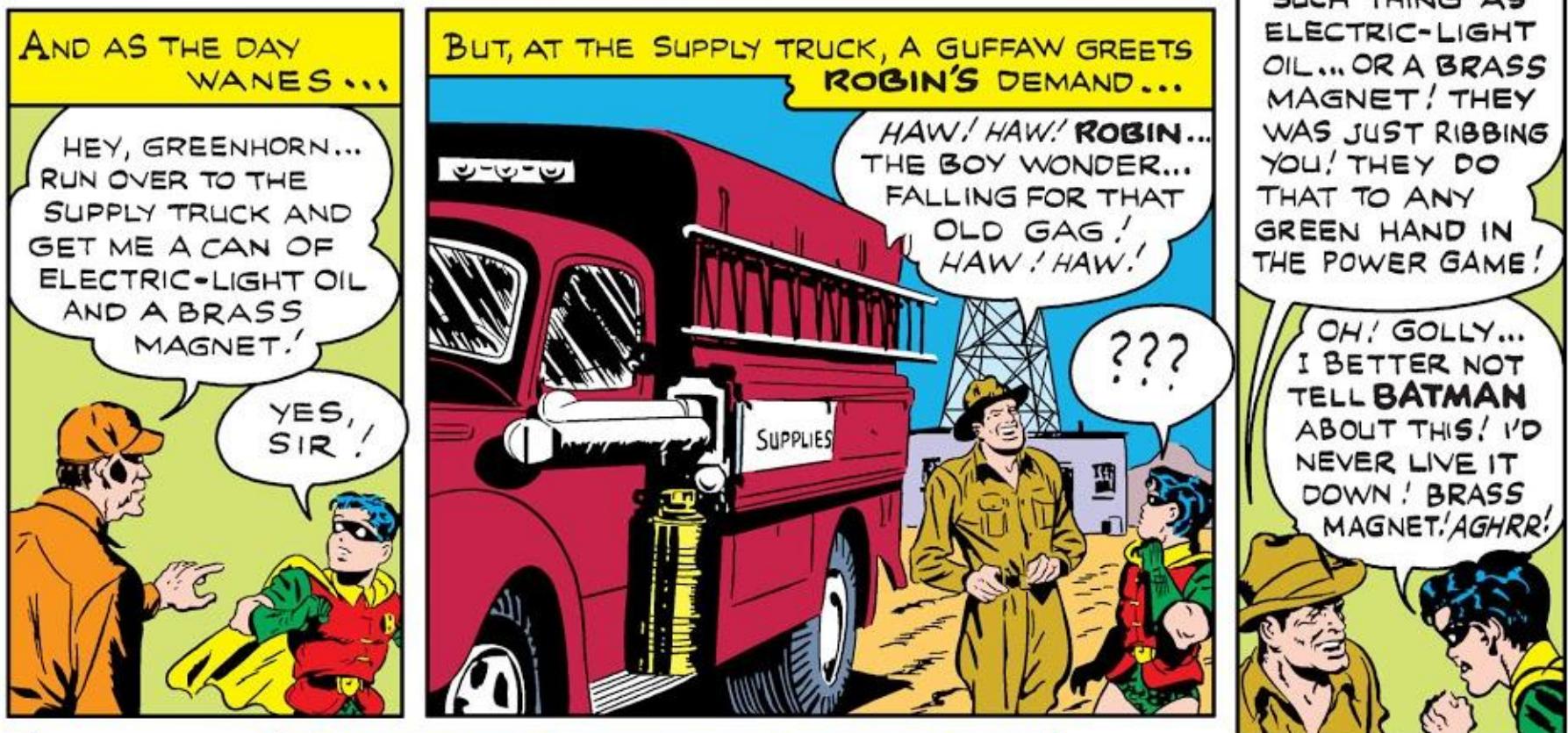
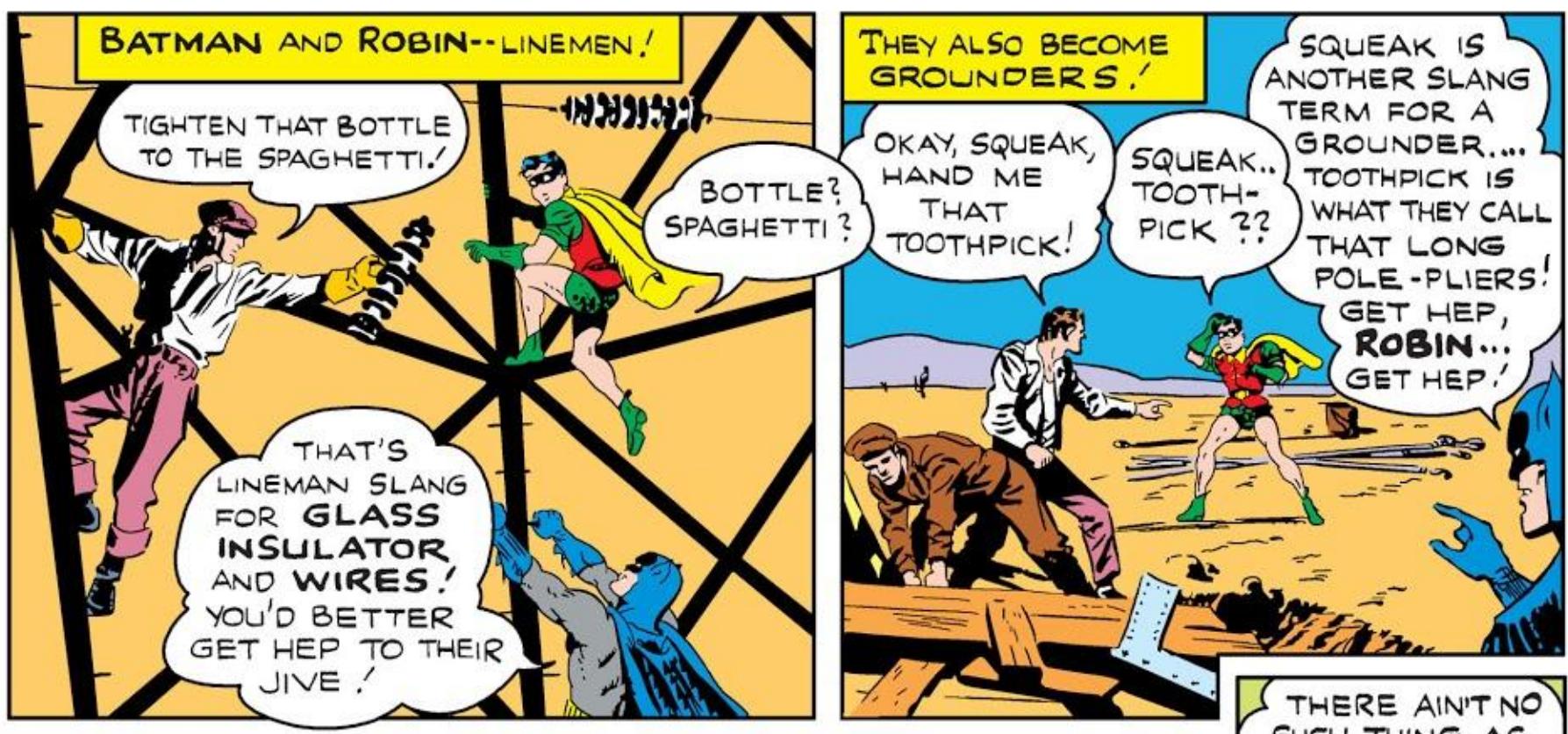
THANKS... KNUCKLE-HEAD!

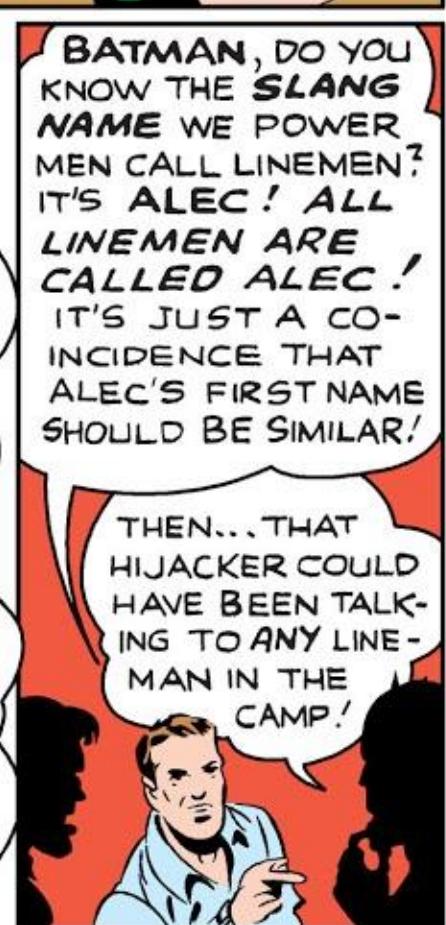
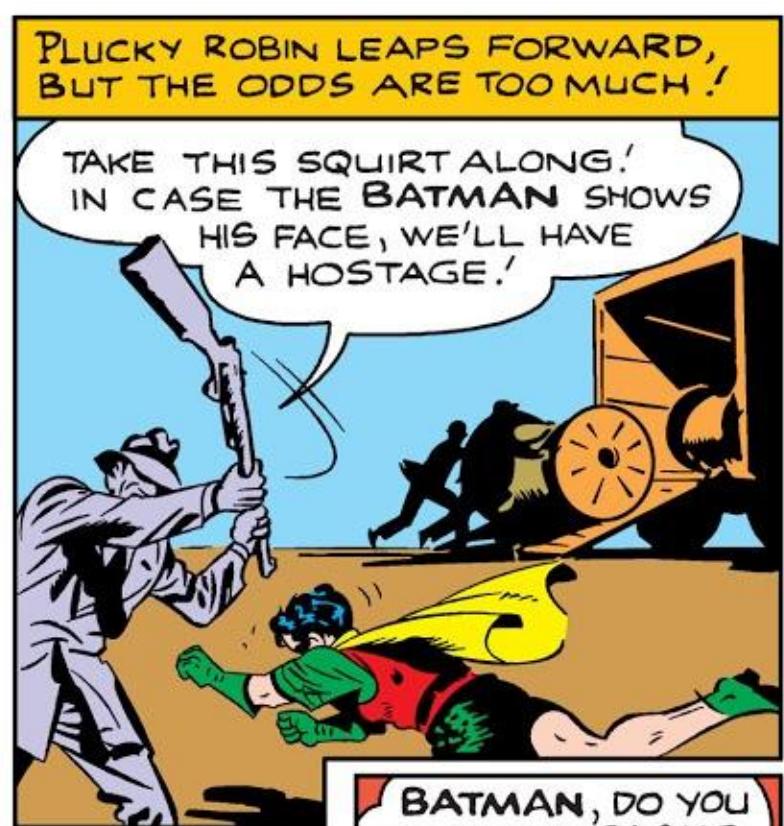
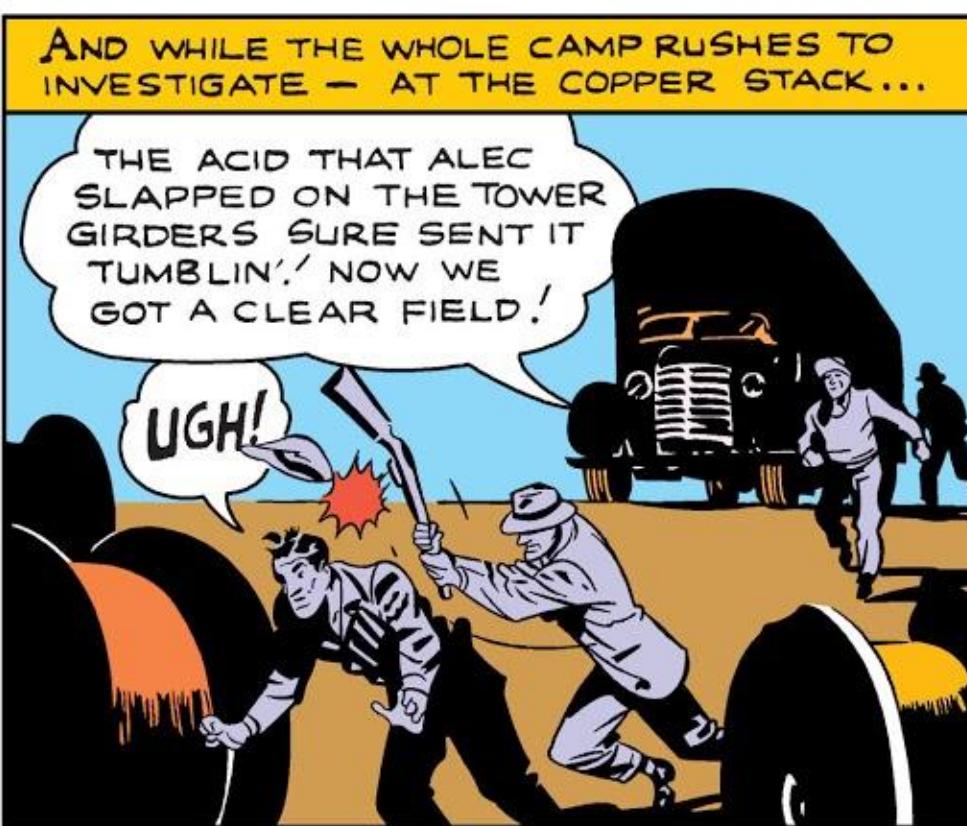
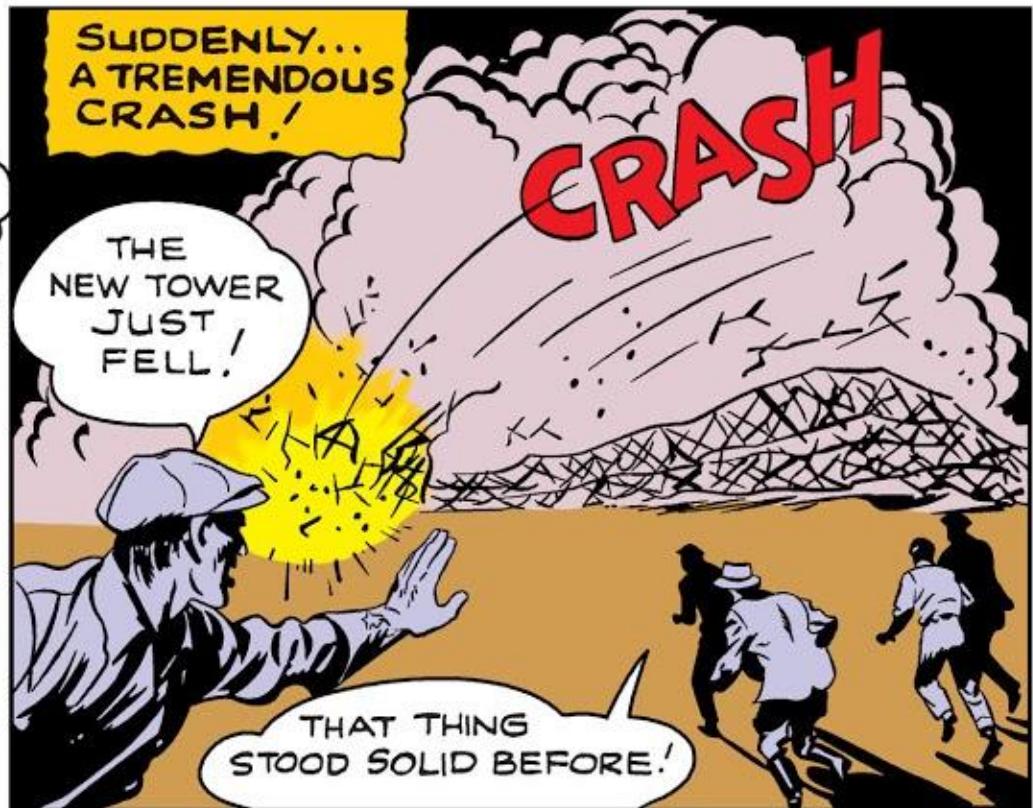
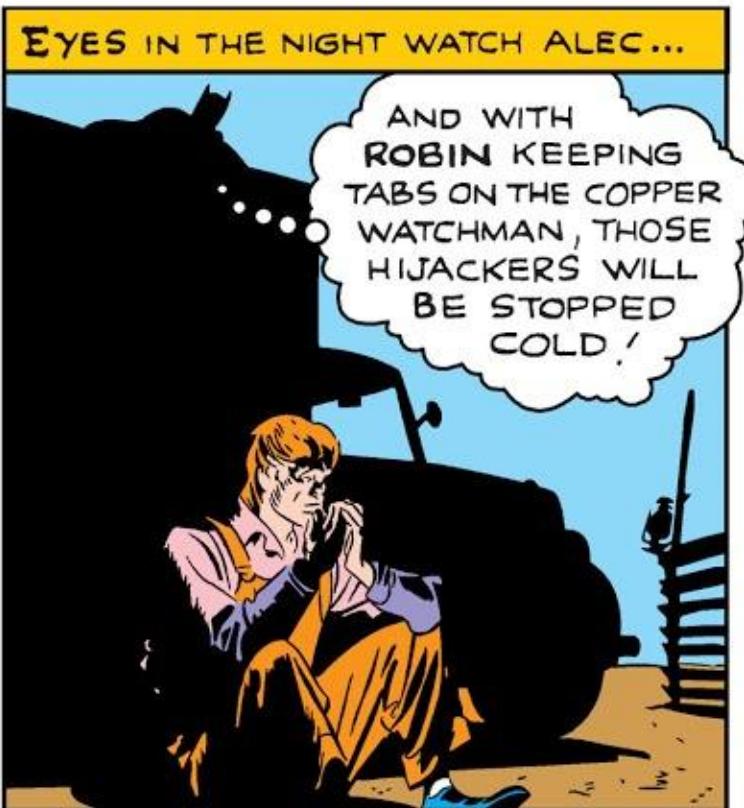
SAY, YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS READY TO TRY ANYTHING... HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ON ONE OF THOSE TOWERS?

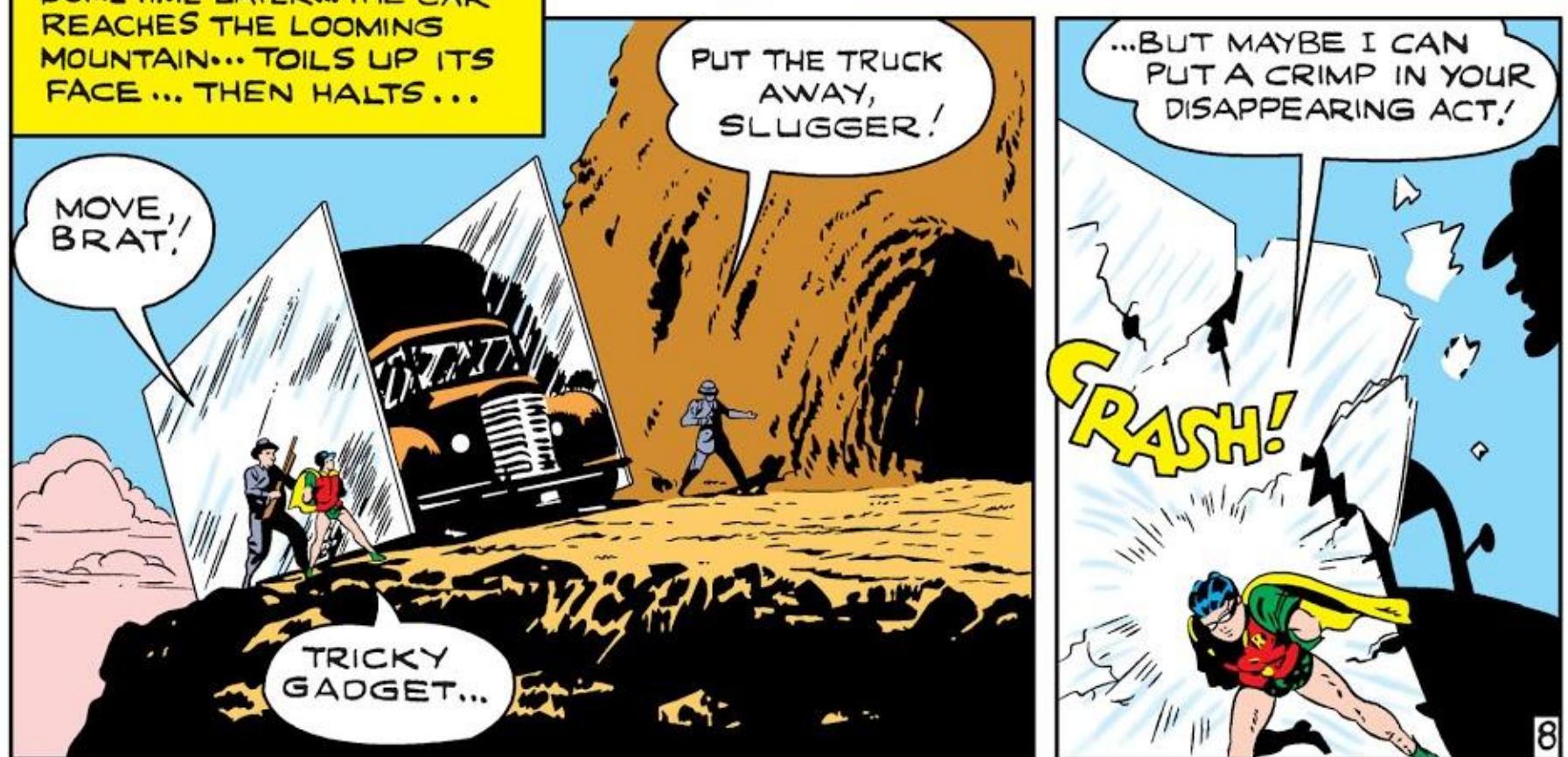
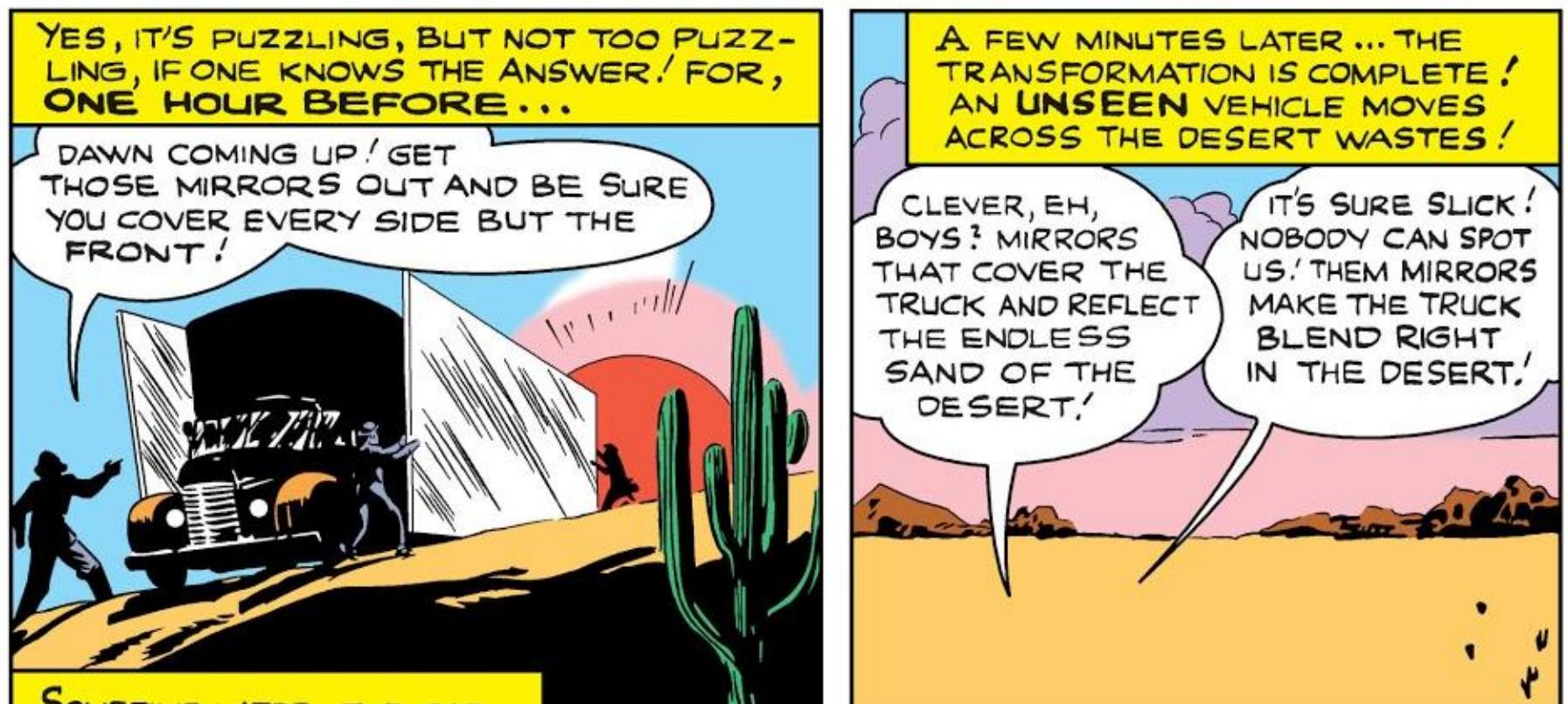
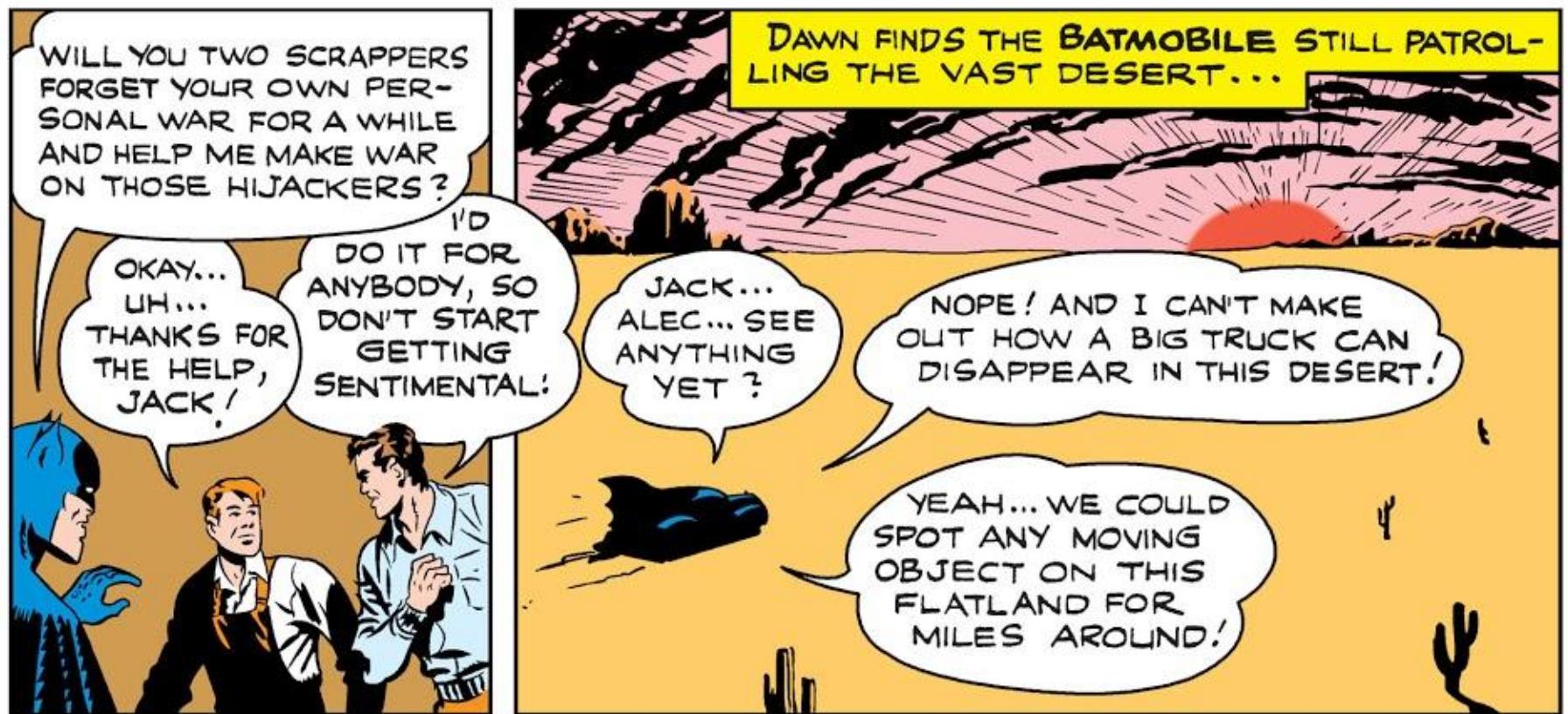
WHY NOT? WE'LL LEARN TROUBLE-SHOOTING WHILE WE INVESTIGATE TROUBLE!

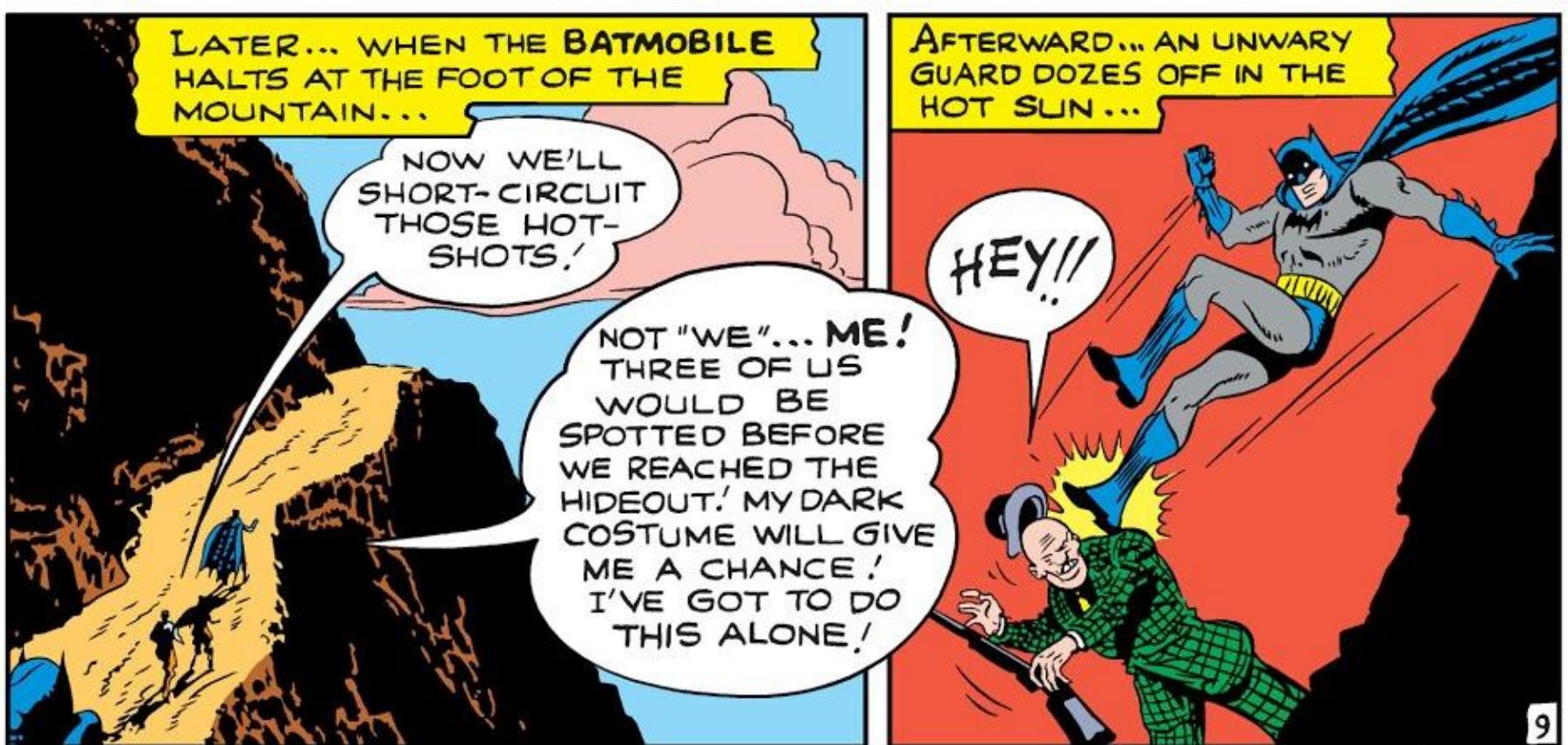
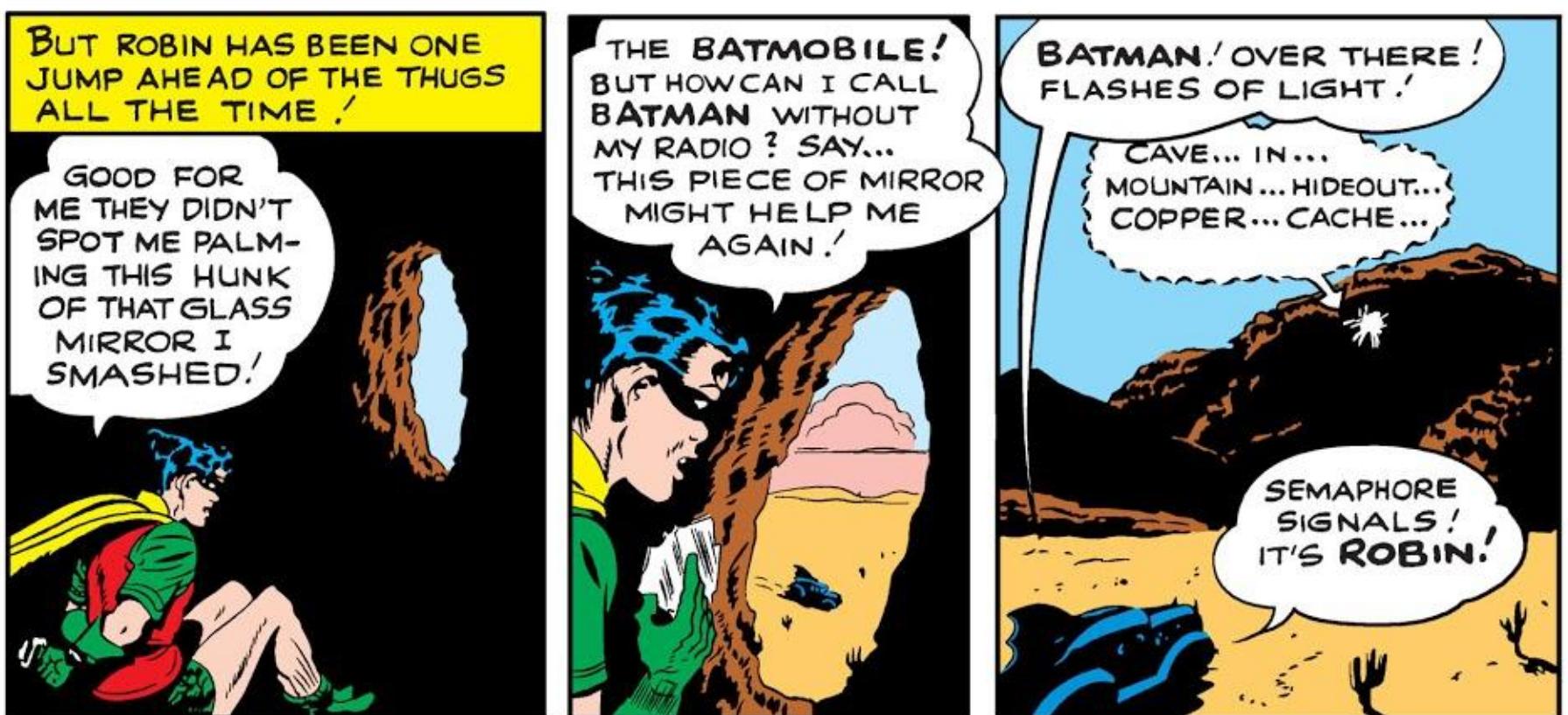
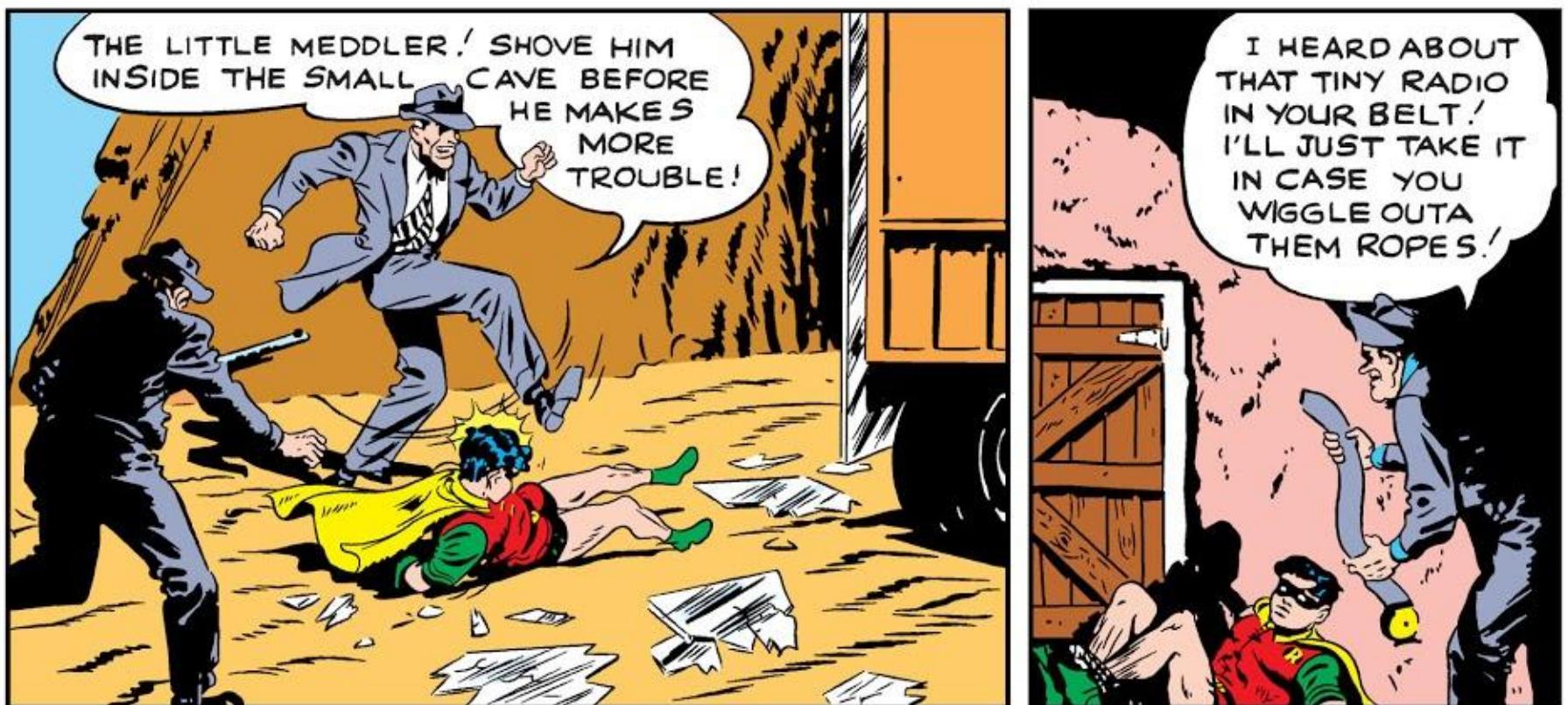
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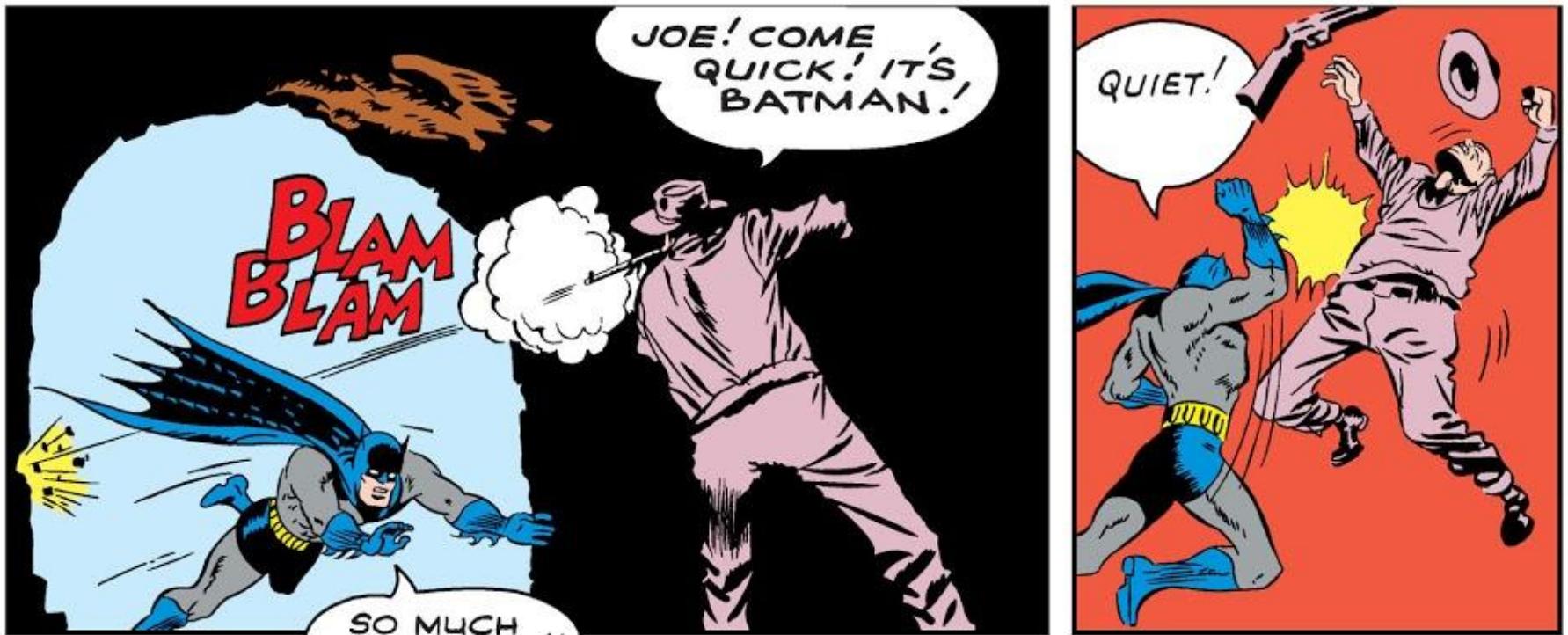
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AT THAT MOMENT... THE FIERCE WIND TEARS AT AN ELECTRIC WIRE... AND RIPS IT LOOSE! A WIRE CABLE CARRYING 290,000 VOLTS!



THE LIVE WIRE WHIPS ABOUT MADLY IN THE WIND-- AND LASHES AT COYLE! A SICKENING CRACKLE... THE SMELL OF OZONE - AND COYLE IS ELECTROCUTED!



BUT SOMEONE IS AHEAD OF BATMAN! ALEC -- THE MAN AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!



UP... UP, CLAWING, FIGHTING HIS WAY AGAINST HACKING WIND AND BLINDING SAND! BUT HIS GREATEST FIGHT IS AGAINST FEAR... AND HORRIBLE REMEMBRANCE OF A DAY NOT SO LONG AGO...



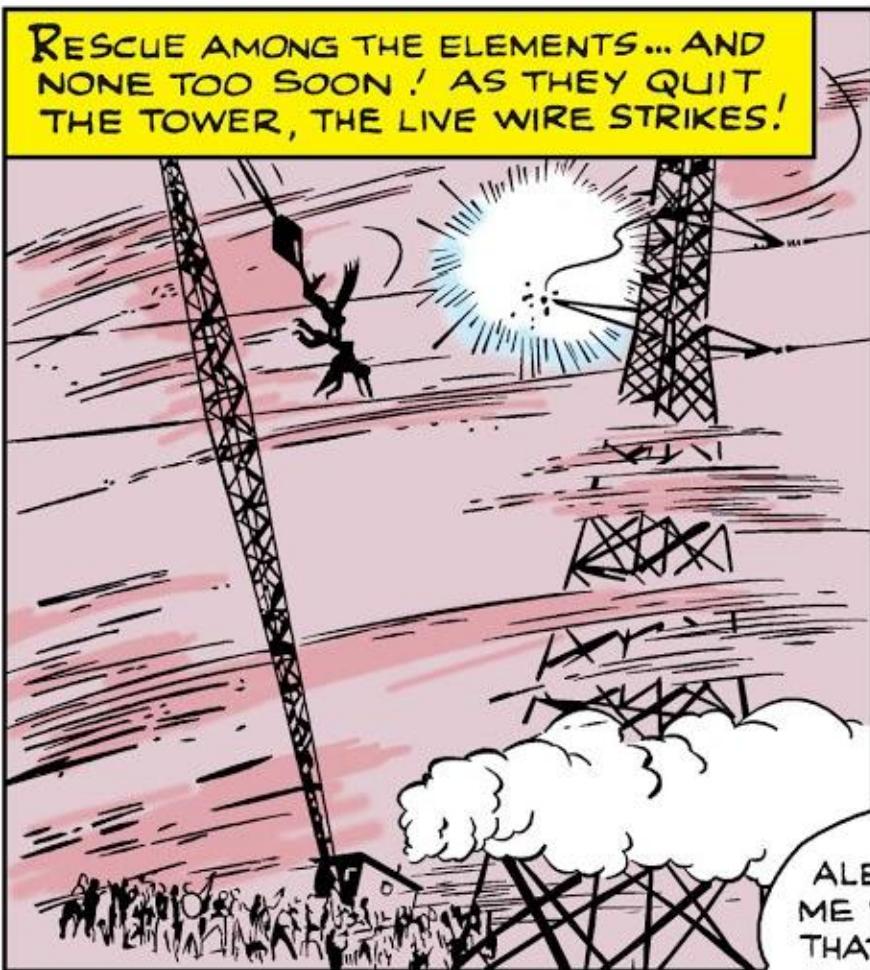
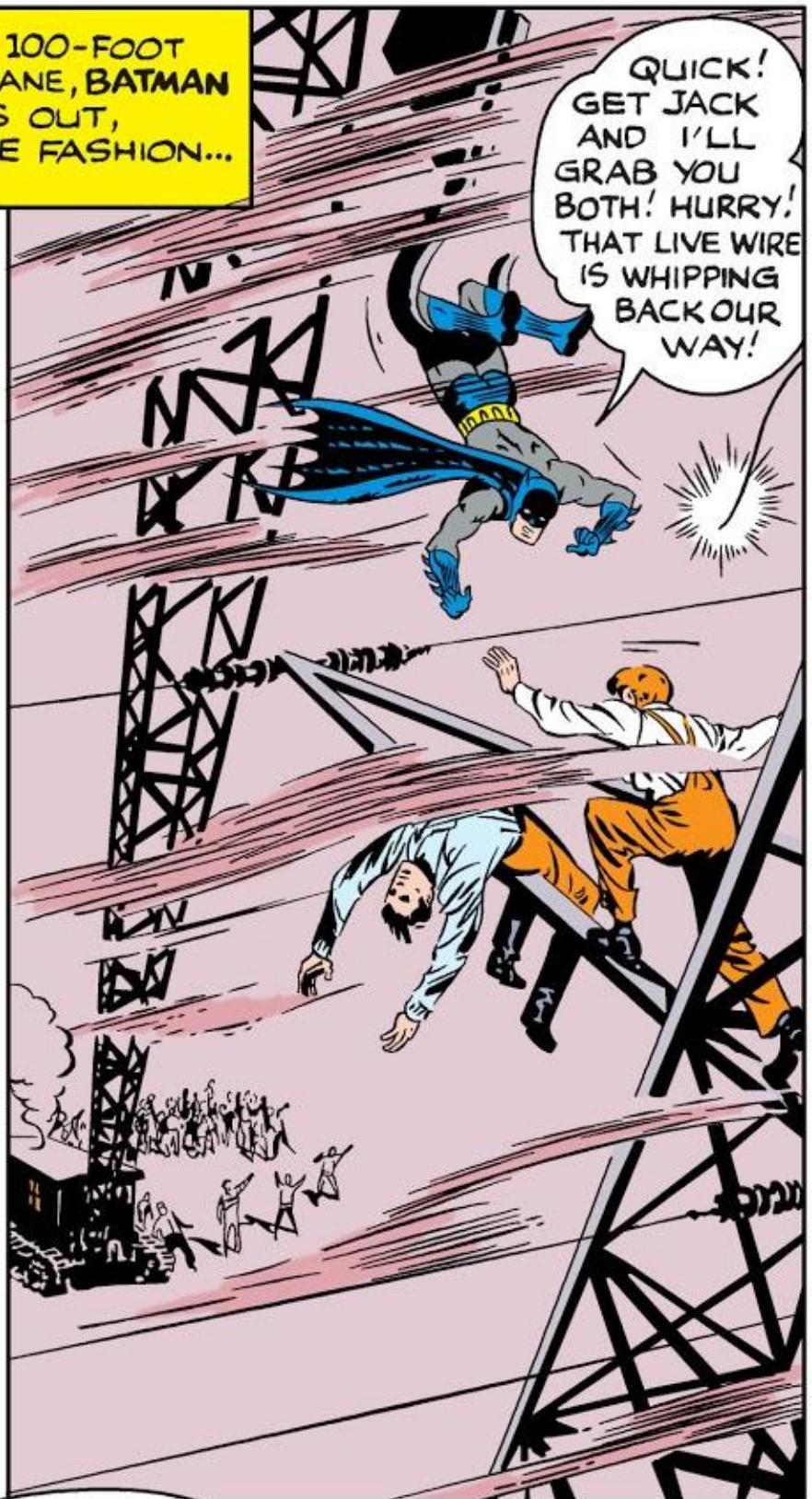
AT LAST ALEC REACHES JACK... THEN FALTERS... RUBS HIS EYES...

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?

SAND! IT'S BLINDING HIM! HE CAN'T GET JACK DOWN BY HIMSELF! I'VE GOT TO GET UP TO HIM SOME WAY...

USING A 100-FOOT BOOM CRANE, BATMAN SWINGS OUT, TRAPEZE FASHION...

QUICK! GET JACK AND I'LL GRAB YOU BOTH! HURRY! THAT LIVE WIRE IS WHIPPING BACK OUR WAY!



ALEC, THEY TOLD ME WHAT YOU DID! THAT TOOK NERVE-- PLENTY OF IT! I... I'D BE PROUD TO BE YOUR FRIEND!

AND SO, THE NEXT DAY, THE BATMOBILE SPEEDS OVER THE SANDS-- HOMeward Bound!

LATER... WHEN THE STORM SUBSIDES AND JACK RECOVERS...

BATMAN, I HEARD HOW YOU SAVED ALEC AND ME! THANKS!

SURE! I WAS GETTING TIRED OF SHAKING MY FIST AT YOU! I'D RATHER SHAKE YOUR HAND FOR A CHANGE!

BY THE WAY, ROBIN... DID YOU EVER GET THAT ELECTRIC-LIGHT OIL AND THAT BRASS MAGNET? HA! HA! HA!

