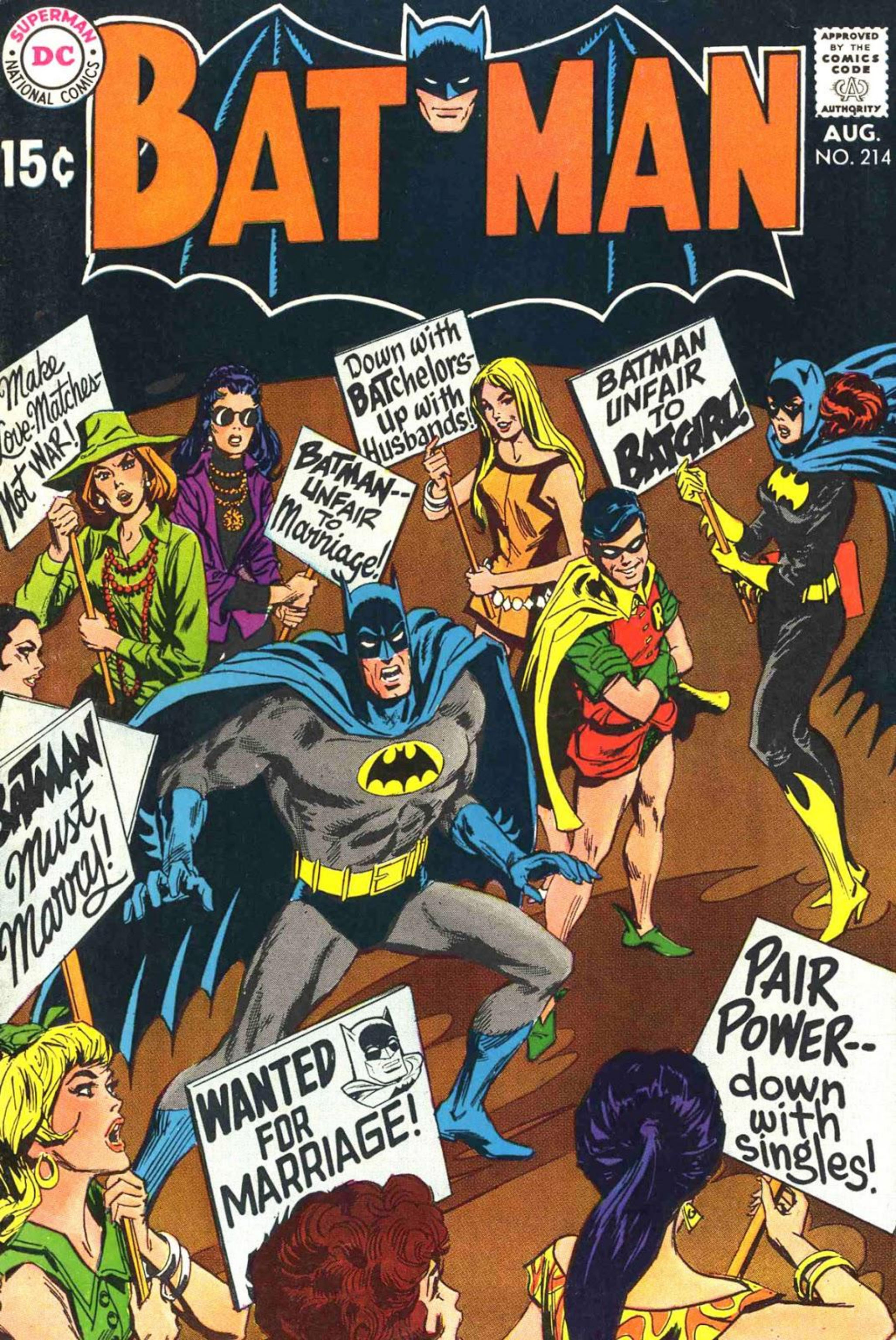
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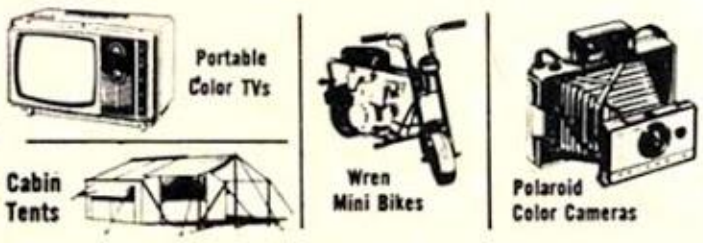

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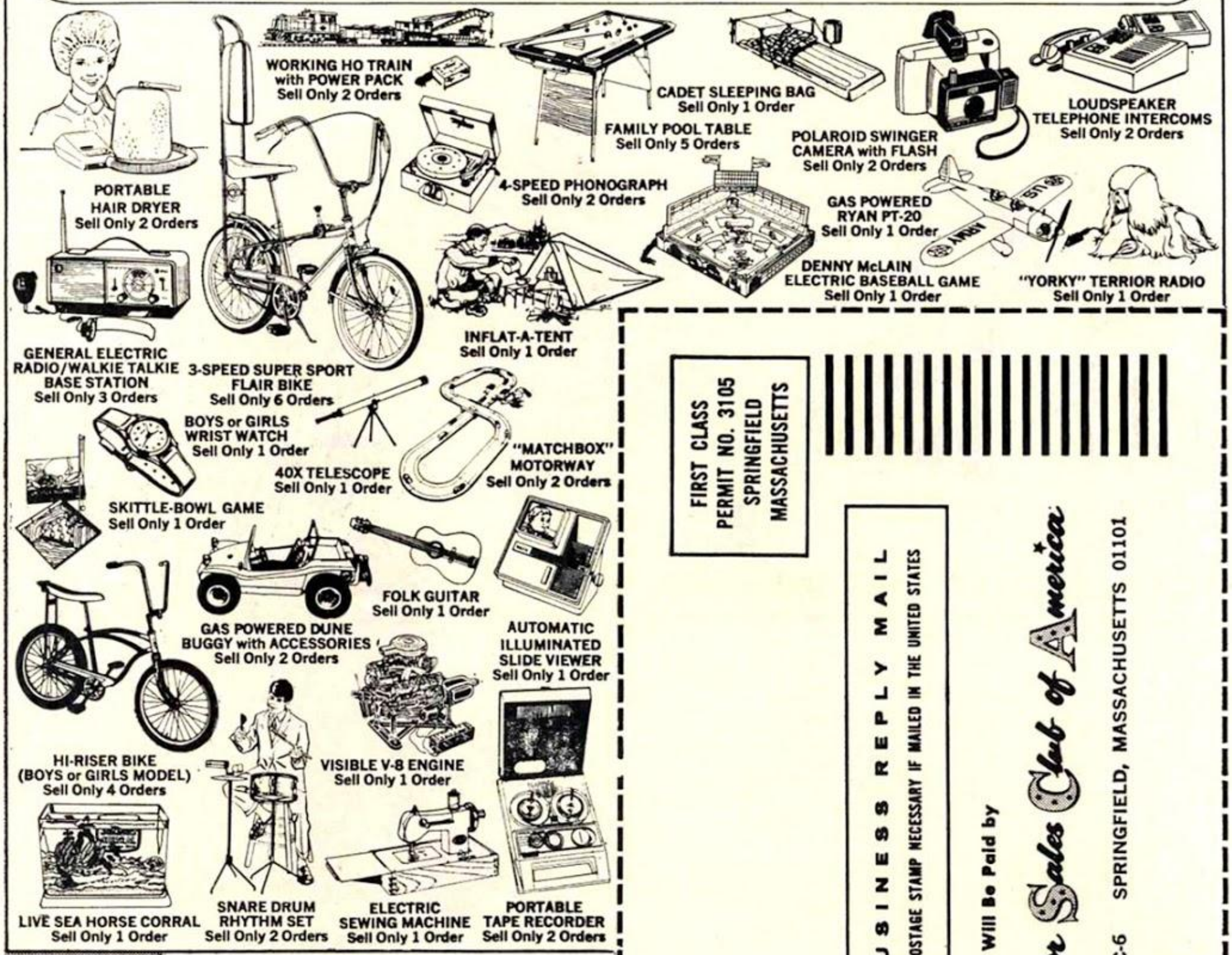

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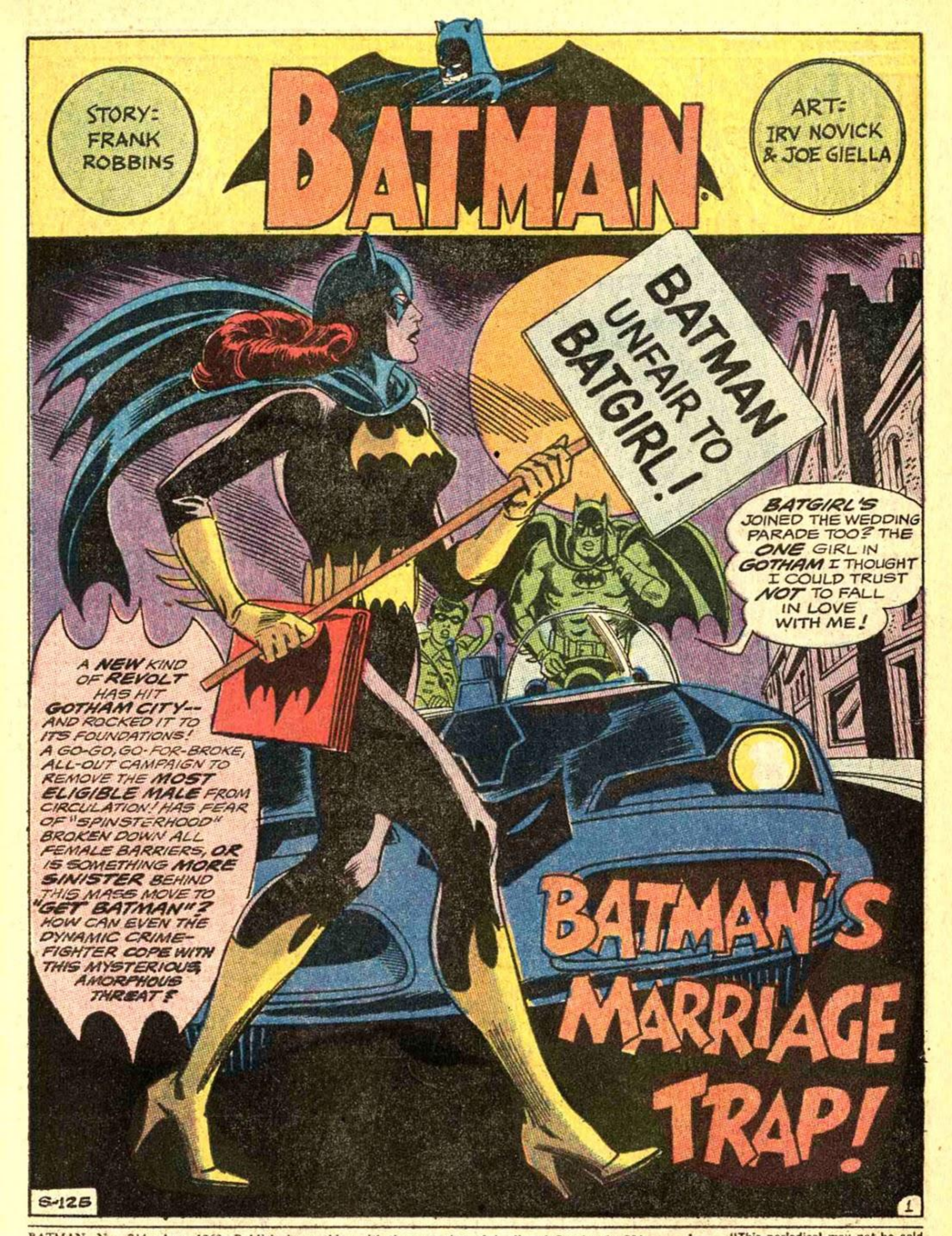

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THE GOTHAM EMPIRE BALLROOM -- SCENE OF THE ANNUAL QUEEN OF GOTHAM BEAUTY AWARDS CONTEST...

...AND NOW -- THE CROWNED WINNER, MISS NICKI KARR! WHO, IN ADDITION TO THE INVALUABLE PRIZES ATTENDANT TO THIS MOST COVETED ROLE...

GETS THE OPPORTUNITY EVERY GIRL DREAMS OF --

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN WITH THIS YEAR'S CELEBRITY ESCORT -- THE MOST COVETED MALE IN GOTHAM -- BATMAN!

IN ANOTHER PART OF THE VAST URBAN SPRAWL -- ANOTHER "MOST-WANTED" MALE REACTS...

--AND THE NIGHT I'VE DREAMED OF!

WHATCHA MEAN, STRACK?... YOU AIN'T NO DOLL!

AND YOU AIN'T NO BRAIN, TRIGGER! THEY'RE GIVIN' BIG B TV-COVERAGE AT EVERY NIGHT-SPOT HE TAKES THE DOLL TO, DIG?

SO WE'LL KNOW WHERE HE IS -- EVERY MINUTE! UNLIKE OTHER NIGHTS WHEN HE'S GOTTEN IN OUR HAIR!

SO THAT'LL GIVE ME A BIG THRILL WATCHIN' HIM DO THE TOWN?
JERK! CAN THAT CREEP CRIME-FIGHTER BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME, HUH?

HEY--YE-AH! BUT WHAT ABOUT HIS JUNIOR PARTNER?
AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SPEND THIS GALA EVENING, ROBIN? TAKE OVER THE NIGHT-PATROL--SOLO?

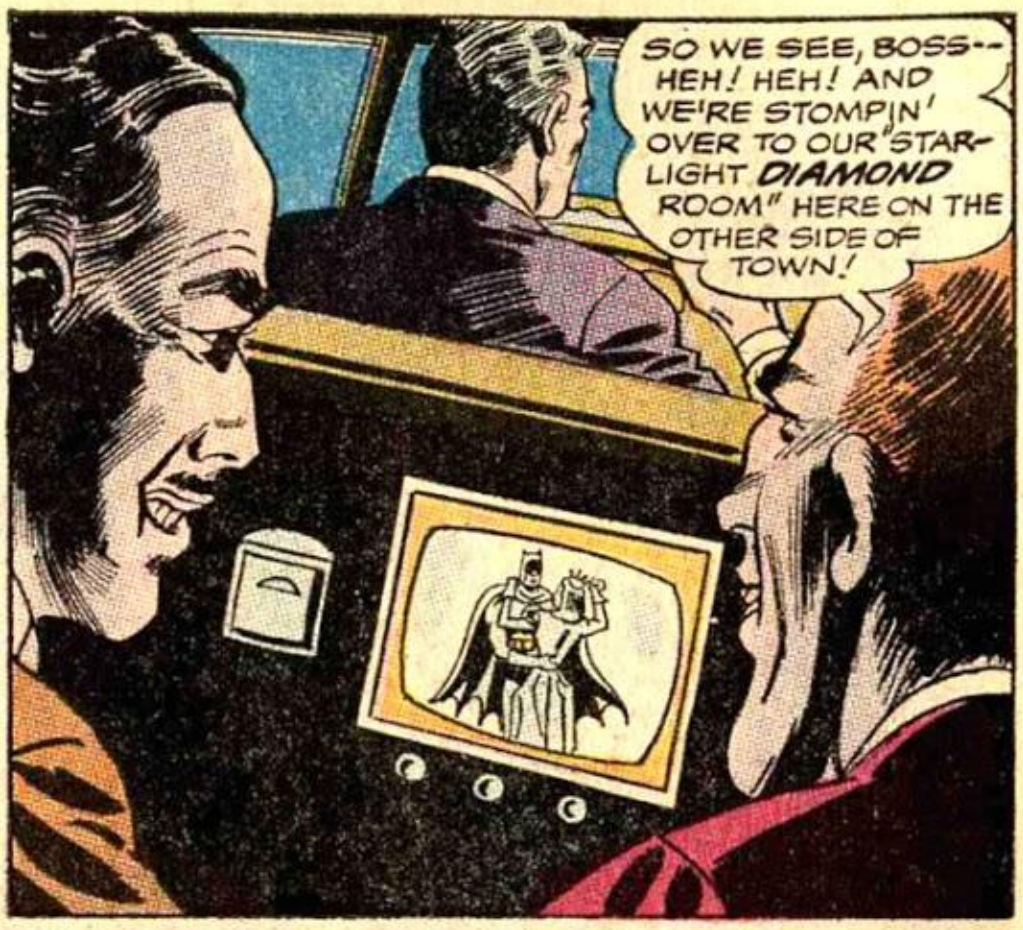
NO, SIR! LIKE THE REST OF BATMAN'S FANS--I'M SITTING HOME GLUED TO THE TV AND VICARIOUSLY SHARING HIS ENJOYMENT!
HAH! THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, TRIGGER?

THERE THEY GO, FOLKS! COULD THIS BE THE GAL WHO WILL CAPTURE THE GREAT "BATCHELOR'S" HEART?
EEEEE! BATMAN--AIN'T HE THE MOST?
SKREEE! JUST HOPE HE STAYS SINGLE TILL I'M OLD ENOUGH!

MAYBE SHE WON'T GET HIM--BUT WE'LL CAPTURE GOTHAM CITY, AT LEAST FOR ONE NIGHT!
BATMAN'S NIGHT OFF--WILL BE OUR NIGHT ON!

BATMAN'S FIRST DESTINATION--THE GLA-MOROUS, EXCITING STARLIGHT ROOF!
OPERATION MONITOR STARTS NOW--AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!
GET THE BOYS MOVING, TRIGGER!

OPERATION MONITOR SWINGS INTO ACTION...
THE BIG B IS STILL HOOFING IT AT THE STARLIGHT, TRIGGER!


SO WE SEE, BOSS-- HEH! HEH! AND WE'RE STOMPIN' OVER TO OUR "STARLIGHT DIAMOND ROOM" HERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!

MOMENTS LATER...
STARLIGHT DIAMONDS LTD.
AND NOW--LEAVING FOR THE 'LECTRIC DISCOTHEQUE...
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WE'RE HITTIN' THE BANKERS' ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER NEXT, BOSS!
CHECK! THAT'LL PUT YOU OVER A MILE AWAY FROM BIG B!
STARLIGHT ROOF
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WE'RE CLEANIN' THE "BANK" NOW, BOSS-- THEY'RE MAKIN' A NIGHT-DEPOSIT WITH US!
WHAT'S NEXT?
WELCOME

TAKE THE TILL AT THE STARLIGHT ROOF-- THEY TOOK IN PLENTY TONIGHT WITH BIG B AS THEIR STAR ATTRACTION!

AND SO IT GOES--**BATMAN'S** GALA EVENING TURNS **GOTHAM** INTO A GALA GRAB-BAG FOR THE GRASPING GLUTTONS OF **OPERATION MONITOR**...

Starlight Roof

WHENEVER **BATMAN** AND HIS "QUEEN" MOVE OUT-- **WE MOVE IN**-- AND **CASH IN!**

NOW THAT **BIG B'S** LEFT THIS JOINT--LET'S **SEPARATE** THE PATRONS FROM THEIR **GEMS!**

THE DIAMOND ROOM

WOW! WHAT A HAUL! THANKS TO **BATMAN**-- WE'RE **LOADED** WITH **LOOT!**

AND, IN THE WEE, SMALL HOURS-- ARRIVING AT THE SECRET **BATCAVE**...

PHEW! NEVER AGAIN! FEEL MORE BEAT-UP THAN AFTER A MONTH OF NIGHT-PATROLS!

CHANGING TO HIS OTHER IDENTITY AS **BRUCE WAYNE**, HE ASCENDS THE **BATCAVE** ELEVATOR, AND...

YAWN! LOOKS LIKE DICK HAD A ROUGH NIGHT **TOO**-- JUST KEEPING UP WITH ME ON TV! HE FELL ASLEEP WITH IT STILL ON...

AT THIS EARLY HOUR IT APPEARS THAT **BATMAN'S** BIG NIGHT **OUT**...

WAS GANGDOM'S SIGNAL TO MOVE **IN!** POLICE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS WAS A **RECORD** CRIME-NIGHT!

AND CHANCES ARE IT'LL BE BLAMED ON **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** GOOD GOSH--CAN WE NEVER HOPE FOR A NIGHT OFF?

THE WELL-ORGANIZED RING SEEMED TO BE GOING **IN** ON THE HEELS OF **BATMAN'S DEPARTURES**...

CHEE, BOSS--IF ONLY IT COULD BE LIKE THIS **EVERY** NIGHT!

MAYBE IT CAN, **TRIGGER** -- **MAYBE IT CAN!**

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BUT THIS TRAP HAS TO BE SUPER-SLICK--REAL CLASS APPROACH! BATMAN'S NO FOOL-- NOW DIG THIS...

THE NEXT DAY--AT A POSH MADISON AVENUE AD AGENCY...
I DON'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT, BUT-- I DO HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS TO SPEND ON ADVERTISING!
OH... I DIDN'T REALIZE! I'LL GET YOU OUR TOP MAN--MR. BULLFINCH!

A THOUSAND PARDONS FOR MY INEPT RECEPTIONIST! I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE INTERESTED IN... HARUMPH... A LITTLE PROMOTION?
NOT I, MR. BULLFINCH-- BUT THE ORGANIZATION I REPRESENT... W.E.B.!

YES, GENTLEMEN-- W.E.B.-- WOMEN TO END BATCHELORHOOD! WE ARE A NON-PROFIT... ALTRUISTIC... GROUP OF UNMARRIED WOMEN...
WHO WISH TO REMOVE THE ONE BARRIER TO HAPPY MARRIAGE IN GOTHAM! THE SYMBOL OF ALL SINGLE MALE ELIGIBLES...

...BATMAN! THE MOST ELIGIBLE BATCHELOR IN TOWN!
AN INTERESTING CHALLENGE, MISS STARR! BUT, CONFIDENTIALLY-- ARE YOU AFTER HIM?

PERISH THE THOUGHT! I DO ALL RIGHT ON MY OWN!
I PREFER MY SPONSORSHIP TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS-- IN FACT, I INSIST IT DOES!

I WANT A SATURATION- CAMPAIGN! HARD- SELL-- SOFT- SELL!

LIMINAL-- SUB- LIMINAL-- ANYTHING THAT'LL DO THE JOB!

I WANT BATMAN DRIVEN UP A WALL! A WALL HE CAN'T BACK AWAY FROM-- AND HE'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE A MATE!

INTRIGUING! IF WE CAN PUT THIS OVER...

...SELLING THE UN-SELLABLE TO A MAN WHO HAS "EVERYTHING"!

OUR YEARLY BILLING SHOULD TOP THE CHARTS IN THE AD WORLD!

I CAN SEE IT NOW! GOTHAM'S MOST-WANTED MAN-- BATMAN!

THE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS IN SELLING ANYTHING-- GO TO WORK! AND IN DAYS, ALL OVER GOTHAM CITY...

WANTED! FOR MARRIAGE

WANTED! FOR MARRIAGE

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? CONTACT YOUR LOCAL W.E.B. CHAPTER...

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GOTHAM NEWS
MYSTERIOUS GRASS-ROOTS GAL-REVOLT ROCKS GOTHAM!
WANTED
THE APPEARANCE LAST NIGHT IN COUNTLESS MASS MEDIA OF-
FOR MARRIA

IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF GHASTLY JOKE, MASTER BRUCE!
AS THE ELEPHANT SAID WHEN THE CROCODILE SNIPPED OFF HIS TRUNK: "VE-WY FUNNY!"

AND AT ANOTHER BREAKFAST TABLE, IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S HOME...
AS IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PROTEST-GROUPS, BABS, DEAR! AND WE'RE UNDER-STAFFED AS IT IS...
VERY SUSPICIOUS, DAD! WHO'S BEHIND THIS?
I THINK MAYBE BATGIRL BETTER TAKE A LOOK-SEE! "CONTACT YOUR LOCAL W.E.B. CHAPTER," EH?

A SHORT TIME LATER...
HEY, GI-RLS-- LOOK! BATGIRL!
WITH HER AS A RECRUIT-- HOW CAN WE LOSE?
BATMAN
PAIR-POWER DOWN WITH SINGLES!

THE GROUND-SWELL MOUNTS TILL IT THREATENS TO TURN INTO A--FLOOD! AND ON THE HOT-LINE...
IT'S A-- SIEGE! YOU'VE GOT TO SEE IT-- TO BELIEVE IT, BATMAN!
IF YOU DON'T MAKE AN APPEARANCE, THERE'S NO ACCOUNTING FOR THE (SHUDDER) CONSEQUENCES!

A PANIC CALL THAT CAN'T BE IGNORED-- AND MINUTES LATER...

EEEEE--IT'S HIM! IN THE FLESH!

LET HIM THROUGH-- HE'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

OH NO! BATGIRL-- TOO?!

DOWN WITH SINGLES!

PAIR POWER!

IT'S A LIVING CATASTROPHE!

MY MAN, MAN!

BATMAN UNFAIR TO GOTHAM GALS!

POLICE HEADQUARTERS

PAIR POWER

DOWN WITH BATCHELO

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NINE LIVES

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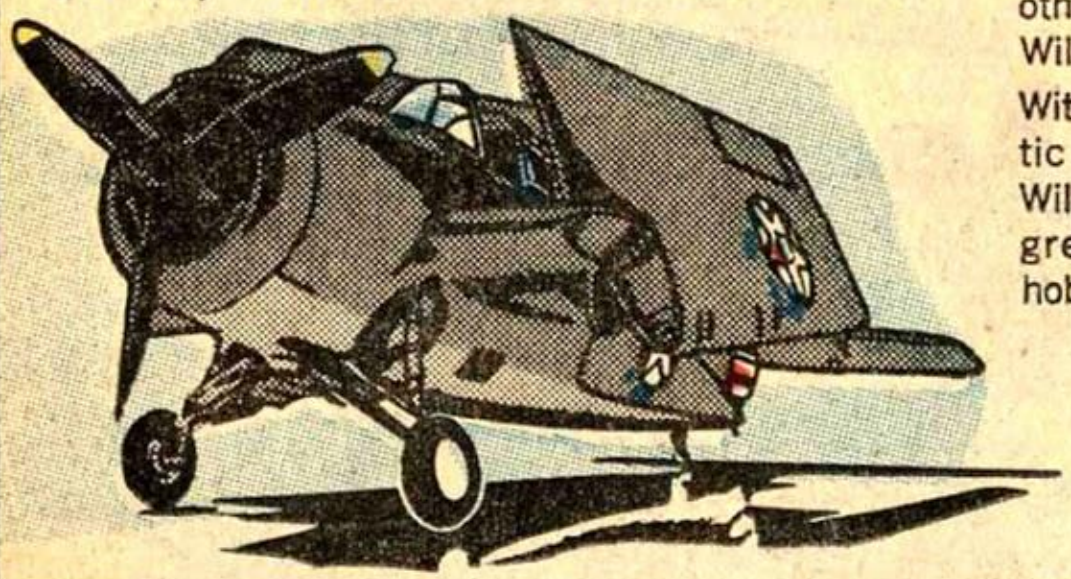

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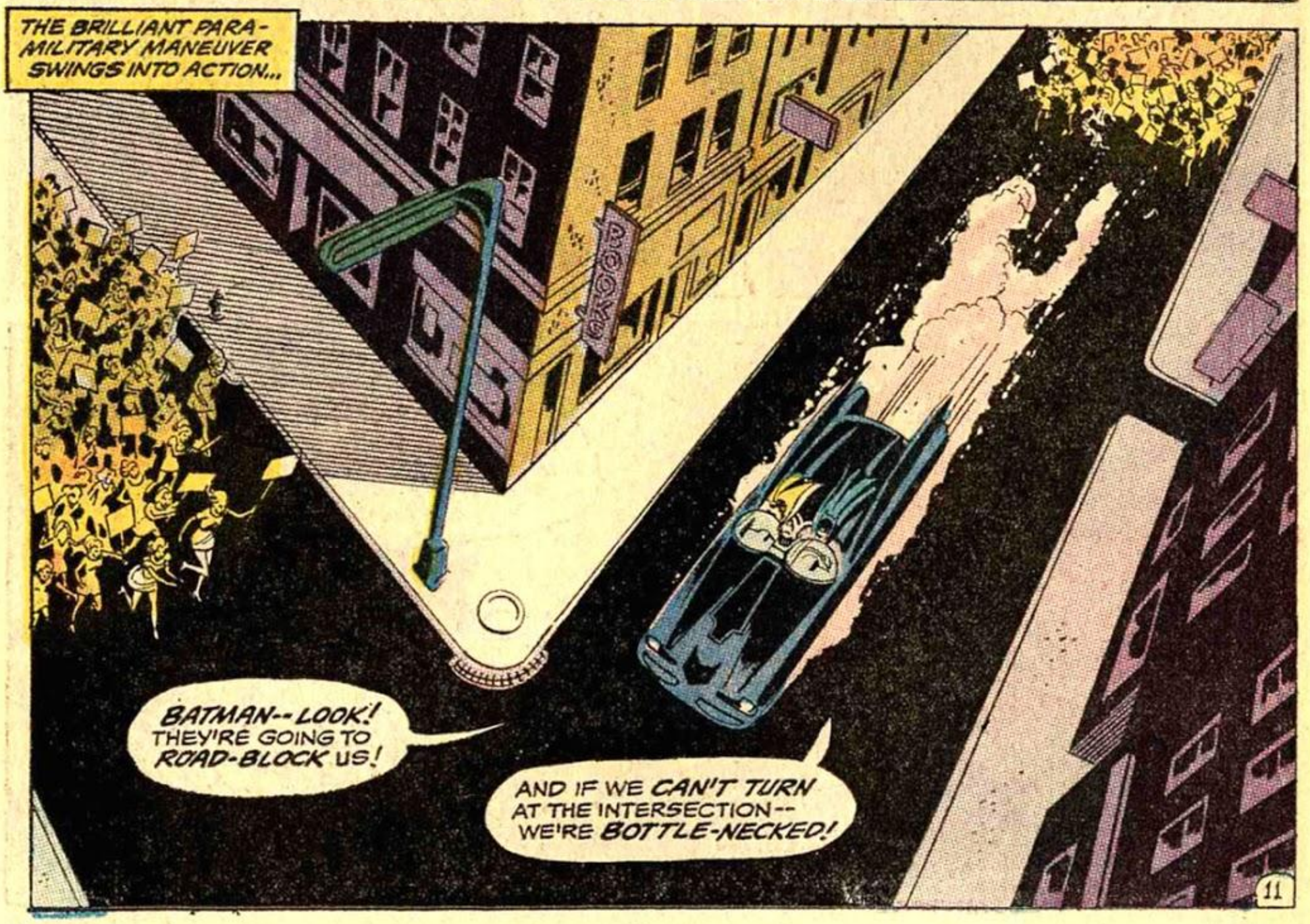
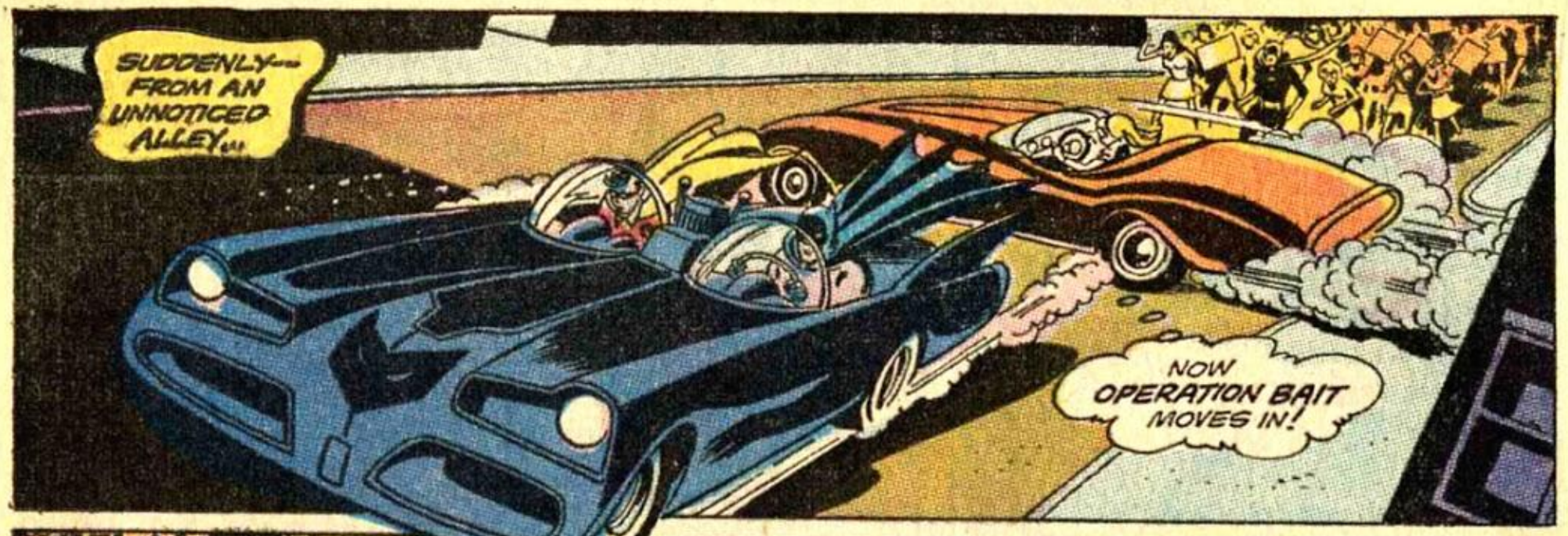
RECOGNIZE THAT A GENERAL WHO KNOWS WHEN TO RETREAT LIVES TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!

SPLIT UP, GIRLS-- HE'S GETTING AWAY!
AROUND THE BLOCK-- WE'LL CUT HIM OFF AT MAIN AND THIRD!
BATMAN IS UNFAIR TO MARRIAGE
BATMAN

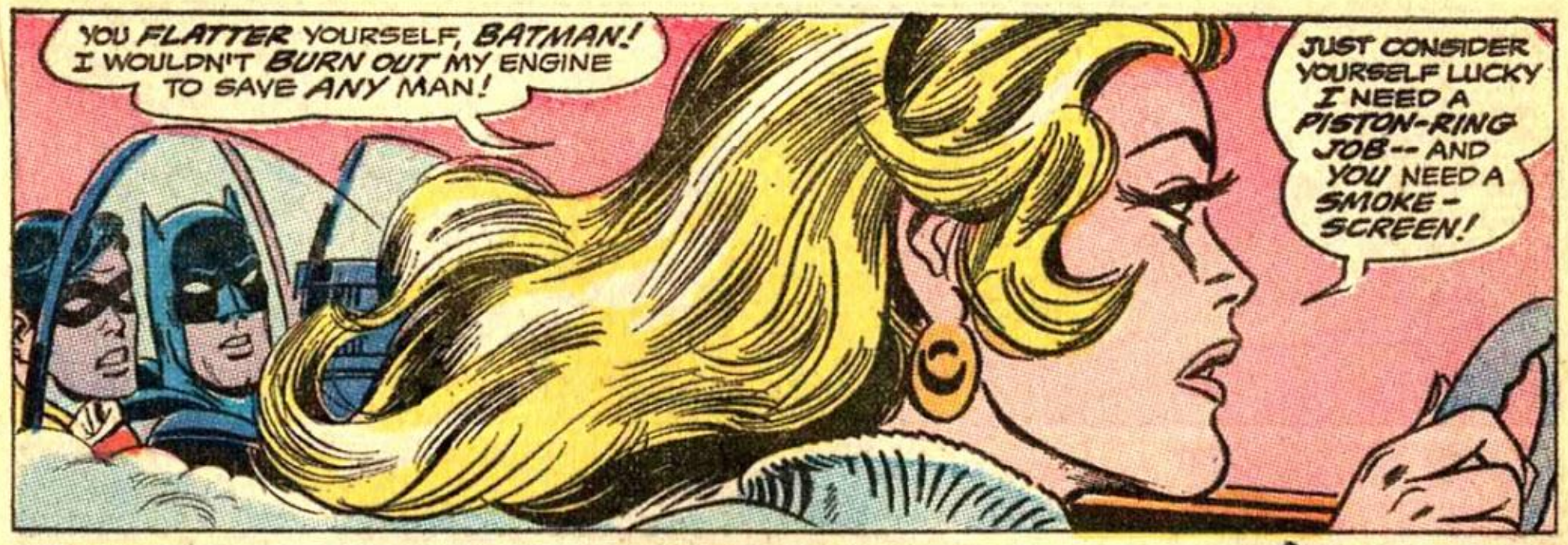

THE BRILLIANT PARA-MILITARY MANEUVER SWINGS INTO ACTION...
BATMAN-- LOOK! THEY'RE GOING TO ROAD-BLOCK US!
AND IF WE CAN'T TURN AT THE INTERSECTION-- WE'RE BOTTLE-NECKED!

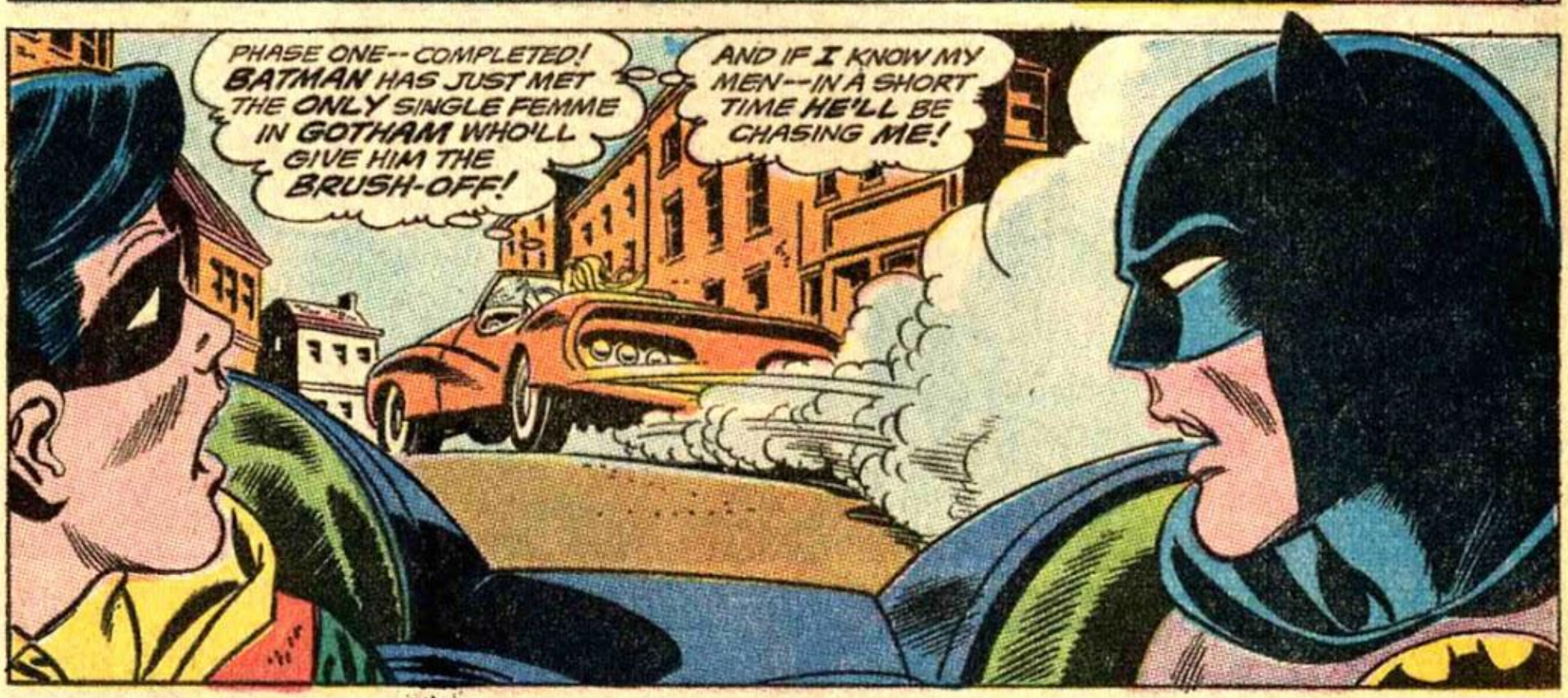

SUDDENLY--- FROM AN UNNOTICED ALLEY...
NOW OPERATION BAIT MOVES IN!

FIRST PHASE-- TO SMOKE OUT THE OPPOSITION!

THEN SPEEDING PAST THE BATMOBILE, CLEO MASKS THEM OFF FROM THE SECONDARY PURSUIT COLUMN...
WE'VE BEEN REPRIEVED--BY ANOTHER FEMALE!
BETTER MAKE OUR TURN FAST-- WE'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS!

WHOEVER YOU ARE, MISS-- YOU'RE AN ANGEL IN DISGUISE! HOW'D YOU EVER DREAM UP A SMOKESCREEN SO QUICKLY?


YOU FLATTER YOURSELF, BATMAN! I WOULDN'T BURN OUT MY ENGINE TO SAVE ANY MAN!
JUST CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY I NEED A PISTON-RING JOB-- AND YOU NEED A SMOKE-SCREEN!


PHASE ONE--COMPLETED! BATMAN HAS JUST MET THE ONLY SINGLE FEMME IN GOTHAM WHO'LL GIVE HIM THE BRUSH-OFF!
AND IF I KNOW MY MEN--IN A SHORT TIME HE'LL BE CHASING ME!

THAT NIGHT...
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE, GALS--DAY AND NIGHT, TILL BATMAN WEAKENS! SO HERE'S THE TACTIC...
WE'RE SPLITTING UP INTO MOBILE STRIKE GROUPS!

WITH THIS MINI-RADIO TUNED INTO THE POLICE-BAND, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MONITOR BATMAN'S ACTIVITIES--AND HIT HIM EVERY-PLACE HE SHOWS!
GOOD LUCK-- AND HAPPY HUNTING!
THANKS, MISS STARR!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! GO TO THE CORNER OF WHARF AND FRONT STREETS -- INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!
WHAT A RELIEF TO BE BACK AT CRIME-FIGHTING, ROBIN-- WITH NO FRANTIC FEMMES FUMBLING UP OUR LIFE!
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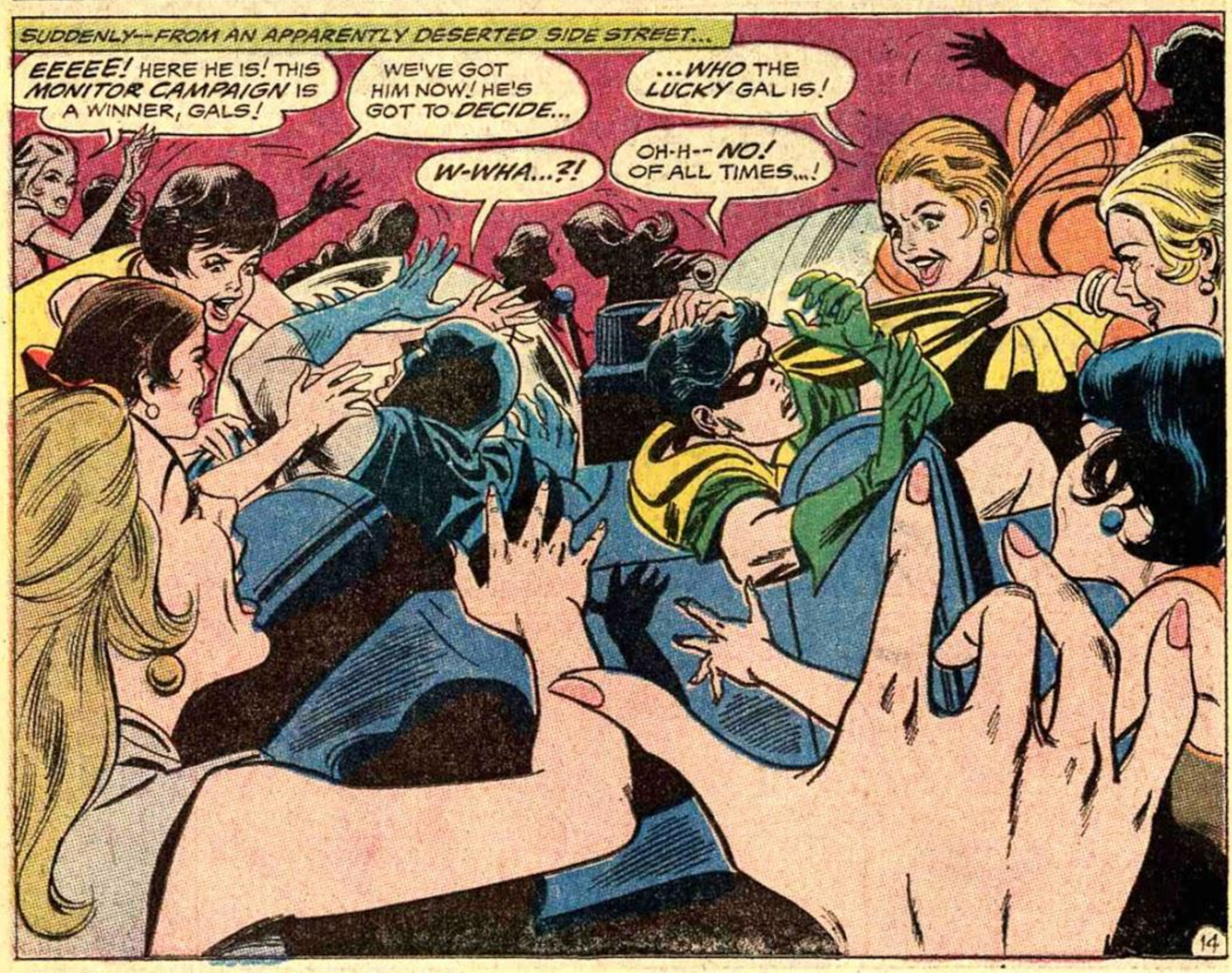
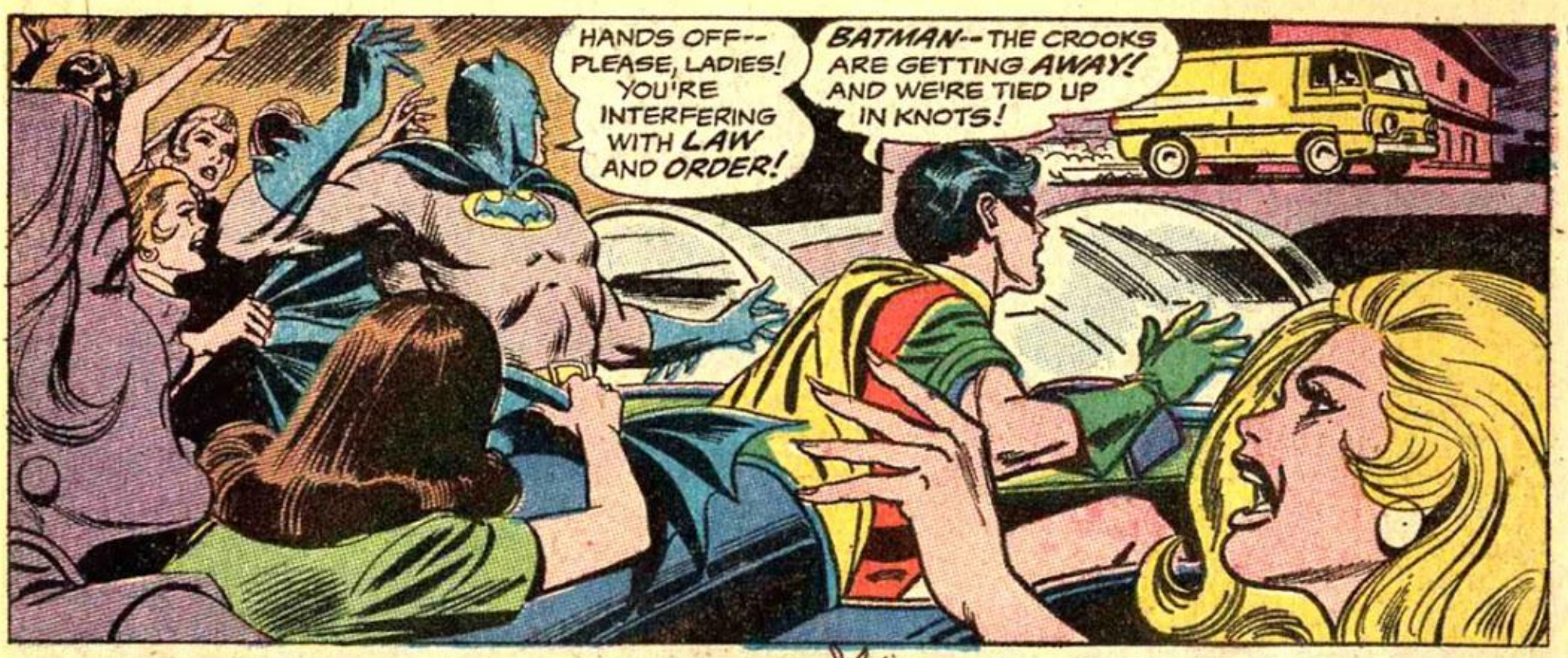
MAR RIAGE

MOMENTS LATER...
FUR THIEVES! AND WE'VE GOT THEM...
...RED-HANDED!
FUR DO STORA


SUDDENLY--FROM AN APPARENTLY DESERTED SIDE STREET...
EEEEE! HERE HE IS! THIS MONITOR CAMPAIGN IS A WINNER, GALS!
WE'VE GOT HIM NOW! HE'S GOT TO DECIDE...
...WHO THE LUCKY GAL IS!
W-WHA...?!
OH-H-- NO! OF ALL TIMES...!



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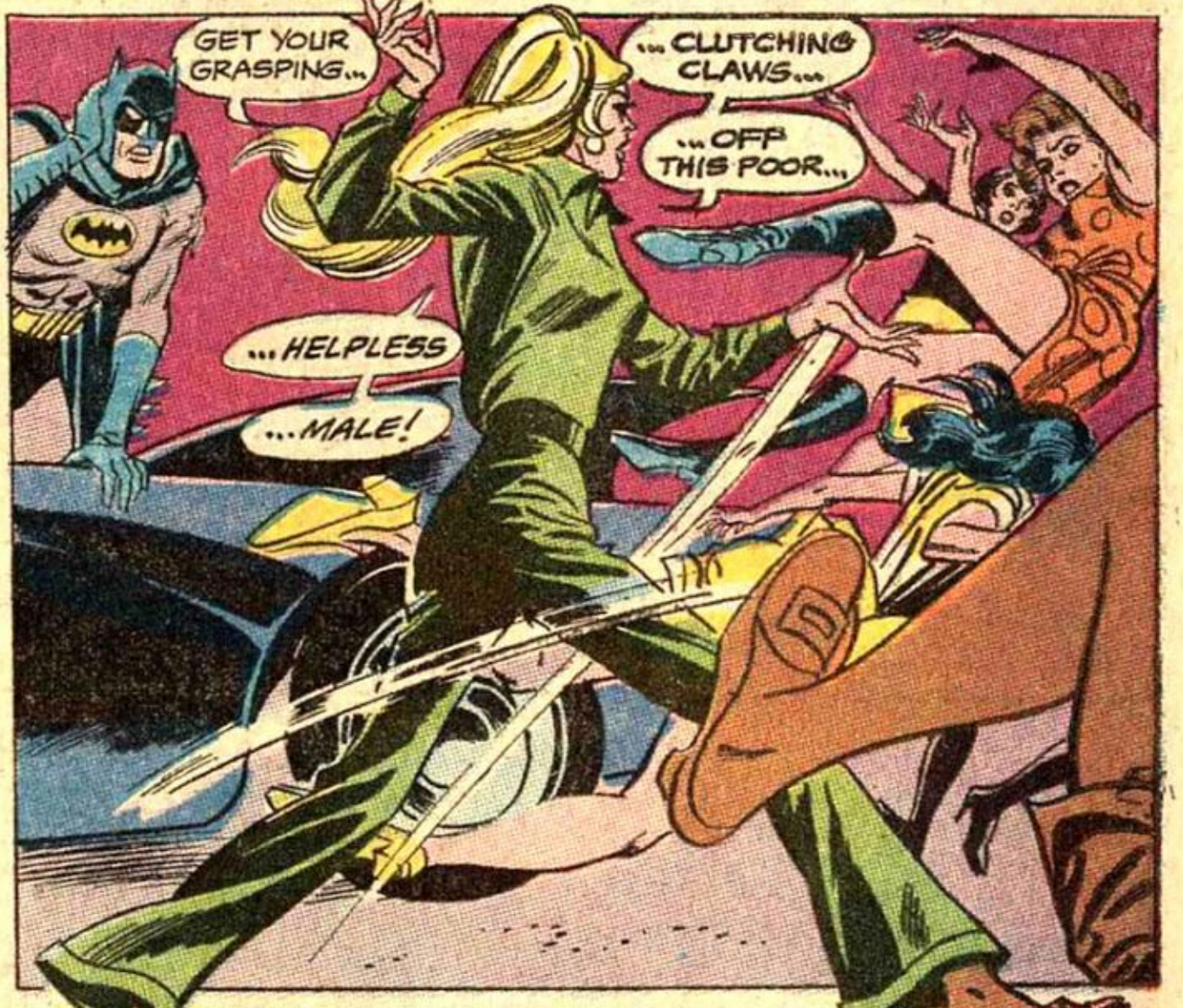

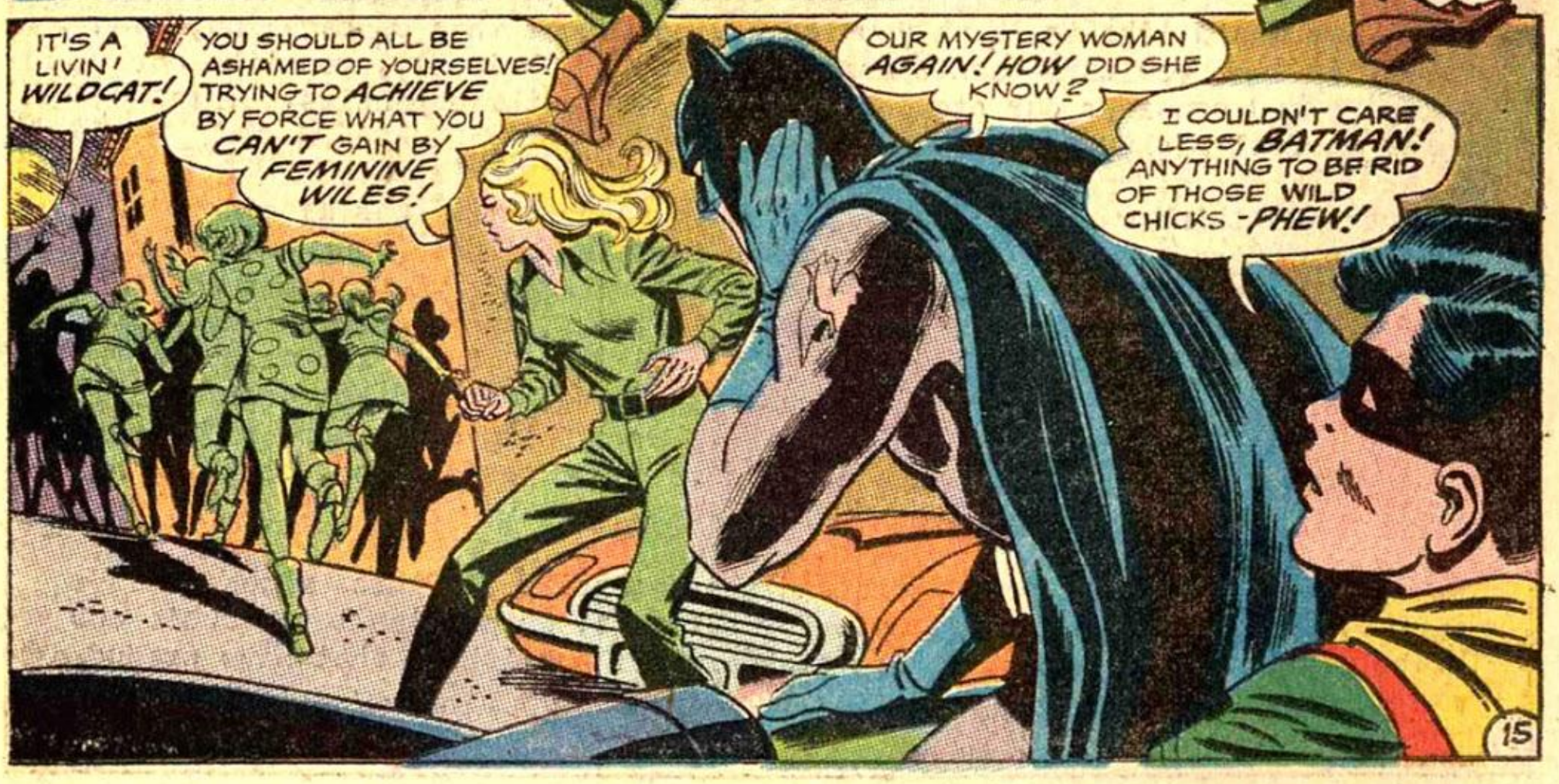

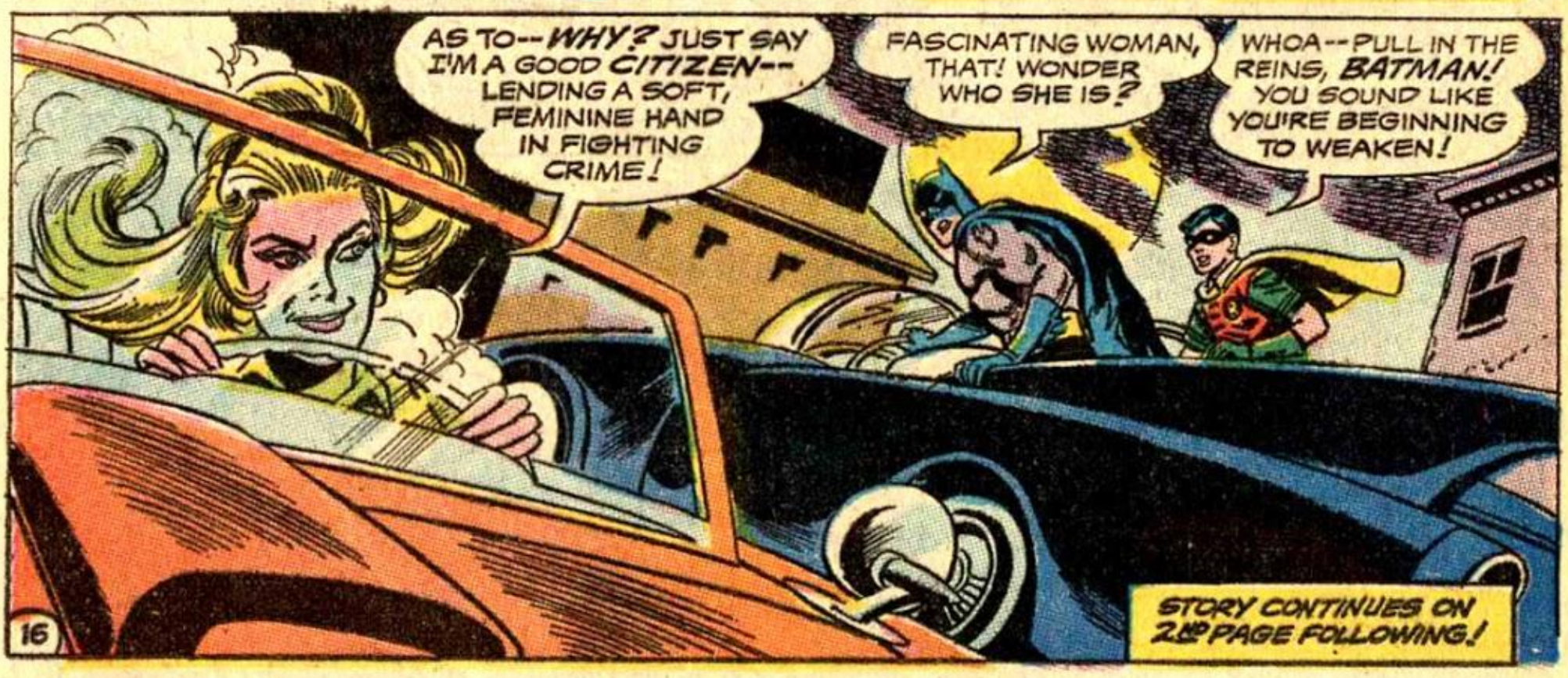

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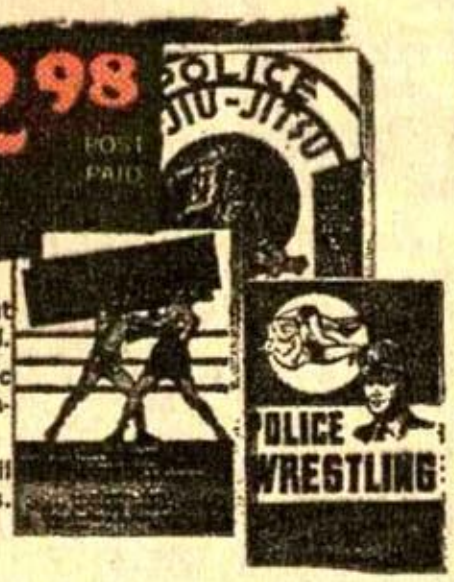

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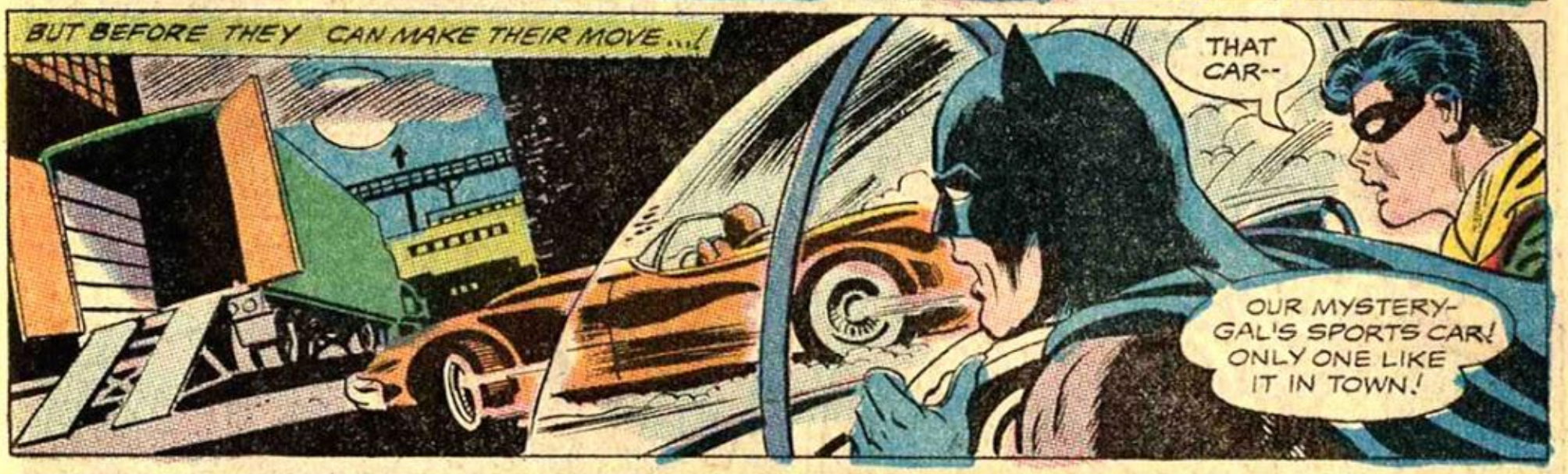
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THAT CAR--
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THEN QUICKLY ACCELER-ATING...
WE CUT HIM OFF BEFORE IT LEAVES TOWN!
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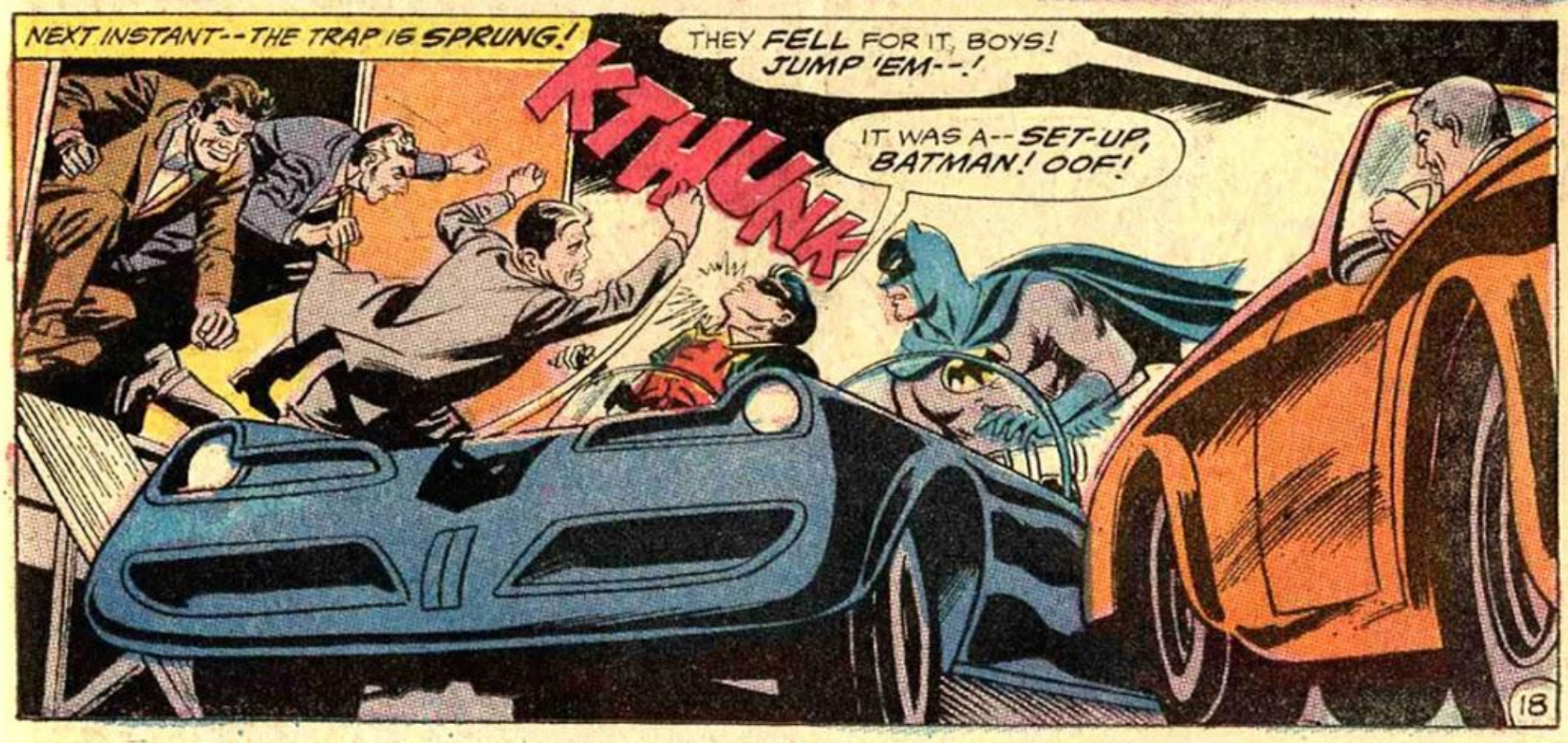
SKREEE!
B-BATMAN?!


NEXT INSTANT--THE TRAP IS SPRUNG!
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HE MEANS, THAT YOU, CLEO--
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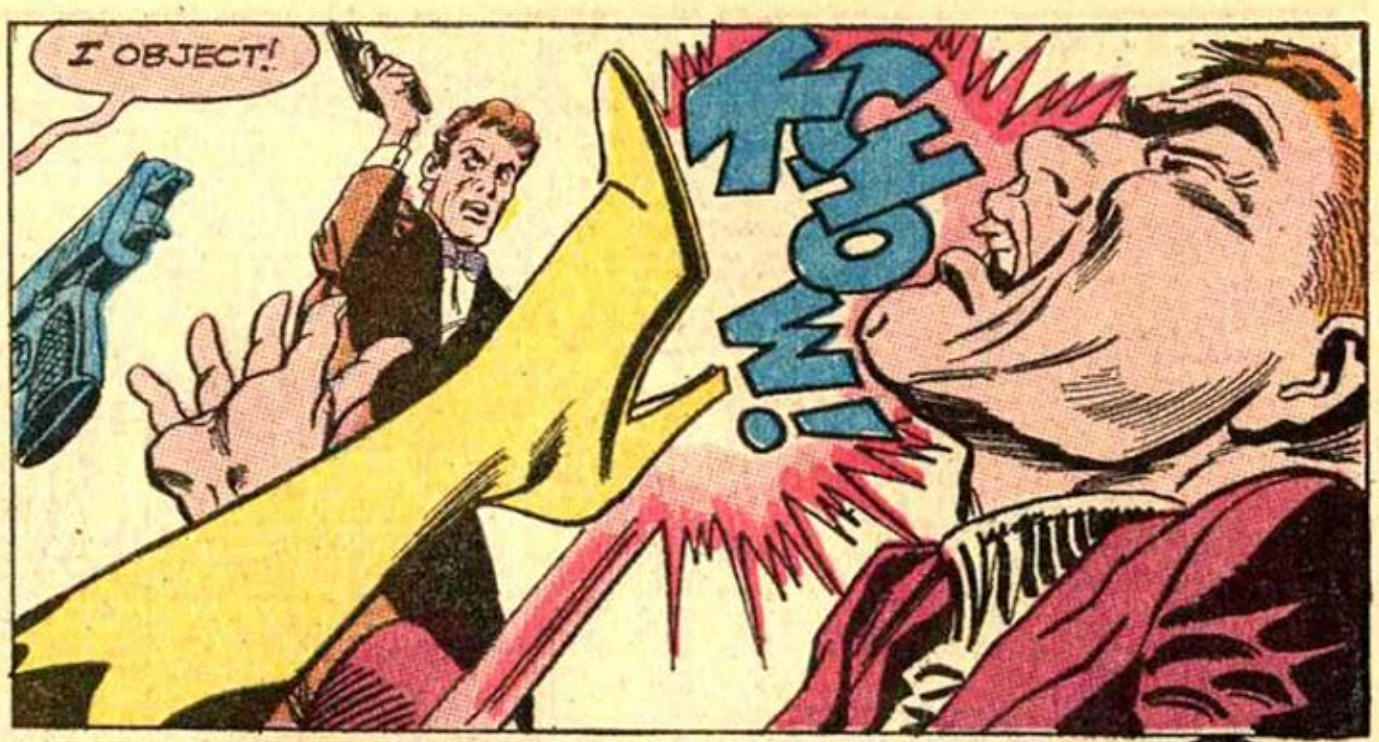

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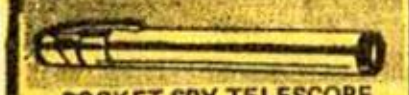

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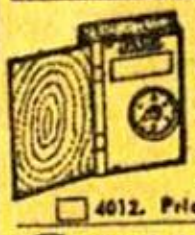

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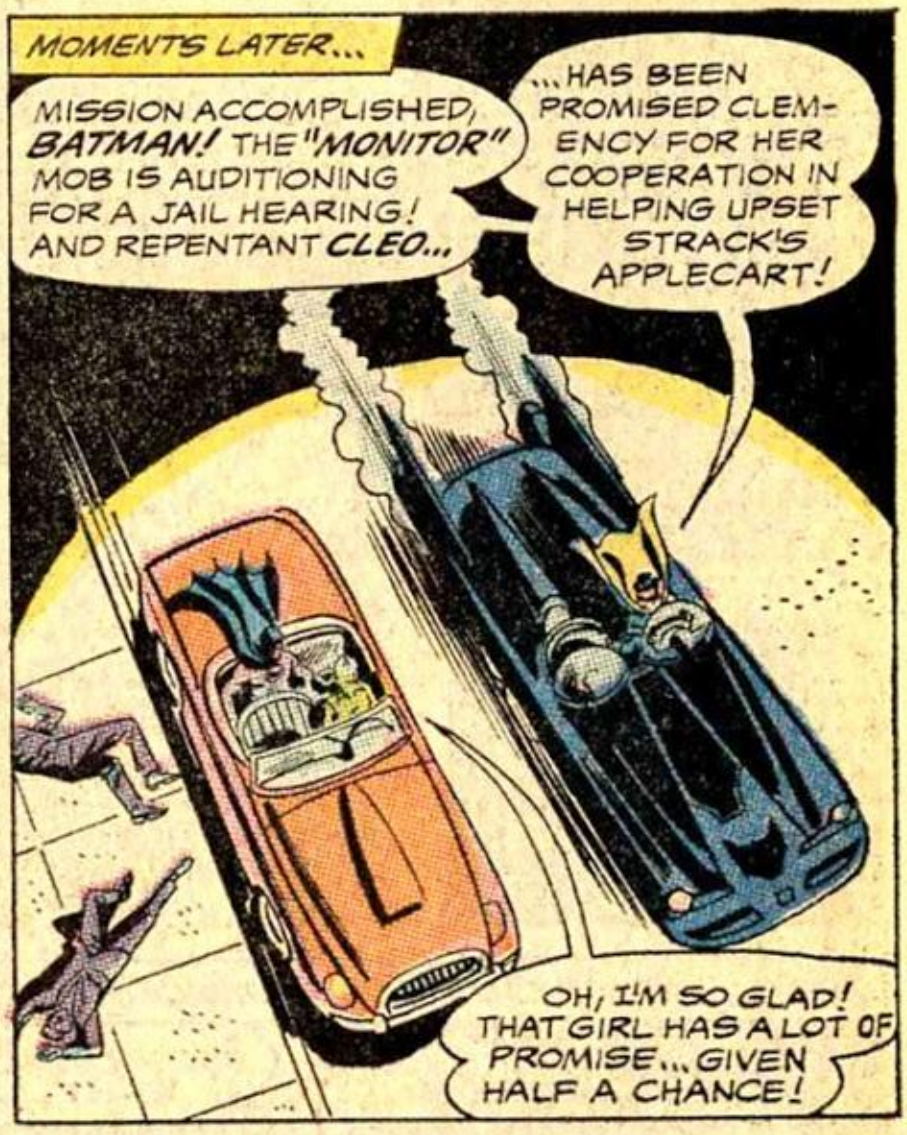

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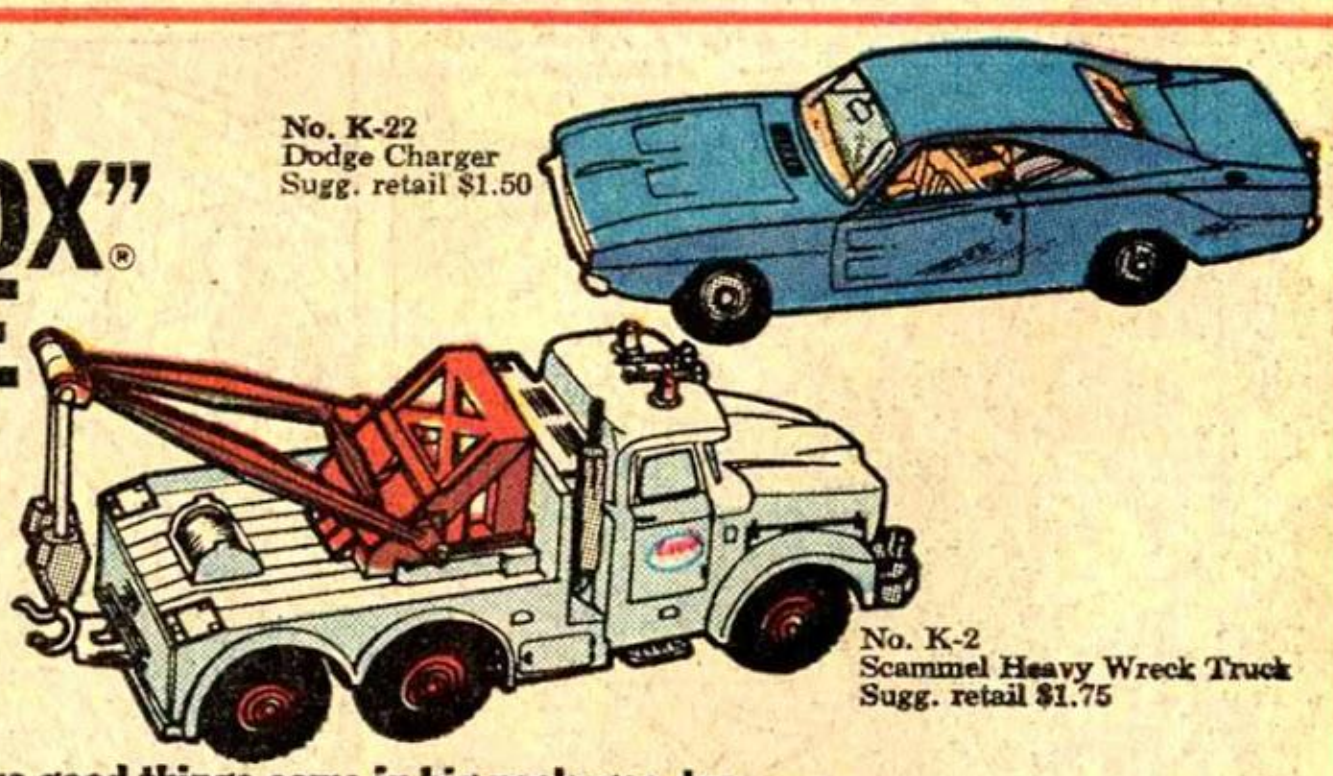

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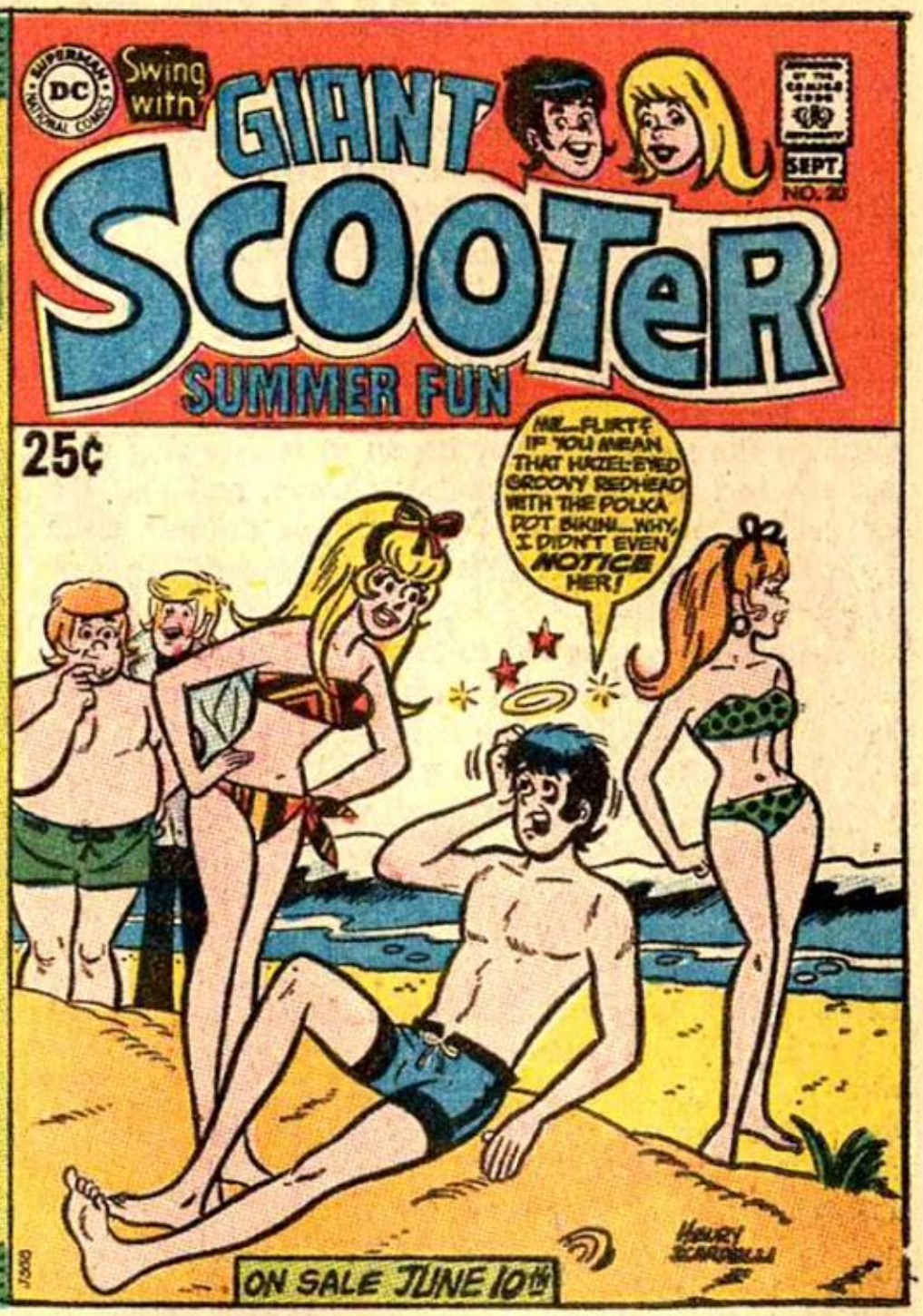
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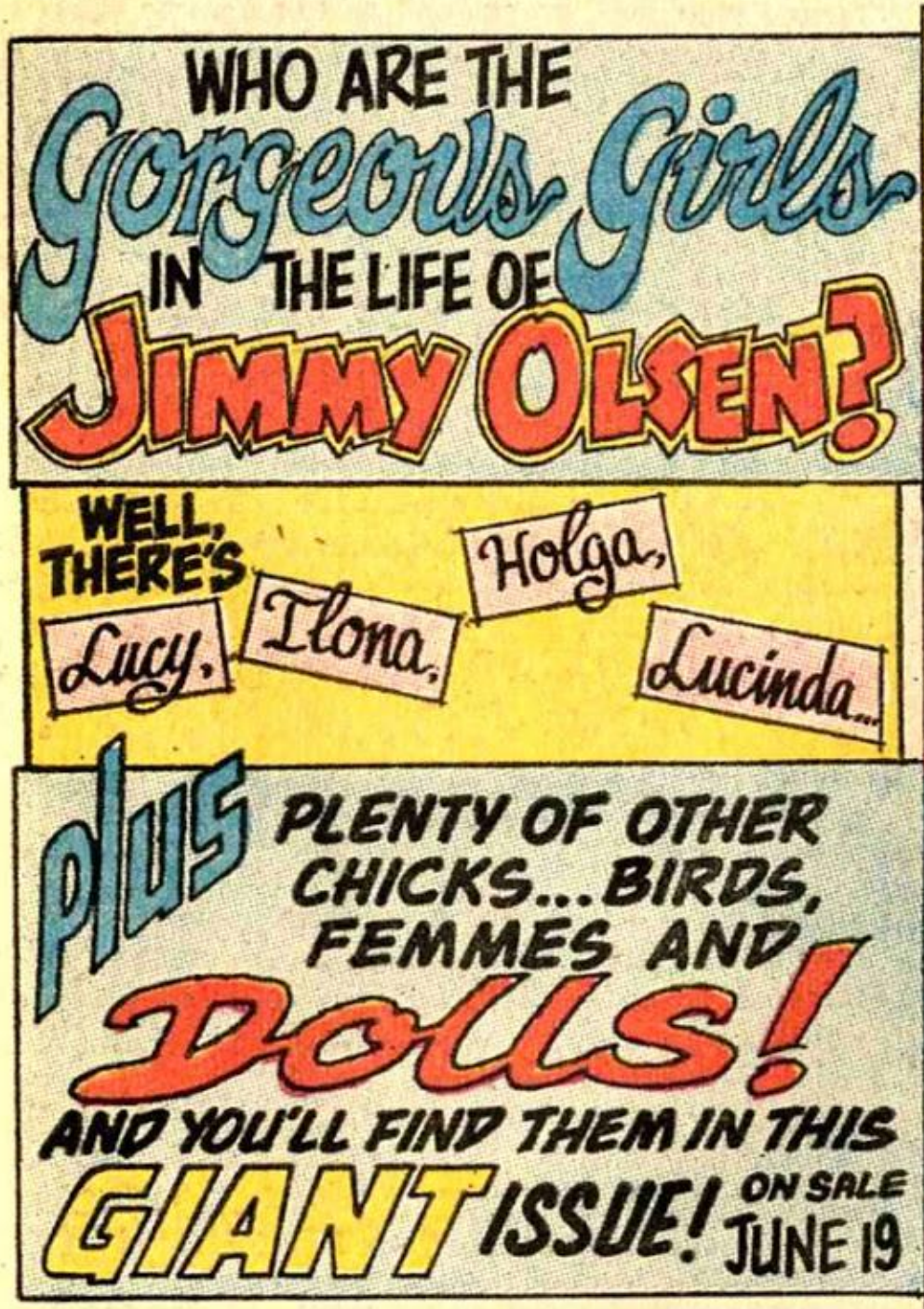
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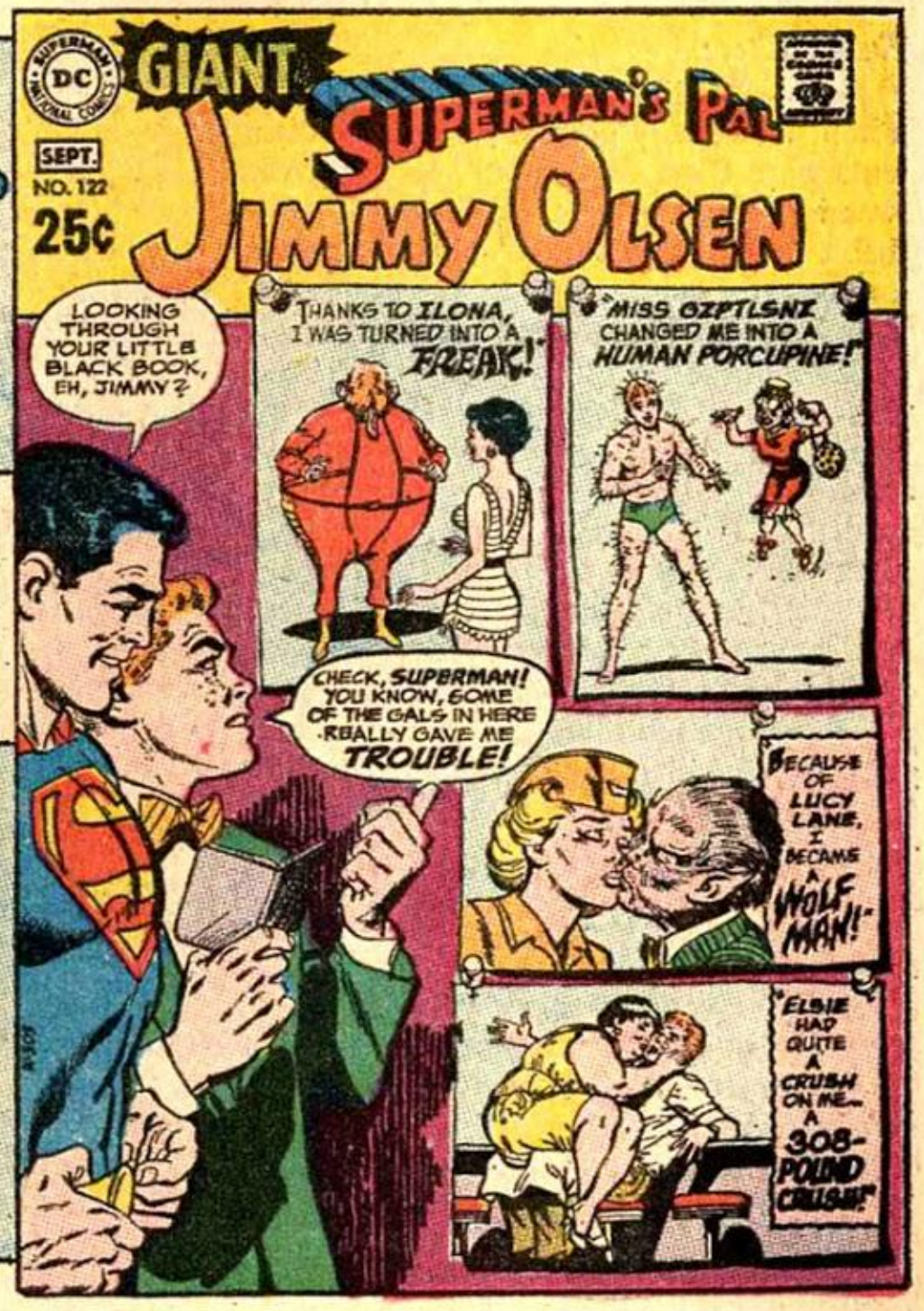
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LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE S-199

Dear Editor:

I greet the "new" *Catwoman* with a mixture of feelings. When I first saw *Batman* #210 on the magazine rack, I was angry that my favorite villainess was *not* featured on the cover. "How could they do a thing like that?" I asked myself. Even before seeing the comic, I had known *Catwoman* was in the issue, because the previous issue (209) had given us a preview. So, after purchasing a copy, and skimming through the story, I slowly began to realize that *Catwoman* had undergone another change, and that the figure so prominently displayed on the cover besides *Batman* was indeed the *Princess of Plunder*, in a new costume and hairdo.

At first I was tempted to tear the comic to shreds and forget about it—then, deciding I couldn't judge a mag by its cover, I retried and read it. "The Case of the Purr-Loined Pearl" was an *excellent* story! It contained action and adventure, all neatly woven into a suspense-filled plot. In fact, the only thing I didn't like was the title! The pearl played such a minor part, and was never actually *purr*-loined, so I think a more apt title would have been, "Batman Fights the Legion of Feline Furies!"

Getting back to the subject of the "new" *Catwoman*—after finishing the story, I went back and began to form a new opinion of her costume and hairdo. Although I'll miss the old *Catwoman*, the new *Princess of Plunder* is really great!

—SCOTT GIBSON, Sterling, Colo.

(Catwoman's unheralded change heralded a blast of comments, ranging from sweet music to sour notes. So more music, maestri, please!—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

Batman #210 was, in a nutshell, an unfortunate attempt at a really good issue. All the familiar ingredients were there, but... well, to begin with, the cover was a grabber. I hope Neal Adams' covers become a habit on *Batman* and *Detective*, because they sure as heck are more tempting when one sees them on the stands.

My all-time favorite villainous villainess, *Catwoman*, has returned. Unfortunately (again I use the word), she has undergone her umpteenth change, and this time it's for the worse. Her long hair has been clipped, her impressive costume has been cut down to scanty nothingness, and even her face has filled out a little. It's disenchanting to see a good criminal go bad right before your eyes.

As for Frank Robbins, *Batman's* resident scripter ...I love his plots but his dialogue needs work. The intricate, involved storylines are real *Batman* material, but the narrative and dialogue are laden with melodramatic schmaltz. This time, the story ended all too fast; the short explicative paragraph at the very end seemed obvious and even faintly apologetic. Another thing: Robbins' use of alliteration is bugging me. We have *Big Barbara, Florid Flo* and *Sultry Sarah* to contend with, as well as the *Nizam of Nepal*, the *Potala Pearl*, and a *Catwoman* speech reading, "Sleekest, slinkiest saber-toothed terrors..." And, oh yes, keep the gags subtle—Mayor John V.L. of *Gotham City?* Too, too much!

—*STEVE BERRY, Alma, Mich.*

(A note of interest we neglected to tag on to the previous editorial comment—Frank Robbins, a highly acclaimed syndicate artist, designed the new Catwoman, *along with her* Cat-illac.—Editor)

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Dear Editor:

I'm always glad to see *Catwoman* return to fight *Batman* since, as everybody knows by now, I am the staunchest supporter of super-villains around. But still, my attitude toward *CW* has changed over the years. In the latest *Batman-Catwoman* story you have dropped several of the best aspects of the *CW* stories while continuing the old, worn-out ones. For example, how long has it been since the old "nine lives" routine was used? True, it has been used in the past, but *CW's* apparent death scenes tended to make her more of an enigma, more of a shadowy figure of the night. All the *Batman* regular villains need to be mysterious; they need not and usually should not deal with super-weapons; the *Bat*-foes of the old days were more terrifying than they are today. The *Joker* evidently started out not as today's almost lovable antagonist but as a murderer whose warped sense of humor served to make him more horrific. Obviously, you can't make *Joker* a murderer again, but you should be able to make him into more of the totally evil criminal of old.

Also, you've dropped *Catwoman's* love-hate relationship with *Batman*, which, although poorly handled in the past, had great potential. And unwittingly, you dropped *CW's* mastery of criminal strategy. Let's face it—all she did this issue was try to pull off one robbery. No series of robberies, no kidnapings, no blackmailings, no attempt to kill *Batman*.

Catwoman's cat-cunning, *cat*-independence (of men, which creates her contradictory attitudes toward *Batman*) and her nine lives, then, should be played up. Add a few *cat*-gimmicks like her *cat-o'-nine* tails and you're all set. But instead you have gone overboard on *cat*-details. Instead of those WHOOPIE green tights she wore last time out she now has a costume with a nice long juvenile cat's tail on it. She purrs and spits and tears at yarn. And she's still making those lousy *cat*-puns as motives for her crimes. *Batman* doesn't flap his arms and hang from the ceiling so why should *CW* act so ridiculously *cat*-like? The day of the old *Catwoman* is over. And one more thing—if I see *CW* fooling everybody into thinking she's reformed one more time, I'll...

—*PETER SANDERSON, JR., Milton, Mass.*

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Dear Editor:

Purr-fect—which is the way to describe "The Case of the Purr-loined Pearl!" I've waited for the *Feline Fury's* return—but nine? And that new costume—*cat*-chy! As for the *Cat-illac*—it makes the old *Kitty Car* look like a *Tin Lizzy!* Please keep the new *Catwoman* as presented in *Batman* #210—and keep bringing her back more often!

—*JOHN VAN BRUGGEN, JR., Oshava, Ont., Can.*

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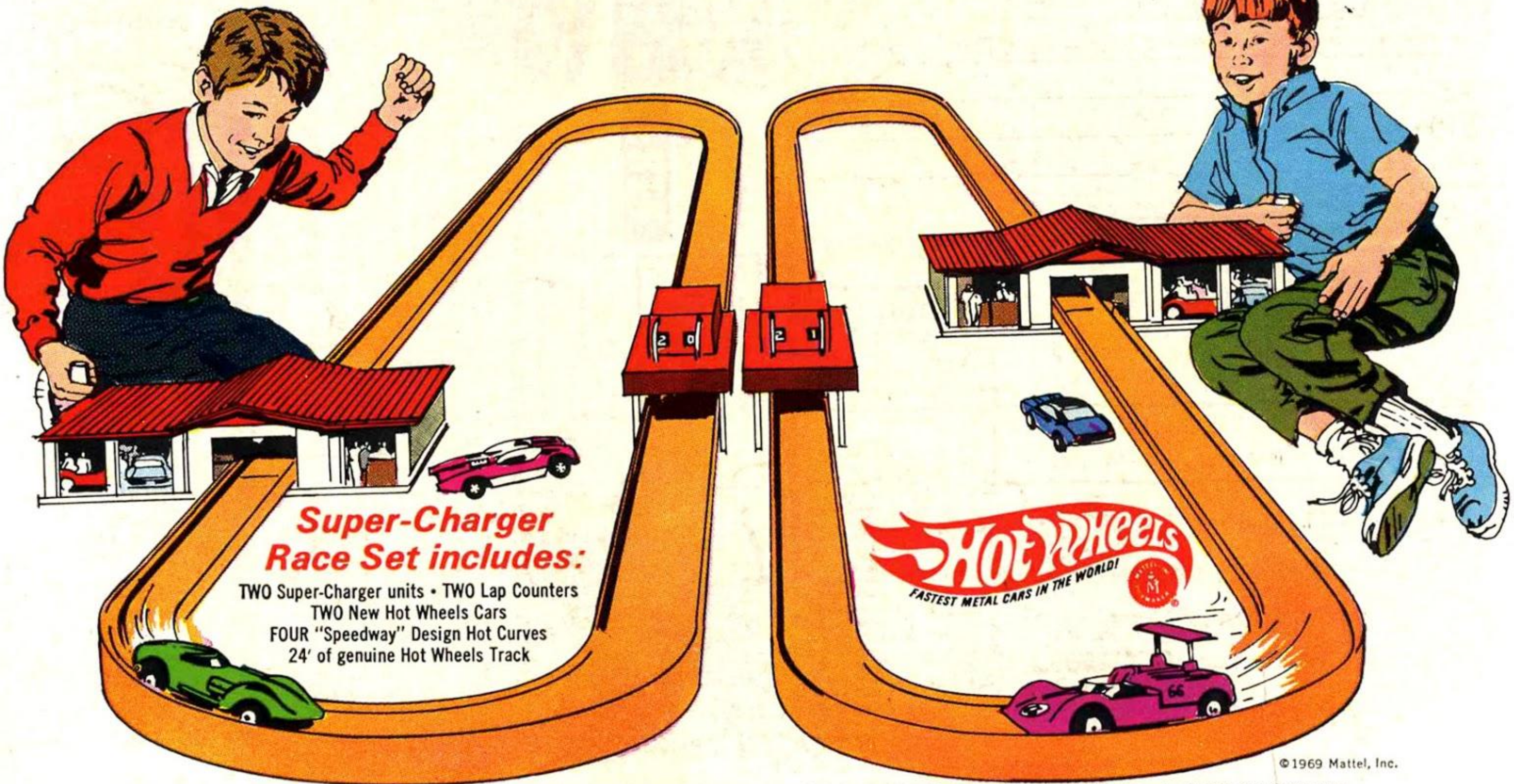

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