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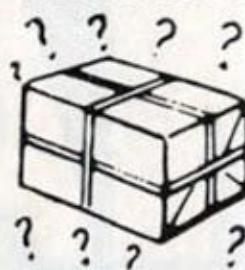
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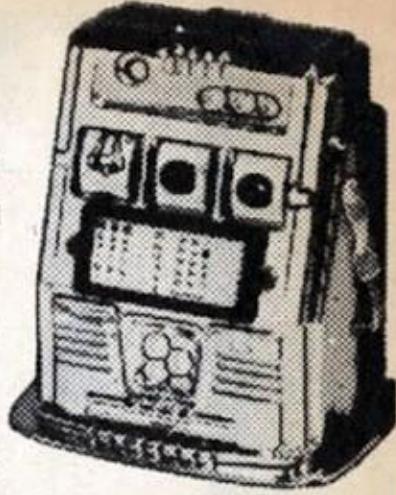
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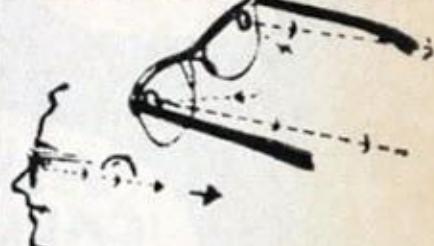
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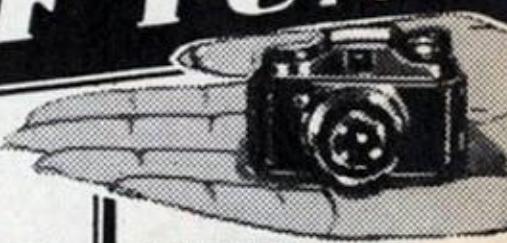
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With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

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CONTAGIOUS VILLAINESS--
POISON IVY--IS BACK TO
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IS HE UNABLE TO RESIST THE
FEVER SHE HAS INFECTED HIM
WITH--? WILL HE FULFILL HER
ARROGANT BOAST THAT
ALTHOUGH THE MASKED
DETECTIVE PUT HER IN JAIL--
HE WILL ALSO DEFY THE LAW
TO TAKE HER OUT OF IT?
THRILL TO...

A TOUCH OF
POISON IVY!

YOU'RE SAVING MY LIFE,
LOVER! PROVING THAT
ONCE YOU'VE CAUGHT
POISON IVY--YOU'RE
HOOKED FOR LIFE!
DON'T FIGHT IT! WE'RE
DESTINED TO BE KING
AND QUEEN OF
CRIME!



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BRIKE (BATMAN) WAYNE DINES WITH LUSCIOUS BEAUTIES...

YOU LOOK AS DELICIOUS AS ANGEL CAKE,
TRINA!



BUT HE IS HAUNTED BY THE INFECTIOUS FACE OF POISON IVY...

YOU MAY HAVE GIVEN ME A "SUITE" IN JAIL, BATMAN! BUT-- YOU'RE THE "KEY" THAT'S GOING TO GET ME OUT, SUGAR! AND LI'L OL' POISON IVY ME IS GOING TO TURN YOU IN THE LOCK!



THE MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY GLIDES FROM ONE DAZZLING PIN-UP TO ANOTHER...

WHAT DO WE NEED AN ORCHESTRA FOR, VICKIE? WE MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER!



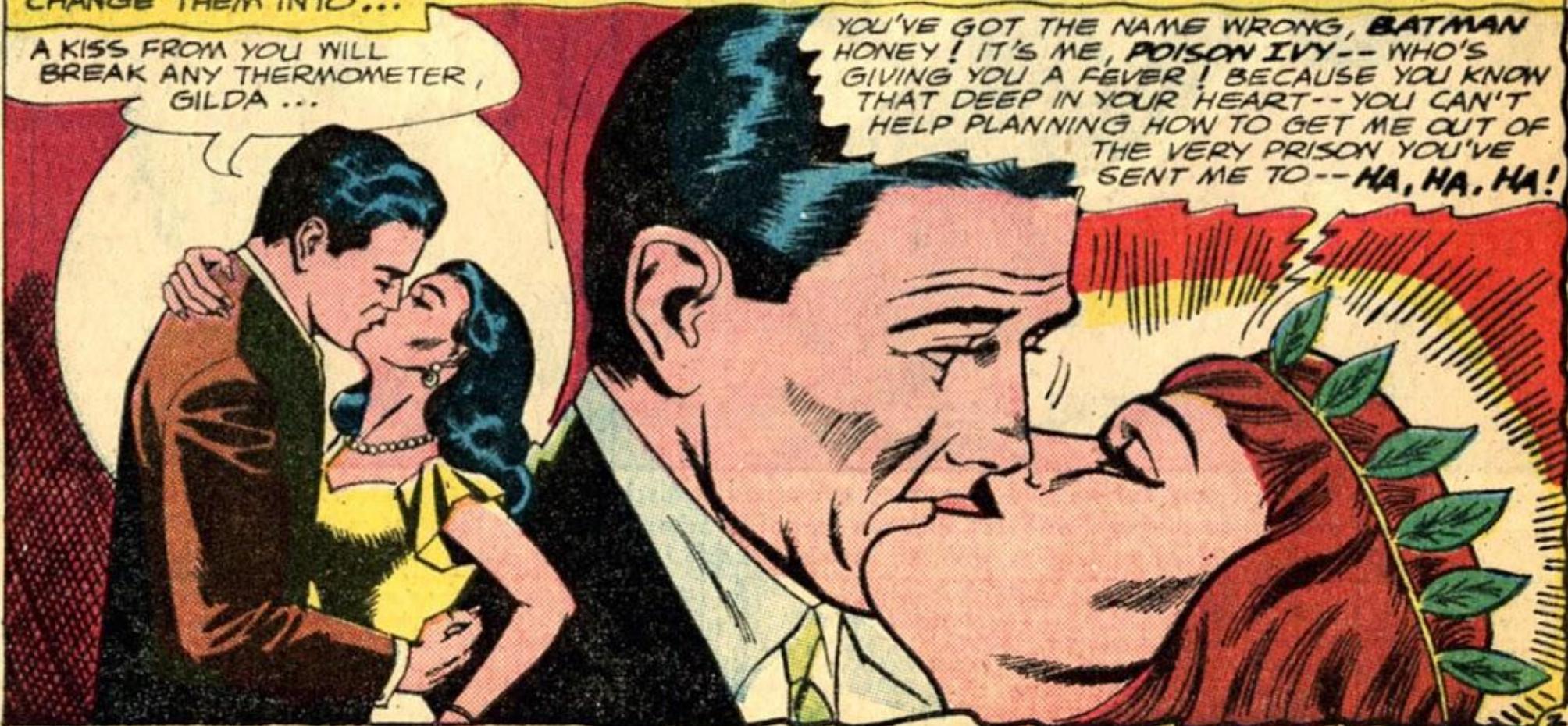
BUT HIS ARMS SEEMINGLY HOLD THE FEVERISH FIGURE OF...

WHY DO YOU THINK I HAVEN'T STOPPED LAUGHING SINCE YOU TUCKED ME INTO MY PRISON COT, BATMAN BABY? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SPRING ME OUT!
HA, HA, HA!



AND NO MATTER WHOSE SOFT LIPS MEET HIS AT FIRST--IT TAKES A SINGLE HEARTBEAT TO CHANGE THEM INTO...

A KISS FROM YOU WILL BREAK ANY THERMOMETER,
GILDA...



YOU'VE GOT THE NAME WRONG, BATMAN HONEY! IT'S ME, POISON IVY-- WHO'S GIVING YOU A FEVER! BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT DEEP IN YOUR HEART-- YOU CAN'T HELP PLANNING HOW TO GET ME OUT OF THE VERY PRISON YOU'VE SENT ME TO-- HA, HA, HA!

THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN RECALLS HIS LAST SMASHING ENCOUNTER WITH THE CONTAGIOUS VILLAINESS' GANG--IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF BATMAN--AIDED BY THE BUBBLING ROBIN...

BATMAN!
POISON IVY
IS WALKING OUT
IN THE MIDDLE
OF OUR "ACT"!
DON'T YOU
THINK YOU
OUGHT TO
"COAX" HER
TO SEE THE
"FINISH"?



JAIL'S WAITING
FOR YOU, POISON
IVY! AND I'VE
PROMISED YOU AS
AN EARLY
"DELIVERY"!
DON'T TRY TO
STRUGGLE--
I'VE CAUGHT
YOU!

THAT'S RIGHT,
BATMAN!
YOU'VE CAUGHT
POISON IVY!
AND ONCE YOU'VE
CAUGHT ME--
YOU CAN NEVER
GET RID OF
ME!

DON'T FIGHT IT, BATMAN! I'M
NUMBER ONE! THE QUEEN OF
CRIME! AND YOU WERE FATED
TO RULE THE UNDERWORLD AT
MY SIDE! THIS ONE KISS WILL
PROVE IT!

BATMAN'S FLIPPING!
REELING AS IF HE
JUST SNIFFED
LAUGHING GAS!



(SNIFF-SNIFF) NO WONDER SHE HAD YOU SPINNING,
BATMAN-- SNIFF-SNIFF-- POISON IVY'S
WEARING LIPSTICK WITH A CHLOROFORM BASE!
WHILE SHE'S PROBABLY
WEARING A NOSE-FILTER!

NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU
SMARTY PANTS! BUT-- BATMAN
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
RESIST ME ANYWAY!



FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT THAT THE CELL DOOR CLANGED BEHIND THE BALEFULLY BEAUTIFUL VILLAINESS, BATMAN WAS HAUNTED BY...

YOU'LL COME BACK, BATMAN! ONCE YOU'VE HAD A TOUCH OF POISON IVY-- YOU CAN NEVER GET RID OF IT! YOU'LL COME BACK--TO GET ME OUT OF HERE! YES--YOU, BATMAN--WILL FREE ME! HA, HA, HA!

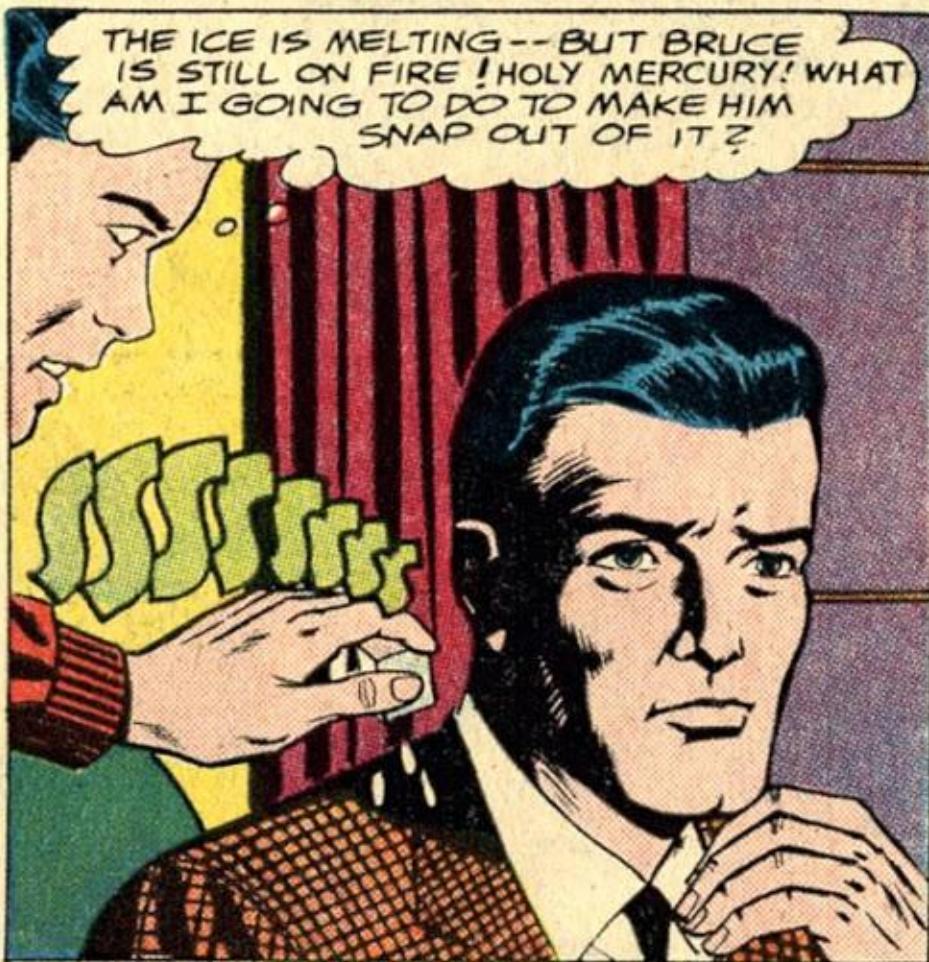


DAYS PASS... AND IN THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN'S PENTHOUSE HIDEAWAY IN GOTHAM CITY, HIS WARD WORRIES ABOUT HIM...

BRUCE'S GOT THAT FARAWAY LOOK IN HIS EYES AGAIN! HE'S STILL GOT A FEVER OVER POISON IVY! I'VE GOT TO COOL HIM OFF! THIS ICE CUBE WILL DO IT!



THE ICE IS MELTING--BUT BRUCE IS STILL ON FIRE! HOLY MERCURY! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO TO MAKE HIM SNAP OUT OF IT?



AT THAT MOMENT...

PISTOL SHOTS!--COMING FROM THAT PENTHOUSE ACROSS THE STREET!



LIKE A COMBAT-VET AUTOMATICALLY REACTING TO AN ALERT EVEN FROM A DEAD SLEEP...

PEOPLE COULD BE KILLED BEFORE WE COULD GO DOWN TO THE STREET--ACROSS--AND UP THAT BUILDING TO THAT PENTHOUSE! WE CAN'T LEAP ACROSS, EITHER!

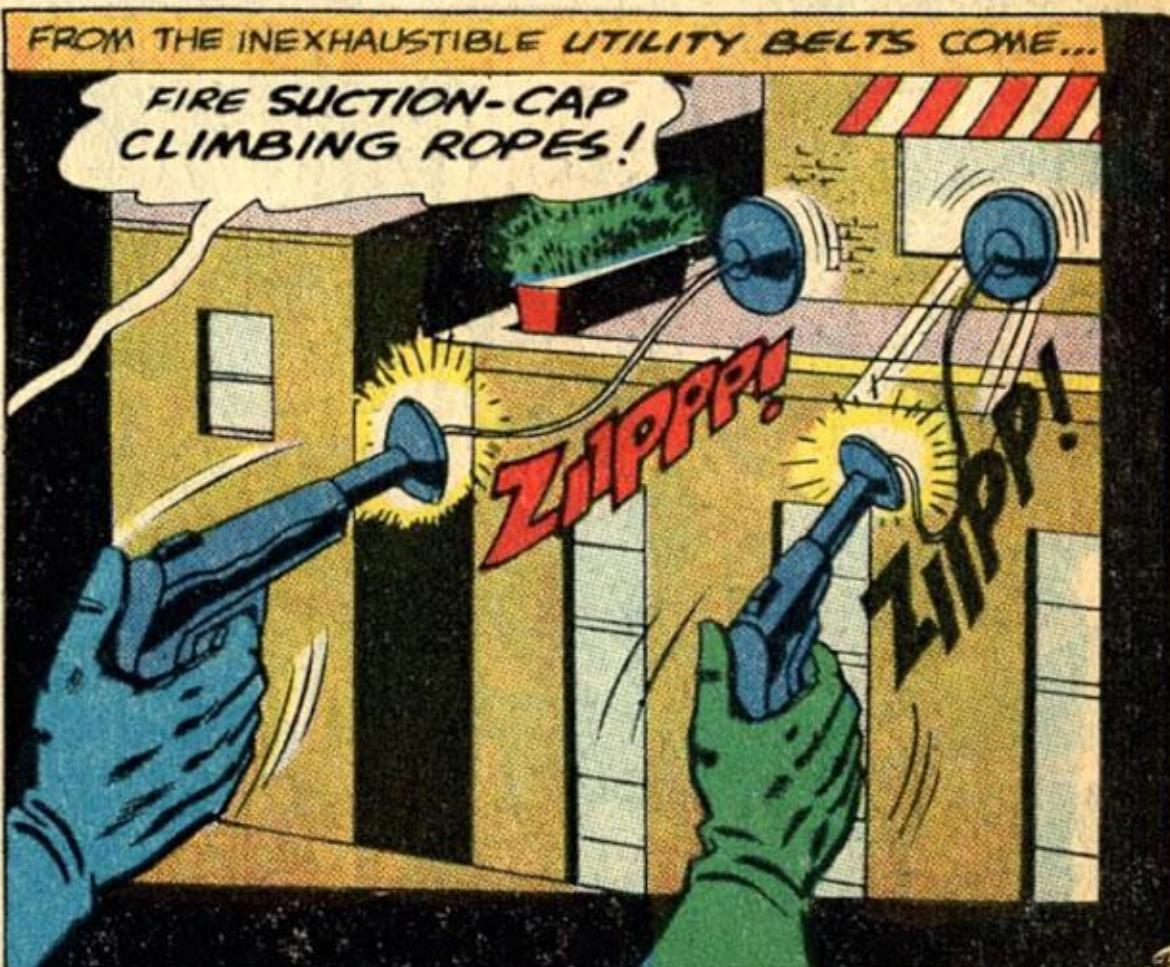
I SMELL "GAS", BATMAN! KEEP COOKIN'!



FROM THE INEXHAUSTIBLE UTILITY BELTS COME...

FIRE SUCTION-CAP CLIMBING ROPES!

ZIOPPP!



LIKE RUBBER BULLETS, THE SUCTION CUPS IMBED THEMSELVES IN THE BRICK WALL OVER THE PENTHOUSE...

AND THEN, SWINGING OVER THE CITY, LIKE WINGED SHADOWS...

THE GUN-SHOOTING IS STILL GOING ON, ROBIN! SO IS THE ACTION! BE CAREFUL WHEN WE ROCKET IN!



LIKE HUMAN CANNONBALLS, THE MASKED MANHUNTER AND BOY WONDER HURTLE IN THROUGH THE TERRACE...

LOOK WHO'S TRYIN' T' STOP US FROM STUFFIN' SLUGS IN THESE SQUARES' KISSERS--SO THEY WON'T TESTIFY AGAINST JOE "TH' UNDER-TAKER"---!

I'M SURE JOE "TH' UNDER-TAKER" WILL GIVE US A BONUS IF WE BRING HIM BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S FEATHERS!



AGAIN THE UNIQUE UTILITY BELTS PROVIDE...

ROBIN!--A LITTLE TEAR GAS TO WASH OUT THESE CHARACTERS' MOUTHS!

IT MAKES ME CRY JUST TO THINK OF IT!



AS THE KILLERS FIRE BLINDLY--THE LETHAL FISTS OF THE DARING DUO EXPLODE AMIDST THE GANG...

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE DANGER TO MAKE YOU FORGET A DAME! RIGHT, BATMAN?

I COULDN'T FEEL RIGHTER, ROBIN!



AS THE MASKED MARVELS CART OFF THE GANG...

THIS FIGHT WAS JUST WHAT YOU NEEDED TO SHAKE POISON IVY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM!

POISON IVY?-- NEVER HEARD OF IT!



MEANWHILE, IN JAIL...

I--I WANT BATMAN TO HAVE THIS POCKET MIRROR I MADE FOR HIM... WITH MY OWN HANDS... IN THE MACHINE SHOP... AND... AND THIS LETTER... TELLING HIM THAT I'M GLAD HE SENT ME HERE... SO I CAN REPENT OF MY EVIL WAYS... AND PAY MY DEBT TO SOCIETY... MAYBE THEN... HE'LL THINK OF ME AS JUST THE LOVABLE GIRL NEXT DOOR!

HOW SWEET,
POISON
IVY! I'LL
SEE THAT
HE GETS
IT!

BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW IT YET! BUT-- THAT LITTLE GIFT IS GOING TO SEND HIM FLYING HERE TO FREE ME!



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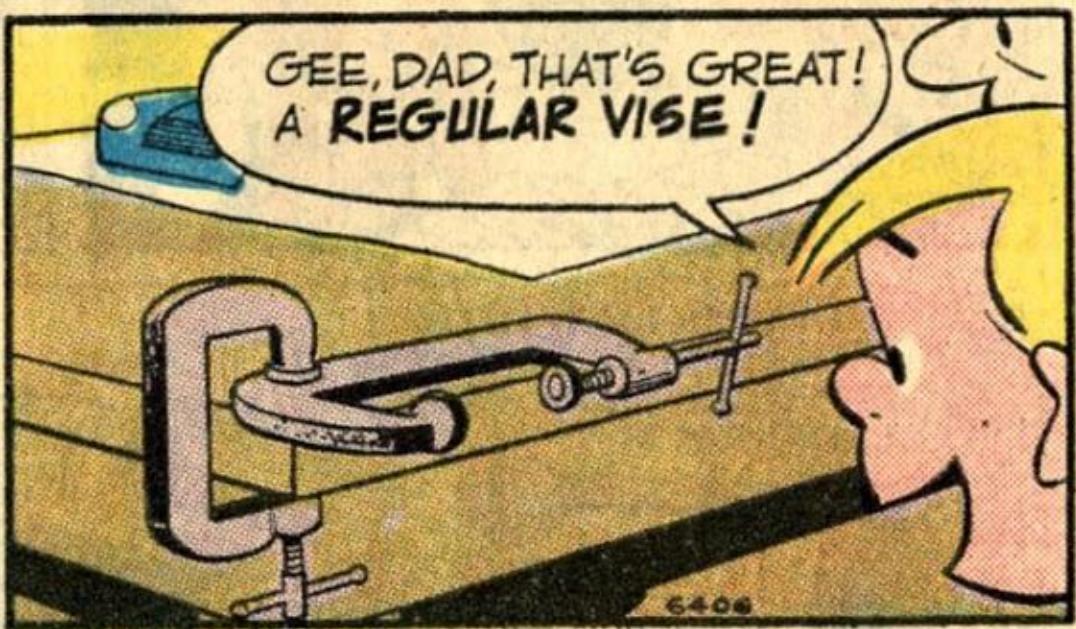
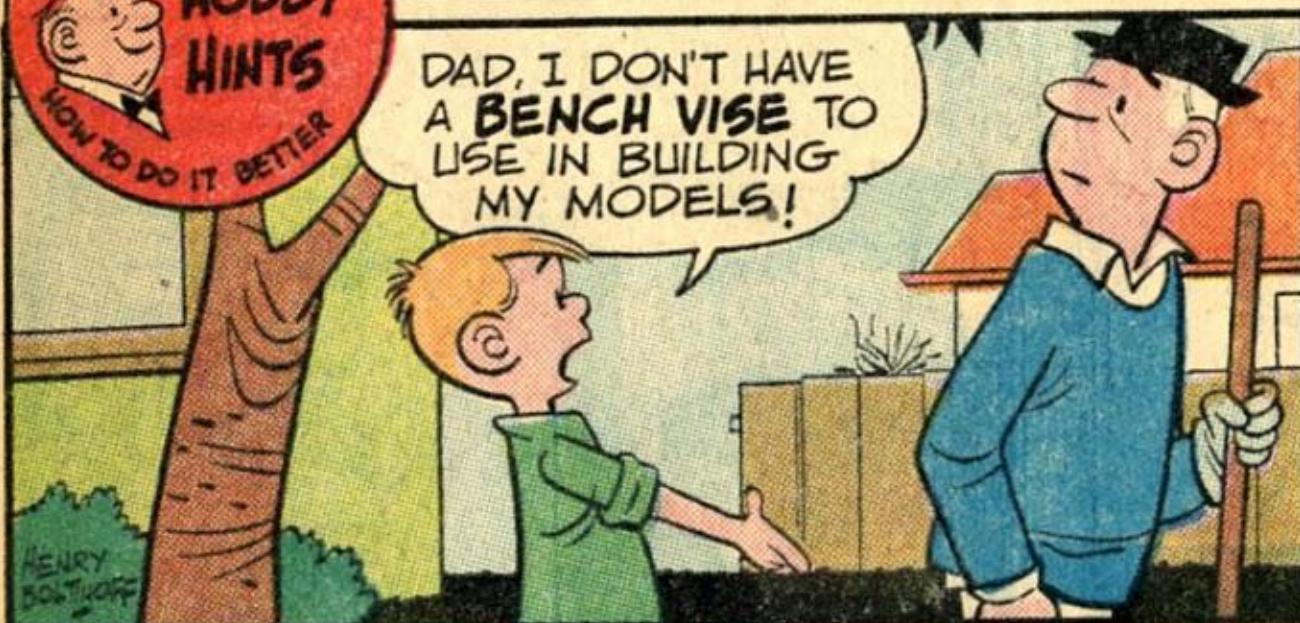
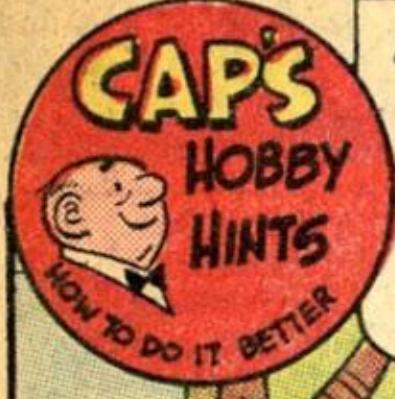
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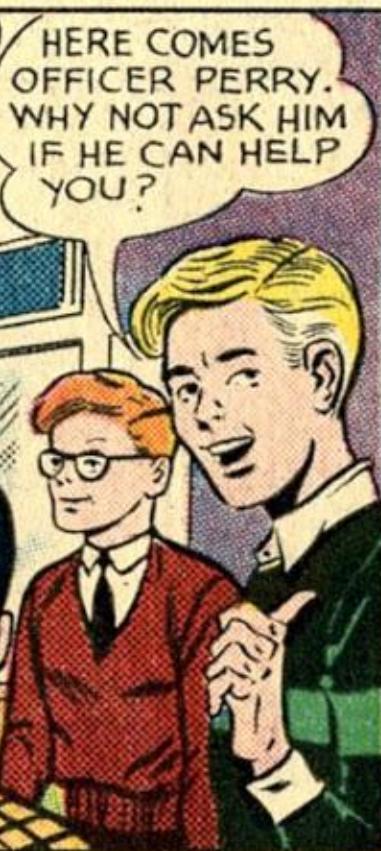
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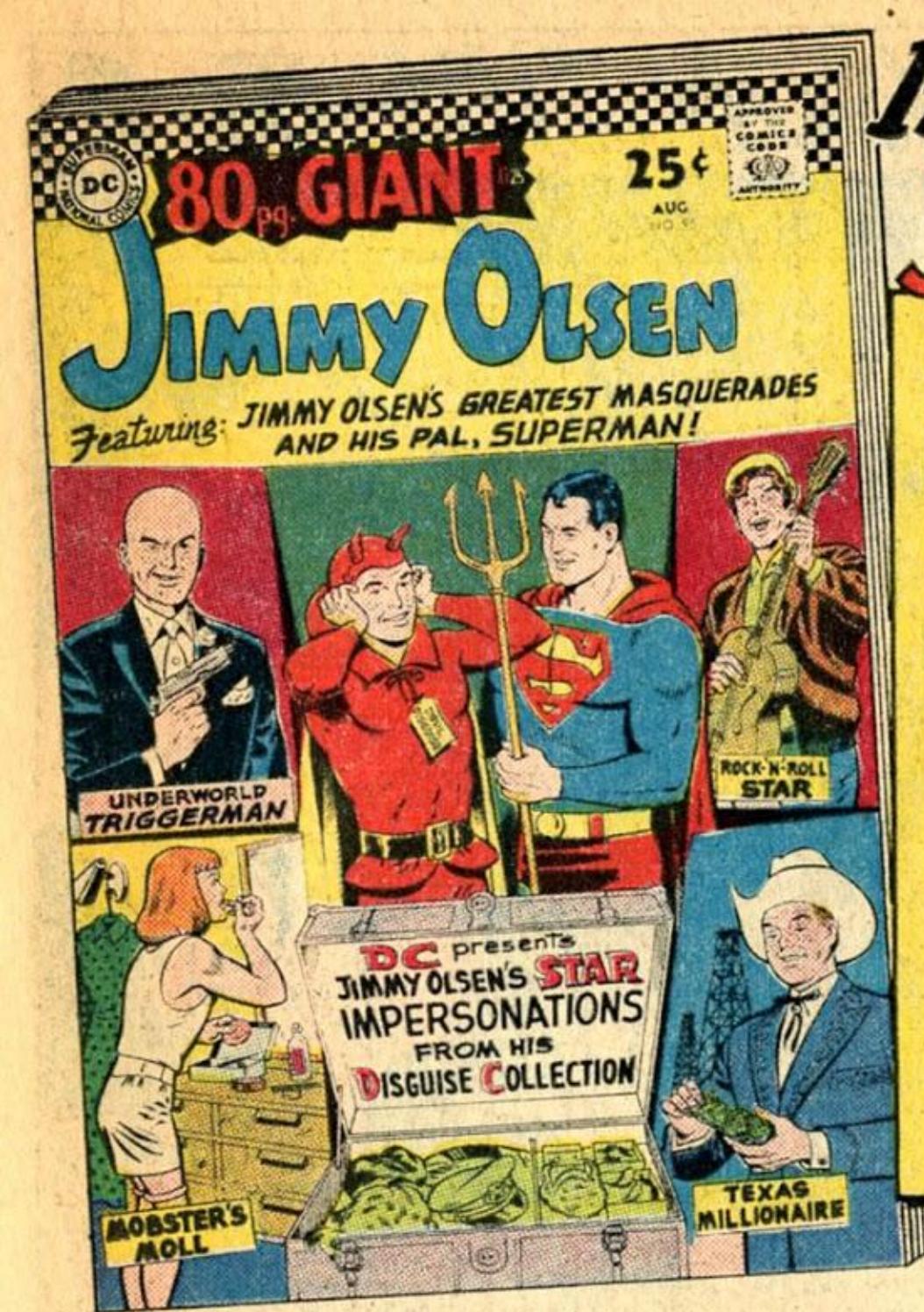
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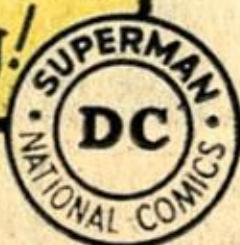
He's a **GANGSTER**!

He's a dozen other guys!

He's a **BEARDED BOY**, a **MARTIAN**,
A **ROCK-N-ROLLER** and a **CLOWN**...
TEXAN, **CAVEMAN**, **GIRL** and **ROBOT**...
Man, he really goes to town!

He's a **KNIGHT** and he's a **CONVICT**—
(Though it's only for a gag!)

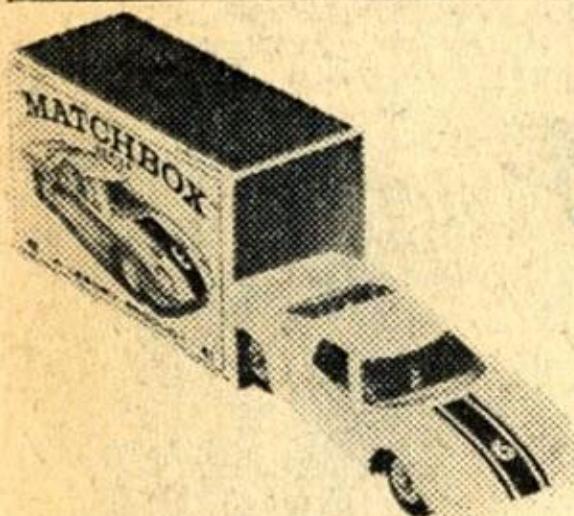
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AT FIRST, BATMAN IS TOUCHED BY
POISON IVY'S GIFT...

WHAT A GAL ! I SEND HER TO PRISON !
AND SHE SENDS ME A GIFT, ASKING FOR
MY FORGIVENESS ! ROBIN--
POISON IVY'S
CHANGING !

INTO WHAT--
POISONOUS
MUSHROOMS ?



BUT, DAY
AFTER
DAY, THE
MORE
THE
MASKED
MAN-
HUNTER
STARES
INTO
THE
DAZZLING
MIRROR,
HE IS
HAUNTED
BY THE
POISONOUS
CHARMS
OF...

WE WERE MEANT TO BE MR. AND MRS. KINGPIN
OF CRIME, BATMAN ! SO WHY WASTE TIME
FIGHTING IT ? YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO
GET ME OUT OF PRISON SOONER OR LATER !
WHY NOT MAKE IT SOONER ?
SOONER... SOONER...
SOONER...



IN HIS CONCERN, THE BOY WONDER INSISTS THE BEDAZZLED BATMAN GO OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR...

TAKE DEEP BREATHS,
BATMAN! THAT'LL GET
POISON IVY OUT OF
YOUR SYSTEM!

HELLO, LOVER!... STOP STALLING!.. GET
ME OUT OF PRISON, SO WE CAN ENJOY
THE LOOT WE'RE GOING TO STOCKPILE!
GET ME OUT...

OUT... OUT...

GET YOU
OUT... OUT...
OUT...

SUDDENLY...

OVER TH' SIDE,
KNUCKLEHEADS!
WE'RE HIJACKIN'
THIS FERRY!

YEAH! IT'LL BE A PERFECT HIDE-OUT FOR OUR
DIAMOND LOOT! UNTIL WE'RE PICKED UP
BY OUR JEWELRY RUNNER!

BATMAN-- HOW ABOUT
US RUNNING UP AND DOWN
THESE HOODS' SPINES!

BUT--AS THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT HURLES INTO THE GUNMEN...

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH BATMAN? HE'S BEEN KNOCKED
OVER LIKE HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE RUSH OF LADIES' DAY
IN A BARGAIN BASEMENT!

BATMAN'S A BUST!--AND
WE'LL SOON STOP ROBIN'S
CHIRPIN' TOO!

ZOK!

POW!

SPRAWLED ON DECK, THE DAZZLING MIRROR HAVING FALLEN OUT OF HIS POCKET,
THE ONCE-DYNAMIC DETECTIVE "HEARS"...

C'MON,
BATMAN
BABY !

I'M WAITING FOR YOU TO
TAKE ME OUT OF PRISON
LIKE I PROMISED YOU
WOULD !

YOU CAN'T RESIST
ME--ONCE YOU'VE
HAD A TOUCH OF
POISON IVY !

DIMLY, BATMAN BECOMES AWARE OF...

ROBIN... FIGHTING
ON... ALONE...
FIGHTING... FOR...
THE BOTH OF US--!

AS IF HE WERE SHRUGGING OFF THE SUF-
FOCATING EMBRACE OF POISON IVY-- THE
HAUNTED MANHUNTER BURSTS AT THE
STARTLED GANG...

LOOK ! BATMAN'S
FLAPPIN' HIS WINGS
AGAIN !

WE'LL CLIP 'EM SO
SHORT THIS TIME--
HE'LL BE DRAGGIN'
HIS NOSE ALONG THE
GROUND EVERY TIME
HE TRIES TO
WALK !

POW !



BUT LIKE ONE AROUSED FROM A DEEP SPELL---BATMAN RAGES AMIDST THE FLABBER-GASTED GUNMEN...

THAT MIRROR FROM POISON IVY--

IT WAS A POISONOUS GIFT!

IT ALMOST HYPNOTIZED ME INTO FOLDING MY WINGS!



A FEW DAYS LATER, BATMAN IS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL, WHERE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

BUT--IT'S TRUE, BATMAN! SEE FOR YOURSELF! POISON IVY IS DEATHLY ILL--FROM HER DELIRIOUS TALK--DYING OF A BROKEN HEART OVER YOU! SHE PLEADED ONLY TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE--TO BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS!



AT THE SIGHT OF THE DEATHLY-PALE PRISONER, BATMAN'S HEART MELTS...

ONE LAST KISS... BEFORE... I... GO...



SUDDENLY... CONTAGIOUS LAUGHTER RINGS OUT...

HA! HA! MY HAIR'S MY UTILITY BELT, LOVER! CONTAINING MEDICINE TO MAKE ME SIMULATE SICKNESS--OR EXPLOSIVES TO BLOW UP EVERYONE IN HERE--UNLESS YOU CARRY ME OUT OF HERE! WANT TO TEST ME?

NO--NO, POISON IVY! I'VE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE TO KNOW YOU'RE NOT BLUFFING!



AND SO...

I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF RISKING ANYONE'S LIFE! I'LL PRETEND I'M HELPING POISON IVY TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON! I CAN EASILY RECAPTURE HER AGAIN OUTSIDE!



OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS...

EVERYTHIN' TURNED OUT JUST LIKE YOU PLANNED, POISON IVY!

STAY PUT WITH THE REST OF THE BOYS, SUGAR! I'M GOING TO CHANGE IN THE CAR AND SHED THESE PRISON RAGS!



WHEN THE GETAWAY CAR SPEEDS AWAY...

NOW I LOOK LIKE MYSELF AGAIN! CONFESS, HANDSOME! YOU KNOW YOU'RE BATS OVER ME!





TO THE MASKED DETECTIVES CONSTERNATION...



GRIMLY... BATMAN SEIZES THE WHEEL...

THERE'S ONE WAY TO STOP YOU!
I'LL RUN US OFF THE ROAD--

OUCH!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU
WANTED TO DRIVE, LOVER? THEN
I WOULD HAVE WARNED YOU
ABOUT THE LITTLE NEEDLE
STICKING OUT OF THE STEERING
WHEEL CONTAINING "BYE-BYE
SYRUP"!!



PLEASANT DREAMS...
ABOUT POISON IVY....!



WHEN BATMAN COMES TO, HE FINDS HIMSELF IN
POISON IVY'S HIDE-OUT...

HAVE PLEASANT DREAMS ABOUT ME, PET?

PET IS RIGHT! THAT'S
WHAT SHE'S MADE OF ME--
A PET ON A LEASH!
I'VE GOT TO OUTWIT
HER SOMEHOW!



OH! COME ON, PET!
EAT SOMETHING!
NO! I'D RATHER DIE--
THAN REMAIN ALIVE IN
YOUR COMPANY!
I'M GOING TO GO
ON A STARVATION
DIET!



DAY AFTER DAY PASSES... THE MASKED MARVEL GROWS WEAKER AND WEAKER ... UNTIL...

BATMAN ISN'T FAKing! HE WOULD HAVE MOVED WHEN I TESTED HIM BY HAVING MY PET PANTHER PAW HIM OVER!

C'MON, MEN! BRING THE I.V. TUBE AND FREE HIM! WE'VE GOT TO FORCE-FEED MY STUBBORN LOVER BOY!



BUT, AT THE SIGHT OF THE RUBBER TUBE, A WILD SNARLING...

MY TRICK OF USING POISON IVY'S TRICK OF PLAYING A "DEATH-BED" SCENE BOOMERANGED! THAT ANIMAL THINKS HE'S GOING TO BE BEATEN BY THAT RUBBER TUBE-- AND IS RUNNING WILD! IT'S THE BREAK I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR!



LIKE A MATADOR FACING A MADDENED BULL, THE MASKED MARVEL PARRIES THE SNARLING DEATH...

GIVE ME THE RUBBER TUBE--QUICK!--IT'S EXCITING THE ANIMAL!

BATMAN-- YOU'RE RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR ME!



I TOLD YOU ONCE YOU'VE CAUGHT POISON IVY IT'LL NEVER LET YOU GO! STOP WASTING PRECIOUS TIME, BATMAN! WE'LL BE KING AND QUEEN OF CRIME FROM NOW ON! MR. AND MRS. NO. 1!



SUDDENLY...
LIKE A
ROBIN
WITH THE
FURY OF
AN EAGLE,
THE BOY
WONDER
PLUMMETS
INTO THE
DAZED
GUNMEN...

AFTER I TRAILED YOU, BATMAN, I WAITED LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO PROVE YOU'D GOTTEN POISON IVY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM -- BY RECAPTURING HER AND HER GANG AS YOU PROMISED! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STILL IN A FEVER OVER HER!

AND HOW, SMARTIE PANTS!
AND TO PROVE HOW DELIRIOUS BATMAN IS ABOUT ME -- HE'S GOING TO CLIP YOUR WINGS!
WON'T YOU -- ?



YOU--YOU TIED MY WRISTS
WITH THE RUBBER TUBE
WHILE YOU WERE KISSING
ME--? YOU--TRAITOR!

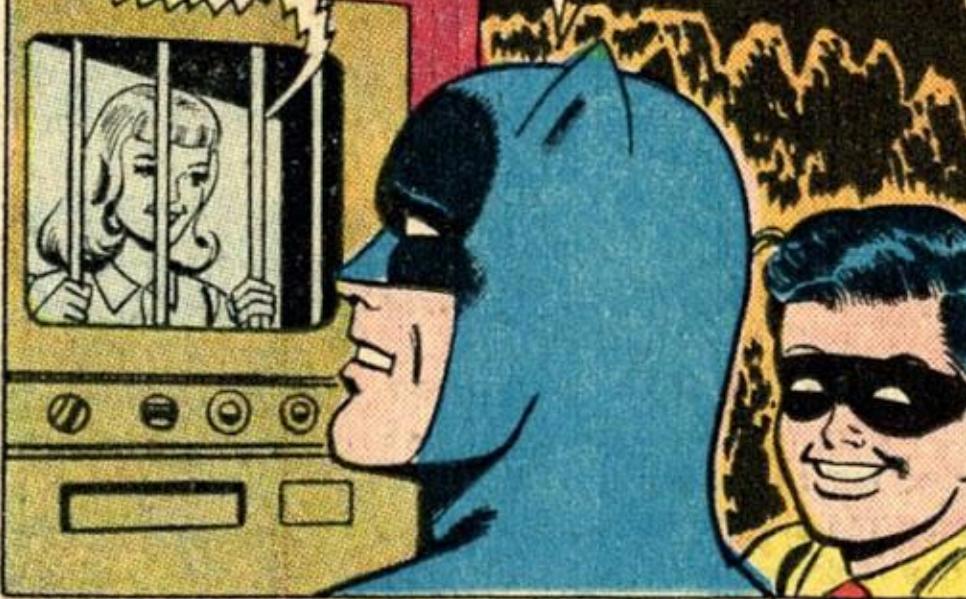


LATER, IN THE BATCAVE...

I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING ME ON TV, BATMAN!
YOU GOT ME IN HERE ONCE BEFORE -- AND
YOU'LL GET ME OUT AGAIN! I'M NOT
WORRIED! YOU'VE GOT A LIFETIME
CASE OF POISON
IVY!

HAS SHE GOT THE
WRONG NUMBER!

MAYBE! BUT IF SHE "DIALS"
FOR YOU, BIG DADDY--
DON'T BE SURPRISED
IF I "ANSWER"!



IS THIS
THE END
OF THE
CONTAGIOUS
VILLAINESS?

IS BATMAN
INFECTED
FOR LIFE
WITH THE
CLINGING
BEAUTY
OF POISON
IVY?

ONLY
TIME AND
FUTURE
BATMAN
ISSUES
WILL
TELL!

THE
END

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SWING WITH
SCOOTER

ZIMSVILLE! WE'LL NEVER SPLIT FROM THAT MONSTER UNLESS WE DROP SOME DEAD WEIGHT!

WILL THIS HELP?

A comic strip featuring Scooter and his gang. Scooter is riding a motorcycle, and a woman is sitting behind him. They are surrounded by other characters and a guitar. A speech bubble from a character says, "WILL THIS HELP?" Another character says, "ZIMSVILLE! WE'LL NEVER SPLIT FROM THAT MONSTER UNLESS WE DROP SOME DEAD WEIGHT!"

DYNAMITE'S COMING!

... WHEN OUR FAVORITE TIGER,
SCOOTER
AND HIS GO-GO GANG TANGLE WITH AN
ABSOLUTELY FAB MONSTER NAMED...
ZEKEFREAK!!

Plus SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SILVESTER,
OUR FAT BUDDY, PEDDLES A LOVE
POTION GUARANTEED TO MAKE
SCOOTER FLIP!

ON SALE JUNE 28th

DC SUPERMAN NATIONAL COMICS

LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

Dear Editor: The results of the 2nd Annual *Batmania Ballot* (for the best *Batman* story and cover of 1965) have been tabulated. As appearing in *Batmania* number 10, here are the winners:

Favorite story — "Remarkable Ruse of the Riddler" (*Batman* 171). Runners-up were "Secret War of the Phantom General" (*Detective* 343) and "The Joker's Comedy Capers" (*Detective* 341.)

Favorite cover — "The Decline and Fall of Batman" (*Batman* 175). Runners-up, "Batman's Bewitched Nightmare" (*Detective* 336) and "The Blockbuster Invasion of Gotham City" (*Detective* 345).

Biljo White, P.O. Box 115, Columbia, Mo., 65201.

(The annual best selections from *Batmania* — "The fanzine especially for *Batman* fans" — are always of interest to us. But now on to 1966 and a letter from one of the leading *Batmaniacs* . . . —Editor)

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Dear Editor: What timing! What accuracy! Just one week after *Batman* made his debut on TV facing the *Prince of Puzzles*, the *Riddler*, along came *Batman* 179, with no less a personage than . . . the *Riddler*! Whether this was planned or not, it sure was a double treat. There were two top stories to go along with this treat. The cover promised something great. Gil Kane and Murphy Anderson teamed up to produce a great piece of art. The first thing that caught my eye was that Sid Greene had inked the lead-off story, "Clay Pigeon for a Killer." I immediately checked the second tale to see if the same was true of it also. Was disappointed to find that he didn't, but when I read the story later, I discovered that Joe Giella still did a very good job of using his brushes.

I was sort of worried that you couldn't keep up the extra high standards that were reset in *Batman* 178 and *Detective* 348 *BM* stories, but my fears were allayed by both yarns. They kept up the snappy, active, alive style and added some unique touches, such as the villain being an actual *nut* (though you might argue that a person must be nuts to attempt to pull a "perfect crime") in "Clay Pigeon for a Killer." Individually:

The *Riddler's* return was by far the better of the two stories. The riddles were as good as always, and I'm beginning to recognize the budding of a distinctive personality for the King of Crosswords (how's that for a nickname?), something that the great *Batman* villains such as the *Joker*, *Penguin*, *Catwoman*, and the original *Two-Face* always had. My guess of the author of this tale is Bill Finger.

The first story featured a lot of that good, old *Batman*-type, sock-em, pun(ch)-em action. The plot wasn't the important thing in this one, but this doesn't mean anything when the action is accented, as this one definitely is. Writer: John Broome? —Mike Friedrich, Castro Valley, Cal.

(Your bat(man) struck out on the writers. "Clay Pigeon" was Robert Kanigher's doing; the *Riddler* yarn should have been credited to Gardner Fox. —Editor)

Dear Editor: Well! I must admit "Clay Pigeon for a Killer" was SOME story! The idea of a madman who really IS a madman is rather unusual, to say the least. In conjunction with an attempt to commit the "perfect crime" it was perfectly unnerving. After all, the whole story may have never happened, except in the mind of Iago.

Naming the "villain" Iago was a clever touch. In Shakespeare's *Othello*, Iago DOES commit the perfect crime — he murders Desdemona by poisoning her husband's mind against her, but Iago can never be arrested for her death.

The strangest thing about "our" Iago is his obvious forlornness. The richest man in the world — yet he cannot find enough happiness in life to save himself from insanity. It seems so heartless of *Batman* and Roger Kay to leave him in his cell, ranting, and walk away smiling at the end of the story.

As for the artwork, it was excellent. I think Bob Kane does very well when he doesn't do his own inking.

No comment on the second story, except POOR RIDDLER! —Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(No comment on this letter, except GOOD NIGHT, IRENE! —Editor)

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Dear Editor: It is with sincere pleasure that I inform you of the circumstances resulting from the television program shown on ABC-TV that was inspired by your famed caped crusader. The Roy High School Chapter of the LOYAL ORDER OF THE BATMAN has been organized and has created a "snowball" effect upon the faculty and student body. Since its conception a mere five days ago, its membership has soared from its nine original charter members to over 150 and is still growing at a fantastic rate. It is now the largest organization in the school. Some of its more prominent members include the student body officers, the entire English department teachers, the principal, both assistant principals, the newspaper and yearbook editors, and over half the football and basketball teams. Its amazing growth has spread to the Junior High School and to Weber State College.

You, as well as DC Publications and the ABC television network are to be commended for your development of this wonderful new pop art form. —Kent Hensen, Loyal Order of the Batman, Roy High School Chapter, 2587 W. 5750 So., Roy, Utah.

(A representative letter of the many received from enthusiastic *Batclubs* that have sprung up all over the country. —Editor)

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WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING — WRITE!

BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

SWEAT OUT THESE LAST FEW MOMENTS OF LIFE THAT REMAIN TO YOU, BATMAN-- KNOWING THAT I'M GOING TO GET RID OF ROBIN-- IN A FATE WORSE EVEN THAN YOUR OWN !

LIKE ALL CRIMINALS-- THIS ONE HAS MADE A MISTAKE ! IT'S UP TO ROBIN TO SPOT IT-- AND SAVE HIMSELF !

THE HATES OF MEN ARE STRANGE AND VARIED !

BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE NO STRANGERS TO THE warped, twisted ENMITY OF MEN THEY HAVE SENT AWAY TO PRISON !

THIS THEY ACCEPT AS CALCULATED RISKS OF THEIR CHOSEN ROLES AS CRIME-FIGHTERS !

BUT NOW AND THEN A CRIMINAL DEVELOPS A MASTER PLAN SO CLEVER, SO DEADLY IN DESIGN, THAT THE VERY LIVES OF THE DYNAMIC DUO HANG BY A FRAYED THREAD !

BATMAN'S BAFFLING TURNABOUT!

BOB KANE



AS MOON-LIGHT FILTERS THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF A GOTHAM CITY IMPORT AND EXPORT WAREHOUSE, THE SUDDEN DRUMBEAT OF FEET STIRS FRIGHTENED ECHOES IN CRIMINAL HEARTS...

BEAT IT! HERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN--

WHY DO I ALWAYS GET SECOND BILLING?

YOU TAKE THE LONER, ROBIN! I'LL HANDLE THE PAIR!

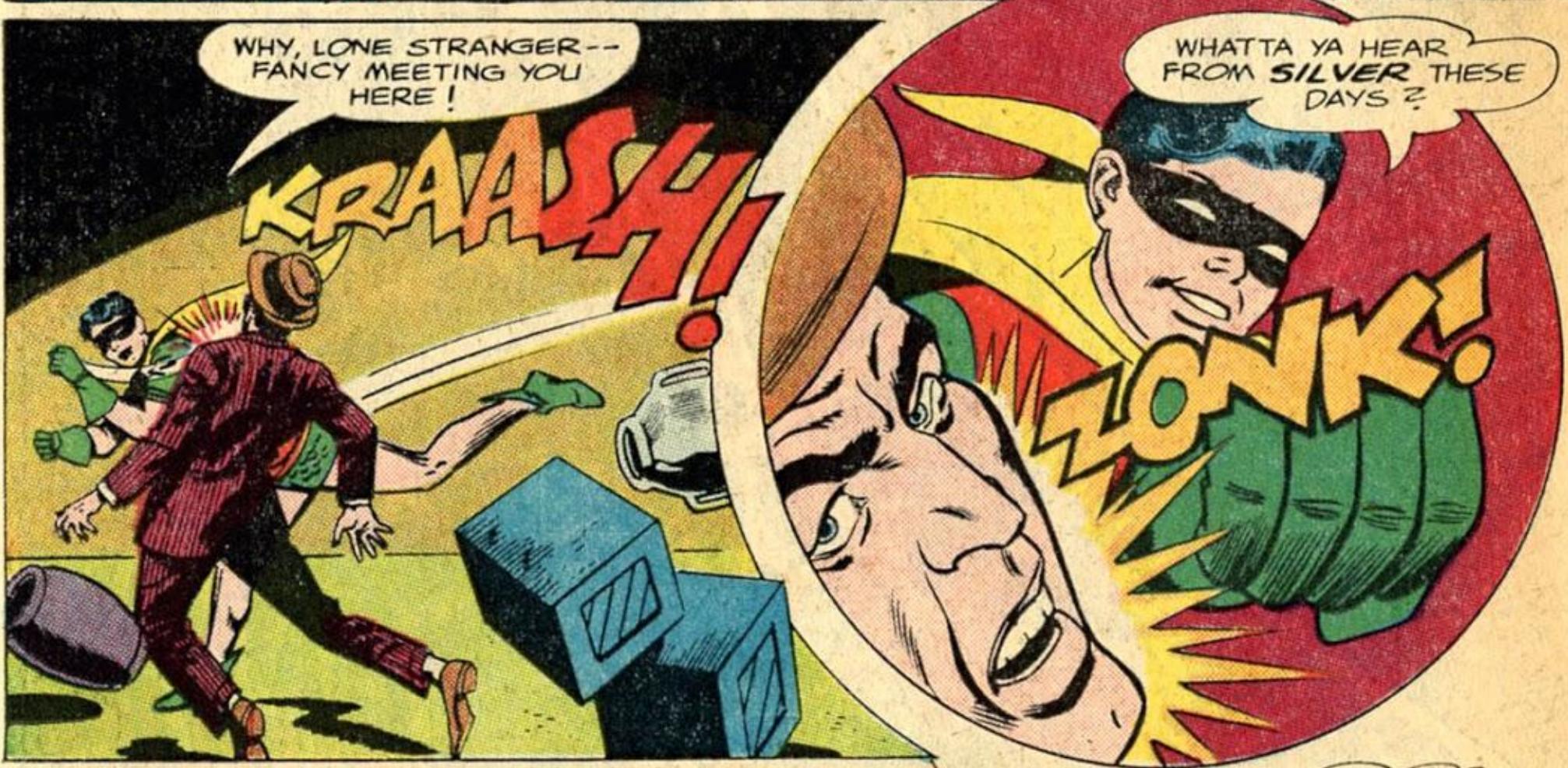


WHY, LONE STRANGER--
FANCY MEETING YOU
HERE!

WHATTA YA HEAR
FROM SILVER THESE
DAYS?

KRAASH!

ZONK!

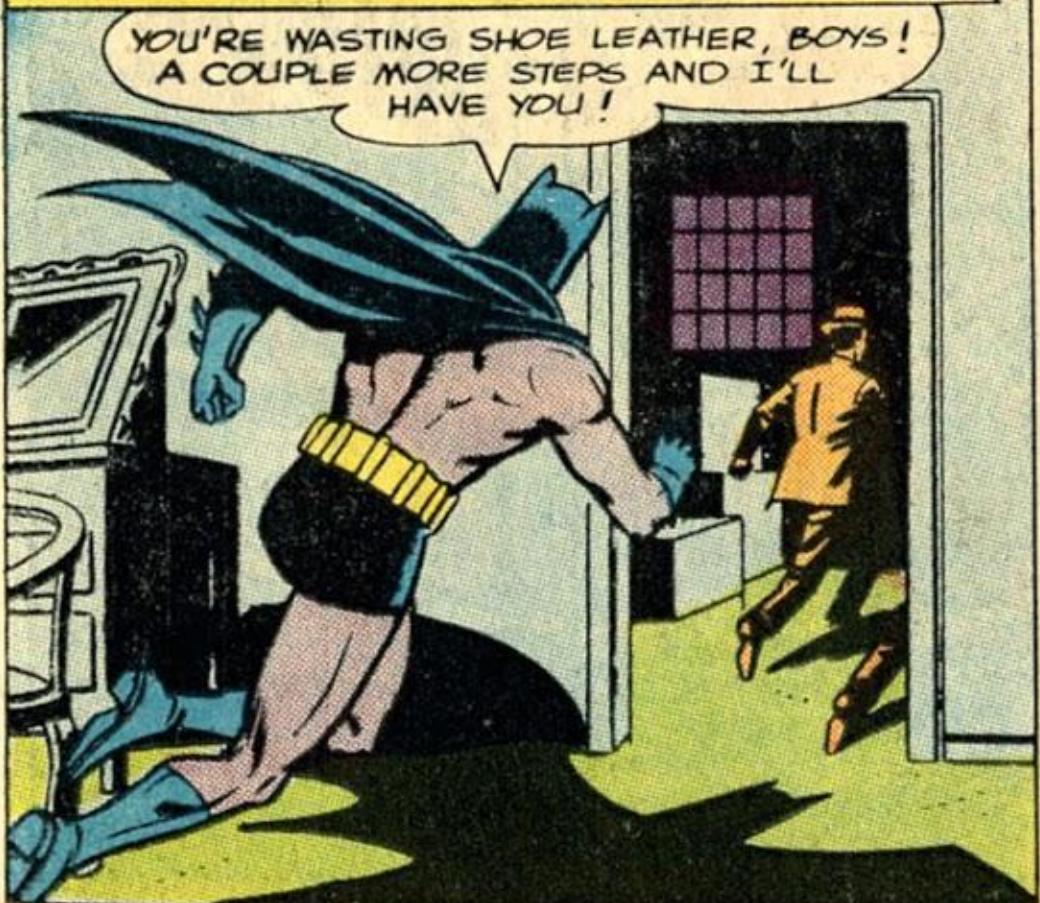


THROUGH A DOORWAY INTO AN ADJOINING ROOM HURLES THE MASKED MANHUNTER...

YOU'RE WASTING SHOE LEATHER, BOYS!
A COUPLE MORE STEPS AND I'LL HAVE YOU!

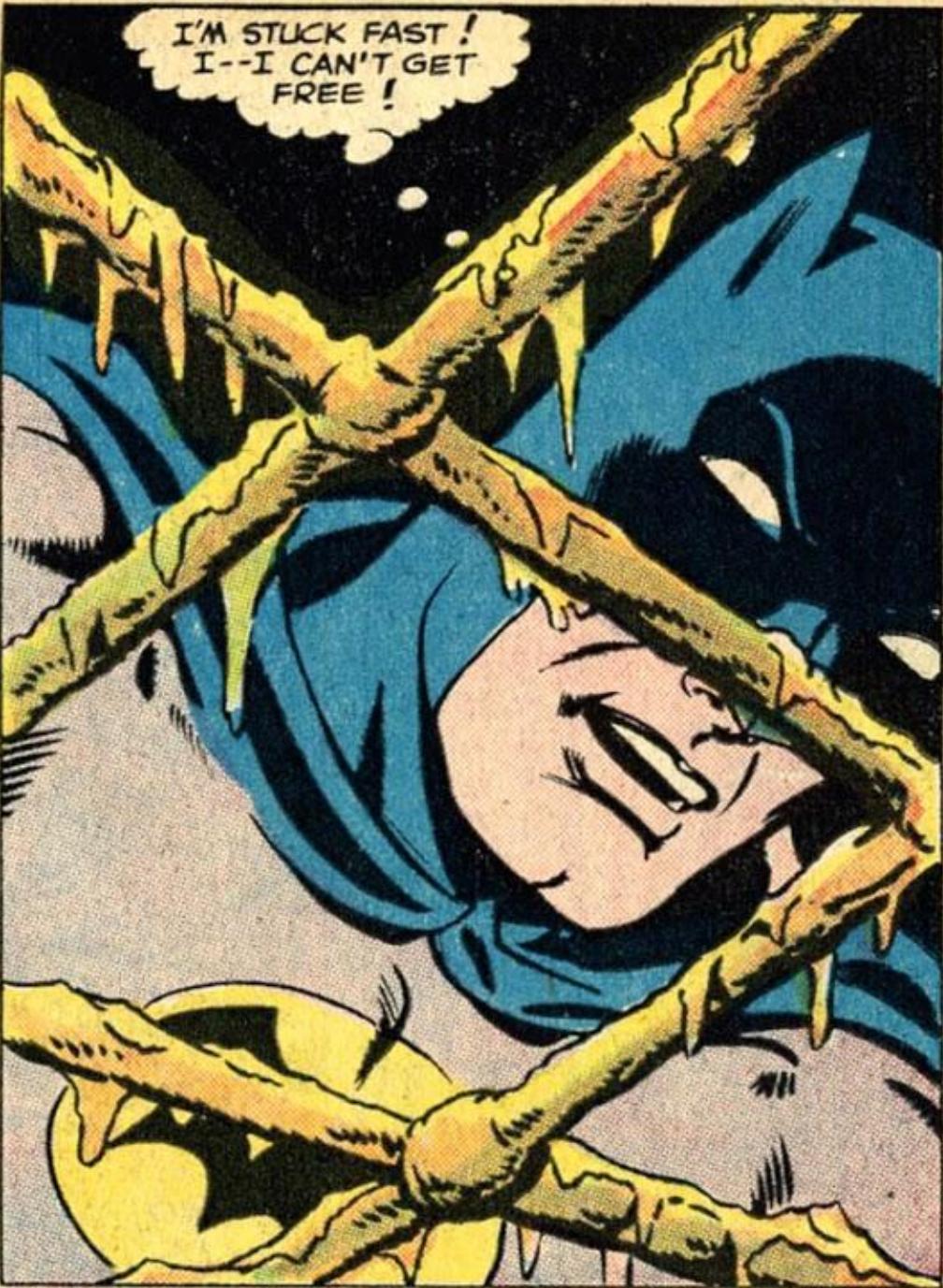
BUT THE VERY
NEXT STEP
LEADS TO...

THE FLOOR--
GIVING WAY
BENEATH
ME!



IT WAS A TRAP DOOR!
BELOW ME--A NET--
COVERED WITH SOME
GOOEY SUBSTANCE!
AND BELOW THAT--
THE RIVER
ITSELF!

I'M STUCK FAST!
I--I CAN'T GET
FREE!



THEN--FROM ABOVE--A
TAUNTING VOICE ...

HA! HA! I SET A WHOLE
SERIES OF TRAPS FOR YOU,
BATMAN! WITH MY GOOD
LUCK--AND YOUR BAD
LUCK--YOU FELL INTO
THE VERY FIRST ONE!
MY FIVE YEARS OF
PLANNING PAID OFF--
RIGHT OFF THE BAT!

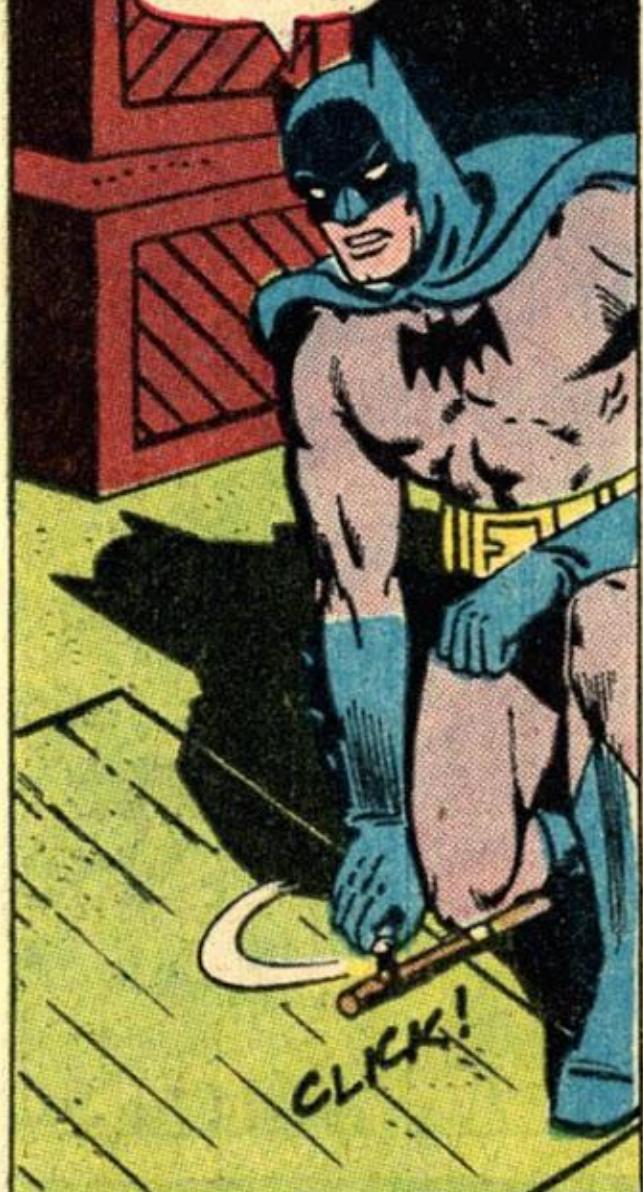
HA! HA!

YOU SENT ME UP THE
RIVER FIVE YEARS AGO!
I SPENT MY TIME DREAM-
ING UP WAYS OF PAYING
YOU BACK! NOW THAT
SAME RIVER AT WHICH
I STARED FOR SO LONG--
IS GOING TO
FINISH YOU!

THE TIDE IS RISING!
NOT EVEN YOU WITH ALL
YOUR CLEVERNESS
WILL BE ABLE TO
TURN IT BACK! WITH
NO WAY OF ESCAPE--
YOU'LL DROWN! SO
SWEAT OUT THESE
LAST FEW MINUTES
OF LIFE ...



--KNOWING THAT I'M ALSO GOING TO GET RID OF ROBIN-- IN A FATE THAT'S WORSE EVEN THAN YOUR OWN! THINK ABOUT THAT-- AS THE WATER RISES!



HELD FAST IN THAT GLUEY WEBBING, SCARCELY ABLE TO DO MORE THAN WRIGGLE, THE COWLED CRUSADER REFLECTS...

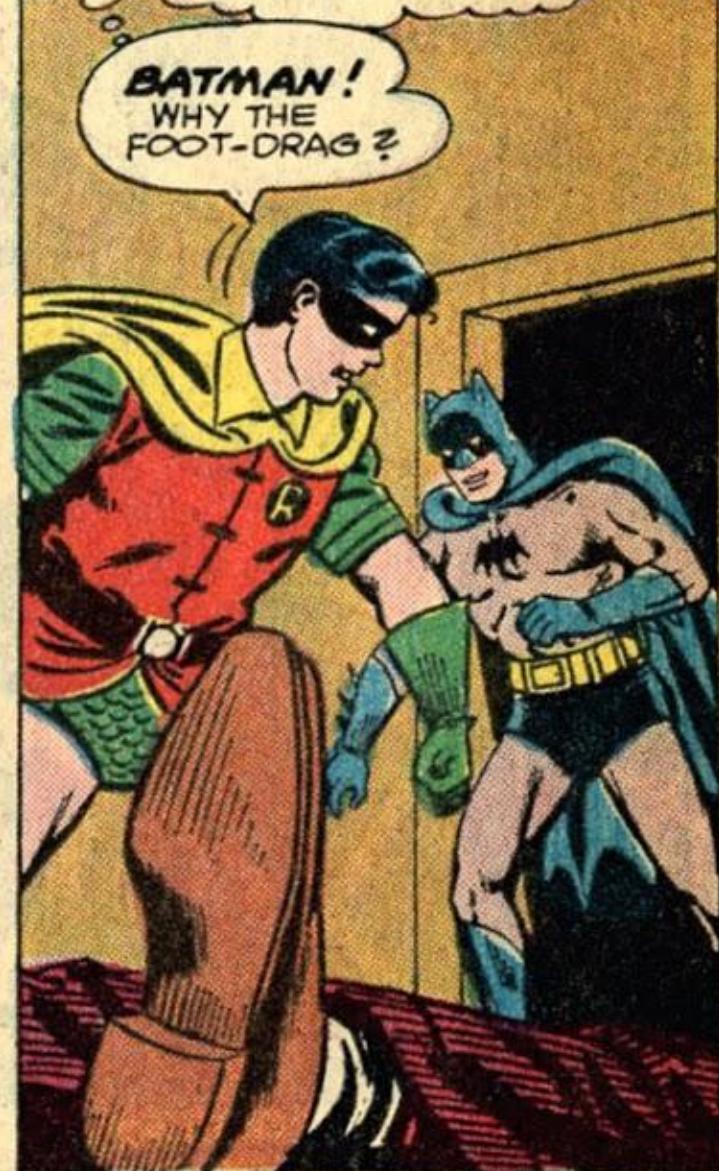
HE THINKS HE'S GOT EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT--BUT LIKE ALL CRIMINALS HE'S MADE ONE MISTAKE! ROBIN WILL SPOT THAT SLIP-UP AND SAVE HIMSELF! MEANTIME I'D BETTER DO SOME ESCAPE-THINKING FOR THE SPOT

I'M IN...



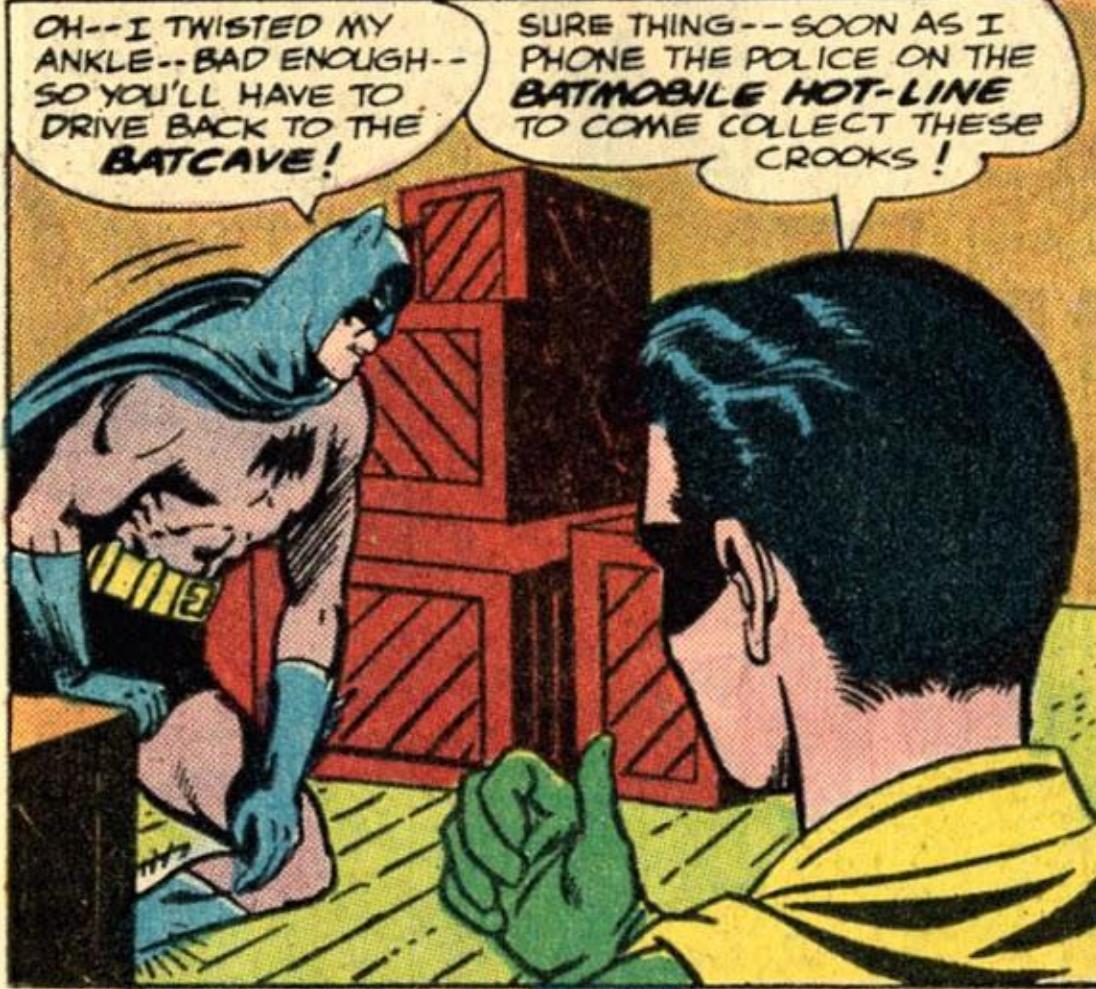
IN THE WAREHOUSE PROPER, MOMENTS LATER...

WE KEPT OUR EARS TUNED IN ON THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE! THAT'S HOW WE KNEW WHERE THIS ROBBERY WAS TAKING PLACE--

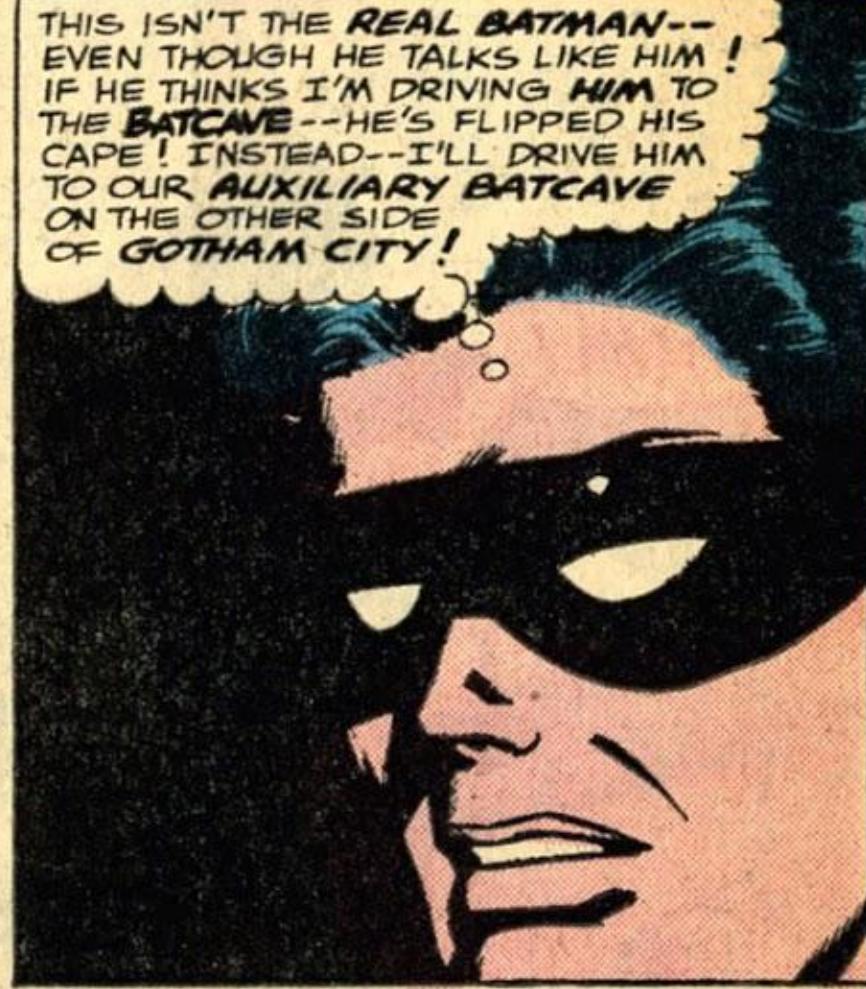


OH--I TWISTED MY ANKLE--BAD ENOUGH-- SO YOU'LL HAVE TO DRIVE BACK TO THE BATCAVE!

SURE THING--SOON AS I PHONE THE POLICE ON THE BATMOBILE HOT-LINE TO COME COLLECT THESE CROOKS!



THIS ISN'T THE REAL BATMAN-- EVEN THOUGH HE TALKS LIKE HIM! IF HE THINKS I'M DRIVING HIM TO THE BATCAVE--HE'S FLIPPED HIS CAPE! INSTEAD--I'LL DRIVE HIM TO OUR AUXILIARY BATCAVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF GOTHAM CITY!



AS THE BATMOBILE ROARS THROUGH THE NIGHT...



WHO IS THIS GUY? WHAT'S HIS GAME? I'LL PLAY ALONG-- AND AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS! HE SURE LOOKS LIKE BATMAN, ALL RIGHT! SOMEBODY DID AN EXPERT PLASTIC SURGERY JOB ON HIS FACE!

WHAT BOTHERS ME IS--
WHERE'S THE REAL
BATMAN? IN
TROUBLE, I BET--OR
THIS ONE WOULDN'T
RISK MY PARTNER
SHOWING UP TO RUIN
HIS SCHEME! I'LL
SIMPLY HAVE TO AD
LIB MY WAY THROUGH
WHAT'S AHEAD!

AFTER THE BATMOBILE BRAKES TO A STOP
IN THE "EMERGENCY" BATCAVE...

SIT DOWN, **BATMAN**--
RELAX YOURSELF WHILE I
TURN ON THAT **TV**
DOCUMENTARY ABOUT
YOU AND SOME OF
YOUR GREATEST
ADVENTURES!



WE MIGHT AS WELL GET COMFORTABLE--
AND TAKE OFF OUR MASKS!

I DON'T BELIEVE THE PHONY
WILL FALL FOR THIS DODGE--
BUT I WANT TO MAKE HIM
SQUIRM! BEFORE HE
MAKES A MOVE TO TAKE
OFF HIS MASK I'LL
CREATE A DIVERSION
SO I WON'T HAVE TO
REMOVE MINE!



OH-OH! THERE GOES THE HOT-LINE
PHONE! YOU MUST FEEL ITS
VIBRATION IN YOUR BELT BUCKLE
TOO-- BUT I'LL ANSWER IT!

VIBRATIONS
SCHMIVRATIONS--
THERE'S NO SUCH
THING! NOW-- TO
PULL ANOTHER BLUFF
ON HIM!



EMERGENCY ON THE
HOT-LINE, **BATMAN**!
LET'S GET GOING!

COUNT ME OUT, KID!
I WOULDN'T BE OF ANY
HELP TO YOU WITH MY
SORE ANKLE! **YOU**
HANDLE IT!



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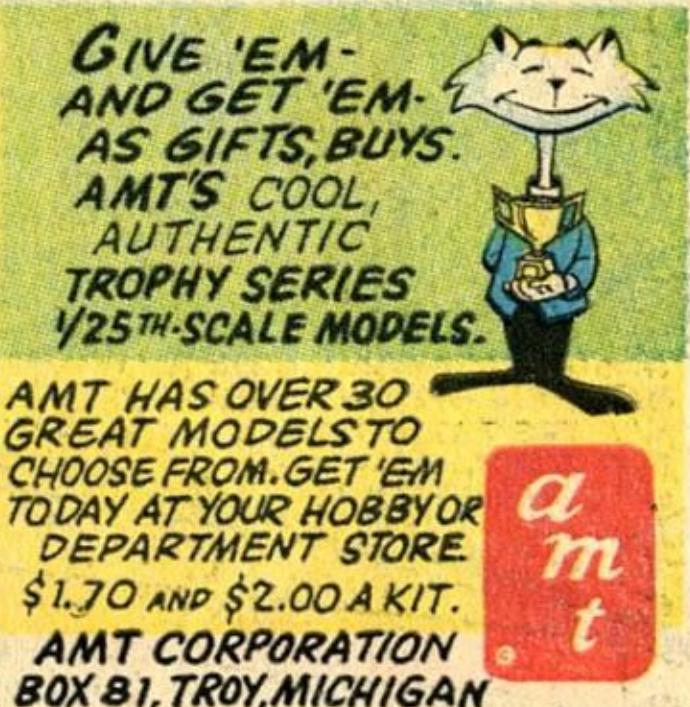
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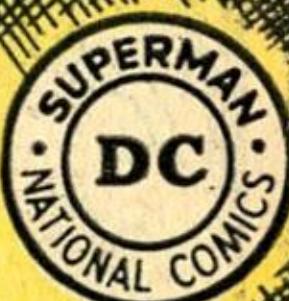
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AND WATCH
MYSELF ON
TELEVISION !
I'LL GIVE YOU
A FULL
REPORT--

I GAMBLED ON THE FACT THAT HE
WOULDN'T COME WITH ME ! I
WORKED THIS UP TO GIVE ME
AN EXCUSE TO GET OUTSIDE--
LEAVING HIM A CLEAR FIELD
WHILE I SPY ON HIM !



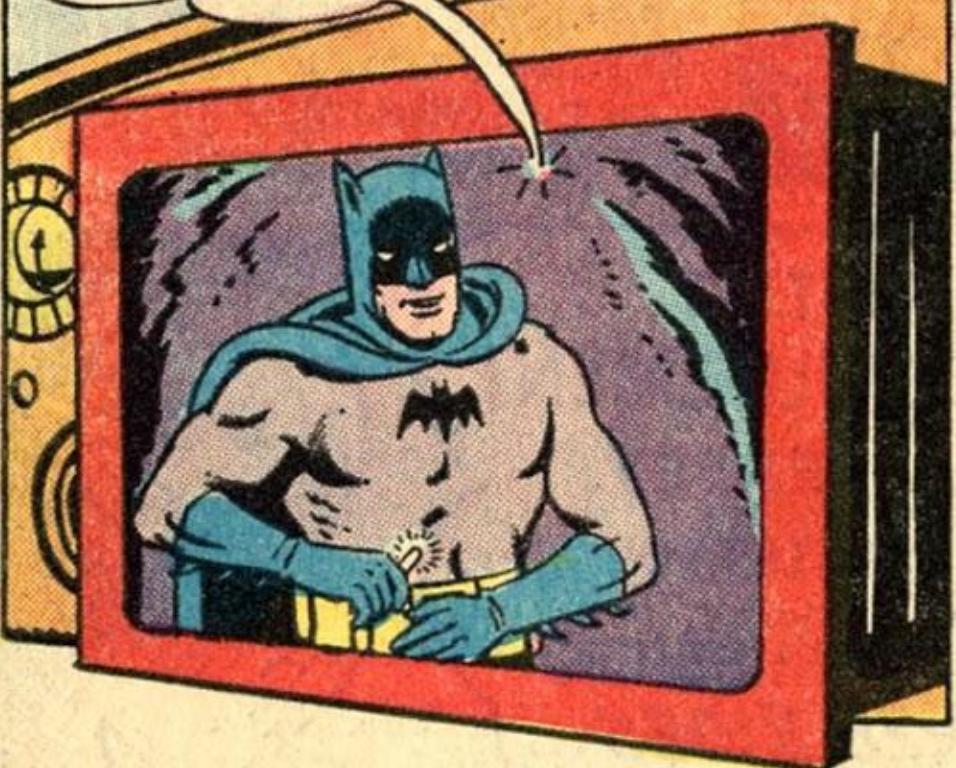
THIS BATCAVE WILL BE A
BLAST CAVE IN A FEW
MINUTES ! THIS SMALL
BOMB WILL WRECK IT
COMPLETELY !

THE BOY WONDER DRIVES OFF A SHORT
DISTANCE--PARKS AND RAISES THE BAT-
SNOOPERSCOPE ...

I'LL ZERO IN ON THE
AUXILIARY BATCAVE
FROM ANY ONE OF
ITS HIDDEN TV
CAMERAS--SEE
WHAT HIS NEXT
MOVE IS IN THIS
MYSTERIOUS
GAME ...



HOLY TNT ! THIS GUY PLAYS ROUGH--eh ?
I'M PULLING IN SOME UNUSUAL INTERFERENCE
ON MY SCREEN ! STRANGE ! THE MOTOR
ISN'T RUNNING -- SOMETHING ELSE IN
THE BATMOBILE MUST BE CAUSING IT...

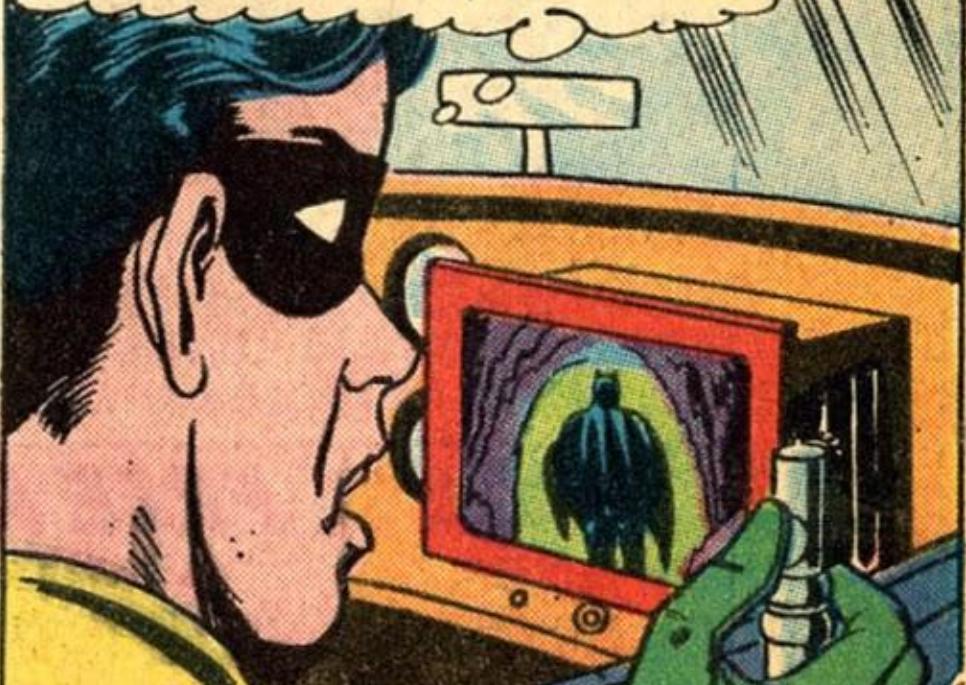


HERE IT IS ! A DUPLICATE OF
THE BOMB HE'S USING TO
BLOW UP THE BATCAVE !
SO ! I'VE BEEN SET UP
FOR A BLAST TOO !



AFTER AGILE FINGERS QUICKLY DEFUSE THE
DEADLY EXPLOSIVE ...

HE'S LEAVING THE BATCAVE !
I'LL KEEP HIM IN VIEW WITH
THE BAT-NOULARS ... BUT FIRST...



RACING TO THE DESERTED BATCAVE, THE BOY WONDER DE-ACTIVATES THE OTHER BOMB...

MY PHONY PAL WILL BE EXPECTING AN EXPLOSION--SO I BETTER ACCOMMODATE HIM...



OUTSIDE, ROBIN PITCHES THE RE-SET BOMB SAFELY AWAY FROM HIM...

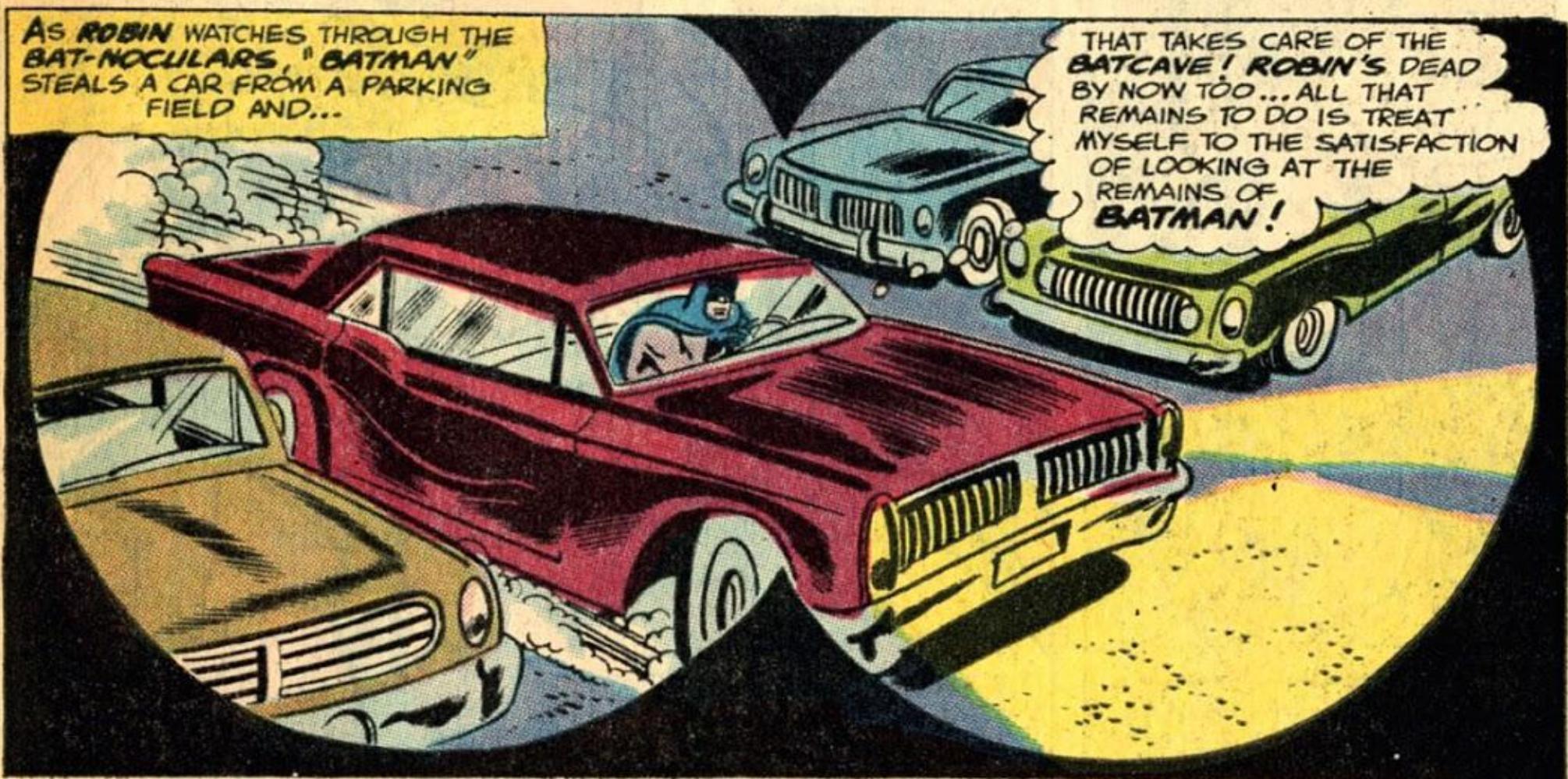
SOUND-EFFECTS AND ALL! FROM WHERE HE IS, IT'LL LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING!

THERE IT GOES!



AS ROBIN WATCHES THROUGH THE BAT-NOGLASS, "BATMAN" STEALS A CAR FROM A PARKING FIELD AND...

THAT TAKES CARE OF THE BATCAVE! ROBIN'S DEAD BY NOW TOO... ALL THAT REMAINS TO DO IS TREAT MYSELF TO THE SATISFACTION OF LOOKING AT THE REMAINS OF BATMAN!



AND IN THE BATMOBILE...

I'VE TAKEN AN INSTRUMENT FIX ON HIS CAR--SO I CAN FOLLOW IT AT A SAFE DISTANCE...



IN FRONT OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT WAREHOUSE WHERE HE TRAPPED THE REAL BATMAN, THE MASQUERADE MIMIC BRAKES TO A HALT AND...

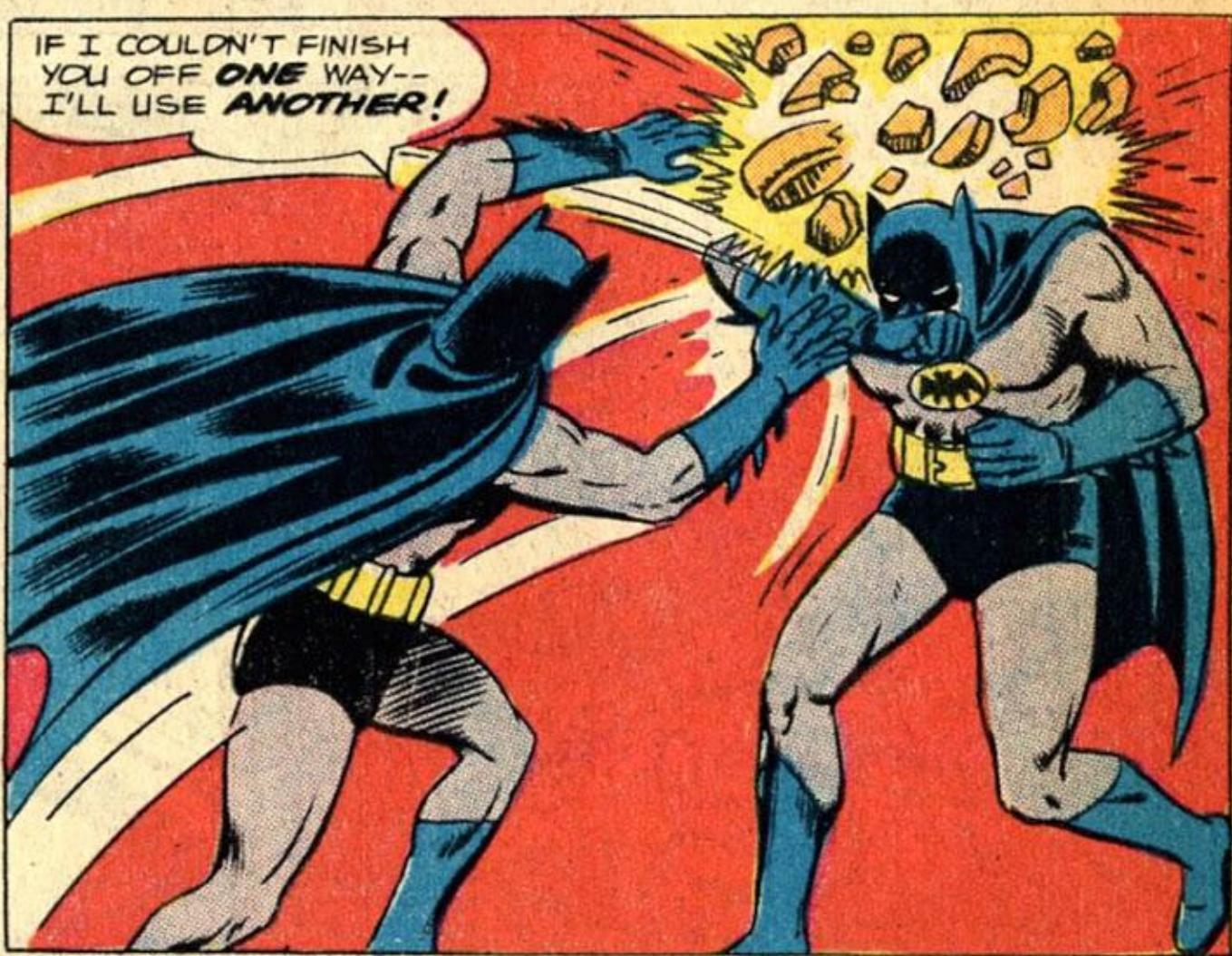
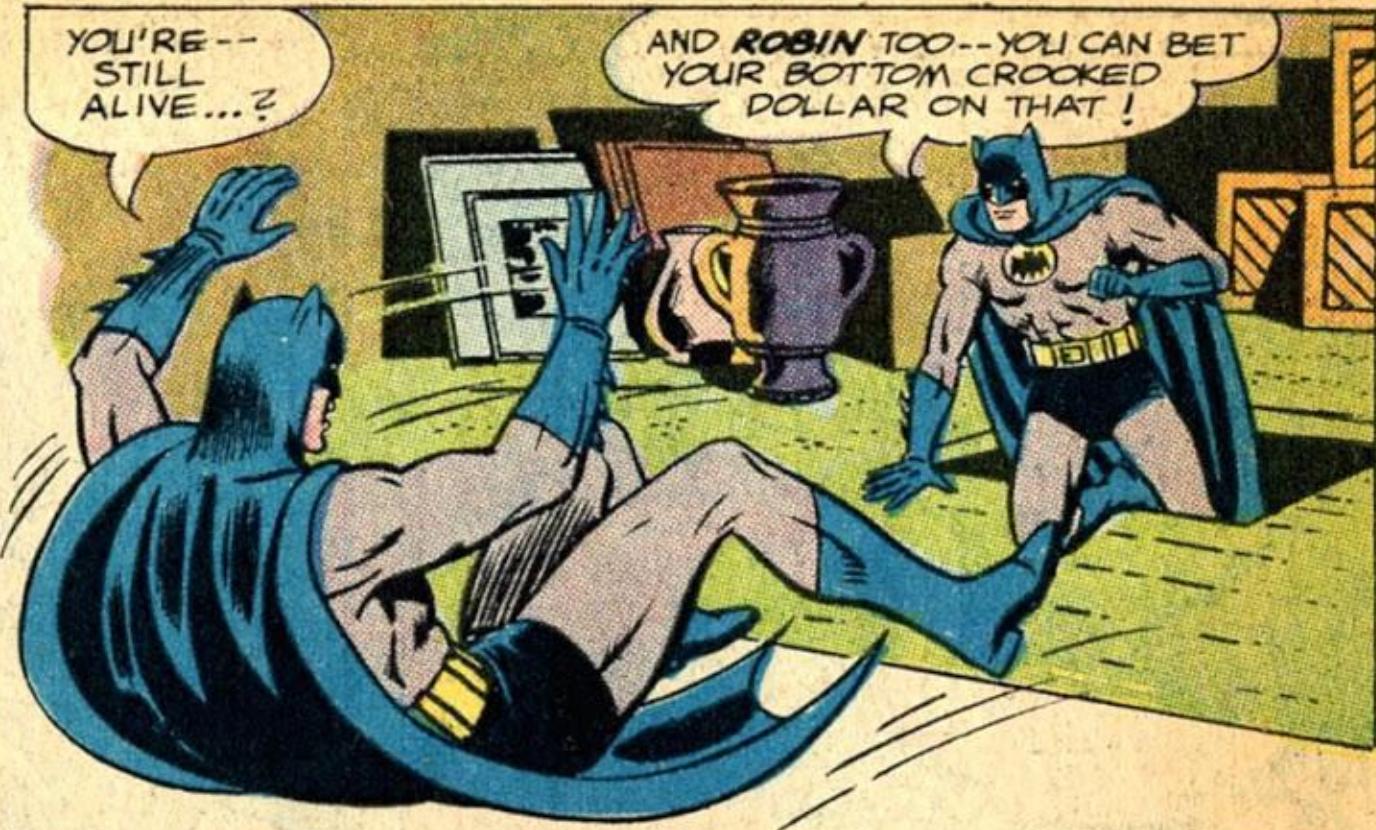
THE TIDE IS FULL! I WONDER IF BATMAN SUFFERED IN SILENCE--OR SCREECHED HIS LUNGS OUT TO UNHEARING EARS!



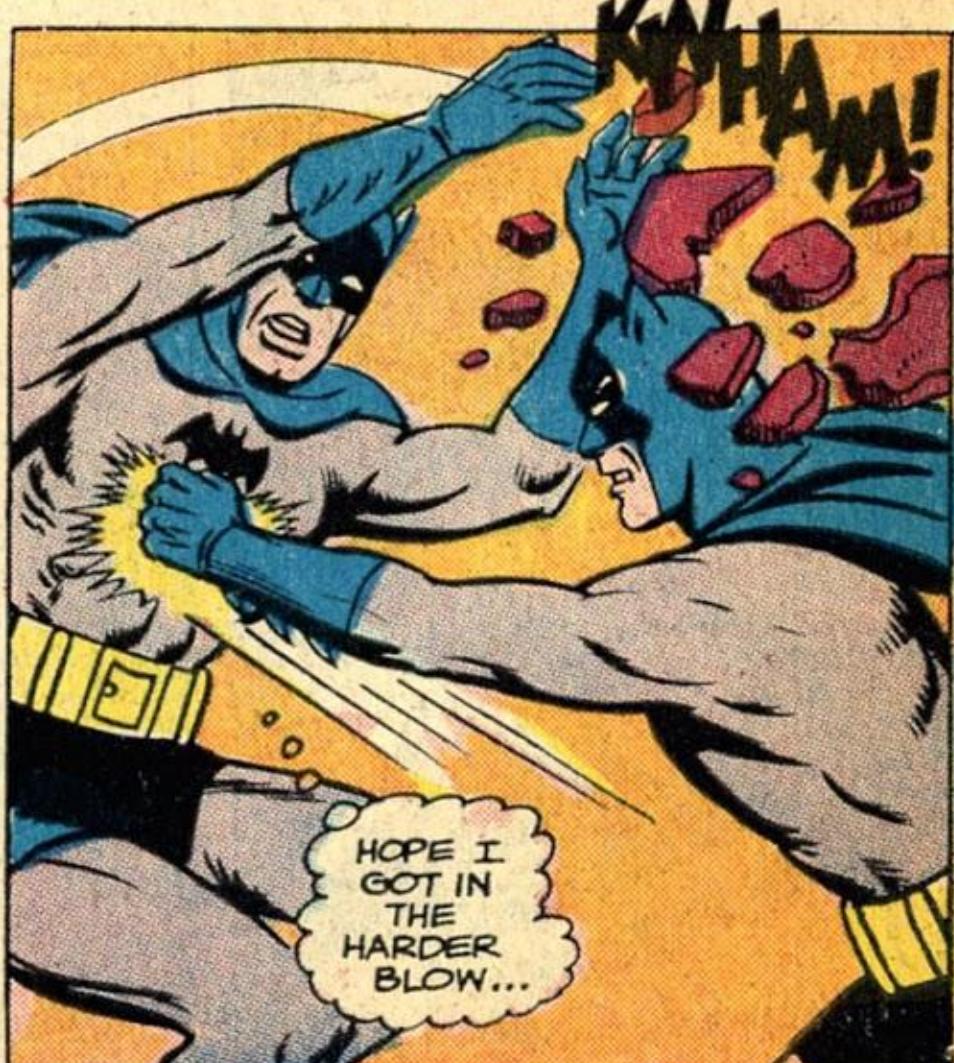
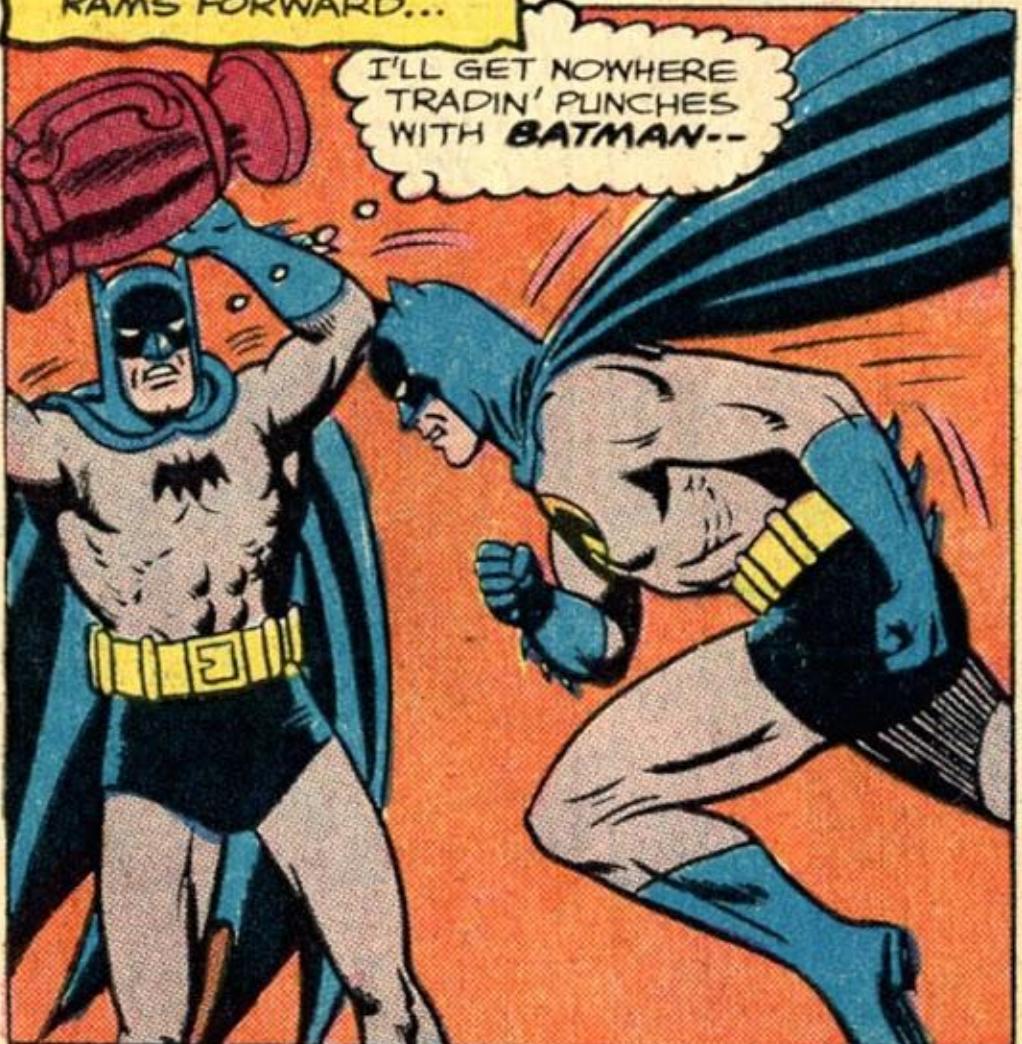
ALL I CAN HEAR IS THE WATER GURGLING JUST BELOW THESE FLOOR-BOARDS! BATMAN--IS--DEAD!



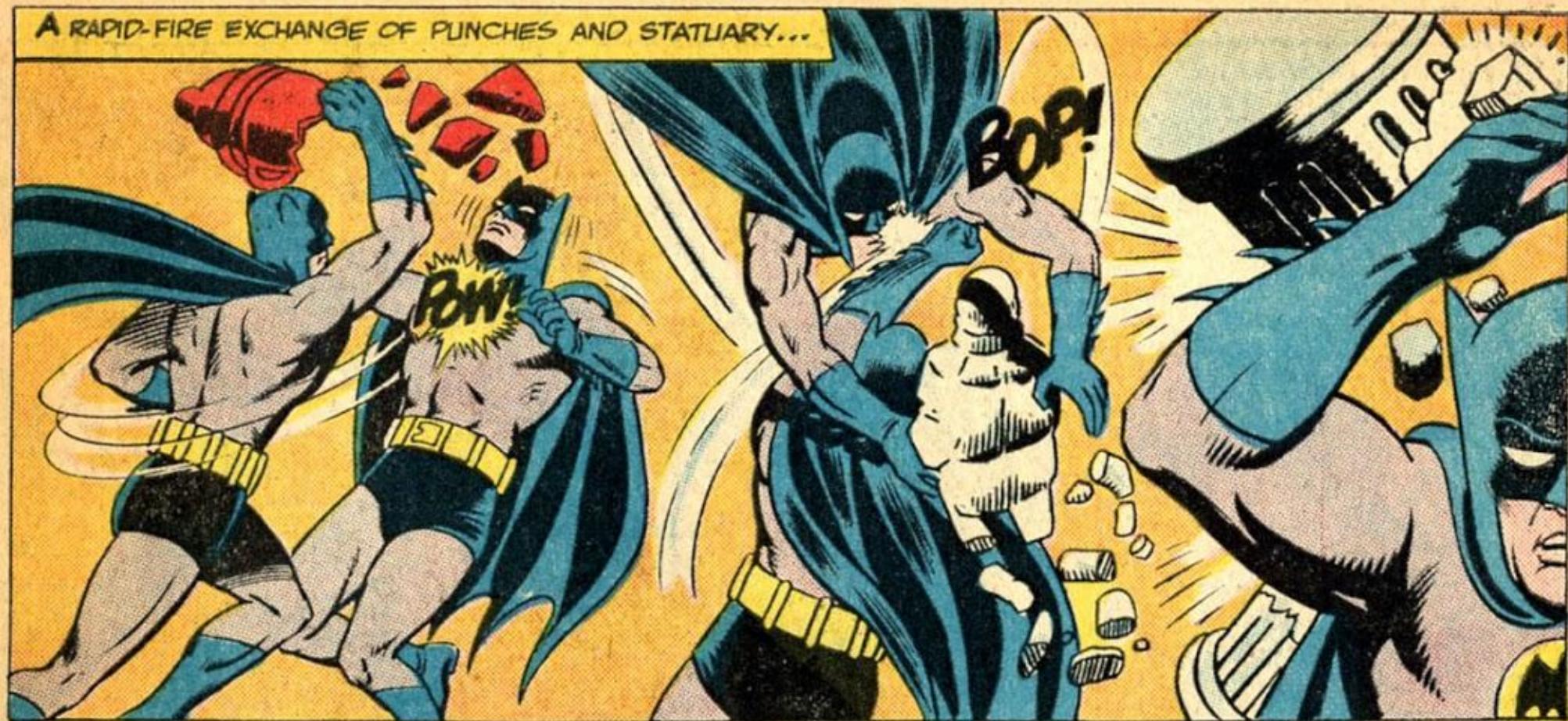
THEN...AS THE TRAP DOOR OPENS...



SHAKING HIS GROGGY HEAD LIKE AN ENRAGED BULL, THE COWLED CRUSADER RAMS FORWARD...

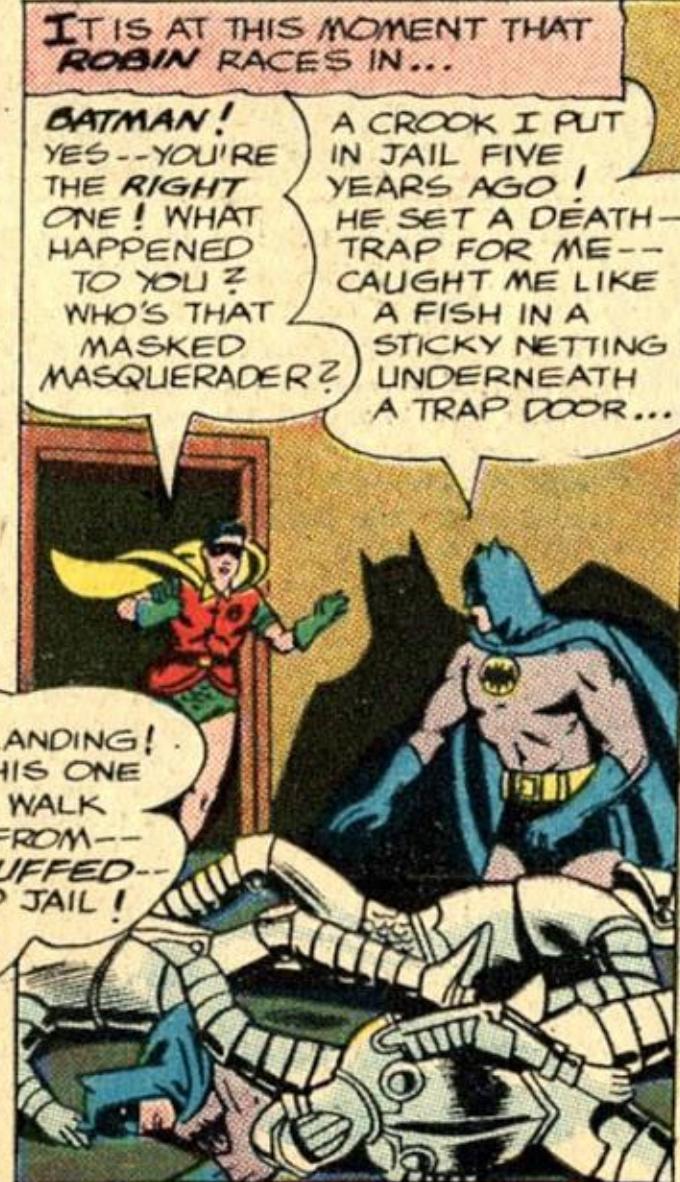


A RAPID-FIRE EXCHANGE OF PUNCHES AND STATUARY...



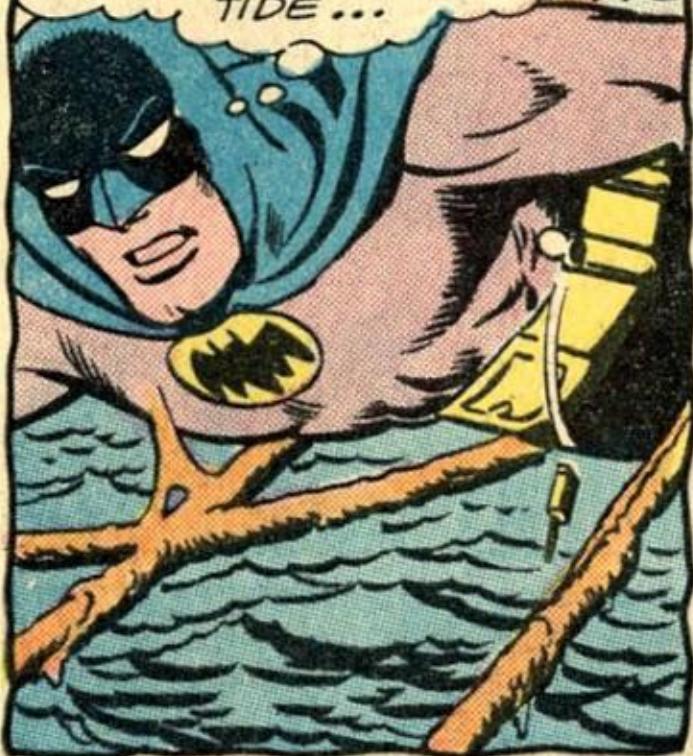
FINALLY,
BATMAN
SEES AN
OPENING!
HIS HANDS
DART OUT--
FASTER
THAN THE
EYES OF
HIS
COUNTER-
FEIT
COMPANION
CAN
FOLLOW...

OKAY, LOOK-ALIKE...
TIME FOR A SHORT
FLIGHT! I HOPE
YOU'VE TAKEN OUT
FLYING
INSURANCE!



"I DID THE BATUSI ON THAT NETTING -- UNTIL A CERTAIN CAP OF MY UTILITY BELT OPENED AND THE LASER-TORCH FELL OUT..."

IT'LL FLOAT ON TOP OF THE WATER--DRIFT PAST ME WITH THE MOVING TIDE...



"I SPENT A COUPLE OF COLD, ANXIOUS MOMENTS--WATCHING THAT TORCH BOBBLE UP AND DOWN..."

GETTING CLOSER... CLOSER! CAN'T LET IT SLIP BY! I'LL HAVE ONLY A QUICK CHANCE AT IT...



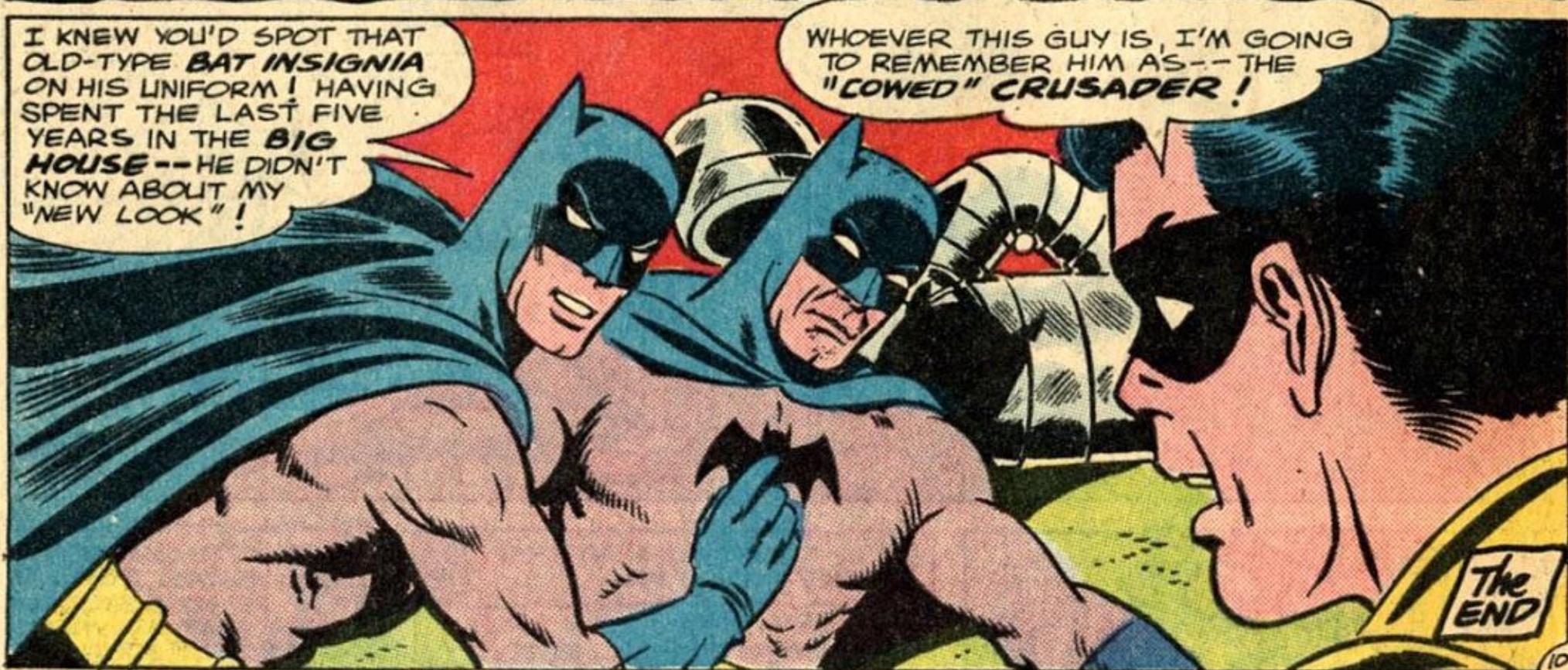
"MY TIMING WAS RIGHT! I TRIGGERED IT AND..."

CUT THROUGH PART OF THE NETTING! THE REST WILL BE SIMPLE NOW...



I KNEW YOU'D SPOT THAT OLD-TYPE BAT INSIGNIA ON HIS UNIFORM! HAVING SPENT THE LAST FIVE YEARS IN THE BIG HOUSE--HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MY "NEW LOOK"!

WHOEVER THIS GUY IS, I'M GOING TO REMEMBER HIM AS--THE "COWED" CRUSADE!



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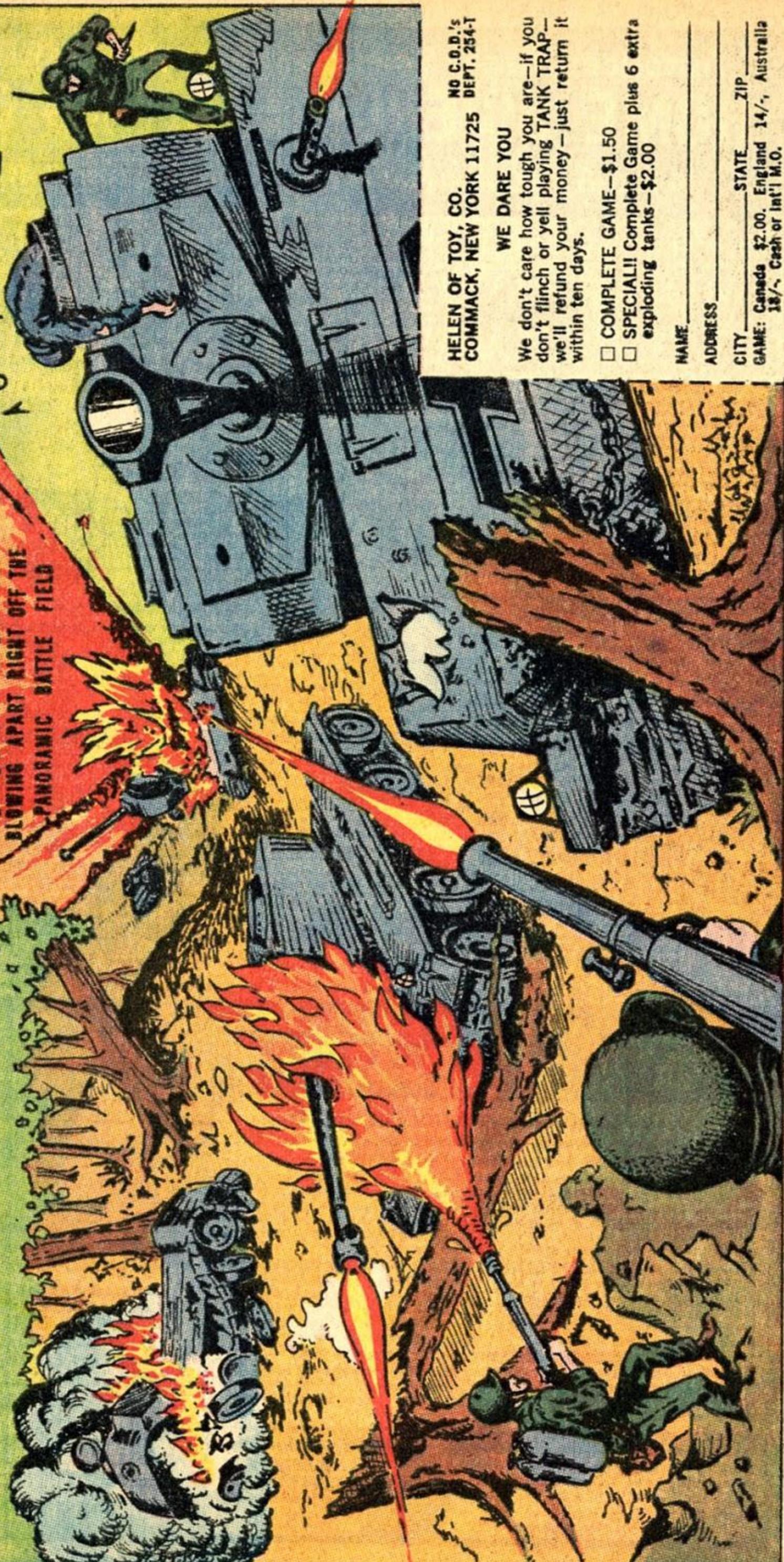
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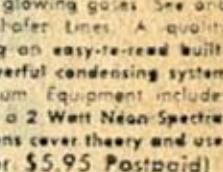
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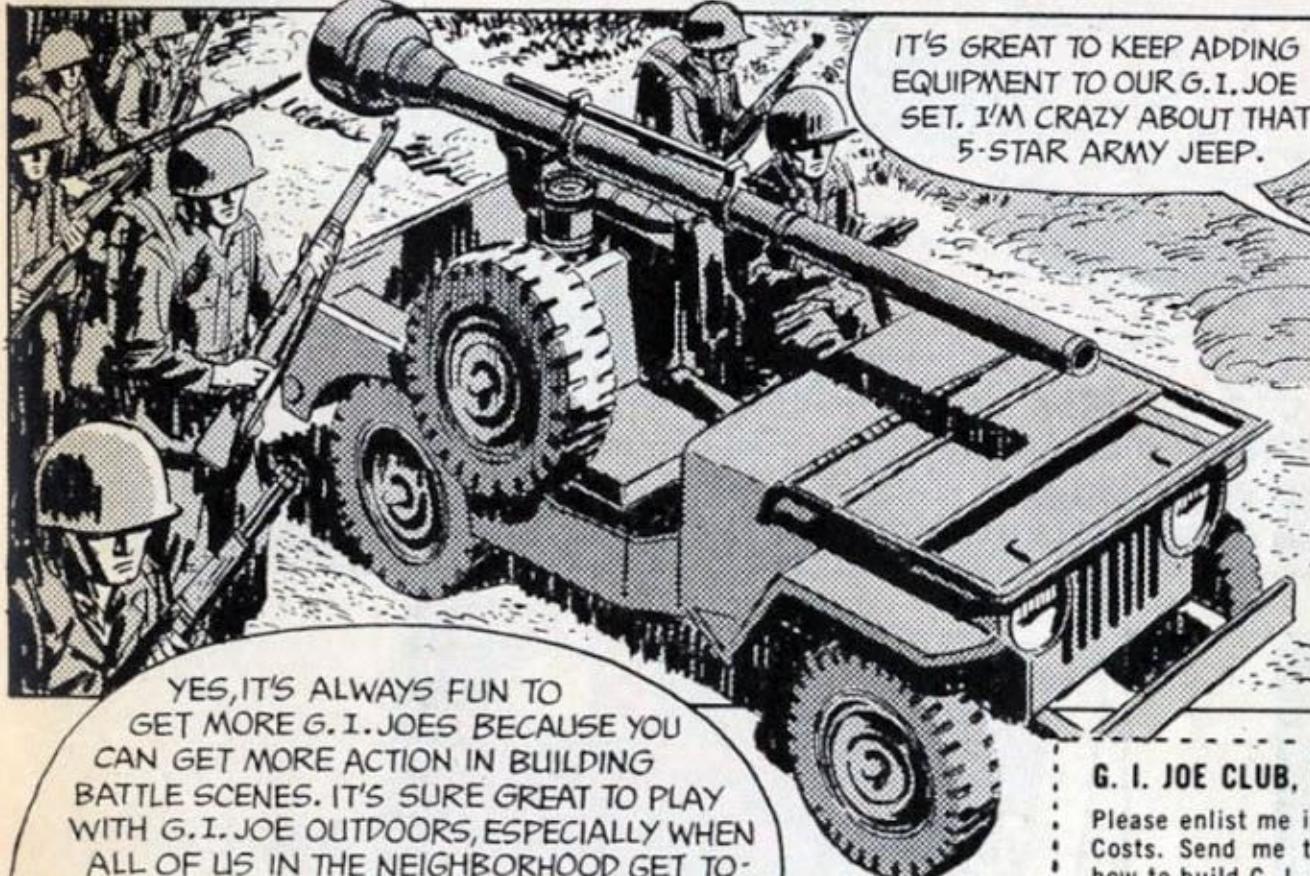
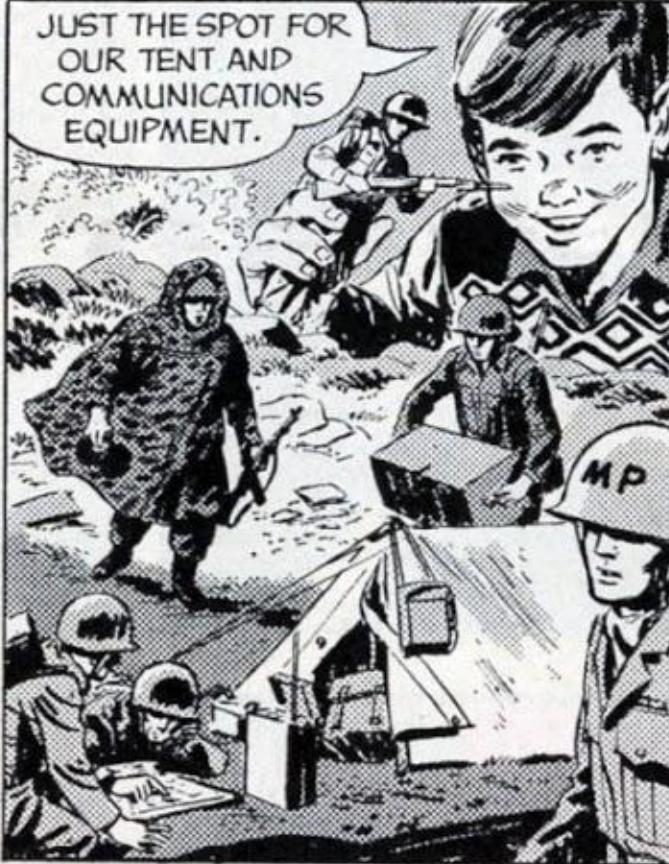
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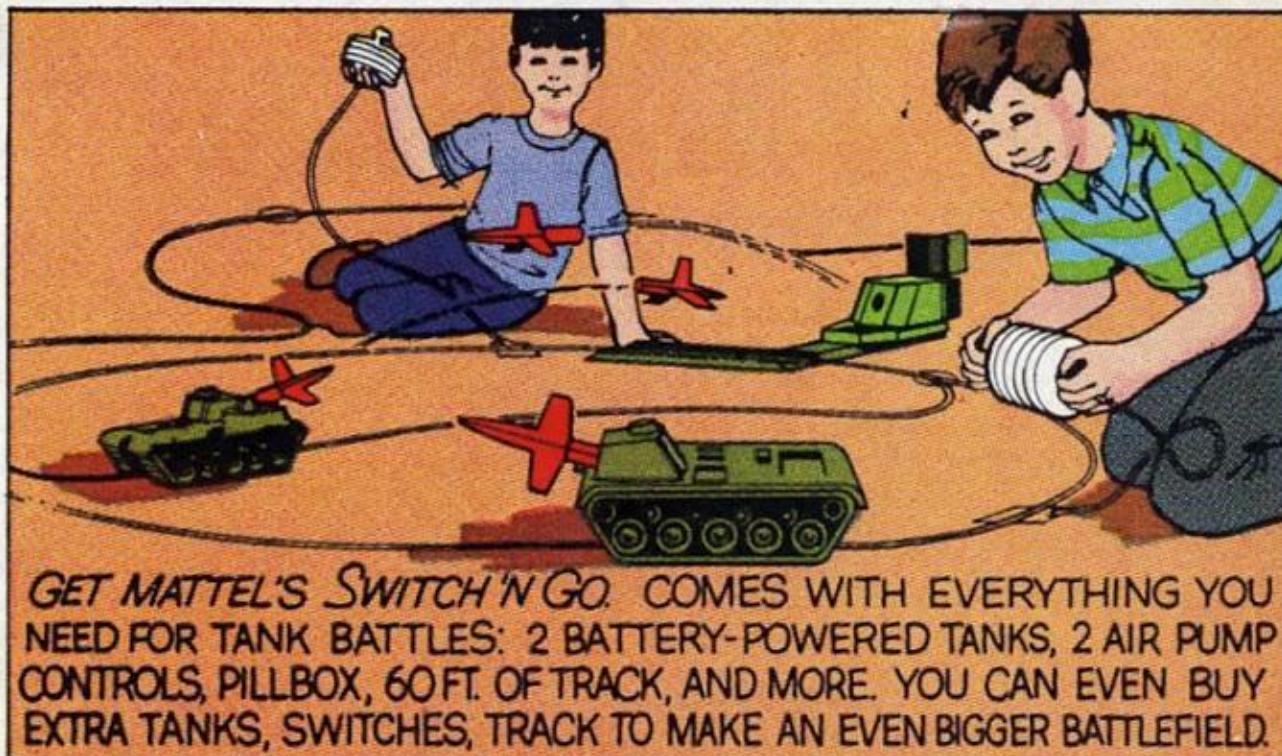
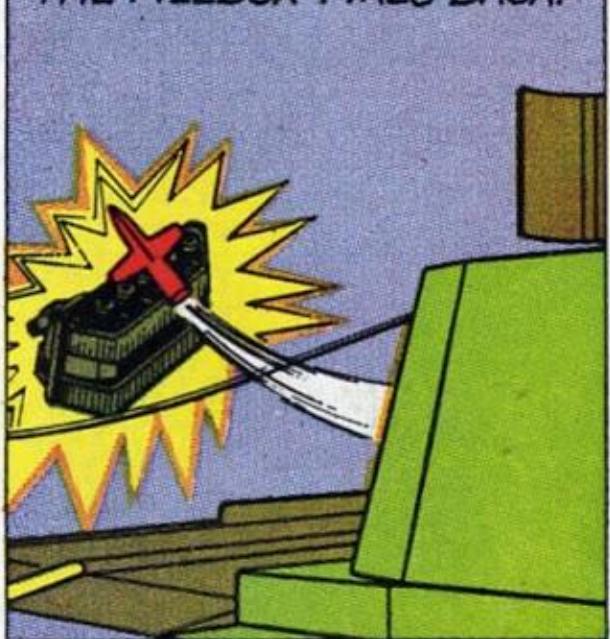
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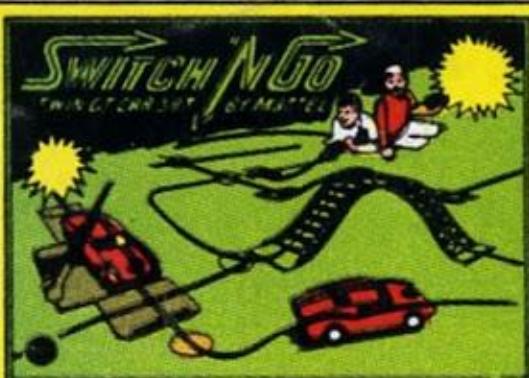
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