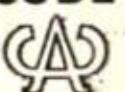


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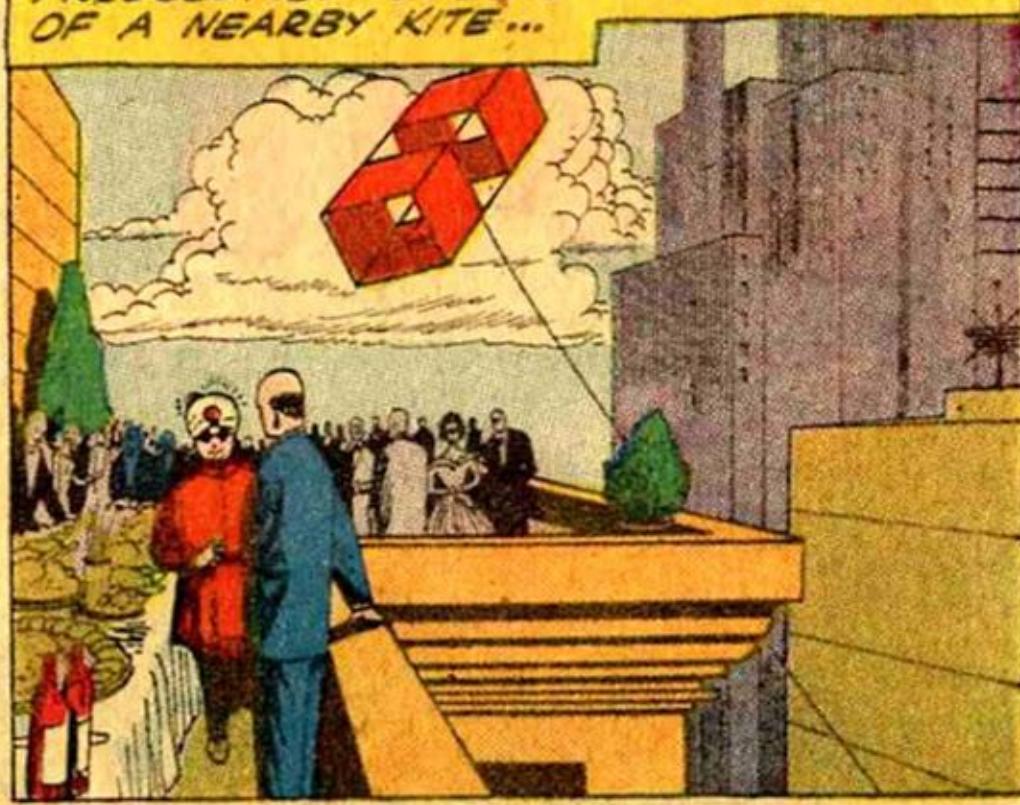


AS BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE AT A PENTHOUSE RECEPTION TENDERED BY A VISITING INDIAN RAJAH FOR GOTHAM CITY OFFICIALS...

MEANWHILE, ATOP THE PATIO, THE PREOCCUPIED GUESTS TAKE NO NOTICE OF A NEARBY KITE...

GOSH, I'M HUNGRY--I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR LUNCH!

RELAX, ROBIN--THERE'LL BE PLENTY FOOD! THE RAJAH'S A VERY WEALTHY MAN!



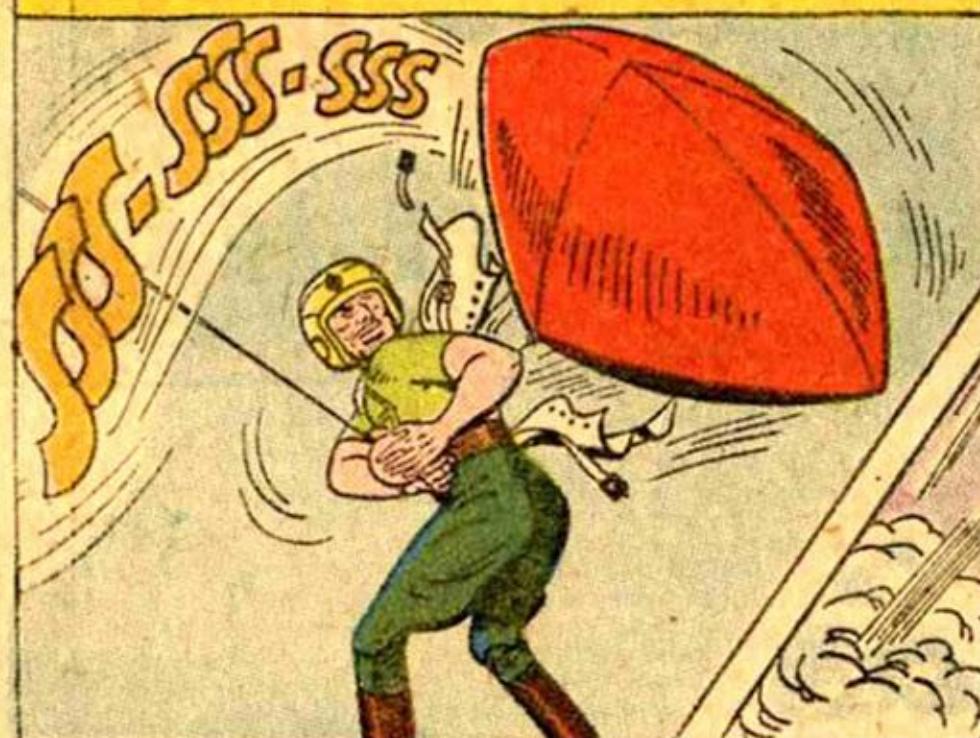
...CONTROLLED BY ITS FLYER HIDDEN IN THE STREET BELOW, WHOSE MERE TOUCH OF AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL TRANSMITS A SIGNAL UP THE "STRING" OF WIRE...

ABRUPTLY, THE BOX-KITE SUDDENLY DIPS OVER THE PENTHOUSE AND DROPS TEAR GAS BOMBS...



THEN, THE CANNY KITE-CRIMINAL TUGS A STRING--AND, INSTANTLY, A PACK ON HIS BACK SPRINGS OPEN, TO FORM A "KITE" FILLED WITH COMPRESSED AIR!

PROPELLED BY JETS, THE KITE HURLES HIM TOWARDS THE PENTHOUSE...





BATMAN



HIS APPEARANCE DOES INDEED CAUSE A COMMOTION...

GREAT SCOTT!

OH! HE'S STEALING MY RUBY-- MY PRICELESS RUBY!

AS THE FLYING FELON SWOOPS AT BATMAN, ROBIN WHIPS OUT HIS BAT-ROPE, AND...

HA! HA!
NO ONE STOPS ME -- NOT EVEN BATMAN!

POW!

GOT HIM!
NOW I'LL HAUL DOWN THAT HUMAN KITE!

BUT THE SURGING JETS ARE TOO POWERFUL...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD ONTO THAT LASO FOR LONG!
HA! HA!

ROBIN!

SUDDENLY, ROBIN'S GRIP SLACKENS, HIS NUMB FINGERS SLIDE FROM THE ROPE...

ARE YOUR HANDS GETTING TIRED, ROBIN? ARE THEY STARTING TO SLIP?
HA! HA!

CAN'T HOLD ON... MUCH LONGER...

IS THIS THE END OF THE HEROIC BOY WONDER?

BATMAN



SUDDENLY,
ROBIN
TWISTS
HIS AGILE
BODY
LIKE A
DIVER,
AND...

LUCKILY, I SPOTTED THIS
WATER TANK--AND GOT
READY TO DIVE FOR
IT!

IN THE ENSUING DAYS, THE KITE-MAN
AND HIS CRIME-KITES MAKE
HEADLINE NEWS...

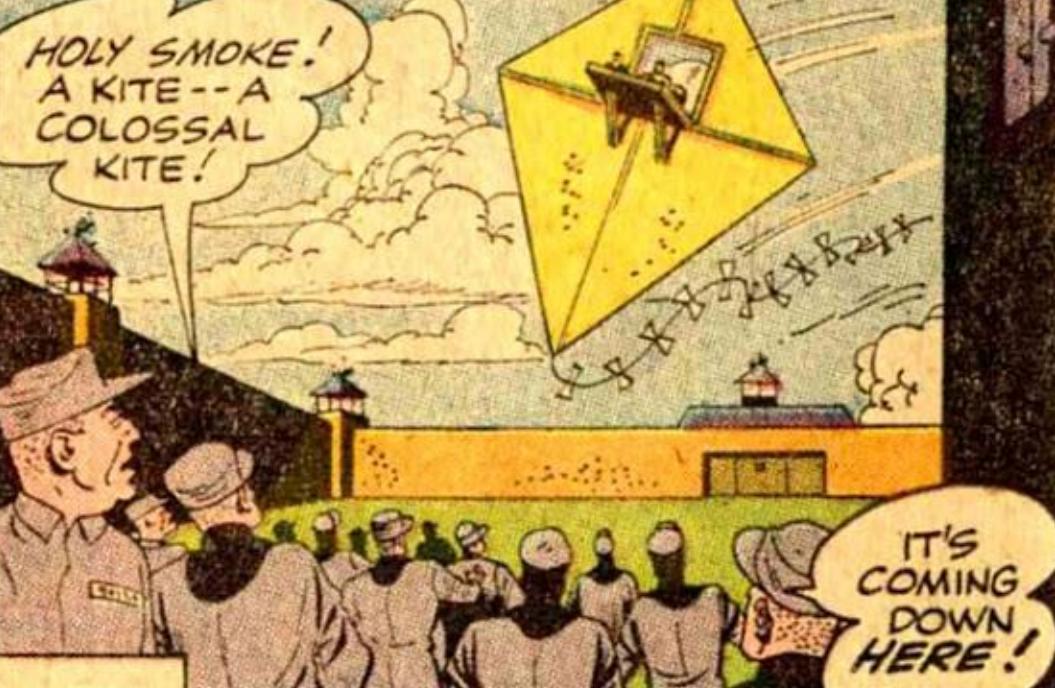
TWO DAYS AGO,
HE FLEW A KITE
THAT CARRIED A
FIRE BOMB TO A
GOLD REFINERY--
AND USED THE
FIRE AS A
DIVERSION WHILE
HE GRABBED SOME
GOLD!

AND YESTERDAY,
HIS KITE DROPPED
COILS OF WIRE
OVER GUARDS,
SO HE COULD
SNATCH A
VALUABLE
PAINTING BEING
TAKEN OFF A
FREIGHTER! WELL,
LET'S START OUR
DAILY PATROL!

ROBIN, YOU'VE SEEN
WATER SKIERS HANG
ONTO LARGE KITES
TOWED BY MOTOR
BOATS! THERE'S TO
BE A KITE-SKIING
CONTEST TODAY--
AND I'VE ASKED
TO BE A JUDGE!

HMM, THE
KITE-MAN
MIGHT TRY
TO ROB THE
BIG PRIZE
MONEY IN
THE JUDGES'
STAND!

NOT FAR OFF, MEANWHILE, AS INMATES
GATHER IN A PRISON YARD FOR THEIR
RECREATION PERIOD...



AS THE CONVICTS SCATTER...



YOUR PALS PAID ME A
LOT OF MONEY TO HELP
YOU ESCAPE--
I TOLD
EVERYBODY
NO JAIL COULD
HOLD BIG BILL
COLLINS! I'LL BE
RUNNING THE
RACKETS AGAIN--
JUST AS I DID
BEFORE!



BATMAN



AT THAT MOMENT...

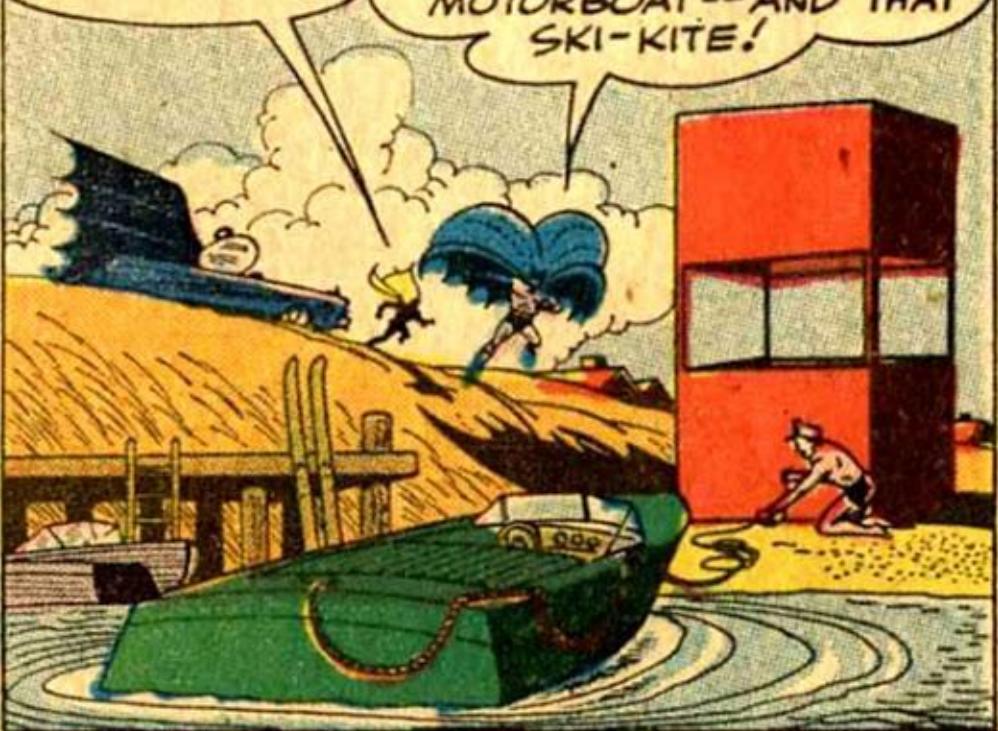
CALLING ALL CARS! BIG BILL COLLINS HAS JUST ESCAPED FROM GOTHAM BAY PRISON WITH THE HELP OF THE KITE-MAN!

THERE'S THE PRISON-- AND LOOK-- THERE'S THE KITE!



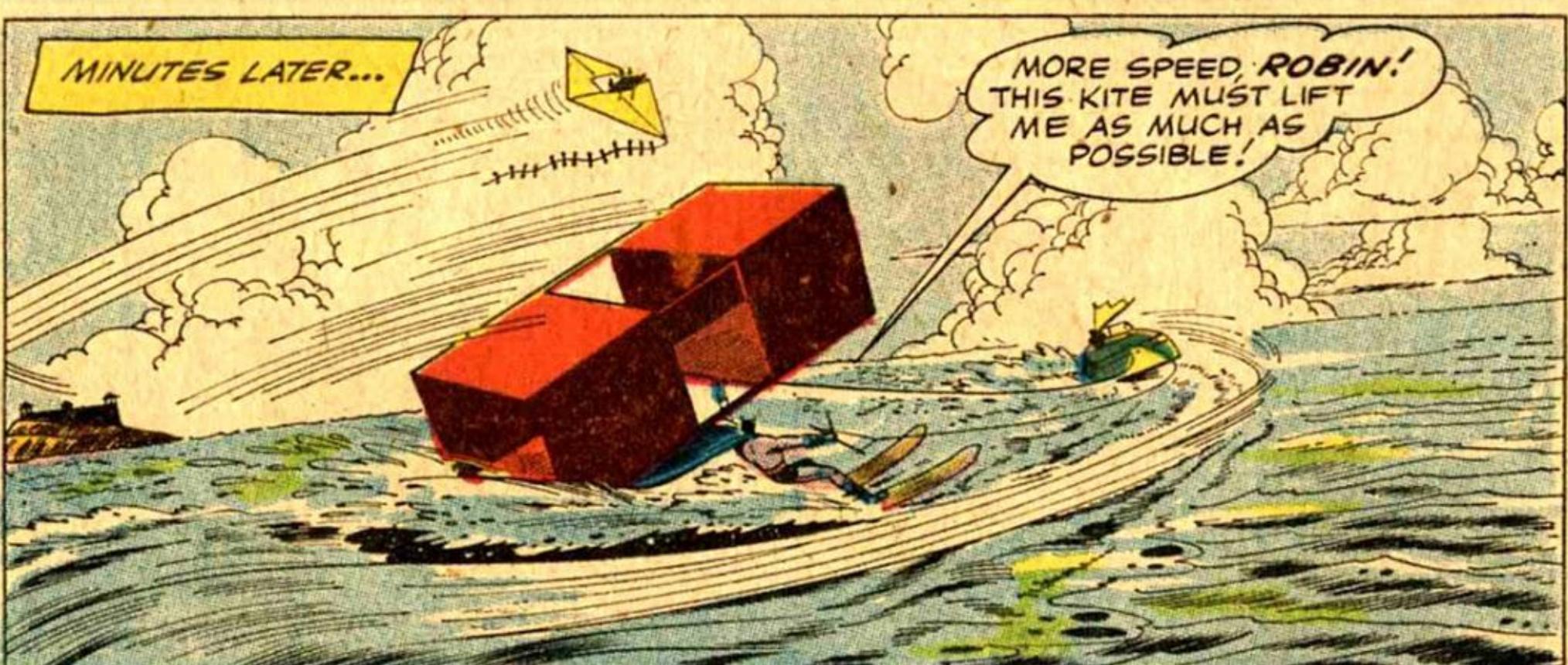
IF WE ONLY HAD THE BAT-PLANE--

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT MAY SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE-- THAT MOTORBOAT-- AND THAT SKI-KITE!



MINUTES LATER...

MORE SPEED, ROBIN! THIS KITE MUST LIFT ME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!



THEN, AT THE PROPER MOMENT, BATMAN SLASHES THE TOW-LINE-- AND GOES SOARING UP LIKE A HUMAN GLIDER!

LOOK! IT'S BATMAN!

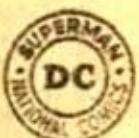


KICKING OFF HIS WATER SKIS, AND RELEASING HIS KITE, BATMAN LANDS...

QUICK, PETE! JUMP HIM!



BATMAN



UNDER THE IMPACT OF THEIR COMBINED WEIGHT, BATMAN IS FORCED BACK... BACK...

SHOVE HIM OVER--
TO THE BAY
BELOW!

UHHH...

BUT SUMMONING UP A RESERVE OF STRENGTH...

CAN'T
HOLD
HIM!

ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP
HIM NOW--WITH A
KITE!

AND AS BATMAN CHARGES...

NOW'S YOUR
CHANCE!
KNOCK HIM
OUT!

WHAT...?!

A GUN BUTT'S SWIFT BLOWS FELL THE FAMED CRIME -FIGHTER ...

NOW WE
CAN THROW
HIM OVER
THE SIDE!

WAIT!
WE'LL TAKE
HIM TO MY
HIDEOUT! I'VE
GOT PLANS
FOR HIM!

LATER, IN THE KITE-MAN'S SECRET LAIR...

OKAY, I'LL
GUARD BATMAN!
BUT WHY ARE YOU
AND PETE
CONTACTING TOP
GANGSTERS?

TO BRING THEM
HERE FOR SOME
SPORT! I'M GOING
TO TIE BATMAN
TO A LARGE KITE--
SO EVERYBODY
CAN TAKE POT SHOTS
AT HIM--AS IF HE
WAS A CLAY
PIGEON!
HA! HA!

ALONE IN HIS "CELL," BATMAN WEIGHS HIS CHANCES FOR ESCAPE...

THEY TOOK MY UTILITY BELT,
PREVENTING ME FROM CONTACTING
ROBIN WITH THE BELT-RADIO!
HE MUST BE SEARCHING FOR
THIS PLACE -- IF ONLY THERE
WERE SOME WAY I COULD
SIGNAL HIM! HMM! THAT
PEELING WALL PAPER
GIVES ME AN IDEA...



BATMAN



RIPPING OFF A LARGE SECTION OF WALLPAPER, BATMAN TEARS AND FOLDS IT...

UNRAVELLING ONE OF MY WOOLEN SOCKS WILL PROVIDE ME WITH A STRING!



SOON AFTER, A UNIQUE "BAT-SIGNAL" IS WHIPPED ALOFT BY THE WIND...



LATER, AS THE KITE-MAN ARRIVES WITH SOME OF HIS GANGSTER-GUESTS...



I'M AFRAID HE CAN'T! ROBIN PUT HIM OUT OF ACTION TEMPORARILY!

BATMAN--FREE! C'MON--LET'S GET HIM AND THAT BRAT!



SUDDENLY, BATMAN REACHES BEHIND THE DOOR -- AND THE STRONG BREEZE SLAMS SOMETHING FORWARD...

ROBIN AND I DECIDED TO WELCOME YOU-- WITH YOUR OWN KITES, KITE-MAN!

UH-- THAT GLARING LIGHT-- CAN'T SEE!

MY FLASH-BULB-KITE!



THEN, BEFORE THE CRIMINALS CAN RECOVER...

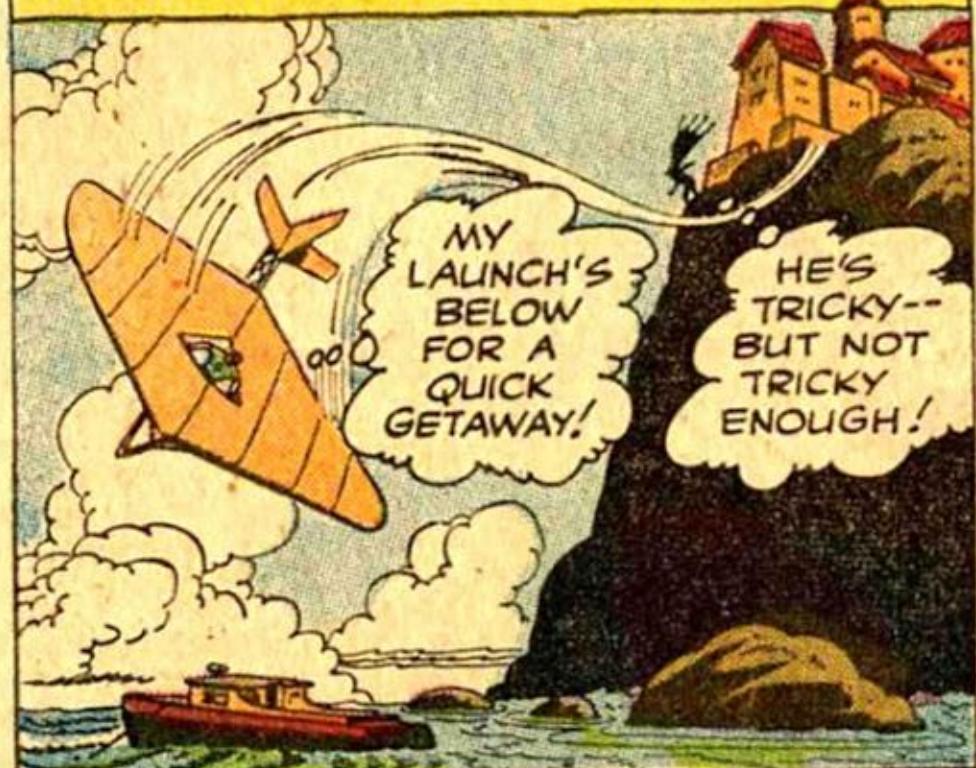
BAGGED THEM-- WITH THE NET-KITE!

ALL BUT ME! I KEPT SOMETHING STORED HERE JUST FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY!

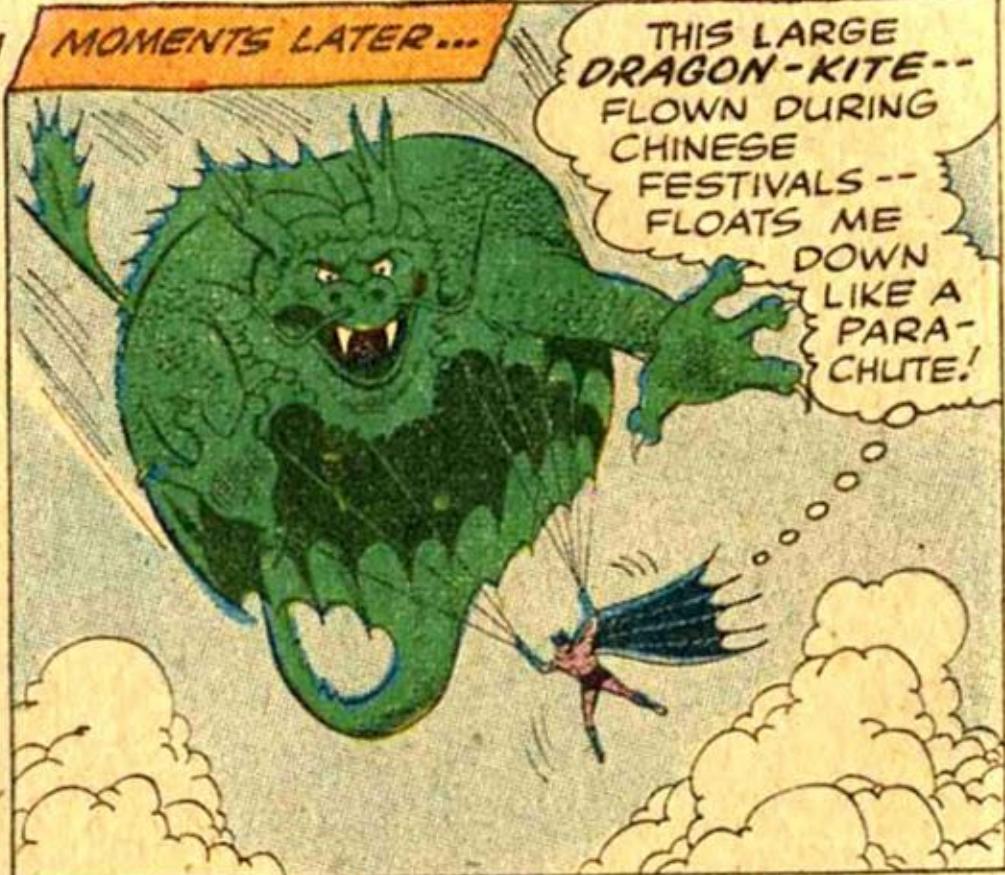


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GRASPING HIS GLIDER-KITE, THE CUNNING KITE-MAN RUNS AND LEAPS...



MOMENTS LATER...

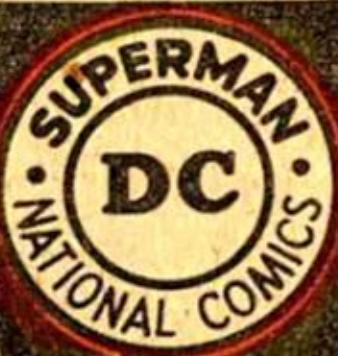


THAT NIGHT, A NEW SOUVENIR REPRESENTING THEIR VICTORY OVER CRIME JOINS OTHERS IN THE BAT-CAVE...



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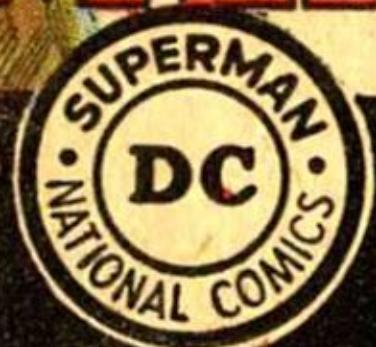
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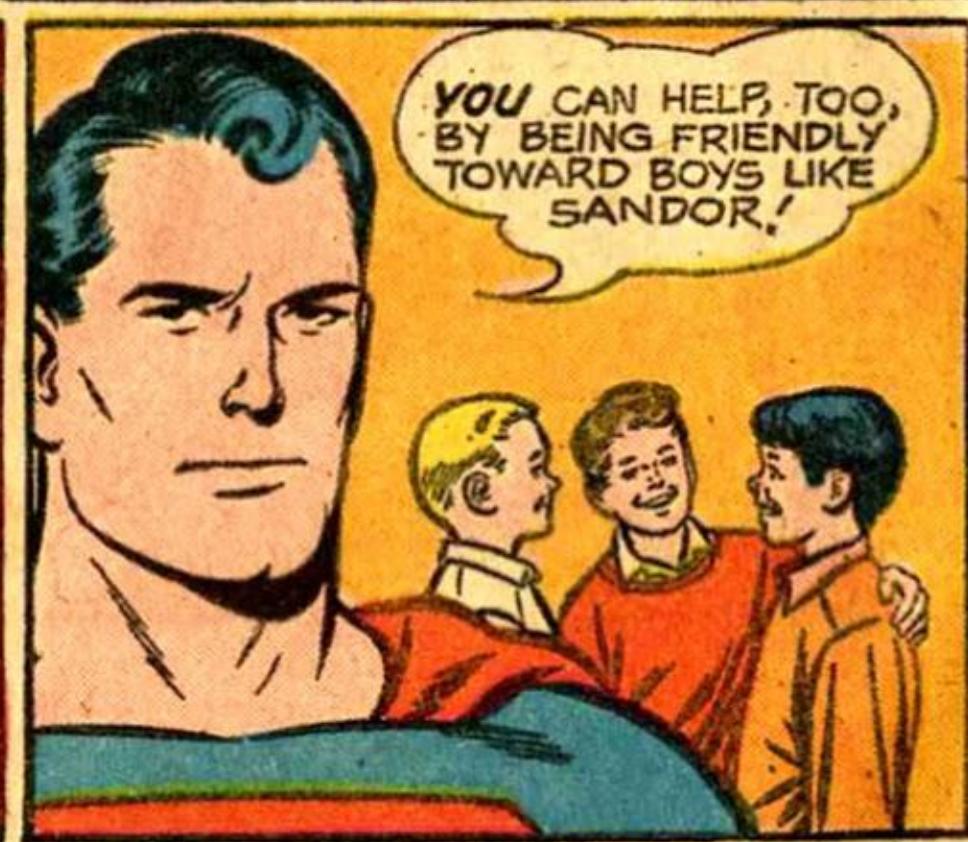
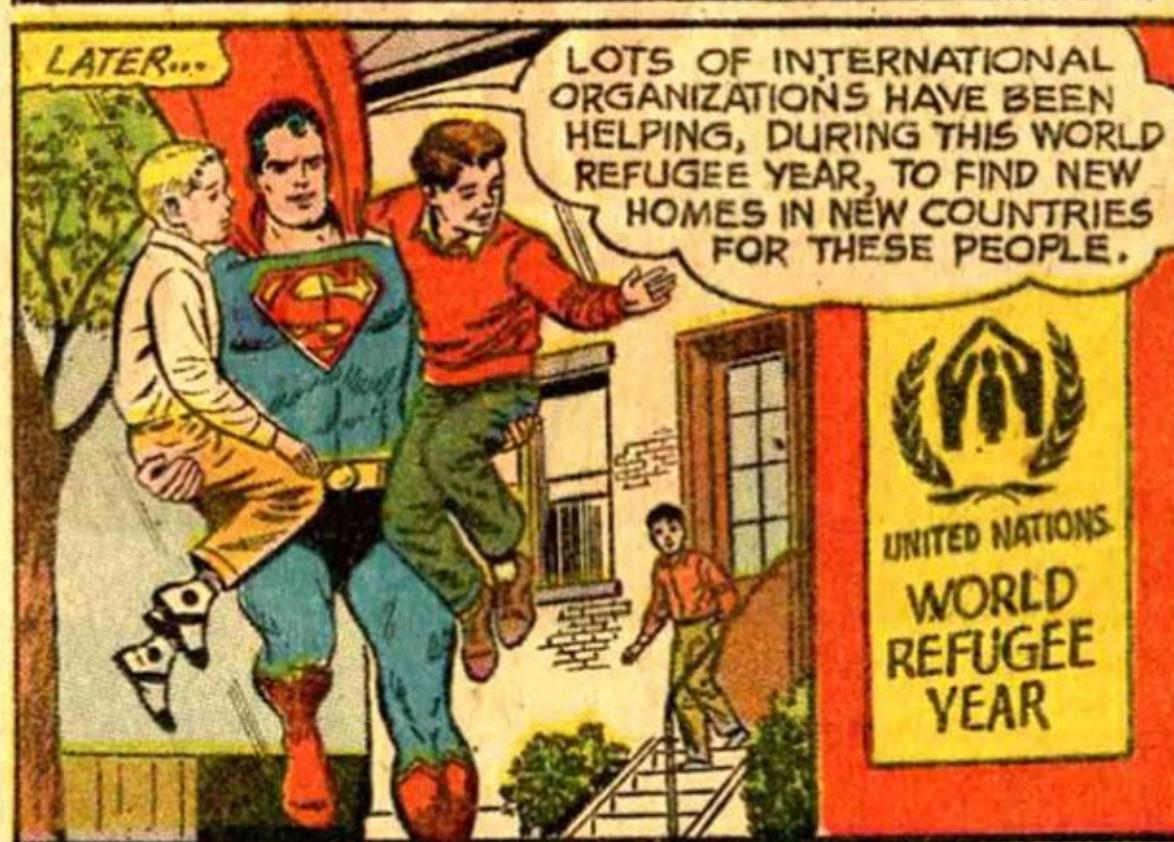
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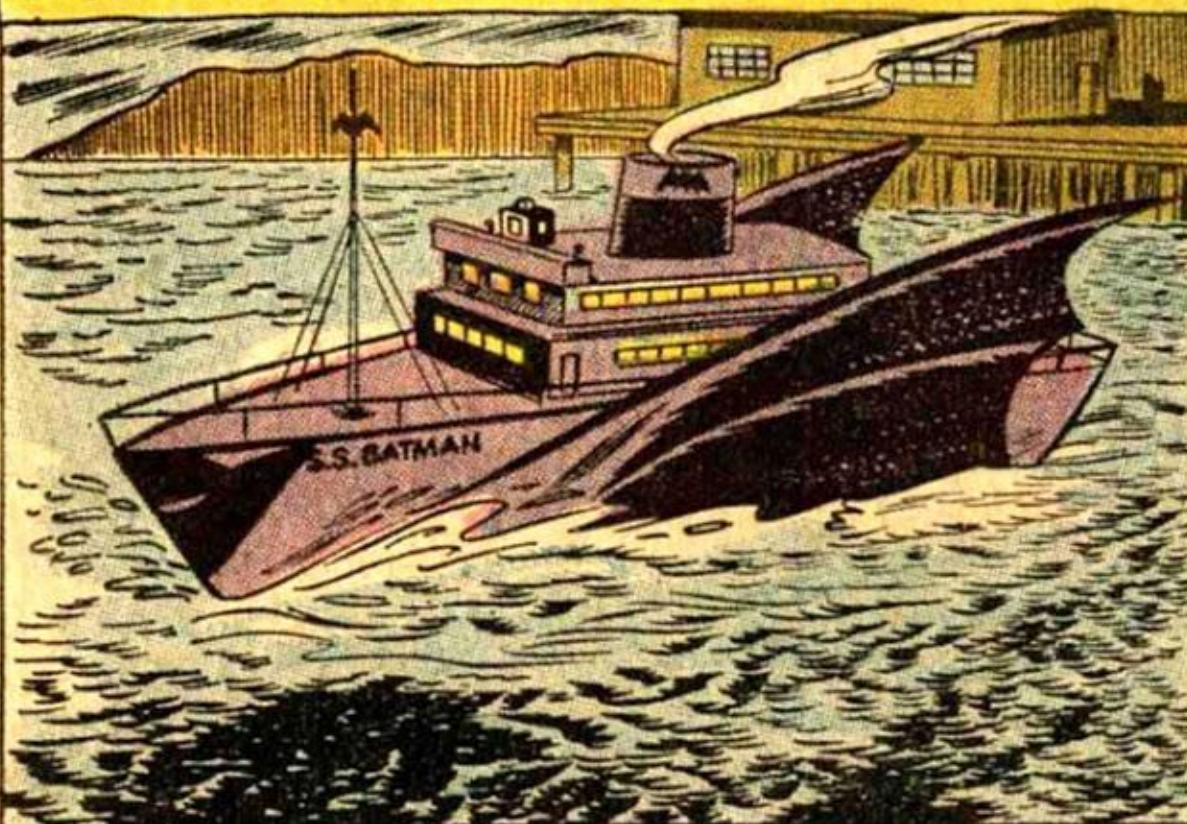




BATMAN



A WHISTLE HERALDS THE START OF A VOYAGE BY A UNIQUE CRAFT KNOWN AS THE S.S. BATMAN!



FROM THE DOCK, THREE SINISTER FIGURES WATCH THE SHIP GLIDE AWAY...

WELL, BOYS, IT'S COME AT LAST-- THE BIG CHANCE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

WE'LL FOLLOW HER WHEREVER SHE GOES, LEGS-- UNTIL WE GET WHAT WE'RE AFTER!



AND IN THE WHEELHOUSE STAND THE CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE-- THOSE MIGHTY CRIME-FIGHTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...

WELL, BATMAN-- WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

YES, ROBIN-- WE'RE GOING TO DROP ANCHOR AT MANY PORTS ALONG THE COASTLINE-- AND ALL THE ADMISSION FEES PAID BY THE VISITORS WILL GO TO CHARITY!

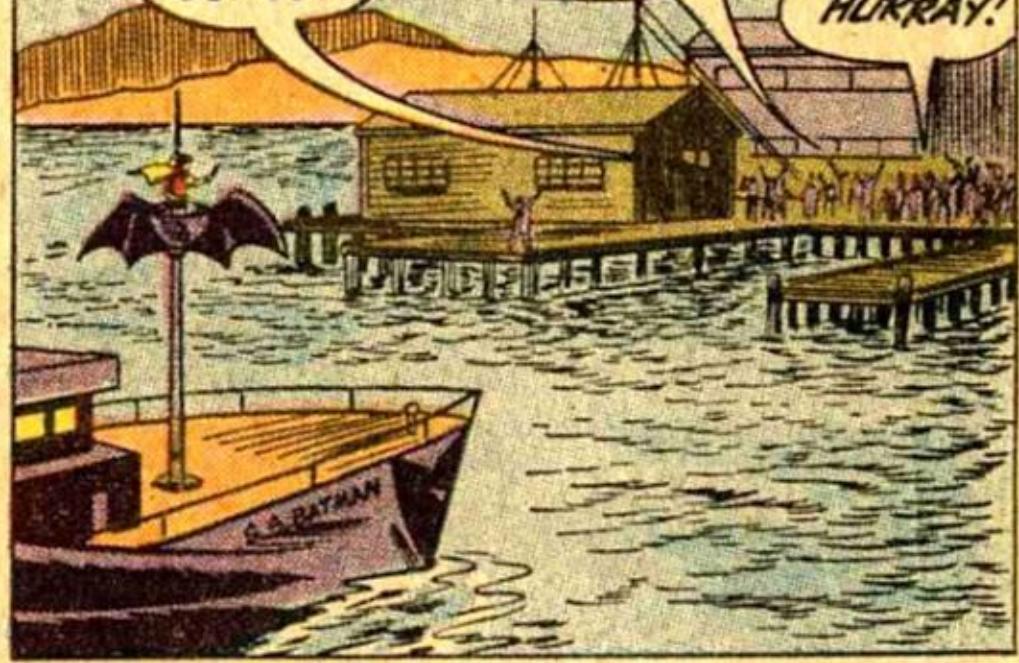


IT IS SOME HOURS LATER THAT A JOYFUL CROWD GREETES THE S.S. BATMAN WITH ENTHUSIASM...

HERE IT COMES!

HERE COMES THE S.S. BATMAN!

HURRAY!



SOON AFTER, VISITORS BOARD THE CRAFT AND ARE ESCORTED BELOW DECK TO A STARTLING SETTING...

GOLLY! IT'S FITTED OUT JUST LIKE THE REAL BAT-CAVE!

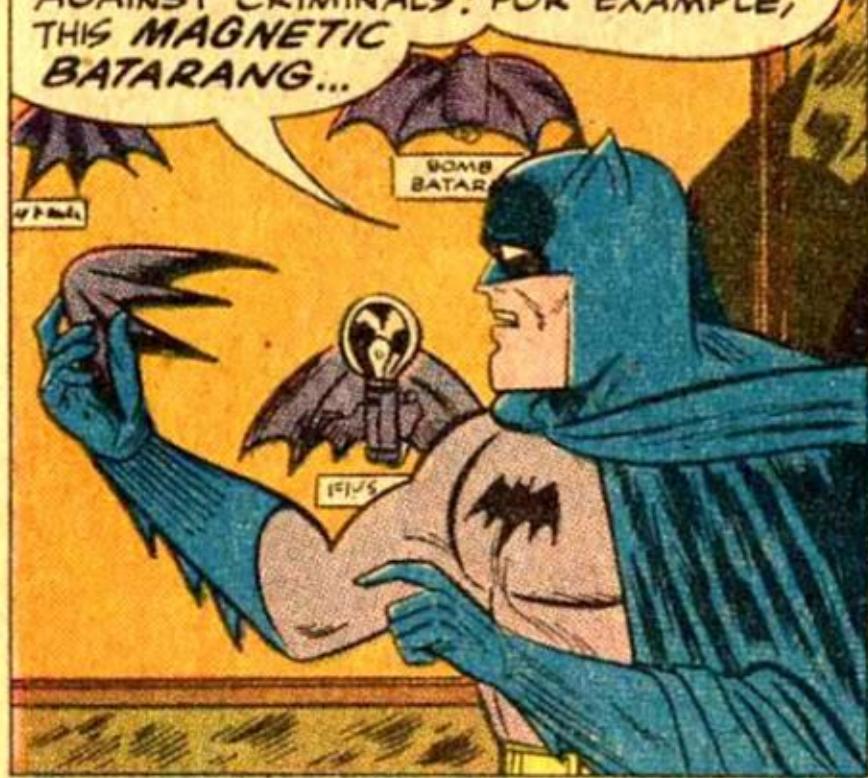
IT PRACTICALLY IS! FOR EXAMPLE, THIS TROPHY ROOM CONTAINS ACTUAL MEMENTOES FROM THE REAL BAT-CAVE!



THIS IS THE TRICKY BELT-BUCKLE GLIN, TAKEN FROM THE NOTORIOUS COUNTERFEITER, "PASSER" GILLETTE, WHO DIED IN PRISON! BESIDE ME IS THE JOKER'S HUGE JACK-IN-THE-BOX...

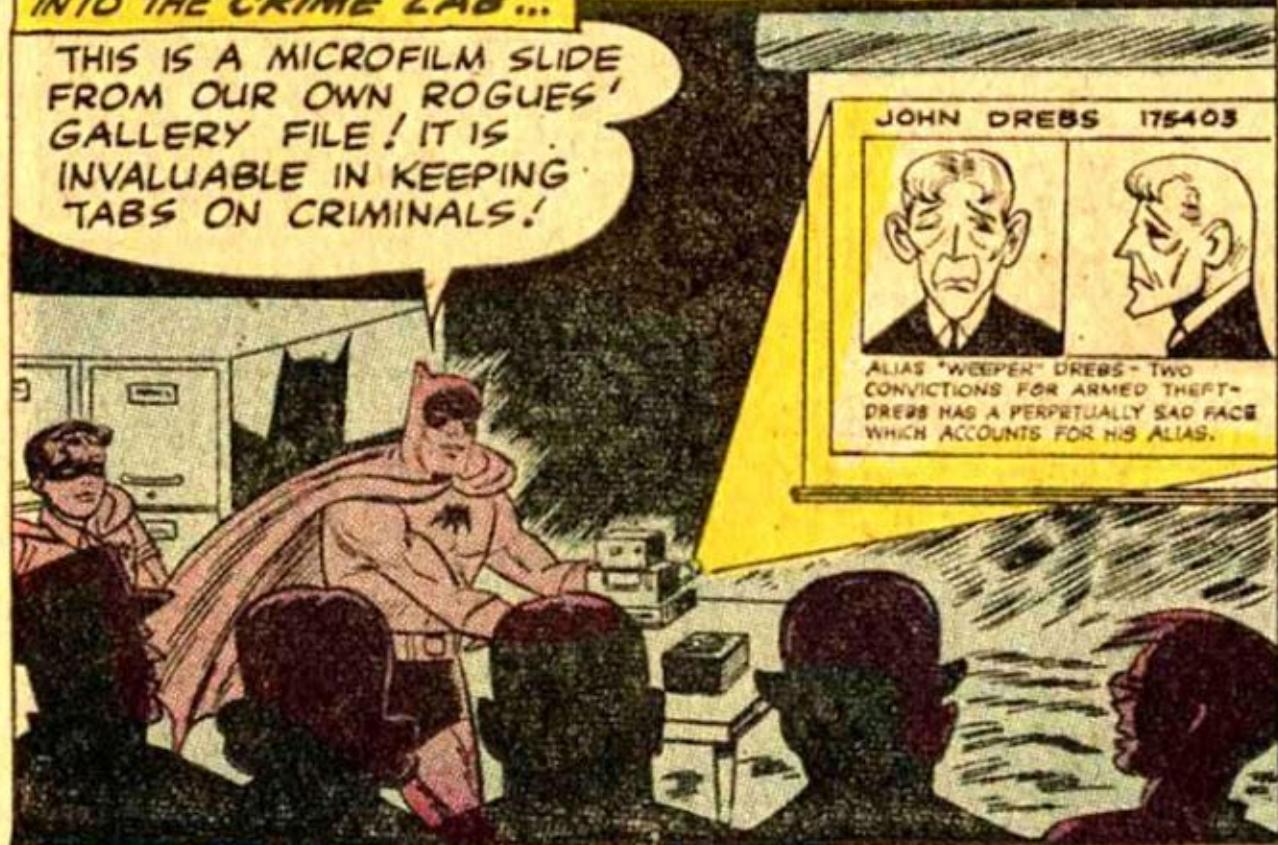


OVER HERE IS A VARIETY OF BATARANGS! EACH ONE HELPED US AT ONE TIME AGAINST CRIMINALS! FOR EXAMPLE, THIS MAGNETIC BATARANG...



AS THE TOUR CONTINUES, THE AWED VISITORS ARE LED INTO THE CRIME LAB...

THIS IS A MICROFILM SLIDE FROM OUR OWN ROGUES' GALLERY FILE! IT IS INVALUABLE IN KEEPING TABS ON CRIMINALS!



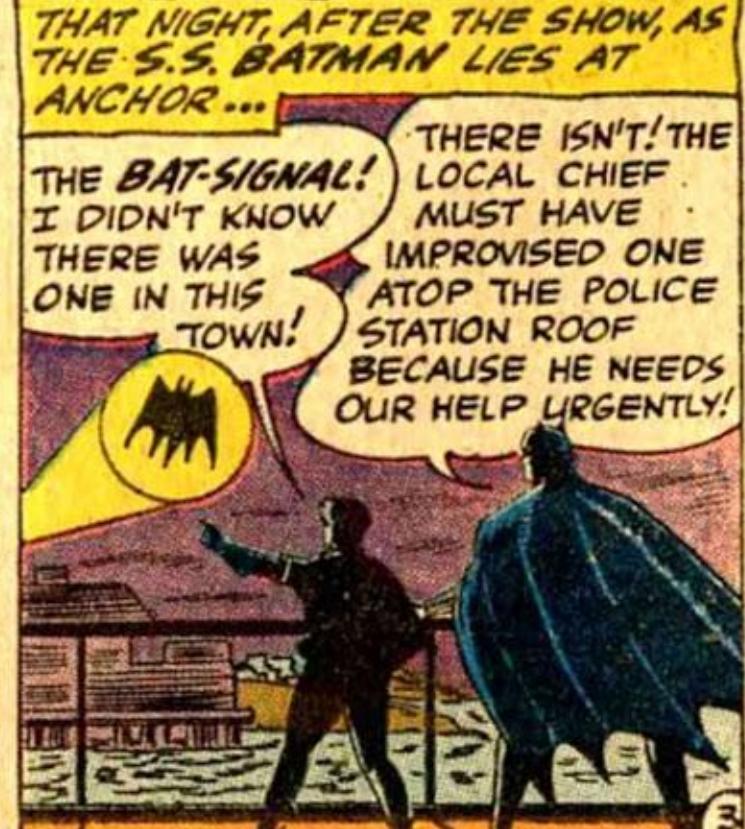
"... WAS USED TO CAPTURE THE NOTORIOUS ROBBER BARON IN HIS CASTLE HIDEOUT..."

WHAT...? THAT BATARANG-- IT PLUCKED THE SWORD OUT OF MY HAND!



THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE SHOW, AS THE S.S. BATMAN LIES AT ANCHOR...

THE BAT-SIGNAL! I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ONE IN THIS TOWN!





BATMAN



BUT AS THEY RACE TOWARDS THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL...

THIS ISN'T THE POLICE STATION! THE BAT-SIGNAL'S COMING FROM THAT DISPLAY!

ROBIN--LOOK! TWO MEN UP THERE--THEY'RE PUSHING THE SIGN!



AS THE SIGN PLUNGES DOWN...

CRASH



MEANWHILE, A FURTIVE FIGURE CLIMBS ABOARD THE S.S. BATMAN AND QUICKLY PADS ACROSS THE DECK...

WHILE THE BOYS ARE TAKING CARE OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, I'LL GET WHAT WE'RE AFTER!



ABRUPTLY, TO THE THIEF'S ASTONISHMENT, A CAPED FIGURE SWOOPS DOWN FROM THE CROWD-NEST!

WHY ARE YOU TRESPASSING HERE?

BATMAN!? HE MUST'VE GOTTEN WISE THAT BAT-SIGNAL WAS A TRAP -- AND DOUBLED BACK HERE FAST! I'D BETTER SCRAM!

LATER, WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO RETURNS, THE ANSWER IS APPARENT...

TOO BAD THOSE WOULD-BE KILLERS GOT AWAY FROM US...

ROBIN--SOMEBODY WAS ABOARD -- AND PASSED THROUGH THE "ELECTRIC-EYE" WE SET UP WHILE WE WERE AWAY FROM THE BOAT! THE BROKEN ELECTRIC CIRCUIT EJECTED OUR "TALKING" DUMMY AND SCARED HIM OFF!



BUT WE SAW BATMAN ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL, SO HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME?

I HAVE A HUNCH THAT PAIR WERE HIS CONFEDERATES--AND LURED US AWAY FROM HERE SO HE COULD SNEAK ABOARD!

BUT WHAT WAS HE AFTER? WAS HE TRYING TO RECOVER SOME STOLEN VALUABLES THEY'D HIDDEN ABOARD TO SMUGGLE OUT OF GOTHAM CITY?

NEXT MORNING, AS THE S.S. BATMAN IS EN ROUTE TO ITS NEXT PORT O' CALL...

HELP!
HE-ELP!

STOP THE ENGINES, BATMAN!
I'LL LOWER A BOAT AND ROW OUT TO HIM!

AS BATMAN WATCHES ROBIN, TWO SKIN-DIVERS CLIMB SILENTLY ABOARD, AND...

OUR PHONY RESCUE STOPPED THE SHIP...
NOW, ONE CLOUT AND WE'LL HEAVE BATMAN OVERBOARD!

A MOMENT LATER...

LET'S GET INTO THE "BAT-CAVE", LEGS!

HEARING THE SOUND, ROBIN TURNS HIS HEAD, AND...

THAT PUTS YOU OUT, TOO, SONNY!

SPLASH

BUT AS THE PAIR GROPES IN THE DIM LIGHT FOR THE "BAT-CAVE," A FIGURE DIVES DOWN THE HATCH...

BATMAN--
ALIVE!

YES! I FELT THE BREEZE OF YOUR ARM SWINGING THE GUN--
SO I ROLLED WITH THE BLOW!

AS BATMAN'S IRON FIST SHOOTS OUT...

I'M NOT TANGLING WITH HIM --NOT WHEN I CAN ESCAPE UNDERWATER!



BATMAN



AS LEGS DIVES OVERBOARD...

SOMETHING WENT WRONG! I'D BETTER UNHOOK MY SNORKEL AND SCRAM, TOO!



SHORTLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN QUESTION THEIR CAPTIVE...

WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FOR IN THE "BAT-CAVE?" YOUR PICTURE IS IN OUR PERSONAL ROGUES' GALLERY FILE! IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE AFTER? WERE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY MY DATA ON YOU AND YOUR PALS?

IT'S NO USE, BATMAN-- HE WON'T TALK! HE'S AFRAID OF WHAT THE OTHERS WILL DO TO HIM IF HE SQUEALS!



LATER THAT DAY, AFTER THE S.S. BATMAN DOCKS AT THE NEXT PORT AND THE THUG HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL POLICE...

AS YOU'VE NO DOUBT HEARD FROM OUR RADIO BROADCASTS, WE'VE MADE AN APPEAL FOR TOYS TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR FAVORITE ORPHANAGE OF GOTHAM CITY!

GOSH, BATMAN-- THEY'RE BRINGING US CRATES OF THEM!



BUT THAT NIGHT, IN THE SHIP'S HOLD...

GOOD THING WE KNEW ABOUT THAT TOY APPEAL-- 'CAUSE IT MADE IT EASY FOR US TO GET ABOARD INSIDE AN EMPTY CRATE!

THE "BAT-CAVE" IS NEARBY! WE'LL GET IN AND OUT WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE THIS TIME!



AS THE BANDITS SLIP INTO THE TROPHY ROOM, THEY SUDDENLY HEAR...

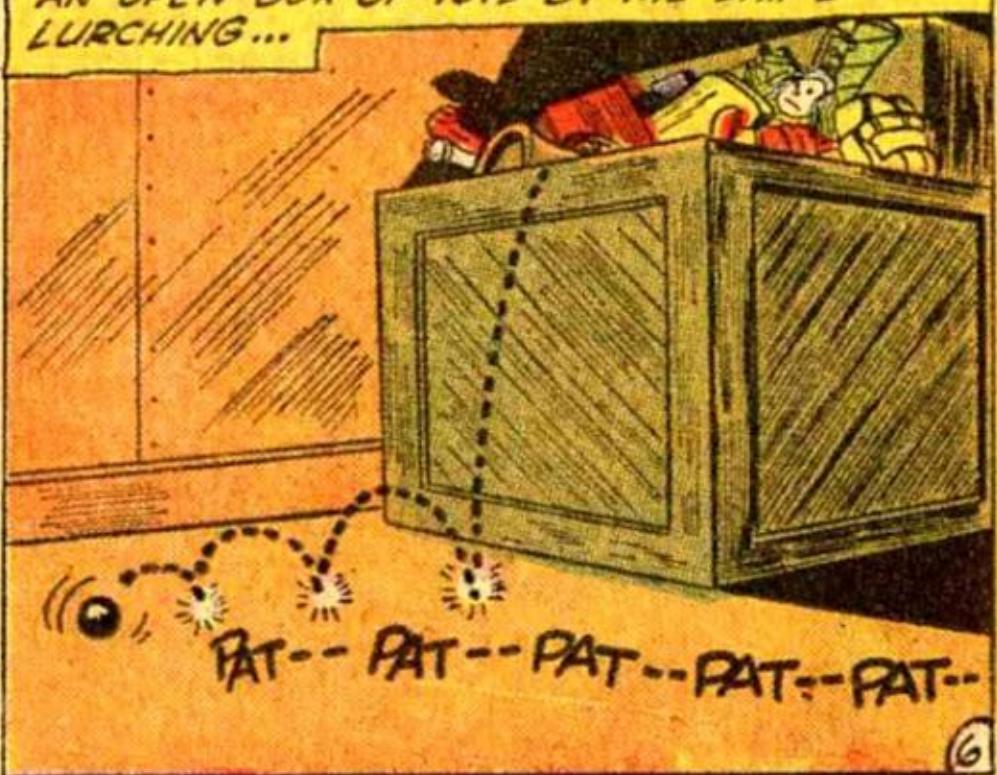
FOOTSTEPS!

IT MUST BE BATMAN! QUICK--NO TIME TO LOSE!

PAT-PAT-PAT-PAT-PAT...



BUT THE "FOOTSTEPS" ARE MADE BY A BOUNCING RUBBER BALL, DISLODGED FROM AN OPEN BOX OF TOYS BY THE SHIP'S LURCHING...



BATMAN



SECRETED IN THE CROW'S-NEST, BATMAN AND ROBIN DISAPPOINTEDLY SEE THE PAIR ESCAPE...

WELL, BATMAN--
WE SUSPECTED THEY
MIGHT COME BACK
TONIGHT -- AND THEY
DID!

WE CAN'T CATCH
THEM NOW! LET'S
GO DOWN TO THE
"BAT-CAVE" AND
SEE IF WE CAN FIND
OUT WHAT THEY WERE
AFTER!

IN THE DARKENED "BAT-CAVE," BATMAN SWITCHES ON A SPECIAL FLASHLIGHT-- AND, INSTANTLY, FOOTSTEPS GLOW EERILY...

THEIR
FOOTSTEPS!

I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF SPRAYING THIS FLOOR WITH A CHEMICAL THAT ONLY GLOWS UNDER ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT! NOW--LET'S SEE WHERE THEIR FOOT- STEPS LEAD TO...

NEXT DAY, EAGER GUESTS CROWD THE DECK FOR A UNIQUE EVENT...

AS YOU ALL KNOW FROM OUR NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, WE INTEND TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY BY AUCTIONING OFF THREE OF OUR TROPHIES! FIRST-- THIS BELT-BUCKLE GUN ONCE OWNED BY THAT NOTORIOUS COUNTERFEITER, "PASSER" GILLETTE! WHAT AM I BID?

\$50!
\$75!
\$100!
NOBODY'S GONNA OUTBID ME FOR THAT TROPHY! WE WORKED HARD TO GET IT BEFORE WITHOUT ANY LUCK-- NOW, WE'LL GET IT THE EASY WAY-- BY JUST BUYING IT!

LATER, IN A DESERTED FISH CANNERY, THE TWO CRIMINALS ELATEDLY DISCUSS THEIR ULTIMATE VICTORY OVER BATMAN...

IT WAS IN THE BELT-GUN'S FIRST CARTRIDGE! AND HERE'S THE OTHER HALF OF THE MAP THAT MATCHES THE HALF I STOLE FROM GILLETTE'S FORMER HIDEOUT! PUT TOGETHER, THEY'LL LEAD US TO THE PLACE WHERE HE HID HIS COUNTERFEIT PLATES!

YEAH-- THE COUNTERFEIT PLATES BATMAN COULDN'T FIND--

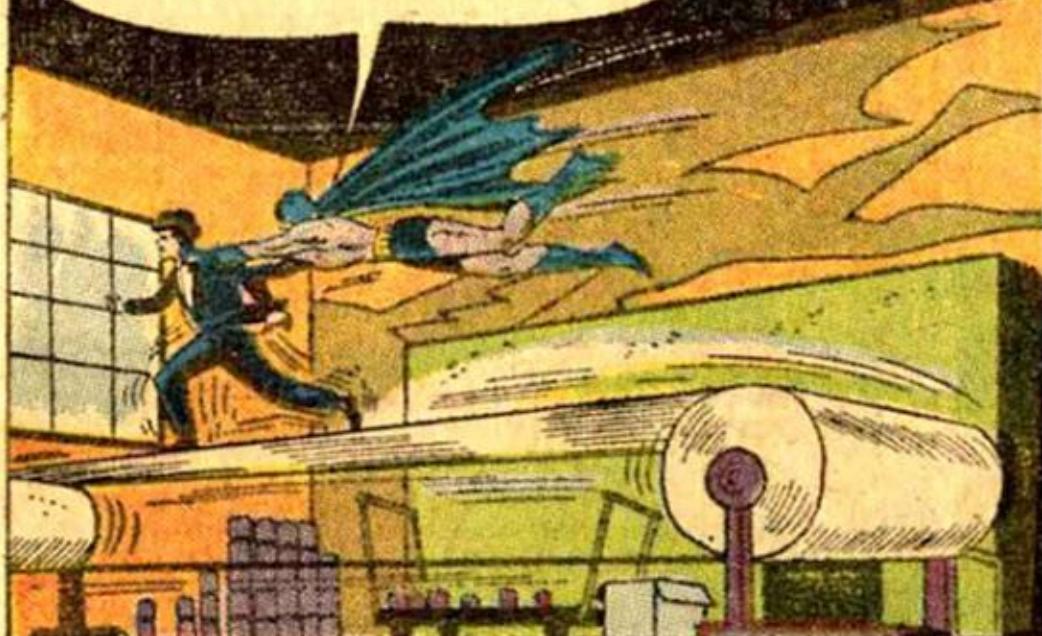
--UNTIL NOW,
THANKS TO
YOU!

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!

THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW HAS A HARD FIST, DOESN'T IT?

DESPERATELY, LEGS LEAPS ATOP THE MOVING CONVEYER BELT--BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO ELUDE BATMAN...

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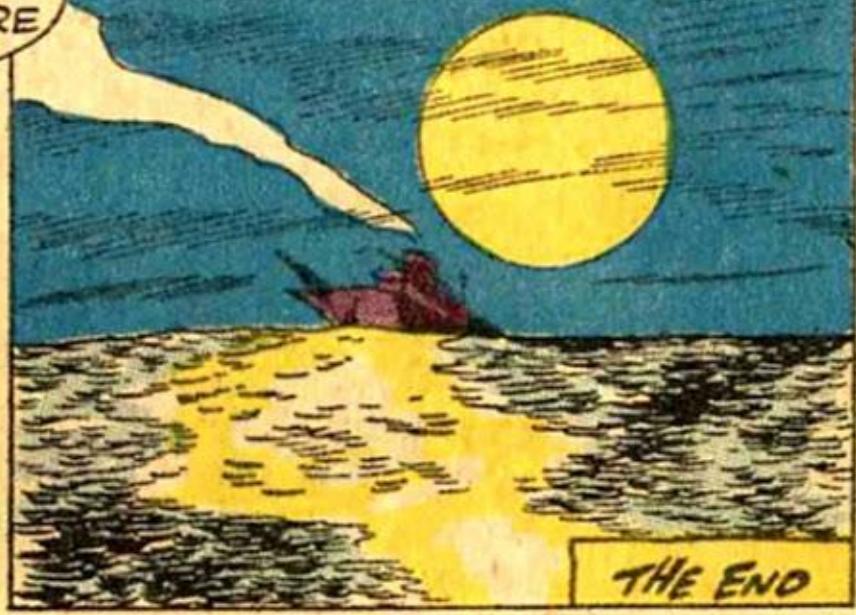
MINUTES LATER...

YOUR FOOTPRINTS LED TO THE BELT-GUN, SO I EXAMINED IT AND FOUND THE HIDDEN HALF OF THE MAP! REALIZING YOU MUST HAVE THE OTHER HALF, I ARRANGED THE TROPHY AUCTION TO LURE YOU INTO BUYING THE BELT-GUN AND TAKING IT WITH YOU!

BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW WE HID A TINY TRANSMITTER IN ANOTHER CARTRIDGE! THE TRANSMITTER SENT OUT A SUPER-SONIC RADIO SIGNAL THAT LED US HERE TO YOU!



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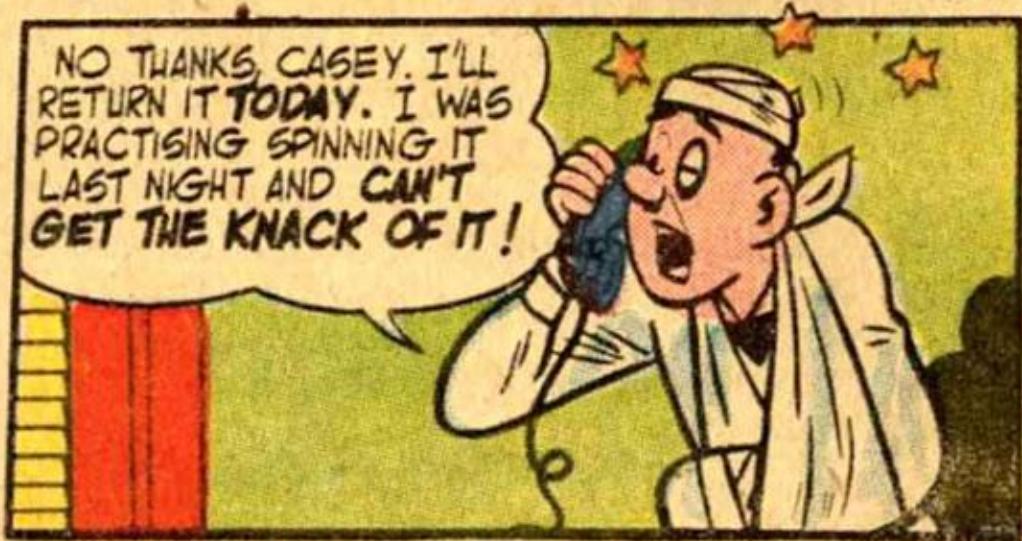


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Letters to the BAT-CAVE



Dear Editor:

In a recent story, BATMAN tracked down some criminals by figuring out their *comb code*. How was he able to decode their message so quickly?

Jimmy Duggan, Atlanta, Ga.

(*BATMAN and ROBIN are familiar with all the standard codes throughout the world. To crack new codes, their CRIME LAB is equipped with all the latest decoding devices.—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

Everyone knows that the BAT-PLANE and the BATMOBILE contain a lot of secret equipment. How are BATMAN and ROBIN able to buy this equipment without revealing it to the people they buy from?

Richard Miller, Pacoima, Cal.

(*BATMAN and ROBIN buy only the parts for their equipment, which they assemble themselves, in the secrecy of the BAT-CAVE.—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

BATMAN and ROBIN have had a number of adventures in which they've battled aliens from other worlds. Has an alien ever come here to help them fight crime?

Elaine West, New Orleans, La.

(*Yes, but the most amazing one appears in the AUGUST issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 282, where you'll meet "BATMAN'S INTER-PLANETARY RIVAL."—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

Has anyone besides SUPERMAN and Alfred the butler ever been inside the BAT-CAVE? If so, how did BATMAN get them in and out without revealing the BAT-CAVE'S location?

Lonny Stern, Saratoga, N. Y.

(*On the rare occasions when BATMAN and ROBIN must admit someone to the BAT-CAVE, they blindfold the visitor while transporting him to and from the secret entrance.—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

Some time ago, I read a story in which BATMAN and ROBIN pulled spare costumes out of their UTILITY BELTS. I've always wondered how this was possible.

Omar Winkle, Columbia, Mo.

(*Those particular costumes are made of a secret plastic formula, known only to BATMAN and ROBIN. They are thin and pliable enough to be folded so small that they can fit into the UTILITY BELTS.—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

Has BATMAN ever been up against an opponent who knew his secret identity?

Eddie Sommers, Chester, Pa.

(*He certainly has. How BATMAN combatted one such opponent is told in the next issue of BATMAN COMICS, SEPTEMBER, No. 134, in the story entitled "BATMAN'S SECRET ENEMY."—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

If Bruce Wayne were to die, who would inherit all his wealth?

Madeline Franke, Cleveland, Ohio

(*As Bruce's legal ward, Dick Grayson would inherit the bulk of his estate. However, Bruce's will also provides large sums for research and worthwhile charities.—Ed.*)

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Dear Editor:

A friend recently told me that BATMAN has tracked down masked criminals simply by examining photos of their ears. Is this possible?

Clark Barnwell, Arlington, Va.

(*The shape of a person's ears is like his fingerprints. No two people have the exact same ear shape. The BAT-CAVE'S CRIME FILE has a detailed picture of the ears of every known criminal, and BATMAN has used "ear identification" as a means of capturing many crooks, as in "The Menace of the Atomic Man," which appeared in the June issue of Detective Comics.—Ed.*)

* * *

Dear Editor:

How would BATMAN and ROBIN fare against SUPERMAN if, for some reason, he became their enemy and used his powers against them?

Philip Roote, Dover, Del.

(*You'll find out in the next issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, AUGUST, No. 111, where BATMAN and ROBIN enter "SUPERMAN'S SECRET KINGDOM."—Ed.*)



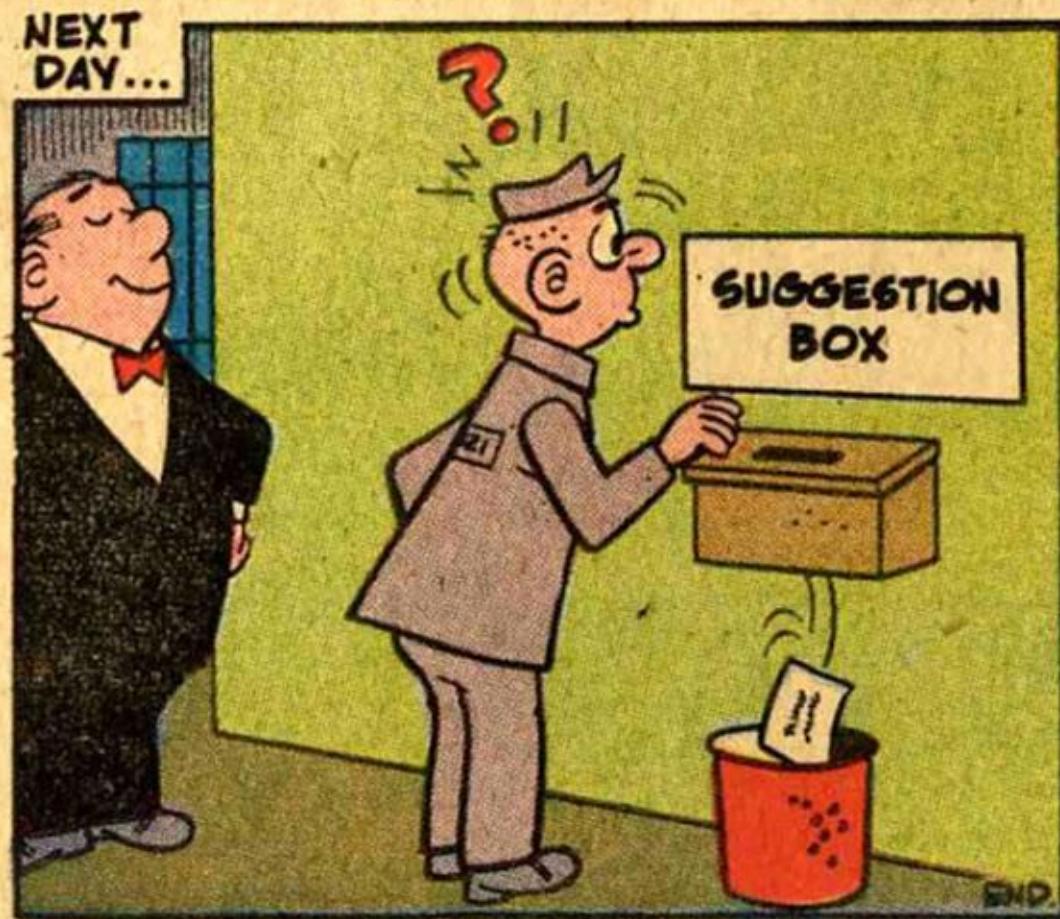
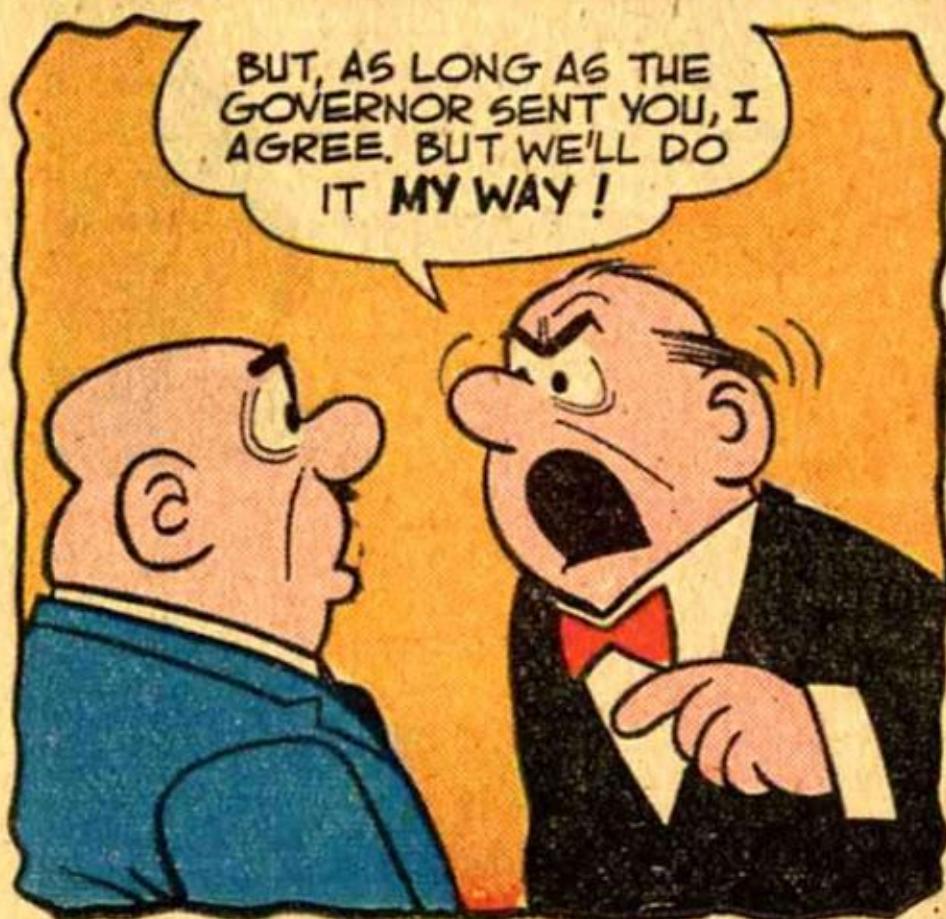
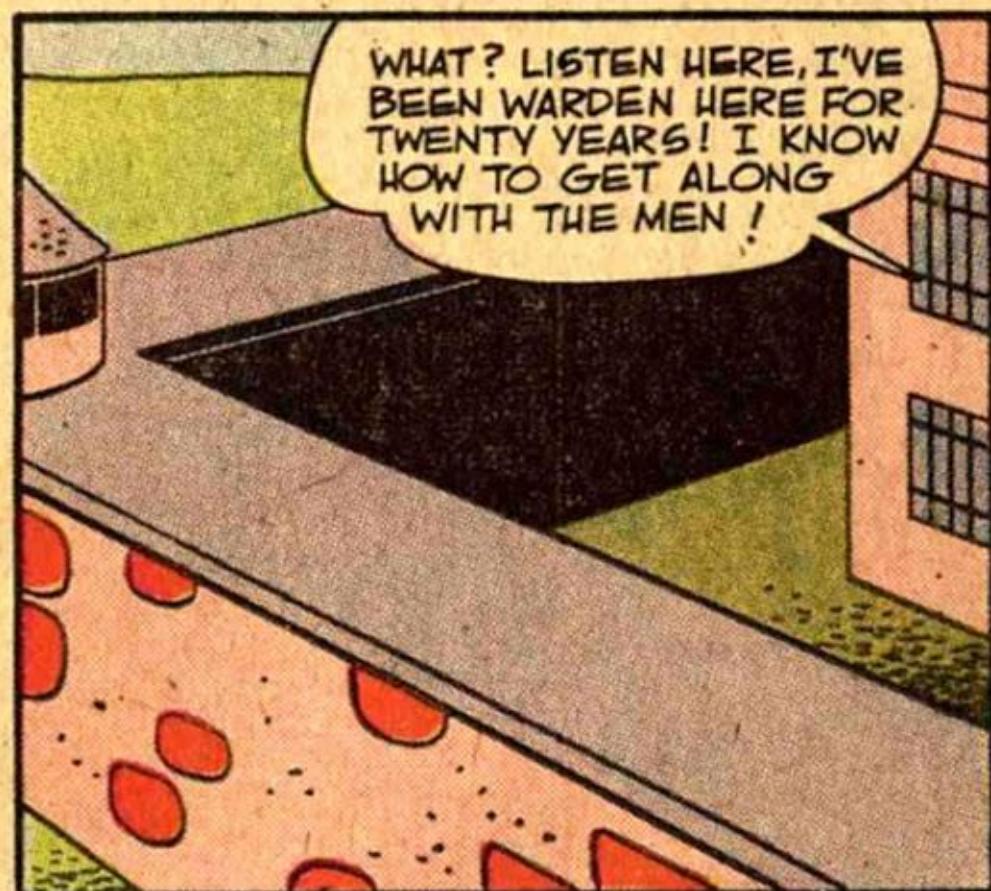
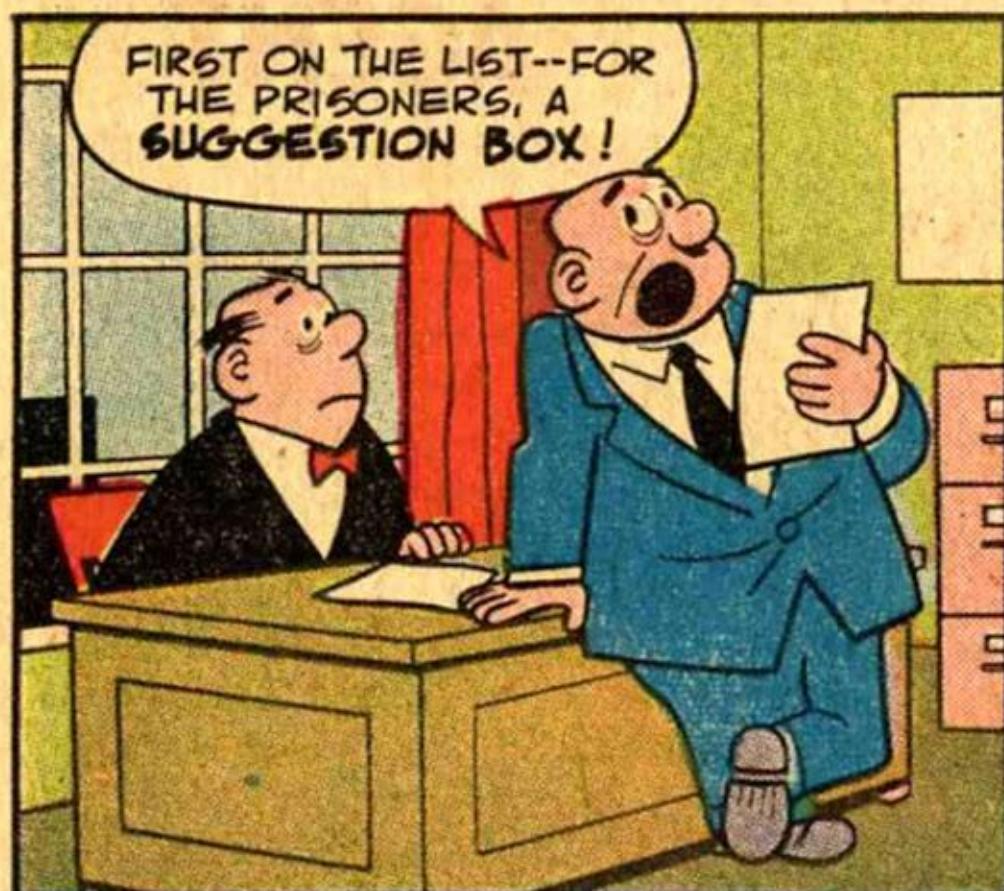
BATMAN



WARDEN WILLIS

I'VE MADE A COMPLETE STUDY OF YOUR PRISON, WARDEN. I HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING MORALE HERE!

HENRY
BOLTMANN





BATMAN



BAT-MAN WITH ROBIN

BY BOB KANE

BATWOMAN CAPTURED THOSE ESCAPED CONVICTS WITH BAT-MITE'S HELP! THEY MAKE A GREAT TEAM!

BEWARE!... THAT MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE IMP FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION HAS RETURNED! YES, BAT-MITE IS BACK--TO MATCH BATMAN AND ROBIN WITH A NEW CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM--THE TEAM OF BAT-MITE AND BATWOMAN! AND EVEN MORE SURPRISING, THE LITTLE GREMLIN SWEARS OFF HIS USUAL PRANKS AND MISCHIEF--UNTIL HE DECIDES TO BECOME...

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BAT-MITE CERTAINLY
SEEMS TO HAVE
REFORMED! HE'S NO
LONGER OUT TO
HAVE "FUN" BY
MAKING MISCHIEF!



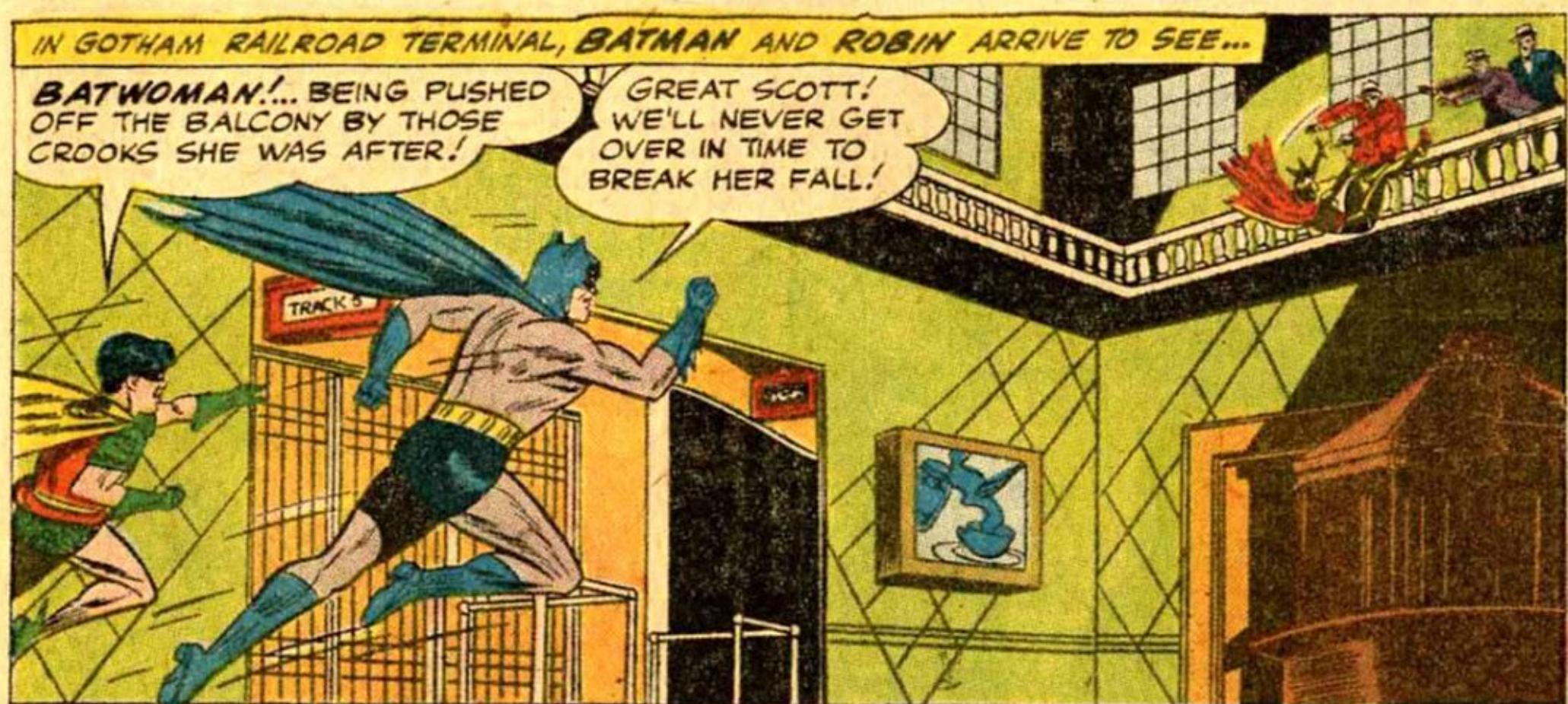
BATMAN



IN GOTHAM RAILROAD TERMINAL, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE TO SEE...

BATWOMAN!... BEING PUSHED OFF THE BALCONY BY THOSE CROOKS SHE WAS AFTER!

GREAT SCOTT!
WE'LL NEVER GET OVER IN TIME TO BREAK HER FALL!



BUT SUDDENLY, IN MID-AIR...

HOLY SMOKE!
HOW'D SHE DO THAT?

I -- I
DON'T
KNOW!



BOUNCING OFF THE INFORMATION BOOTH,
BATWOMAN SLAMS BACK HER ATTACKERS!

WOW! THIS IS THE GREATEST
SINGLE-HANDED CAPTURE OF
ALL TIME!



LATER, WHEN THE BANDITS ARE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE...

THAT WAS SOME STUNT, BATWOMAN...
HOW'D YOU EVER DO IT?
I--I DON'T KNOW... IT WAS ALMOST AS IF SOME INVISIBLE FORCE WERE GUIDING ME!

EXACTLY... I WAS THAT INVISIBLE FORCE!

POP

BAT-MITE!

AT YOUR SERVICE!

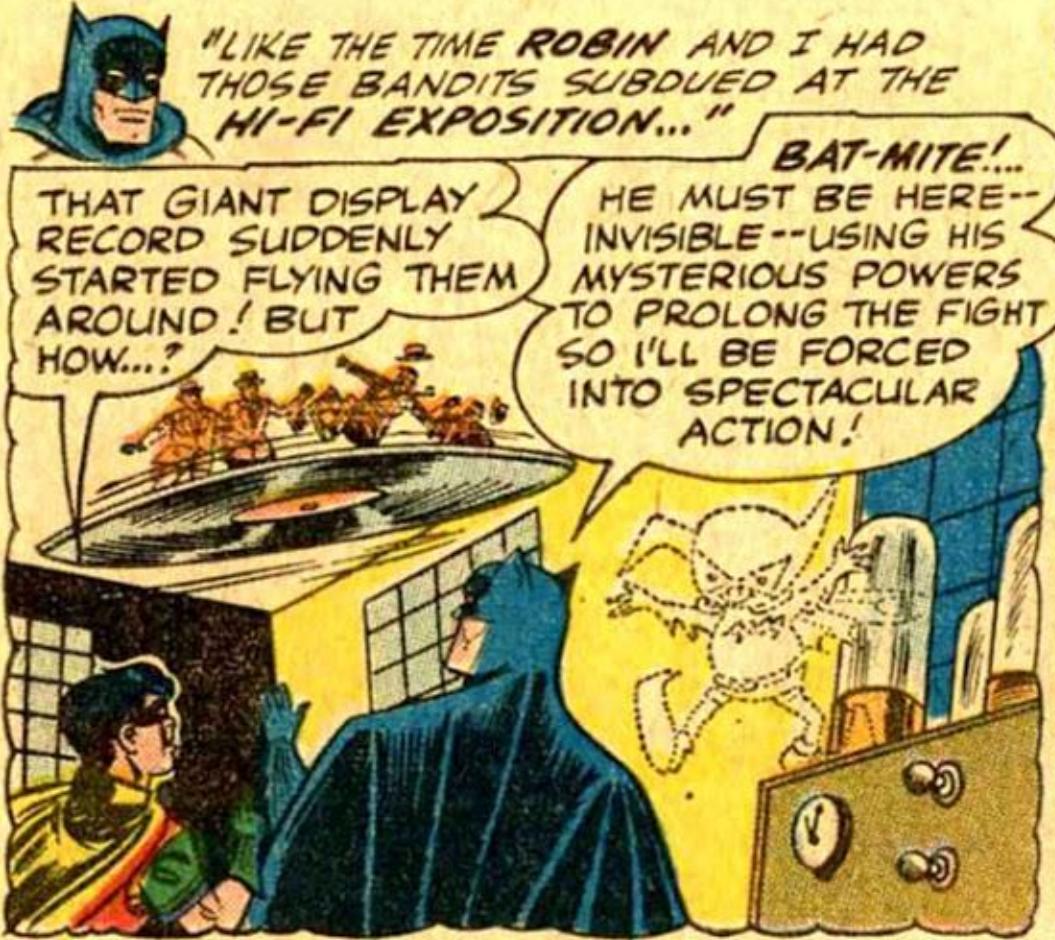
HUH?
A REAL,
LIVE ELF!

SIR, I'M NO ELF! I'M FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, WHERE ALL MEN ARE MY SIZE! BECAUSE BATMAN IS MY IDEAL, I APPEAR OCCASIONALLY TO HELP HIM, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN FIGHT CRIME! IT'S ALWAYS SUCH FUN!

"FUN," HE SAYS!



BATMAN





BATMAN



SOON AFTER, THE STORY MAKES MIGHTY NEWS...



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL GOTHAM CITY...

CALLING ALL CARS! ACE CAMERA COMPANY SAFE REPORTED BEING LOOTED!

THAT'S NEARBY! LET'S HOPE BATWOMAN HASN'T HEARD THE ALARM! IF SHE GOES THERE WITH BAT-MITE, THAT LITTLE GREMLIN MIGHT DECIDE TO HAVE SOME "FUN" AGAIN!

BUT TO BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S RELIEF, ATOP THE CAMERA COMPANY'S UNIQUE BUILDING...

THANK GOODNESS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO WRAP UP THIS CASE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!

YES... BUT I WONDER WHAT BATWOMAN IS DOING NOW?



THE ANSWER LIES IN A NEARBY MOUNTAIN PASS, WHERE BATWOMAN HAS PICKED UP THE TRAIL OF TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS...

UH-OH... THEY'RE FLEEING IN THAT MONORAIL CAR! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CATCH THEM NOW!

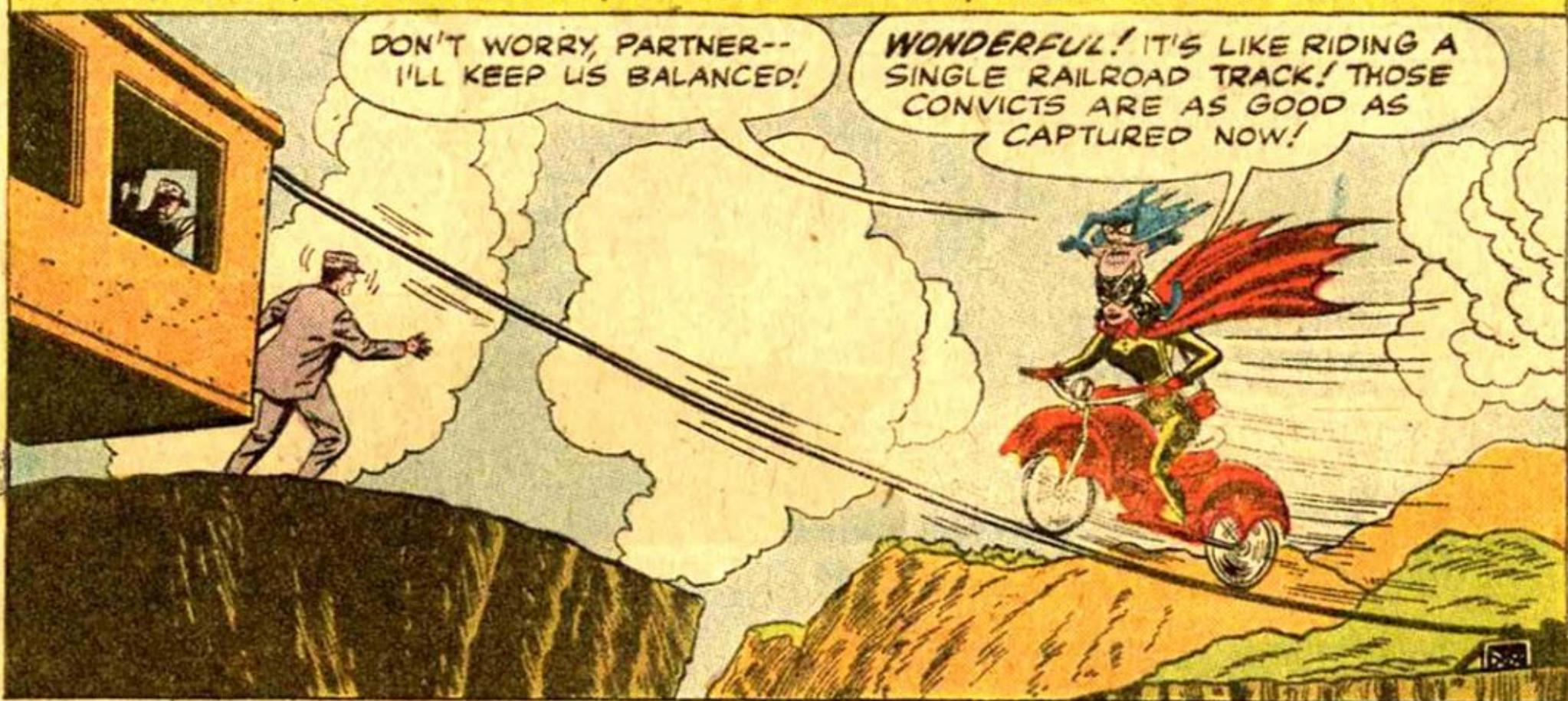
BAT-MITE! YOU HERE, TOO?

NATURALLY, I'M YOUR NEW SIDEKICK, REMEMBER? LET'S GET RID OF THOSE TIRES... AND GO INTO OUR PARTNER ACT!



BATMAN

MOMENTS LATER, THE MOTORCYCLE, ITS TIRES REMOVED, BEGINS A FANTASTIC JOURNEY...



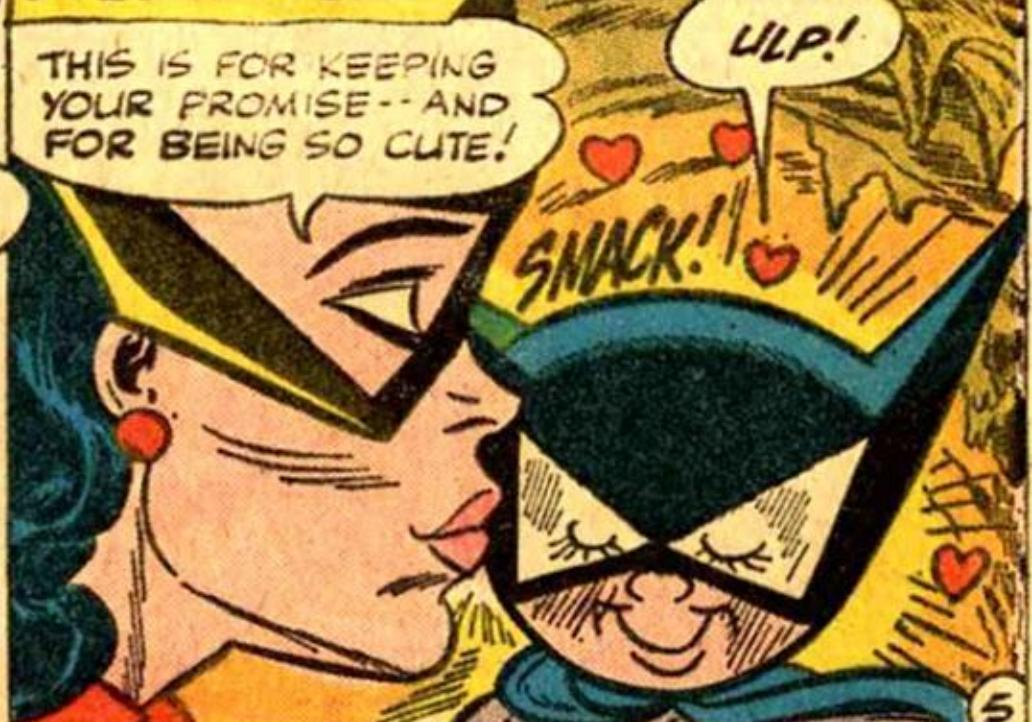
AND NEXT EVENING, THE NEW TEAM AGAIN PROVES ITSELF A FORMIDABLE FOE OF CRIME...



LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR OF THIS LATEST TRIUMPH ...



INDEED, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN BATWOMAN'S LAIR, SOMETHING FATEFUL DOES HAPPEN...



BATMAN



AND A SHORT WHILE LATER...

SH-SHE KISSED ME! OH, I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE! IT MUST BE LOVE! YES, THAT'S IT--I'M IN LOVE WITH BATWOMAN!



JUST THEN, HE LEAPS ATOP A SPEEDING PROWL CAR...

CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GANG THAT JUST ROBBED GOTHAM BANK! BANDITS BELIEVED TO BE ON FOOT!

AH...IF I COULD TRACK THEM DOWN, I COULD TIP OFF BAT-WOMAN, THEN HELP HER MAKE THE CAPTURE!

MEANWHILE, I'D STAY INVISIBLE SO IT WOULD SEEM SHE DID IT ALL ALONE!



SOON AFTER, IN A MUDDY, EMPTY LOT BEHIND THE BANK...

HMM... A MAN'S SHOE! SINCE THE GANG FLED THIS WAY, IT MUST HAVE GOTTEN STUCK IN THE MUD-- AND THE CROOK WHO LOST IT DIDN'T DARE STOP TO PICK IT UP!



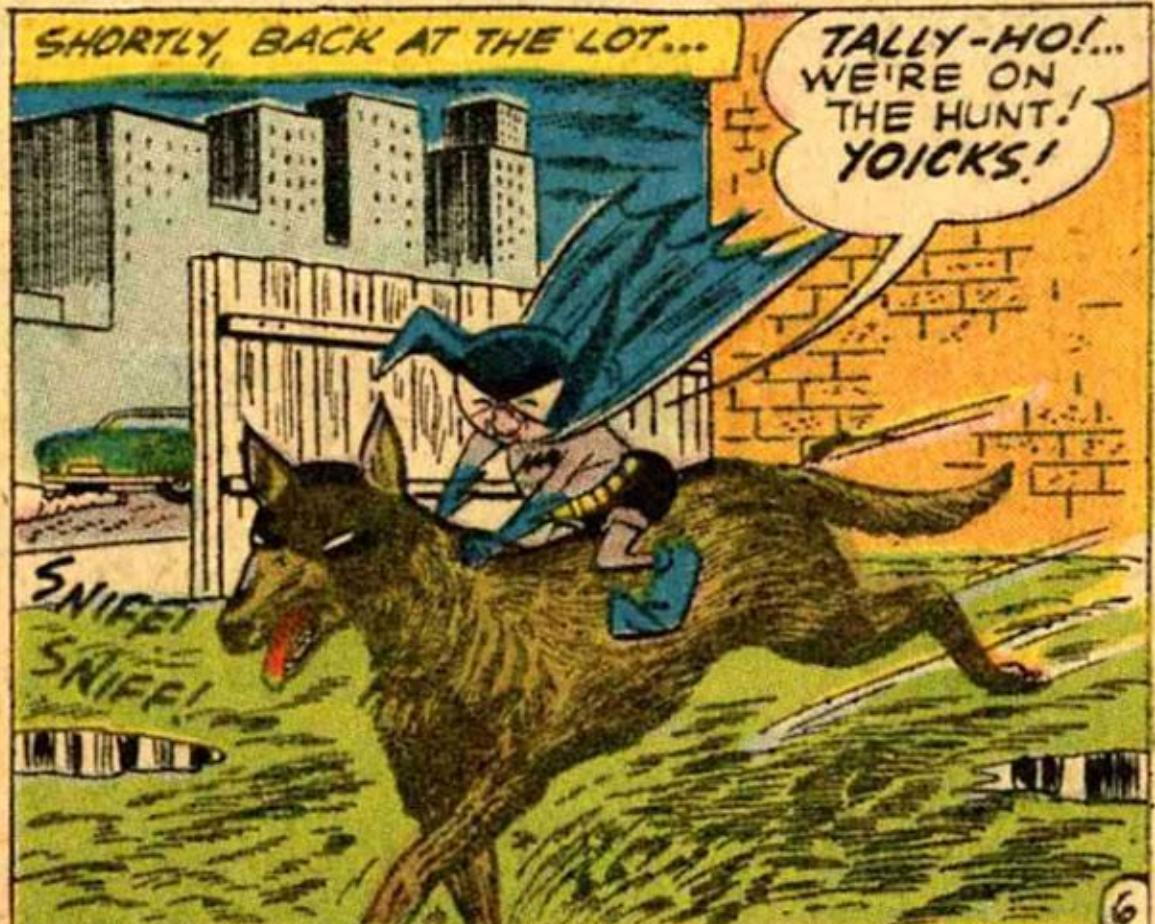
MOMENTS LATER, BAT-MITE POPS INTO THE BAT-CAVE, IN FRONT OF...

BAT-HOUND!... I NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD UP BATWOMAN'S CAREER! I WANT YOU TO PICK UP THE SCENT OF SOME CROOKS!



SHORTLY, BACK AT THE LOT...

TALLY-HO!... WE'RE ON THE HUNT! YOICKS!





BATMAN



SOON...

AHA!... TRAIL'S END! THEY
OBVIOUSLY USE THAT WARE-
HOUSE AS A FRONT! I'LL PHONE
BATWOMAN AND TELL HER TO
GET HERE AT ONCE!



BUT AFTERWARD, BATWOMAN FINDS SHE
IS NOT ALONE, AS...

BATMAN AND
ROBIN! YOU
HERE, TOO?

WE PICKED UP A
LEAD THAT BROUGHT
US HERE! NOW THAT
WE'RE TOGETHER --
WE MIGHT AS WELL
FINISH THIS CASE
TOGETHER!



THUS, IT'S A DISAPPOINTED BAT-MITE WHO WATCHES THE TRIO CRASH INTO THE
HIDEOUT...



I KNOW I'M
BREAKING MY
PROMISE TO
HER, BUT GOSH--
A FELLA'S GOT
TO HAVE A
LITTLE FUN!
HMM... IF I
MADE EVERY-
ONE SMALL,
THE HARDWARE
WOULD BE BIG...
SO BIG THAT THE
CROOKS MIGHT
TRY TO USE IT
FOR COVER!

AN INSTANT LATER-- THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS...

HUH?... WH-WHAT
HAPPENED TO
US?

ONLY ONE PERSON COULD BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS... BAT-MITE! HE'S TRYING TO
PROLONG THIS FIGHT BY MAKING THE
HARDWARE BECOME OBSTACLES
FOR US!





BATMAN



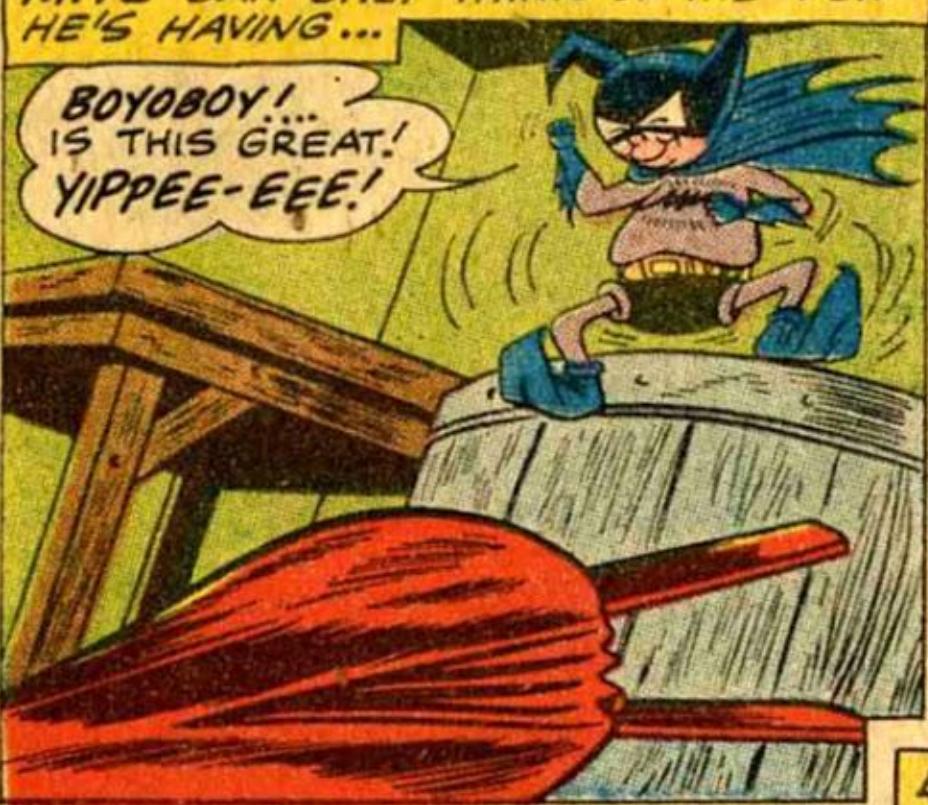
AND SO, IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MUST PROVIDE A SPECTACULAR SHOW FOR BAT-MITE!

AND TO THINK I KISSED BAT-MITE BECAUSE HE'D BEEN KEEPING HIS PROMISE!

WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO IS PROMISE HIM A SPANKING!



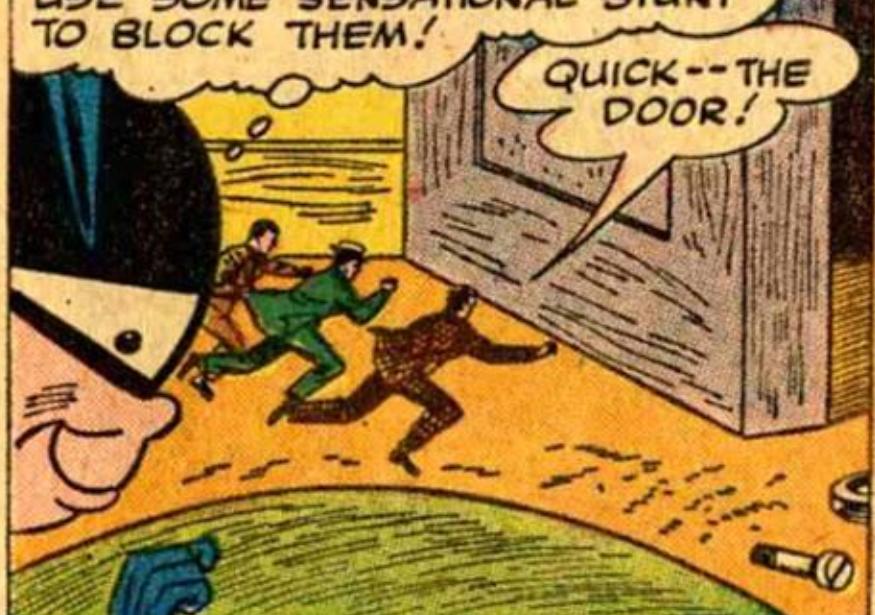
BUT DELIRIOUS WITH JOY, LITTLE BAT-MITE CAN ONLY THINK OF THE "FUN" HE'S HAVING...



AND AS HE LEAPS ABOUT JOYFULLY...



OH, WELL-- THAT ACCIDENT MADE THINGS EVEN BETTER! THE CROOKS WILL TRY TO ESCAPE-- AND BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL BE FORCED TO USE SOME SENSATIONAL STUNT TO BLOCK THEM!



BUT SUDDENLY, A GIGANTIC FIGURE LOOMS BEFORE THE SHRUNKEN THIEVES ...

YIII-III!
BAT-HOUND!

SHUCKS!... AND TO THINK IT WAS I WHO BROUGHT BAT-HOUND HERE! HE'S SPOILED EVERYTHING BY BLOCKING THEM OFF!



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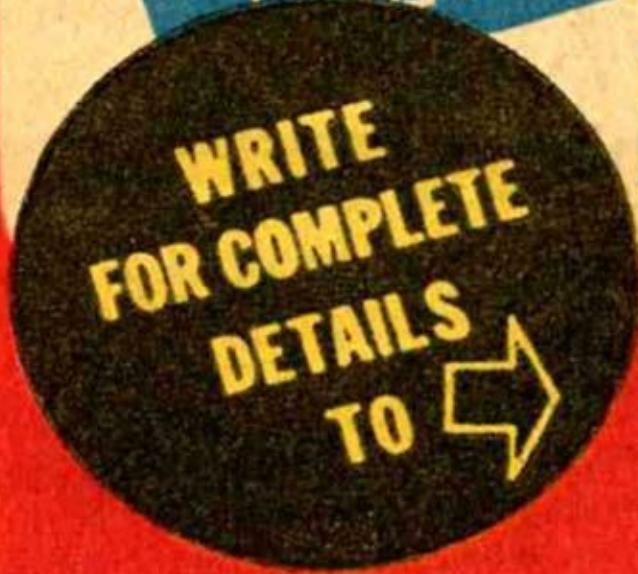
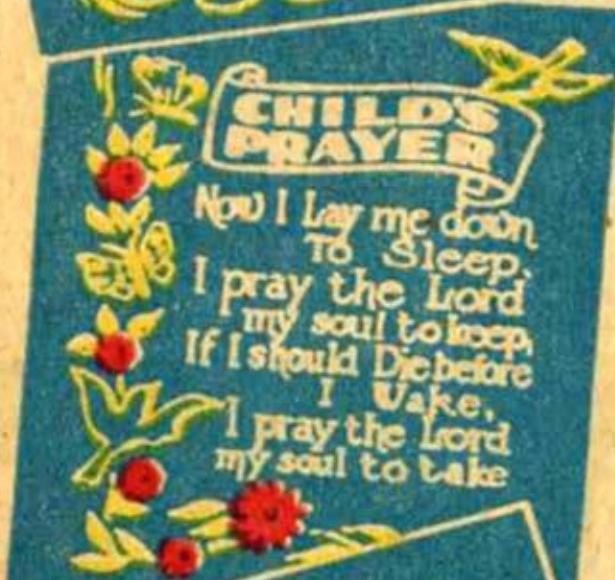
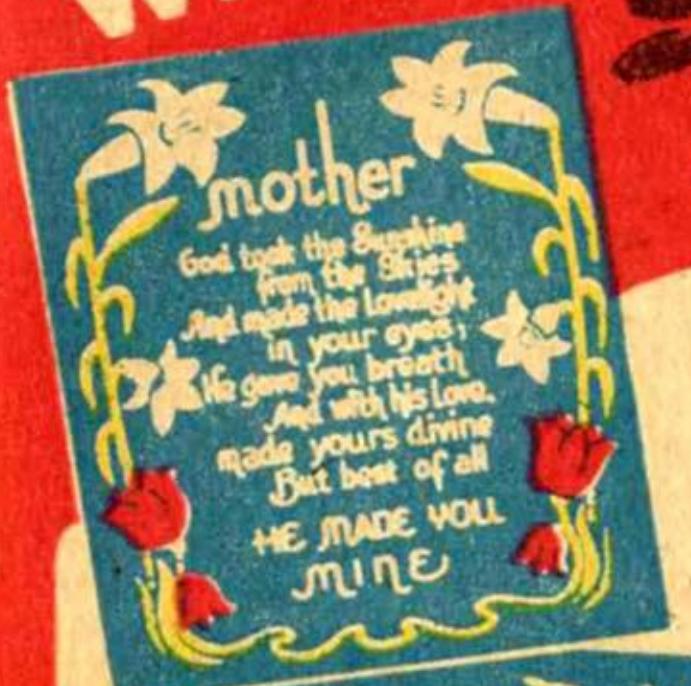
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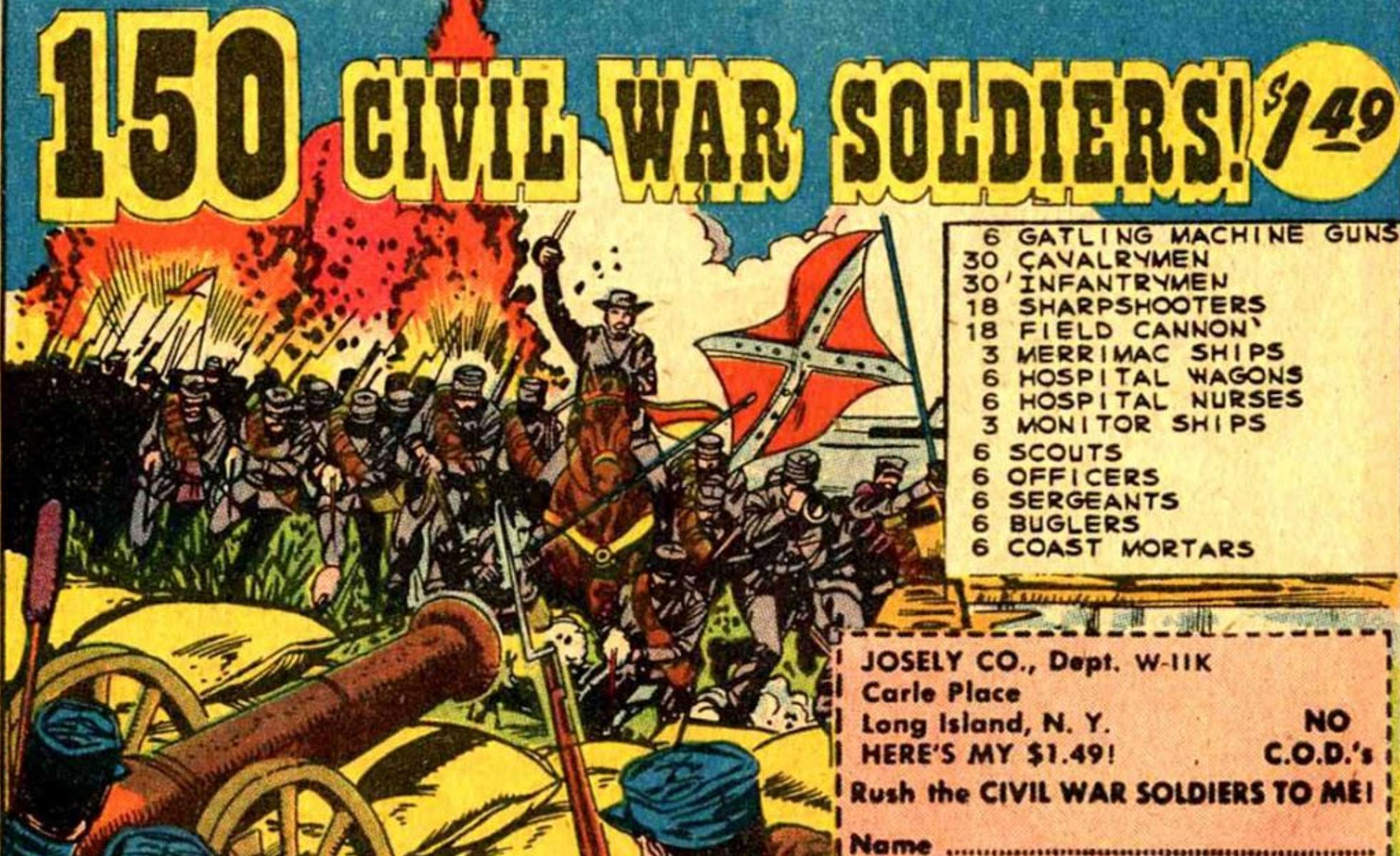
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