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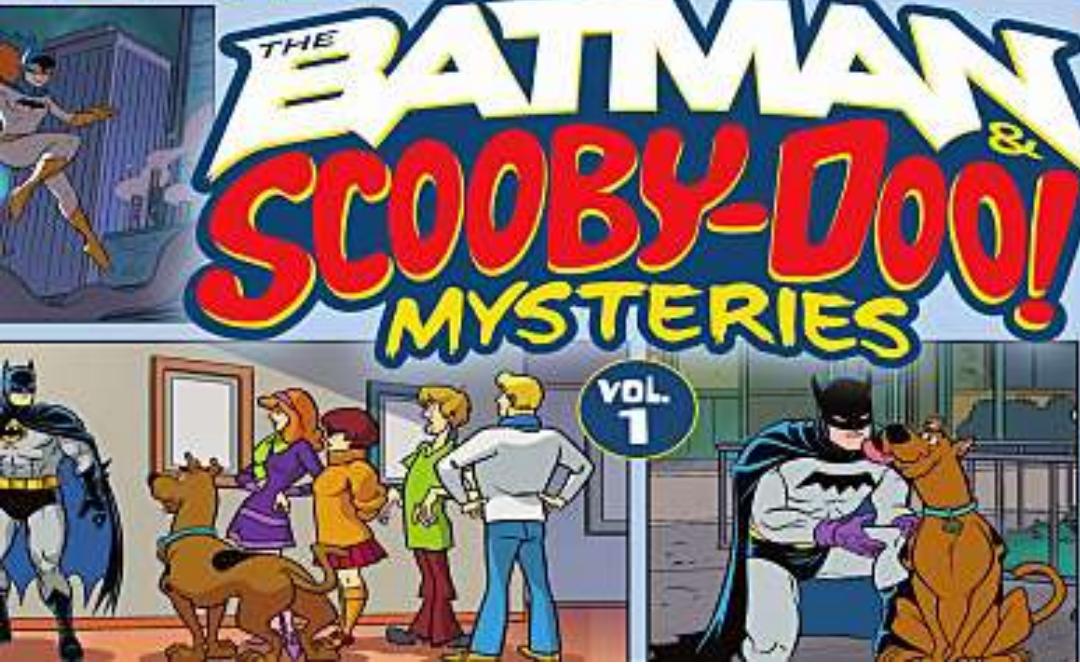
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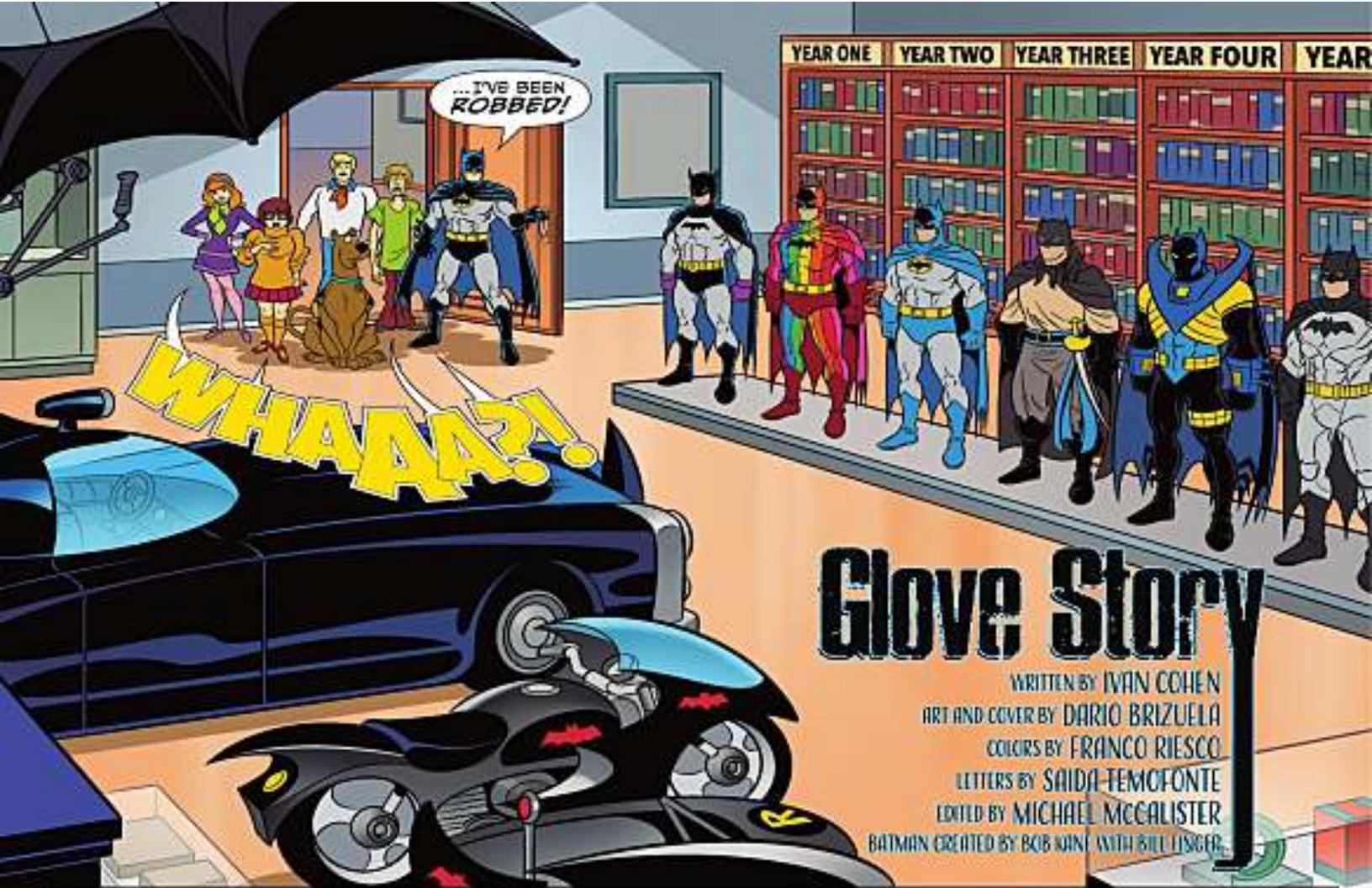
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The Past
Wayne Manor.



"...WE COULD
USE A RIDE."

YOU'RE
SURE YOU
WANT TO BE
LEFT AT THAT
ADDRESS?

THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
IS RATHER...
UNSAVORY.

THANKS
FOR THE
CONCERN, MR.
PENNYWORTH, BUT
WE KNOW WHAT
WE'RE DOING.

WE DO?
OH, YEAH,
WE TOTALLY
DO.

Gotham City
14 MILES



THE PRESENT.

"WHEN WE LOOKS LIKE BATMAN WAS RIGHT."

NO SIGN OF ANY TAMPERING WITH THE EXHIBITS.

I GUESS WE CAN DO A SWEEP OF THE GROUNDS IN THE M--



GUYS! COME HERE!

DO YOU SEE? THERE'S THE EXPECTED REINFORCEMENT OF THE FOUNDATION, BUT RIGHT THERE...

YES! THERE'S SOME SORT OF BOX...

I USED THIS SONOGRAPH TO TAKE A SCAN OF THE MUSEUM.

THEN I COMPARED IT TO THE BLUEPRINTS FROM BACK BEFORE BRUCE WAYNE BOUGHT THE BUILDING.

BAT-SONOGRAPH



...BURIED UNDERGROUND!

I'LL SEE IF BATMAN HAS ANY IDEAS.

"HE'S
STILL AT
THE CAVE."







THE PRESENT.

THIS MUD WALL SHOULD BE ALL THAT SEPARATES US FROM THE MUSEUM FOUNDATION.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOME DIGGING TO DO.

WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT ON THE OTHER SIDE, BATMAN? ANYTHING UNUSUAL?

BRUCE WAYNE'S BUILDERS HAD TO REINFORCE THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE, DAPHNE...

...THE OLD BUILDING WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED DURING ONE OF MY FIRST CASES.

HUH. ARE YOU TWO FEELING THAT VIBRATION?

MOVE!



The Past

"... WHOSE VOICE OPENS IT?"

GUYS! WE HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER!

LIKE, HE'S PRETTY FAST FOR A ZOMBIE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS, SHAGGY, BUT LET'S SEE IF THIS "ZOMBIE"...

... CAN SEE IN THE DARK.

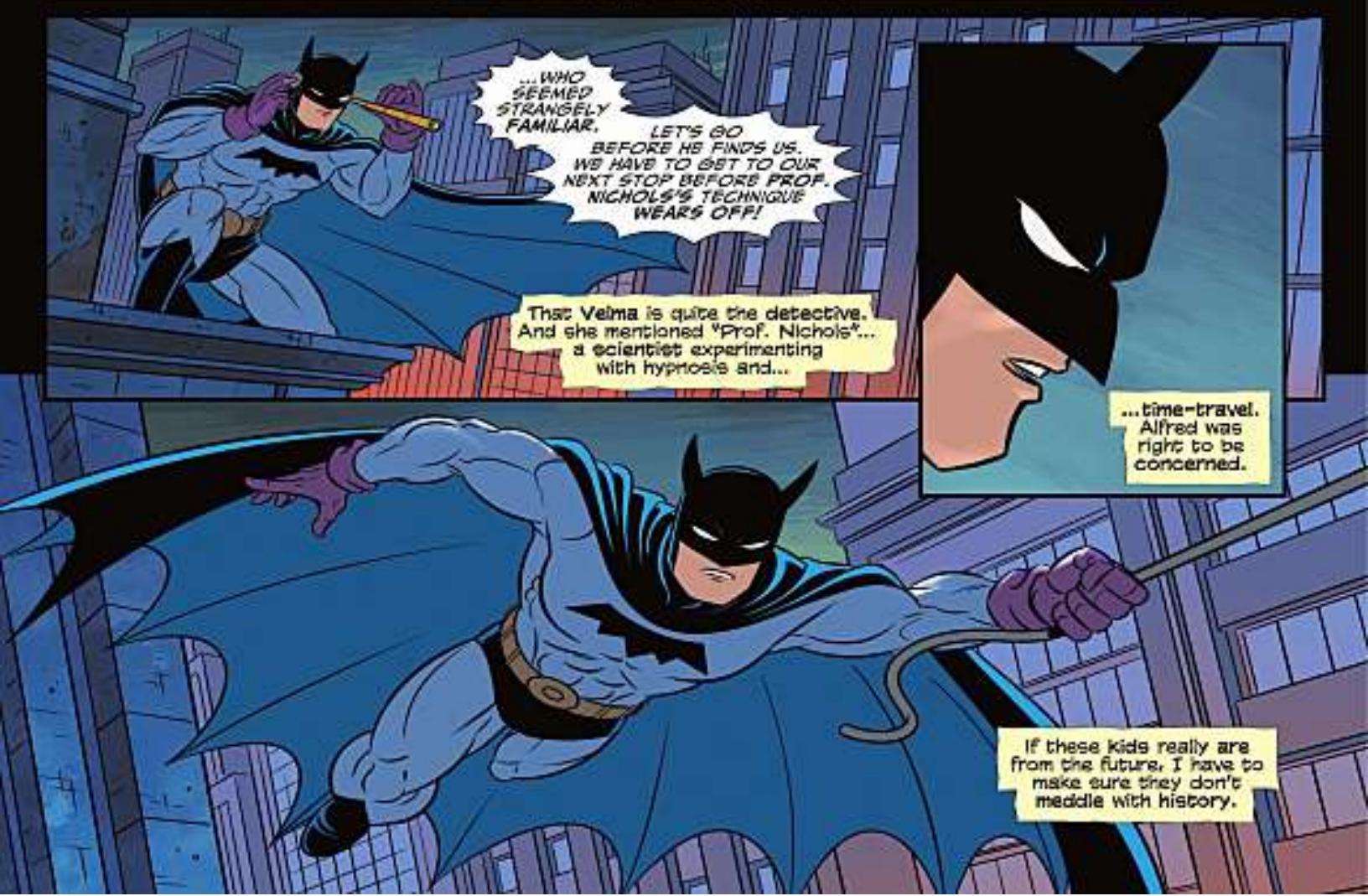
ZOMG, SCOOBY-DOO! I'M SCARED!

LET'S JUST MAKE OUR WAY DOWN THESE STAIRS NICE AND SLOW.

GRRREEAKK

JUST HANG ON ANOTHER SECOND, I'M OPENING THE DOOR...

ENTER



LIKE,
WHERE ARE
WE GOING
NEXT?

THE HOME
LABORATORY OF
A MAN NAMED ALFRED
STRYKER. I'M HOPING
WE'LL FIND SOME
CLUE THERE ABOUT THE...



...DOLLS.

JINKIES!
UNLESS THE
POLICE MISSED
SOMETHING, WE'RE
TOO LATE!



LIKE, BETWEEN
THE BATS AND
THE CRIME SCENES,
DOES GOTHAM CITY
HAVE ANY NICE
PLACES?

NOT
REALLY...



...BUT IT'S
SOMETHING
I'M WORKING
ON.

YOU KIDS
ARE A LONG
WAY FROM
HOME.

YOU'LL HAVE
TO TELL ME HOW
YOU RECOGNIZED ME,
BUT FIRST... WHAT IS
IT YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR HERE?

PSSST...
SCOOBY,
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?

RHYTHM
ROCKIN' IN!

SCOOBY! NO!







...BRUCE WAYNE IS AN ASSOCIATE OF BATMAN'S.

AS GOTHAM CITY'S WEALTHIEST PHILANTHROPIST, HE--AND I--ASSIST BATMAN FROM TIME TO TIME.

YOU CAN'T TAKE THE GLOVES WITH YOU, UNFORTUNATELY. PROF. NICHOLS'S METHOD DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO BRING BACK SOUVENIRS.

IN A SECURE LOCATION, THIS BOX SHOULD KEEP THEM UNDAMAGED UNTIL YOUR VOICE OPENS IT IN... 2021, CORRECT?

HOW DID YOU...

YOUR CANINE FRIEND DROPPED THESE IN MY CAR, TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT SUCH HIDEOUS THINGS WOULD GO OUT OF STYLE, I SUPPOSE.

WE'LL JUST SWAP THEM IN WHEN BATMAN PUTS HIS COSTUME IN STORAGE.

I KNOW JUST THE PLACE TO HIDE THE GLOVES WHERE THEY WON'T BE DISTURBED. CAN YOU GIVE US A LIFT?

CERTAINLY. THAT WILL GIVE US TIME TO DISCUSS A FAVOR I NEED WHEN YOU GET HOME.





"...AND FILLED IN ALL THE BLANKS."

WHAT'S THAT, ALFRED?

AFTER WE SAID OUR GOODBYES TO THE MYSTERY INC. TEENS IN THE PAST, MR. WAYNE WROTE A JOURNAL ENTRY FOR ME TO KEEP SECRET.

UNTIL NOW.

Once I hypnotize myself, I won't remember any of this, but perhaps the lessons I learned will stay in my subconscious.

As Batman, I want to frighten criminals, but I shouldn't scare my friends.

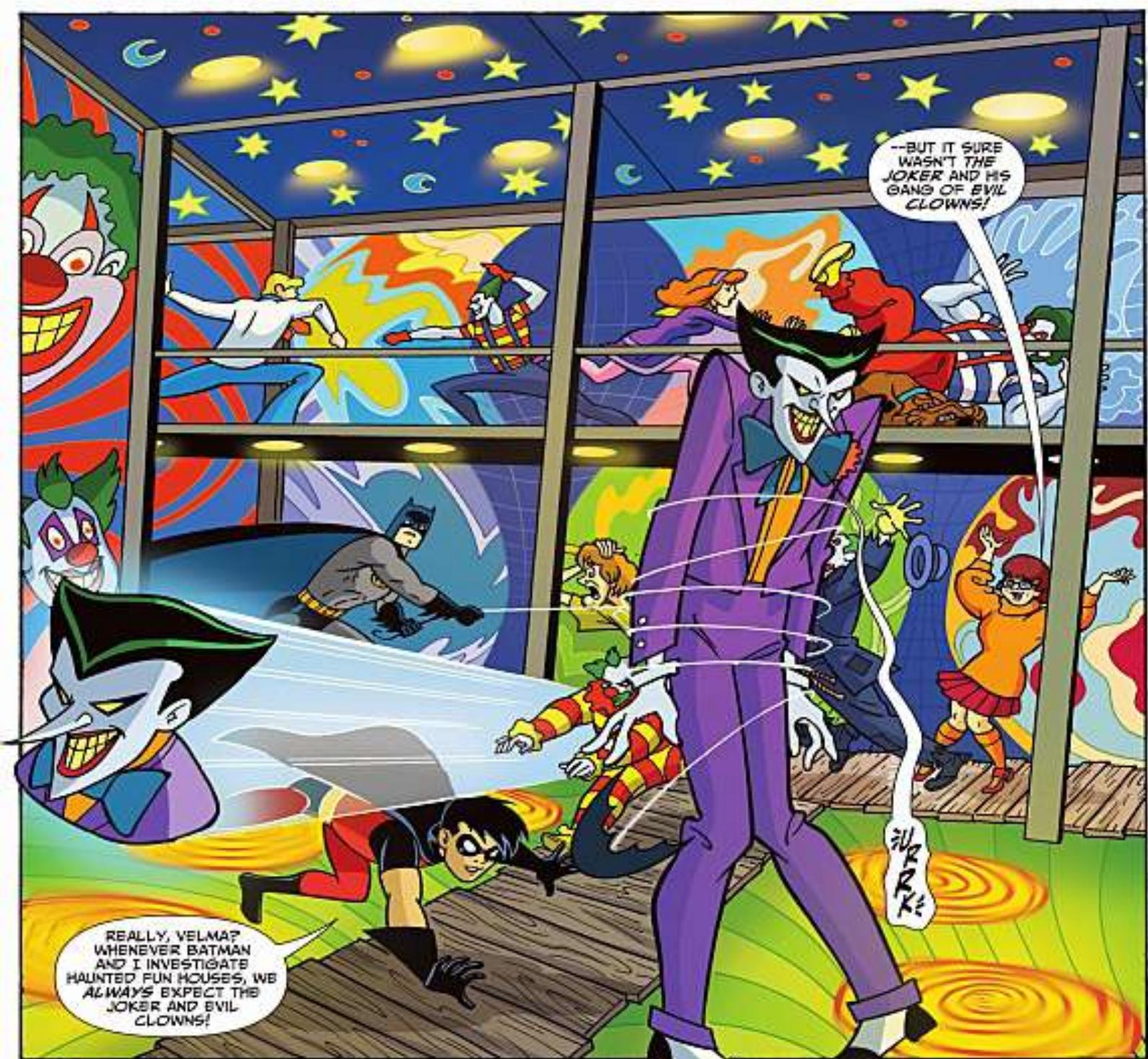
And Mystery Inc. showed me the value of friends... partners, sometimes.

Teenagers who are brave... and smart. Even a dog. All standing with me in the darkest nights.

Maybe I don't have to do this mission alone after all.

The End (or the Beginning)





ONE EPIC BATTLE LATER...

THANKS, BATMAN.
I'M NOT SURE HOW WE
COULD HAVE CAUGHT THE
JOKER IF YOU AND ROBIN
HADN'T SHOWN UP.

OUR PLEASURE,
DAPHNE. WE'VE BEEN
ON THE JOKER'S TRAIL
FOR DAYS NOW.

ACTUALLY, YOU
HELPED US WRAP
THINGS UP.



HMM...THIS CERAMIC
WOULD BE A PRETTY
GOOD ADDITION TO THE
BATCAVE'S TROPHY
ROOM.

OH, RIGHT.
I FORGOT THAT
YOU, LIKE, KEEP
SOUVENIRS OF
YOUR CASES.

SURE,
SHAGGY.
DON'T
YOU?

UH-UH.
NO ROOM IN
THE MYSTERY
MACHINE.



INSIDE,
A COLLECTION
OF OUR SOUVENIRS
WOULD HAVE TO GO A
LONG WAY TO LIVE UP TO
YOURS, THOUGH. IT'S HARD
TO BEAT A TROPHY
ROOM OF BATMAN'S
GREATEST
CASES.

*...WITH ONE
PRECAUTION."

IT FEELS
STRANGE TO
HAVE SOMEONE
ELSE DRIVE
THE MYSTERY
MACHINE.

FAIR ENOUGH, BUT
YOU CAN'T ALL FIT IN
THE BATMOBILE, AND TO
PROTECT OUR SECRET
IDENTITIES, WE CAN'T LET
YOU SEE WHERE THE
BATCAVE IS.

I GUESS
IT WOULD BE
HARD FOR FRED
TO DRIVE WITH
A BLINDFOLD
ON.

YOU
MEAN IT?

WELL...

MAYBE SO,
BUT BLINDFOLDS
ARE JUST RIGHT
FOR, LIKE, TAKING
A NAP.

Zzz...







ONE
MORE TROPHY FOR
YOUR COLLECTION! IT'S
IMPRESSIVE TO THINK THAT
ALL OF THESE TROPHIES
REPRESENT CASES
YOU SOLVED.

THANKS,
FRED. WE HAVE
SOME REAL
RARITIES HERE,
LIKE...



RIKES!



RIKES!



A SCARECROW!

RIKES!



A PENNY!















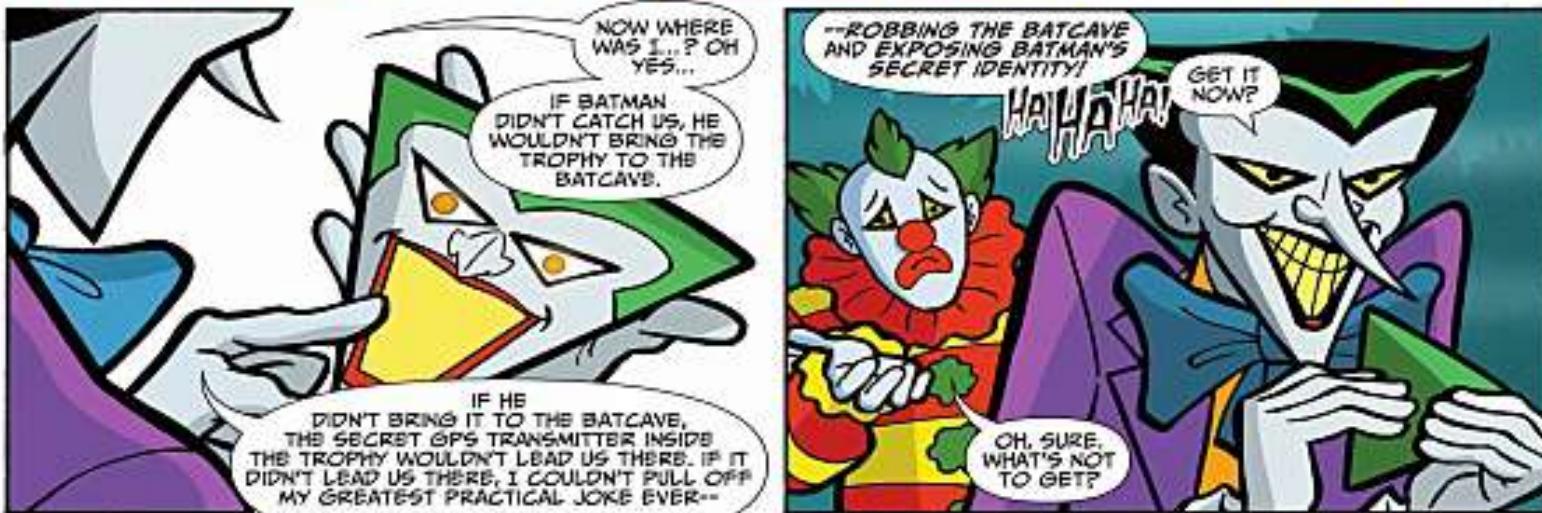
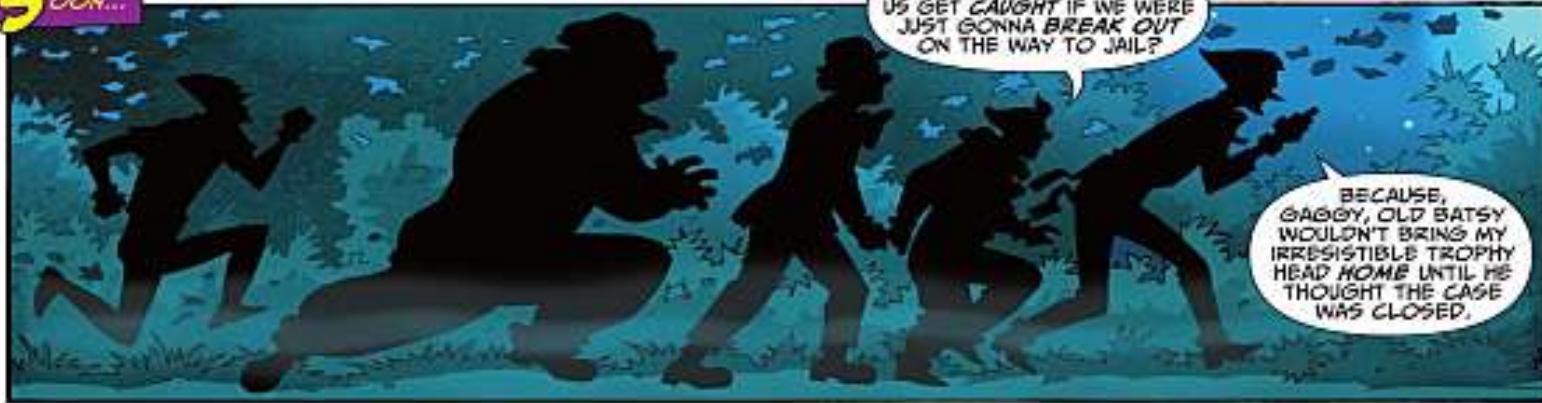




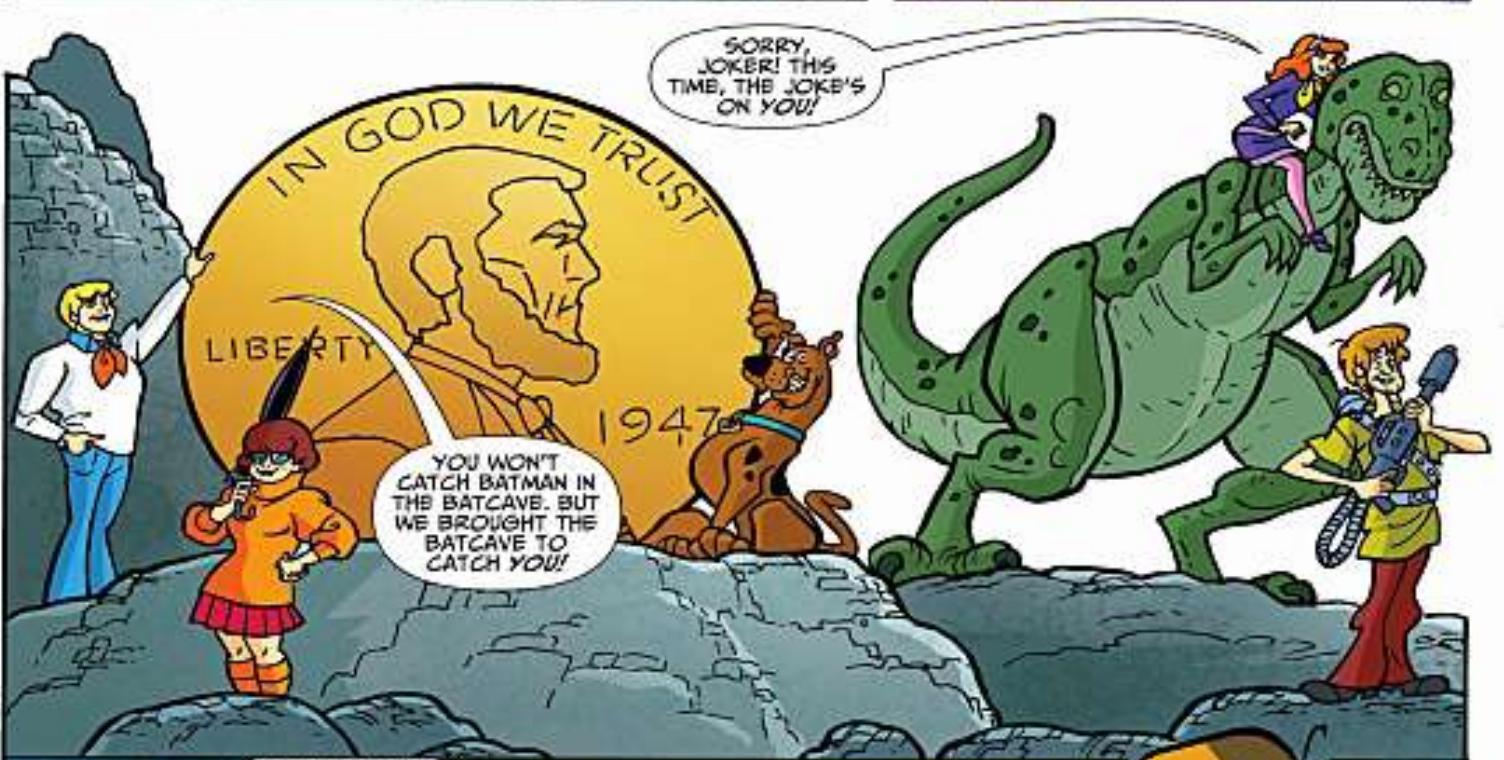


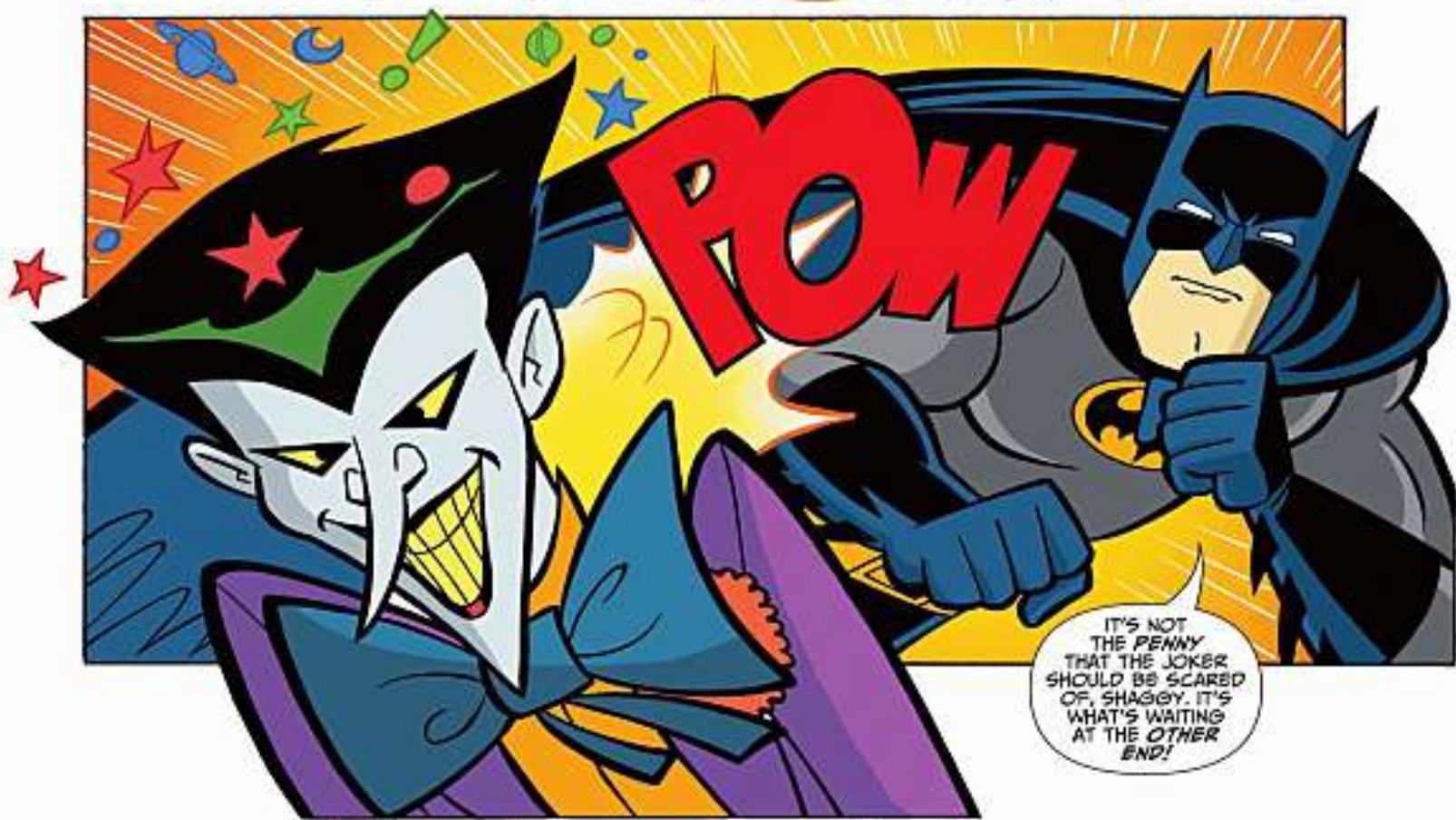
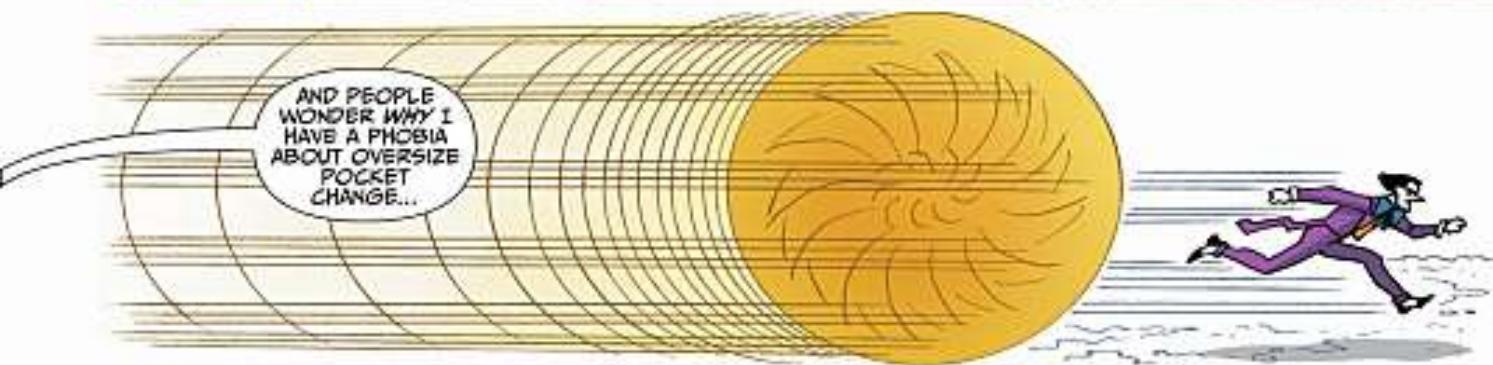


SOON...









SOON...

IS IT JUST
ME, OR DOES
ANYONE ELSE HAVE
THE STRANGEST
FEELING OF
DEJA VU-P

I HAVE TO
ADMIT, THE JOKER
HAS A POINT. IT DOES
FSBL LIKS WB'VE
DONE ALL OF THIS
BEFORE.

EXCEPT THIS
TIME, ROBIN AND I
WILL ACCOMPANY THE
POLICE. WE'LL MAKE
SURE THE JOKER DOESN'T
ESCAPE BEFORE HE'S
SAFELY LOCKED
AWAY.

AND THEN
WE'LL BRING ALL
THE TROPHIES BACK TO
THE REAL BATCAVE,
INCLUDING THIS LATEST
ADDITION.

AFTER WE
REMOVE THE
TRACKING DEVICE,
THAT IS.

THESE REALLY
ARE PRETTY COOL.
TOO BAD WE DON'T
HAVE ROOM TO KEEP
TROPHIES OF OUR
O...

WHOOPS!
SORRY.

WHOOPS!
MAYBE IT'S NOT
TOO BAD AFTER
ALL.

LIKE, I'M
WITH DAPHNE!
WHO NEEDS CREEPY
DINOSAURS OR
SCARY SCARECROW
MASKS?

THE ONLY
TROPHIES WE
NEED AT THE END
OF OUR CASES
ARE SCOOBY
SNACKS!

RUH-
HUH!
ECHOMPSS

The End!



GOTHAM CITY
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BAGGAGE CLAIM.

STOP! THIEF!

THIEF! THE NERVE!
I...

Double-Dog-Dare

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BRREEEEP

...AM THE
BAGGAGE BANDIT!
AND I'LL TAKE WHAT
YOU'RE CARRYING.

LIKE, I THINK
THE DINING
CONCOURSE IS
THIS WAY!

KASLAM

ROTTCH
OUT,
RISTER!

SHAGGY!
SCOOBY-DOO!
JUST LIKE THE TWO
OF YOU TO FIND
TROUBLE...

...WHEN YOU
WERE JUST LOOKING
FOR SNACKS? NOW
LET'S SEE WHO THIS
BAGGAGE BANDIT
REALLY IS!

JUST
SOME GUY,
I GUESS.

WERE YOU
EXPECTING A
MORE ICONIC
SUPER-VILLAIN,
DAPHNE?

THEIR PLANS
DON'T USUALLY
UNFOLD AT
BAGGAGE
CLAIM.

BATMAN!

AND, ACE THE
BAT-HOUND!





**GOTHAM CITY
POLICE
HEADQUARTERS.**

GOOD
TO SEE YOU,
SCOOBY-DOO,
SHAGGY,
DAPHNE...

BUT WHERE ARE
VELMA AND FRED?
I'D HAVE THOUGHT
ALL OF MYSTERY INC.
WOULD BE HERE FOR
THE DOG SHOW!

THEY'RE
WRAPPING UP
ANOTHER CASE,
COMMISSIONER
GORDON!

H

THEY'D HAVE
LOVED TO BE
HERE FOR SCOOBY
AND ACE'S BIG
MOMENT.

BUT THERE'S
A LOUISIANA SWAMP
MONSTER--WITH A
LIMP AND A TASTE FOR
VEGETARIAN GUMBO--
THAT NEEDS TO
BE CAUGHT!

HMM...
WELL, WHAT'S THE
TROUBLE HERE,
COMMISSIONER?



THE DOG
SHOW HAS BROUGHT
IN TOURISTS, BUT IT'S
ALSO BROUGHT A
CRIME SPREE!

SO THE
BAGGAGE
BANDIT--

WAS JUST THE
BEGINNING. WHILE
YOU WERE STOPPING
HIM, THE MUSEUM
OF MAKEUP WAS
ROBBED! AND JUST
NOW...



ANOTHER
TWO MYSTERIOUS
ROBBERIES ARE BEING
REPORTED FROM
OPPOSITE SIDES
OF THE CITY!

WHICH
ONE SHOULD
WE PICK, BATMAN?

WE
SHOULDN'T
PICK EITHER,
DAPHNE...





GOTHAM CITY
BOARDWALK.

THE TOUR GUIDE AT THE AQUARIUM SAID WE JUST MISSED THE MAN THEY CALLED THE POLICE ABOUT, SO HE MUST BE CLOSE BY.

SO LET'S KEEP OUR EYES PEELED FOR ANYTHING...

...UNUSUAL...

RICK,
HOW CAN YOU
RELL?

THERE
HE IS!

GO
GET HIM,
SCOOBY!

NO,
SCOOBY-DOO,
NO!

RUH?

POPCORN

IT'S
OKAY, EAT YOUR
POPCORN, I SUPPOSE
IT'S MY FAULT FOR
NOT BEING MORE
SPECIFIC.

I WONDER
WHAT HE WAS
LOOKING
F--

YOU MEAN
THE GUY IN
THE TRENCH COAT?

PO



BATMAN
"...THEY NEED
TO KNOW WHO
THEY'RE FACING."

**GOTHAM CITY
COIN MUSEUM,
FINANCIAL DISTRICT.**

LIKE,
SLOW DOWN,
ACE! WHY SO
EAGER?



I DON'T THINK
HE'S USED TO THE
MYSTERY INC. WAY OF
SOLVING MYSTERIES.
SHAGGY, YOU
KNOW, SNEAKING IN
SLOWLY?

I ONLY RUN WHEN
THERE'S FOOD IN
FRONT OF ME OR A
SCARY SOMETHING
BEHIND ME!

SO RIGHT
NOW, THERE'S
NO REASON
TO—

RASH!

THIS WAY,
SHAGGY!

LIKE, DIDN'T
YOU TWO HEAR
WHAT I WAS JUST
SAYING?

OKAY, THEN
I GUESS YOU
CAN STAY OUT
HERE...

--RUN!

...ALL BY
YOURSELF.



COMING THROUGH! MAKE WAY!









GOTHAM CITY COLISEUM,
JUDGES' SKYBOX.

122nd
ANNUAL GOTHAM CITY DOG SHOW

LIKE,
HOW MANY
DOG LOVERS
ARE THERE IN
GOTHAM CITY?

MOST OF
THEM AREN'T
LOCALS,
SHAGGY...

...AS ONE OF THE
OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY
HELD SPORTING EVENTS
IN THE WORLD, THE DOG
SHOW ATTRACTS FANS AND
COMPETITORS FROM
EVERYWHERE.

BUT
TWO-FACE
ISN'T A FAN OR A
COMPETITOR,
IS HE?



NO, DAPHNE, BEFORE
HE BECAME TWO-FACE,
HARVEY DENT WAS
GOTHAM CITY'S DISTRICT
ATTORNEY.

HE HAD ONE OF
THE BEST LEGAL
MINDS I'VE EVER
ENCOUNTERED.



A LAWYER NO
ONE'S EVER SEEN
BEFORE JUST GOT
BOTH OF HARVEY'S
IDENTICAL HENCHMEN
RELEASED FROM
JAIL!

HE CONVINCED THE
JUDGE THAT SINCE
POLICE COULDN'T BE
POSITIVE WHICH TWIN
WAS WHICH, THEY
HAD TO LET THEM
BOTH FREE.



HARVEY DID ROB THE MUSEUM
OF MAKEUP YESTERDAY,
COMMISSIONER GORDON. THE
LAWYER MUST HAVE BEEN
HIM IN DISGUISE.

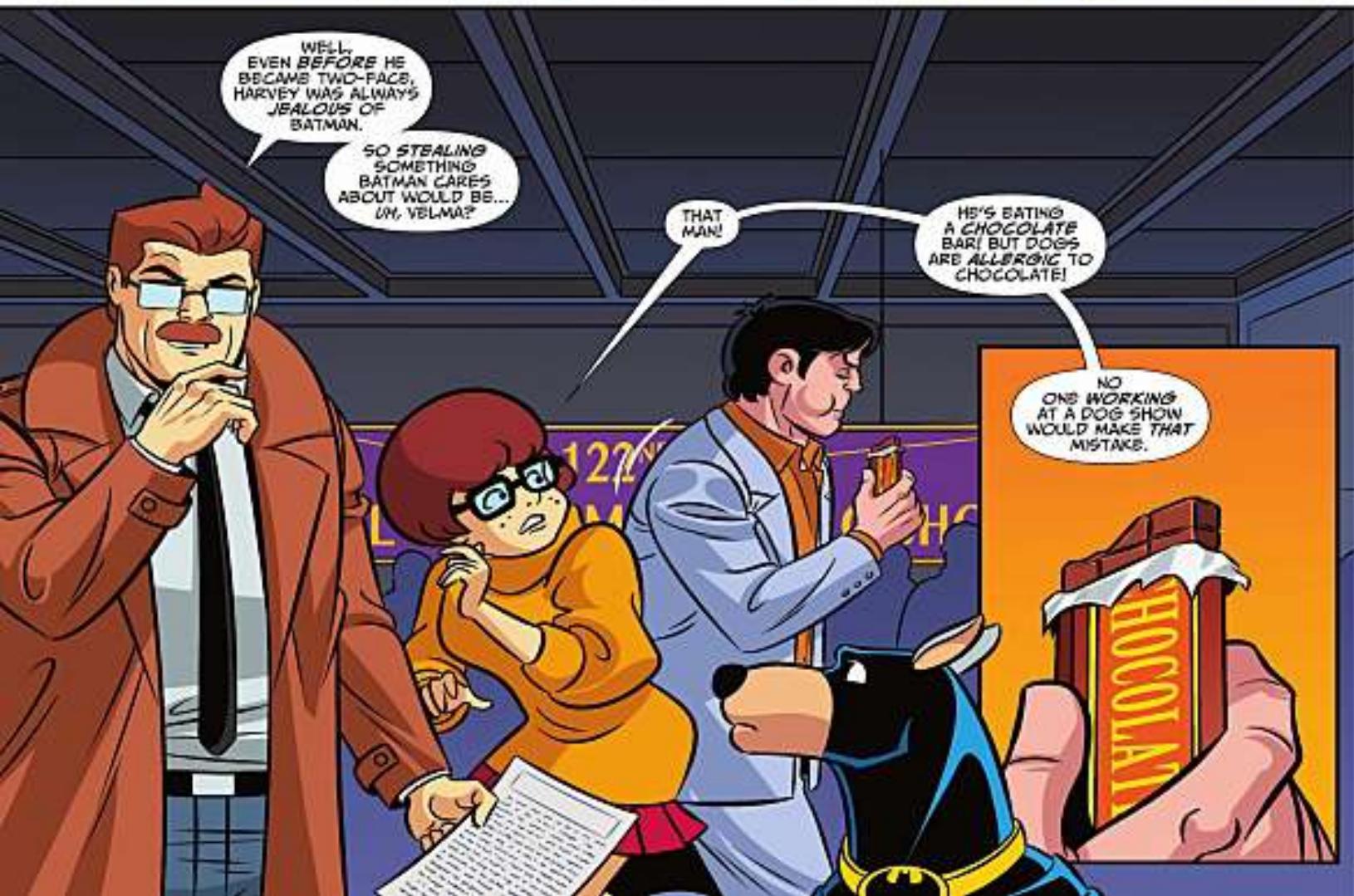
HEY,
LOOK WHO'S HERE!













COMMISSIONER, I BELIEVE WE'VE CAUGHT AGAIN—RAHM SPROUSE. YOUR OFFICERS SHOULD SECURE THE AREA AND—

LICK, NO NEED, BATMAN!

WE CAME OVER WHEN WE HEARD THE RACKET—BESIDES, THE CONCESSION STAND WAS OUT OF PRETZELS—AND NOW...

SHOW

...OFFICER SCOOBY IS ON THE CASE!

NO DISTURBING THE RHIME SCENE!

SHOW

THERE'S NO WAY SPROUSE REVEALING HIMSELF WAS AN ACCIDENT. TWO-FACE WANTED US TO CATCH HIM.

HE WAS JUST A DISTRACTION.

SO TWO-FACE WANTED US OCCUPIED, AND FOR THE POLICE TO HAVE TO LEAVE THE SHOW.

BUT WHAT'S HE PLANNING?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT HE'S RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO MAKE HIS MOVE ON ACE.





"...TWO-FACE."

AND NOW,
HEAD JUDGE
TREVOR LAUGHLIN
WILL ANNOUNCE THE
WINNER OF BEST
IN SHOW!

122ND
ANNUAL GOTHAM CITY DOG SHOW

BUT
FIRST, LET'S
HAVE A GOTHAM
CITY DOG SHOW
WELCOME FOR
OUR HONORARY
JUDGES...

...SCOOBY-DOO
AND GOTHAM CITY'S
OWN ACE THE
BAT-HOUND!

CLAP CLAP **HOORAY! YEAH!**

GOTHAM
CITY'S OWN?

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

WOOF
WOOF

WOOF

NOT

TODAY!

STAND BACK,
BATMAN! YOU AND
THOSE MEDDLING
KIDS GET US SAFE
PASSAGE OUT OF
HERE...

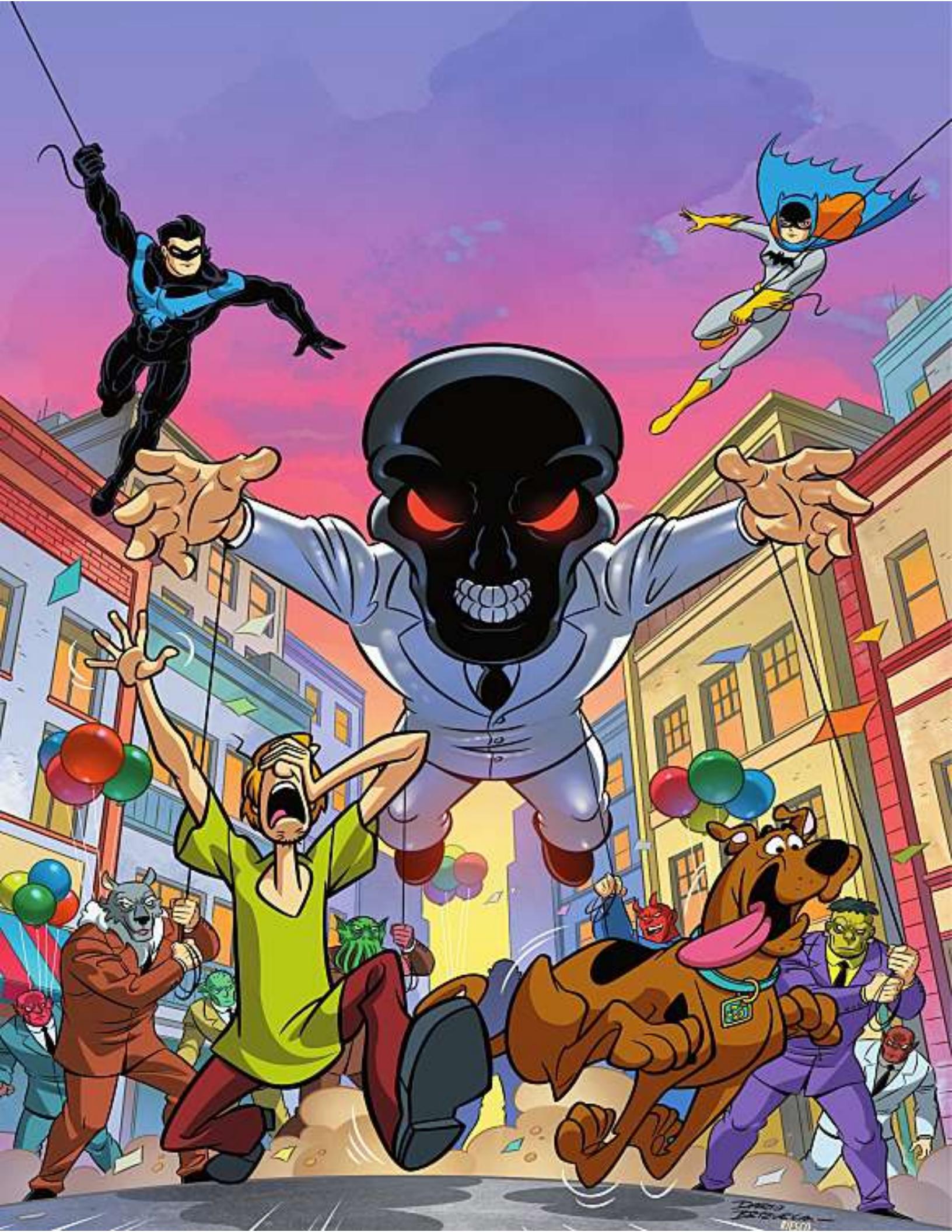
...AND I'LL
MAKE SURE
YOUR DOG
GETS A GOOD
HOME.

BEFORE YOU
LEAVE, THERE'S
ONE THING I
HAVE TO
TELL YOU,
MARVY...

...THAT'S
NOT MY
DOG.

BLAH









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THE END







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LIKE, DOES
EVERYONE HAVE
THEIR OWN
PLANE?

I MEAN,
TALIA HAS THIS
ONE, BATMAN
HAS A COOL
ONE...

RITH FINN!

I KNOW I
DON'T, IT'S
WHY I JUMPED
AT THE CHANCE
FOR A FREE
RIDE.



BUT, UM, AREN'T
PRIVATE PLANES, LIKE,
INCREDIBLY BAD FOR
THE ENVIRONMENT? AND
ISN'T YOUR DAD--

TALIA'S FATHER
SINCERELY WANTS
HUMANITY AND NATURE TO
LIVE MORE IN BALANCE,
SHAGGY.

BUT HE'D
NEVER FLY
COACH.

SAHEMI
AS I WAS
SAYING...



...RECENTLY A MYSTERIOUS OUTSIDER HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIND ONE OF MY FATHER'S HIDDEN LAZARUS PITTS.

THE SOURCE OF RA'S CENTURIES-LONG VITALITY.

ONCE MY FATHER REALIZED WHAT WAS HAPPENING, HE AND HIS AGENTS--THE LEAGUE OF SHADOWS--BEGAN CLOSING UP THE PITTS. BUT THEN...

...BANE ABDUCTED HIM FROM ONE OF THE SITES!

BANE WAS ONCE A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE AND HAS MANY FRIENDS AMONG ITS RANKS.

I FEAR THEY WILL HELP HIM TAKE OVER MY FATHER'S ORGANIZATION IF WE DON'T FIND HIM QUICKLY.

EVEN SOMEONE AS SMART AS BANE IS NO MATCH FOR YOUR FATHER, TALIA. BUT WE'LL CATCH THEM.

I KNOW VENICE WELL. AND YOU DON'T CALL YOURSELF HUNTRESS WITHOUT BEING GOOD AT FINDING YOUR TARGET.

DID YOU PACK REGULAR CLOTHES? WON'T BOTH OF YOU KIND OF STICK OUT LIKE A COUPLE OF SORE BAT-THUMBS?



NO NEED TO WORRY, SHAGGY. IF ANYTHING...

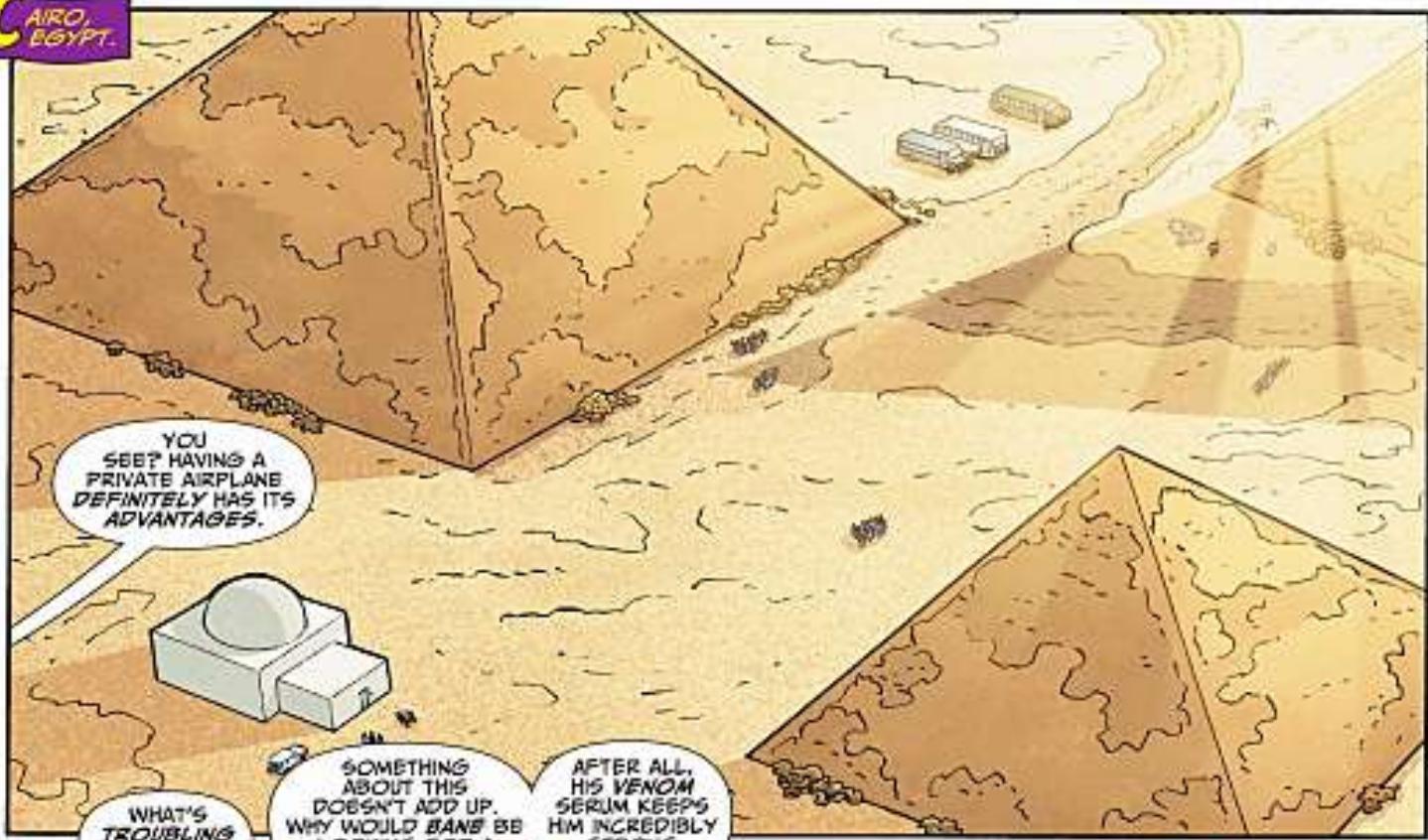








C
CAIRO,
EGYPT.











...TALIA AND
I HAVE FOUND
ANOTHER WAY
DOWN TO
THE PIT.



HOP ON!

THE
LAZARUS PIT HAS
ALREADY BEEN
ILLED IN!

AND THERE'S
NO SIGN OF THIS
MUMMY OR TALIA'S
FATHER!



...ONE
OF THIS BASE'S
WALKIE-TALKIES
IS MISSING!

AND
I THINK I
KNOW WHO'S
GOT IT!

BANE!
OVER
THERE!







"...WE'LL JUST BE A
SHORT PLANE RIDE
AWAY FROM RESCUING
YOUR FATHER."

THE "LOST" CITY OF ATEN.
LUXOR, EGYPT.

THIS
PLACE IS
INCREDIBLE!

IT SURE IS, DAPHNE!
ARCHAEOLOGISTS ONLY
DISCOVERED IT IN THE LAST
YEAR OR SO!

RHEE
RHOUSAND?

YIKES!
I SURE HOPE
THAT MUMMY
DOESN'T THINK THIS
REMINDS HIM OF
HO--

SHH!!









YOU WERE RIGHT, BATMAN! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE MASTERMIND BEHIND "THE CASE OF THE GHOSTLY GHOST PEPPERS" WOULD TURN OUT TO BE YOUR OLD FOE CONDIMINT KING?



ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED! IT'S ADDING UP TO QUITE A FEW CASES WE'VE SOLVED WITH THE TWO OF YOU.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, VELMA. I NEVER EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD BECOME SUCH A REGULAR THING WHEN WE TEAMED UP FOR THE FIRST TIME--

--BACK WHEN THE JOKER AND THE PENGUIN DRESSED UP AS SKELETONS TO HIDE THEIR COUNTERFEITING RING.



SORRY TO CORRECT YOU, ROBIN, BUT THE FIRST TIME WE TEAMED UP WAS WHEN WE STOPPED THE JOKER AND THE PENGUIN FROM STEALING BULLDOG BENSON'S TREASURE.

LIKE, I THOUGHT THE FIRST TIME WAS WHEN THE JOKER DRESSED UP AS MAN-BAT!

MAN, THE JOKER SURB LIKES TO DRESS UP A LOT.

TECHNICALLY, I SUPPOSE THE FIRST TEAM-UP WAS WHEN SHAGGY, VELMA, AND SCOOBY TRAVELED BACK THROUGH TIME TO BATMAN'S FIRST CASE.*

*SEE THE BATMAN & SCOOBY-DOO MYSTERIES #1.



RUH? WHICH RAS REALLY RIRST?

ACTUALLY, SCOOBY, THEY'RE ALL MISTAKEN.



ALL OF THOSE CASES HAPPENED AFTER I GOT THE IDEA TO BECOME BATMAN.

A BAT! THAT'S IT! IT'S AN OMEN! I SHALL BECOME A BAT!



"BUT LONG BEFORE THAT, I SPENT YEARS STUDYING THE SKILLS I'D NEED TO FIGHT CRIME. ONE OF MY TEACHERS WAS THE MASTER DETECTIVE HARVEY HARRIS."

I'M SORRY, YOUNG MAN. I CAN SEE THAT YOU'RE SINCERE, BUT I CAN'T TAKE YOU ON AS A STUDENT.

PLEASE, MR. HARRIS! I'VE BEEN TRAVELING THE WORLD, SEARCHING FOR THE VERY BEST TEACHERS. YOU'RE THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE!

THAT'S VERY FLATTERING, BUT I'M AFRAID I DON'T HAVE ANY OPENINGS RIGHT NOW...

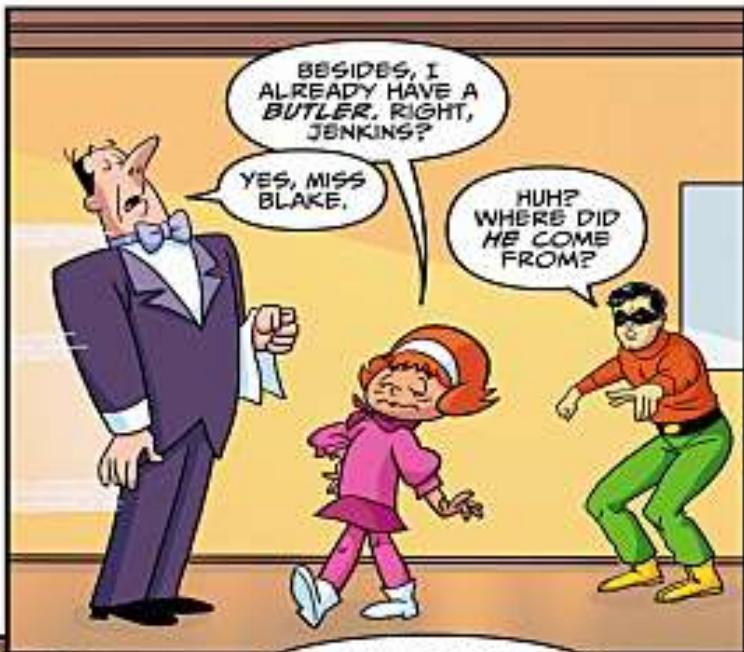
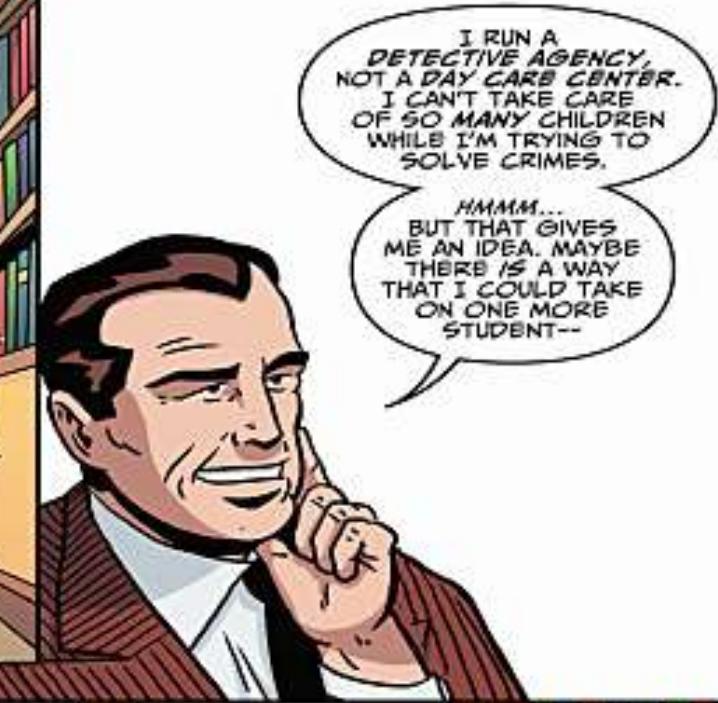


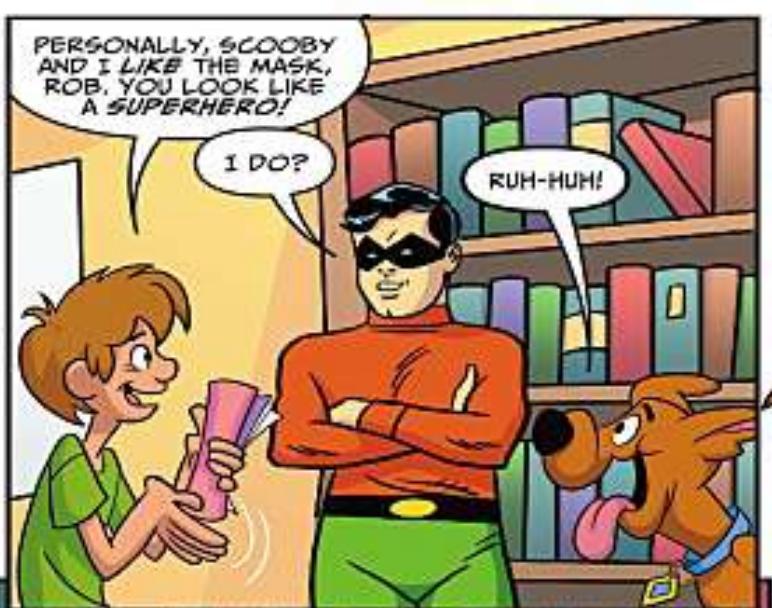
...BECAUSE I ALREADY HAVE STUDENTS.

THOSE MEDDLING KIDS

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"—AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME."

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! THE THIEF JUST SMASHED INTO THE MUSEUM, STOLE OUR MOST VALUABLE PAINTING, AND WENT OUT THE SAME WAY!

CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE THIEF? WAS THERE ANYTHING DISTINCTIVE ABOUT HIS APPEARANCE?



I'LL SAY THERE WAS! YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT, BUT IT WAS SOME KIND OF MONSTER MAN! HE MUST HAVE BEEN FIFTEEN FEET TALL!



R-R-RONSTER?!

LIKE, DITTO!



IMPOSSIBLE!

IT MUST BE THE WORK OF THAT ARCHFOE RED HERRING!



UH, FRED, RED HERRING IS OUR AGE.

HE ISN'T FIFTEEN FEET TALL, OR A MONSTER.



THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO DIABOLICALLY CLEVER!

GOOD DETECTIVES SHOULDN'T CONSIDER ANYTHING IMPOSSIBLE--

--AND THEY SHOULDN'T DECIDE WHO DID IT BEFORE LOOKING FOR ANY CLUES.

INTERESTING IDEA, MAYBE I'LL TRY THAT.









--AND
REMEMBER
WHO BOUGHT
IT, TOO!"

YES, OF COURSE
WE REMEMBER THAT SUIT.
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY
THAT SOMEONE ASKS FOR A
SIZE 72 EXTRA-EXTRA-
EXTRA-LONG.

GREAT! THEN YOU CAN TELL
US THE ADDRESS WHERE YOU
DELIVERED THE SUIT WHEN
IT WAS FINISHED.

NOT A
CHANCE!

WE HAVE TO
PROTECT OUR
CUSTOMERS'
PRIVACY.

I UNDERSTAND,
BUT THIS IS A CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATION...

WHAT A
COOL SHOP!
THE GAMBIS
DON'T JUST MAKE
REGULAR CLOTHES.
THEY MAKE
COSTUMES,
TOO!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK OF
THIS ONE?

AAAAAGGHH!

RONSTER
RHEAD! RONSTER
RHEAD!

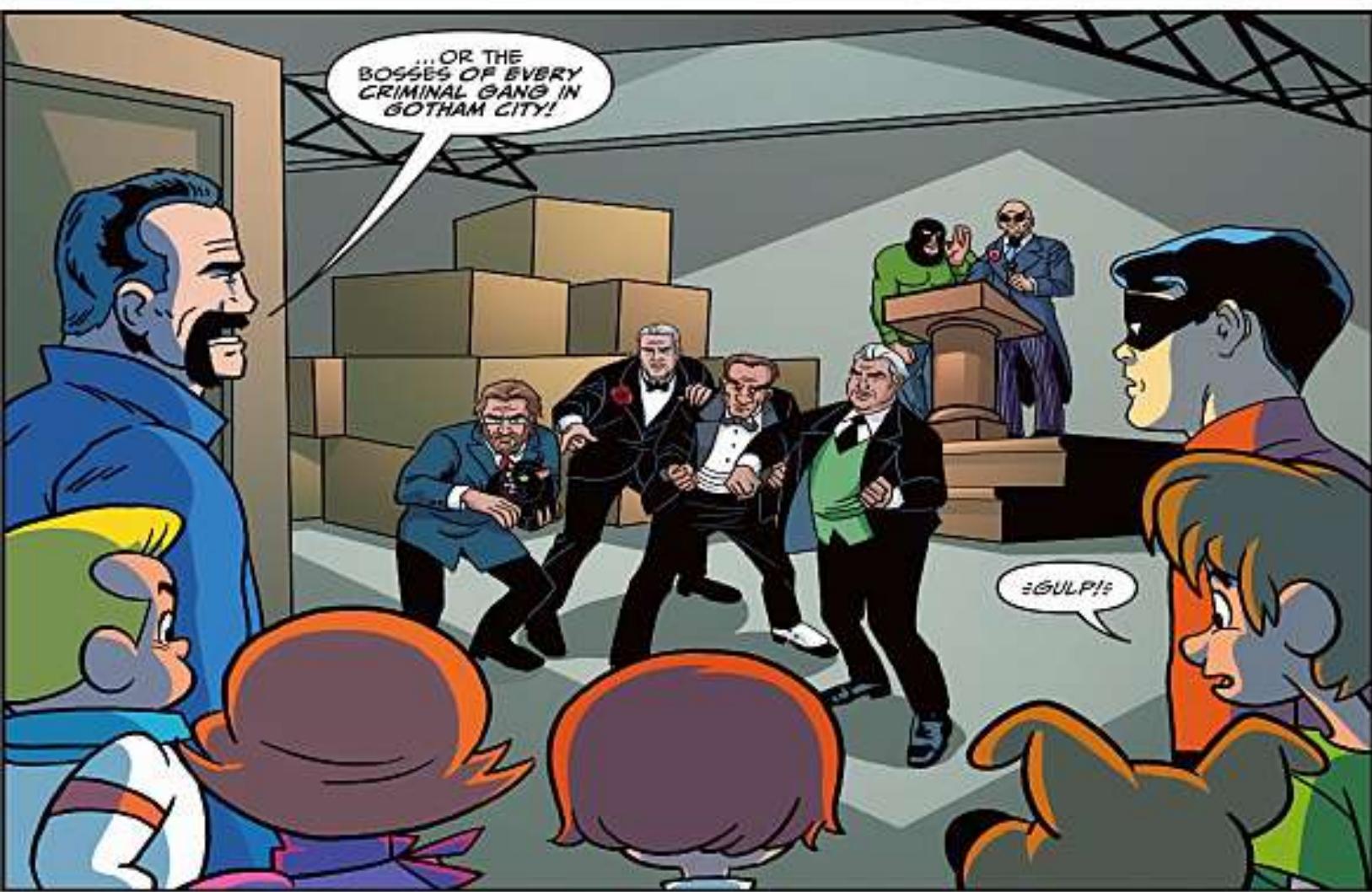
WHAAA?
SMASH!

CRASH!

BANG!

IF WE GIVE
YOU THE ADDRESS,
WILL YOU TAKE
THOSE TWO OUT
OF HERE?

ZING!
MAYBE PAUL'S
RIGHT ABOUT MOVING
THE SHOP TO CENTRAL
CITY, WHERE IT'S
QUIET...





GENTLEMEN! PLEASE
TAKE YOUR SEATS, SO THAT
WE CAN GET BACK TO
BUSINESS.

RAP
RAP

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR NEW FRIENDS, MY NAME IS
PROFESSOR HUGO STRANGE. WHEN YOU ARRIVED,
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO AUCTION OFF THE RIGHTS TO MY
SECRET FORMULA THAT TURNS ORDINARY HUMAN
BEINGS INTO GIANT, SUPER-STRONG
MONSTER MEN!

THE BIDDING
WILL START AT ONE
MILLION DOLLARS! DO
I HEAR TWO?

NOT SO FAST,
STRANGE! HOW DO WE
KNOW THIS FORMULA OF
YOURS WORKS?

A FINE QUESTION. EARLIER TODAY,
MY MONSTER MAN BROKE INTO THE
WYLIE ART MUSEUM IN BROAD DAYLIGHT,
AND STOLE THEIR MOST VALUABLE
PAINTING AS PROOF OF
WHAT HE CAN DO.

BUT SINCE
MONSIEUR DUCARD AND
HIS YOUNG PROTÉGÉS HAVE
JOINED US, YOU CAN WITNESS
MY MONSTER MAN'S ABILITIES
FOR YOURSELVES--

--WHEN HE
SMASHES THESE
INTRUDERS!

MR. DUCARD

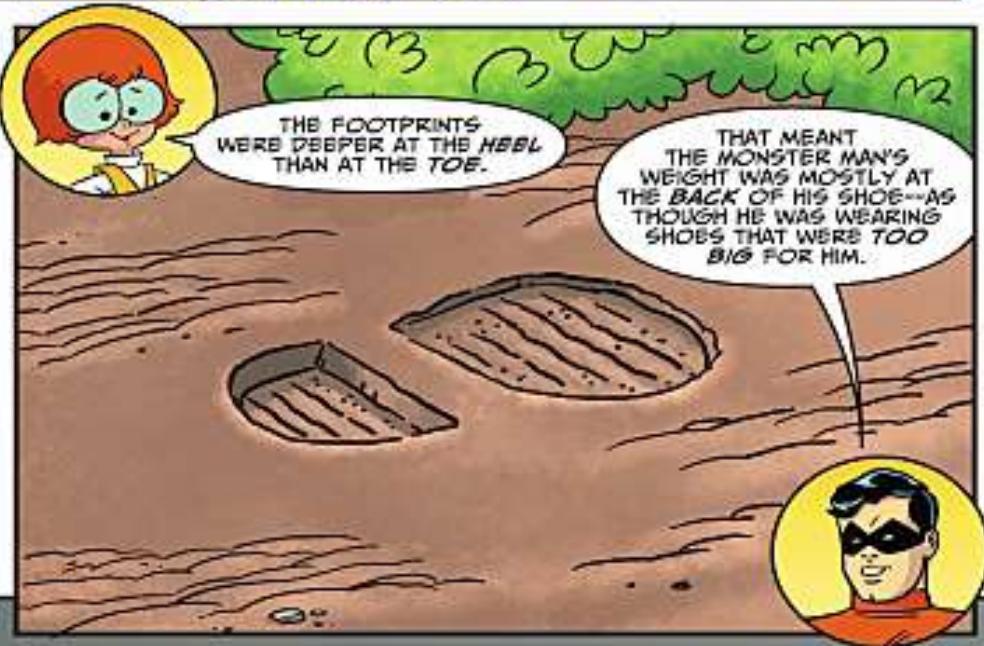
MONSTER MAN













JINKIES! SO THAT MASKED KID "ROB" WAS YOU ALL ALONG? YOU SEEMED SO DIFFERENT.

PROBABLY. I COULD BE A LITTLE INTENSE BACK THEN.

"BACK THEN"?

I LEARNED A LOT FROM THAT EXPERIENCE. HARVEY HARRIS TAUGHT ME DETECTIVE SKILLS. JENKINS TAUGHT ME HOW TO COME AND GO WITHOUT BEING SEEN.

AND TRUTHFULLY, I ALSO LEARNED SOMETHING FROM YOU KIDS.

YOUR COMIC BOOK GAVE ME THE IDEA TO FIGHT CRIME AS A COSTUMED CRUSADER--LIKE COMMANDER COOL.

RAND RELLOW RUTT!

WELL, WE LEARNED FROM YOU TOO, "ROB." YOU CONVINCED ME TO STOP PUTTING JENKINS IN DANGER. NOW, I PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE INSTEAD, EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE RISKY.

YUP, THAT'S OUR "DANGER-PRONE DAPHNE"!

THAT REMINDS ME: HOW IS JENKINS, ANYWAY?

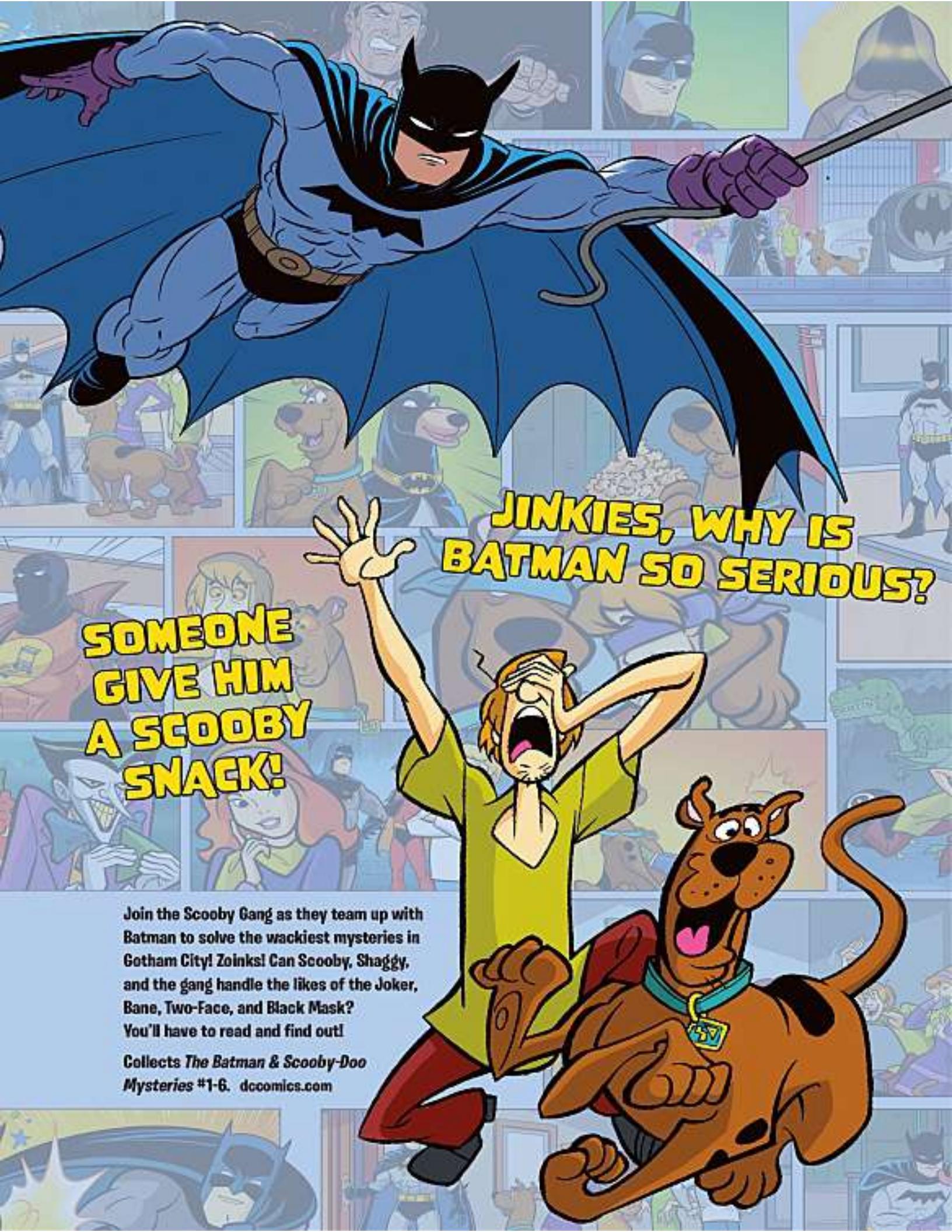
OH, FINE, HE WENT BACK TO WORKING FOR MY PARENTS...

—AND THROWING HIMSELF INTO DANGER FOR THEM INSTEAD.

I GUESS WE ALL GOT SOMETHING OUT OF THAT FIRST TEAM-UP.

TOO BAD WE DIDN'T STAY TOGETHER AS A TEAM. THINGS COULD HAVE TURNED OUT VERY DIFFERENTLY.





**SOMEONE
GIVE HIM
A SCOOBY
SNACK!**

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"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

