

BAT MAN

THE BATMAN...WEIRD MENACE TO ALL CRIME--AT LAST MEETS AN OPPONENT WORTHY OF HIS METTLE. A STRANGE CREATURE, COWLED LIKE A MONK, BUT POSSESSING THE POWERS OF A SATAN! A MAN WHOSE POWERS ARE UNCANNY, WHOSE BRAIN IS THE PRODUCT OF YEARS OF INTENSE STUDY AND SECLUSION!

STORY:
GARDNER FOX

BY
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FROM DETECTIVE # 31 (SEPT., 1939)

THROUGH THE DARK OF A NEW YORK NIGHT...



HE SIGHTS HIS QUARRY!



SOON NOW, AND I SHALL KNOW.



DISTANCE KNOWS NO BOUNDS BY WHICH TO HOLD THE EERIE FIGURE...



I HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU BY THE MASTER MONK!

I... HELP.. HELP!!



AS IF IN ANSWER TO THE DOOMED MAN...



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YET, AS DOCTOR TRENT TALKS, BRUCE WAYNE NOTICES HIS STARRING EYES AND WONDERS...

YES, YES... AN OCEAN VOYAGE TO PARIS... AND PERHAPS, LATER, TO HUNGARY... THE LAND OF HISTORY AND WERE WOLVES.

ONE TICKET TO PARIS, PLEASE. PORT CABIN.

LUNAR LINES

I DON'T LIKE THE CRACK THE DOCTOR MADE ABOUT WERE WOLVES, JULIE. AND HE SEEMED HYPNOTIZED HIMSELF, WHEN HE GAVE YOU THAT ADVICE. BUT MAYBE I'M IMAGINING THINGS.

OF COURSE YOU ARE! I'VE WORRIED YOU. BUT I'LL BE GOOD, I PROMISE.

BUT BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

JULIE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW HER BATMAN IS HER FUTURE HUSBAND.

AND IN A SECRET HANGAR KNOWN ONLY TO HIMSELF...

TWO NEW WEAPONS. MY BATGYRO, IN WHICH TO FOLLOW JULIE, AND...

THE FLYING BATERANG. MODELED AFTER THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHMAN'S BOOMERANG!

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THE SEARCH BEGINS...



THE TRAIL LEADS EVERYWHERE.



HELP!
THE DEVIL
HIMSELF.



THE WEIRD FIGURE IS SEEN ALL OVER
PARIS, UNTIL, ONE NIGHT —

JULIE...
AT LAST!



BUT A WARM RECEPTION HAS BEEN
PREPARED FOR HIM!



THE BATMAN NIMBLY
DODGES THE HUGE APE,
ONLY TO FLY THROUGH
A SLIDING DOOR...



...AND TUMBLES DOWN, DOWN,
DOWN, INTO A GIGANTIC NET.



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CAUGHT LIKE A RAT IN A TRAP, AS THE NET CLOSES ABOUT HIM...



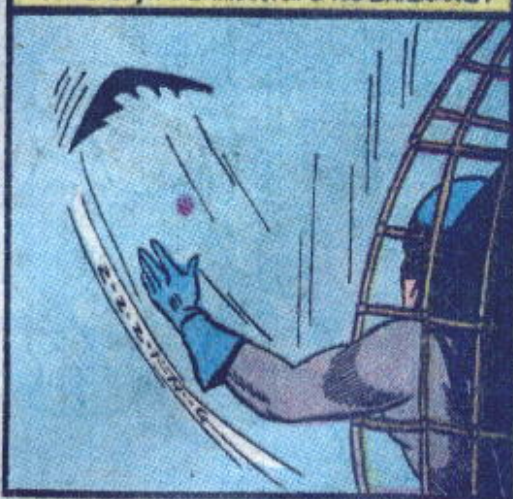
THE BATMAN ONCE AGAIN FACES THE DIABOLICAL MASTER MONK!



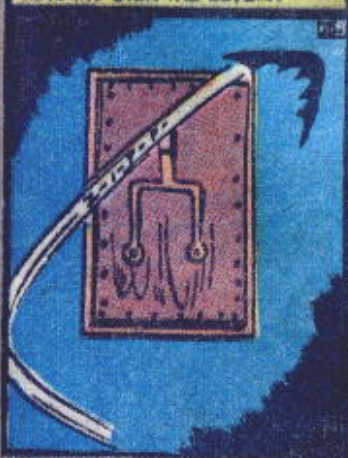
THE NET BEGINS TO DROP SLOWLY INTO THE DEN OF SNAKES.



IN A FLASH, THE BATMAN FLIPS HIS BATERANG.



THE NET STOPS IN ITS DOWNWARD FLIGHT AS THE BATERANG KNOCKS OVER THE LEVER.



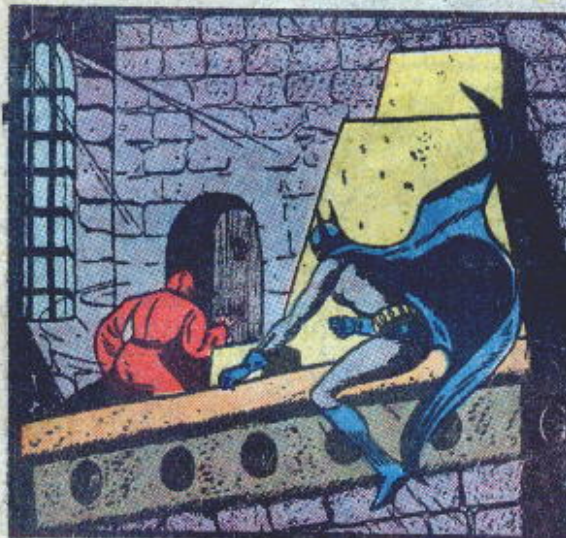
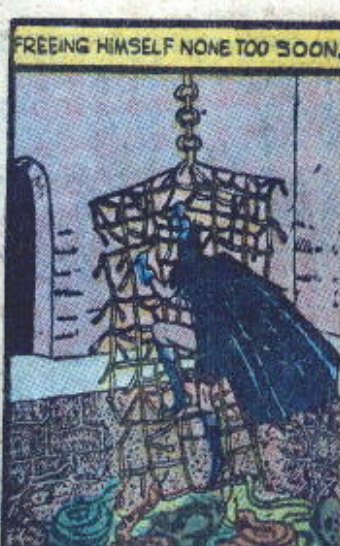
CONTINUING ON ITS UPWARD SWEEP, IT CRASHES INTO A GLASS CHANDELIER.



THE BATMAN GRASPS THE BATERANG AND THE BROKEN GLASS!



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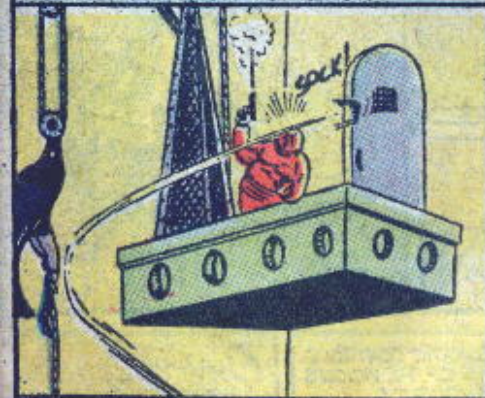
THE BATMAN MAKES A DESPERATE LEAP FOR THE ROPE THAT LOWERED THE GORILLA...



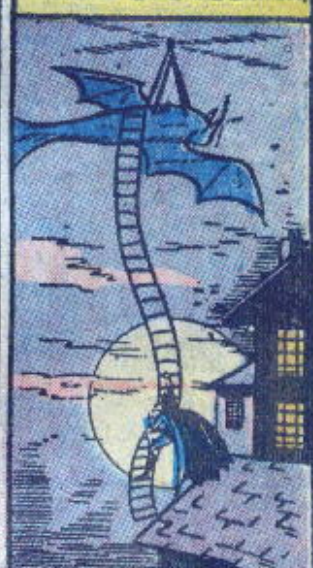
... AS HE CLIMBS HAND OVER HAND UP THE ROPE - HE SIGHTS THE GUARD ABOUT TO DRAW A GUN...



THE BATERANG HITS ITS MARK!



THE IDLING BAT-PLANE HOVERS ABOVE THE BATMAN!



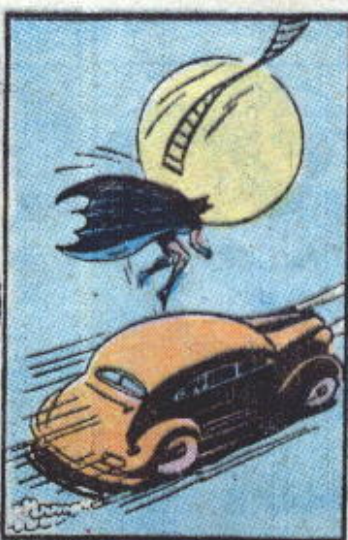
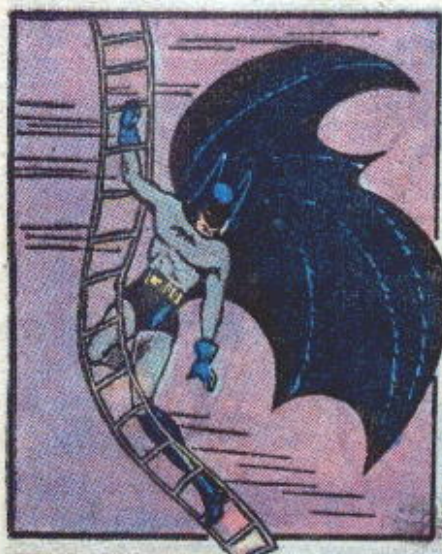
AS A POWERFUL CAR RACES TOWARDS HUNGARY, THE SHADOW OF THE BAT FOLLOWS IT!



THE BATMAN PREPARES TO BOARD THE CAR FROM THE AIR!



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A GLASS PELLET FILLED WITH GAS IS THROWN INTO THE CAR...



THE CAR SWERVES INTO A TREE...

THE MONK KNEW BETTER THAN TO COME - BUT I CAN SAVE JULIE!



THE BATMAN MAKES A VALIANT LEAP FOR THE LADDER OF HIS BAT-PLANE!



WITH JULIE SAFE, THE BATMAN PLANS ON VENGEANCE...

POOR KID!



... AND SETS HIS AUTOMATIC CONTROLS FOR HUNGARY - HOME OF THE VICIOUS MONK AND HIS WEREWOLVES!

Continues THE THRILLING ADVENTURES OF THE BATMAN AND HIS COMBAT AGAINST THE MYSTERIOUS MONK! WHAT PLANS HAS THE MONK IN MIND? WHY DOES HE WANT JULIE?

SEE THE NEXT EPISODE OF THE

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FOLLOWING!

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LIKE AN ANIMAL OF PREY... THE BATMAN WATCHES HIS QUARRY.

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-FOLLOWING HIS FIANCEE, THE BATMAN, IN REALITY BRUCE WAYNE, HAS TRAILED A SINISTER FIGURE, COINED LIKE A MONK, INTO HUNGARY ...

FROM DETECTIVE #32 (OCT., 1939)



ON THE END OF A SILKEN CORD, THE BATMAN RACES OVERHEAD...



...AND DROPS LIKE A HUGE BAT -



ONTO A SPEEDING CARRIAGE.



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HE WHIPS OUT A GLASS PELLET OF CHOKING GAS AND...



THE FUMES OVERCOME THE OCCUPANT OF THE CAB!



INSTEAD OF HIS QUARRY, THE MONK, THE BATMAN FINDS ...



THE SERIE FIGURE RETURNS TO HIS BATPLANE.



I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS, BUT I HAVE A FEELING I'LL SOON FIND OUT.

STRANGE FOR ANYONE TO BE TRAVELING ALONE WAY OUT HERE...AND YET THE MONK... I WONDER?



THE BATMAN ARRIVES AT HIS HOTEL, EMBEDDED DEEP IN THE CARLATHAN MOUNTAINS IN HUNGARY ...

AH, SHE'S COMING TO! I HOPE JULIE IS SAFE.



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WHO...
WHO ARE
YOU?

MY NAME IS DALA.
I SEEM TO HAVE
BEEN KIDNAPPED
BY YOUR
FRIEND HERE.



THAT NIGHT, THE BATMAN
SAFEGUARDS HIS FIANCEE
AND THE STRANGER.



DURING THE NIGHT, THE BATMAN
HEARS SOBBING MOANS!



THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR COMES
THE WOMAN, DALA !!



THE BATMAN IS STARTLED TO NOTE
BLOOD ON
THE WOMAN'S LIPS...



AND FEARS FOR JULIE'S SAFETY.



SUDDENLY, DALA SNAPS OUT OF HER
TRANCE, GRABS A STATUETTE AND...



THE BATMAN IS STUNNED
MOMENTARILY, ALLOWING THE
STRANGE WOMAN TO ESCAPE.



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THE BATMAN RETURNS TO JULIE, WHOSE THROAT SHOWS TWO RED SPOTS... MARKS OF THE VAMPIRE!



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. NEVER SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED HER.



SHE WON'T GET FAR.



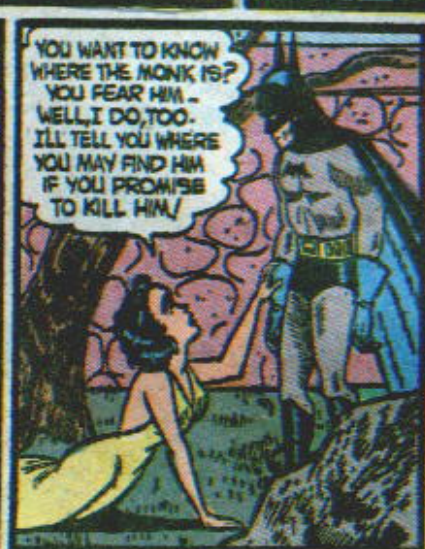
LIKE A PLUMMET, THE BATMAN OVERTAKES HIS PREY.



YOU SHALL TALK NOW, DALA, YOU WITCH! I THOUGHT YOU AN ACCOMPLICE OF YOUR EVIL MASTER WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE MONK. SO YOU ARE VAMPIRES!!



YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE THE MONK IS? YOU FEAR HIM... WELL, I DO, TOO. I'LL TELL YOU WHERE YOU MAY FIND HIM IF YOU PROMISE TO KILL HIM!



I'LL BE JUDGE OF THAT! WHERE DOES THE MONK HIDE?



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IN THE LOST MOUNTAINS OF CATHALA BY THE TURBULENT RIVER DESS, I SHALL GUIDE YOU.



THIS MONEY WILL SAFE GUARD YOU, I AM GOING, YOU MUST FIGHT AGAINST THE POWER THAT CALLS YOU TO THIS MONK!



OH... I WILL FIGHT. I WILL... BUT I AM SO AFRAID WITHOUT YOU!!



AND SO THE BATMAN AND DALA DEPART ON THEIR WEIRD MISSION...



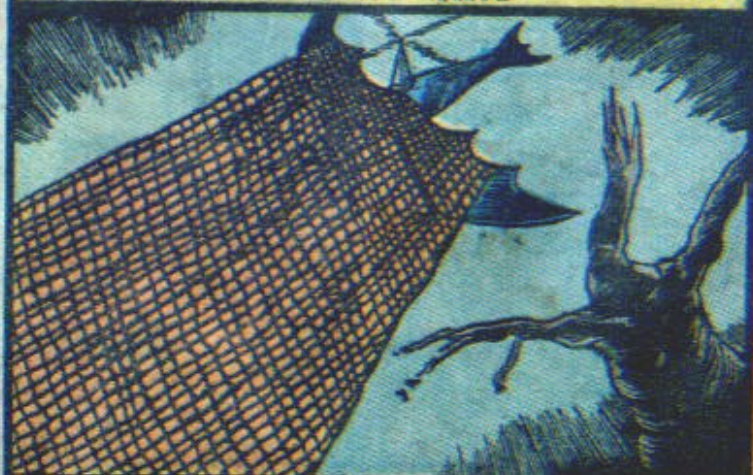
TOWARD THE STRONGHOLD OF THE 'MONK' WINGS THE EERIE BATPLANE...



SUDDENLY, THE BATMAN SEES...



A GREAT SILVER NET THAT SEEMS TO OPERATE BY MAGIC, WHICH DRAGS THE BATPLANE EARTHWARD



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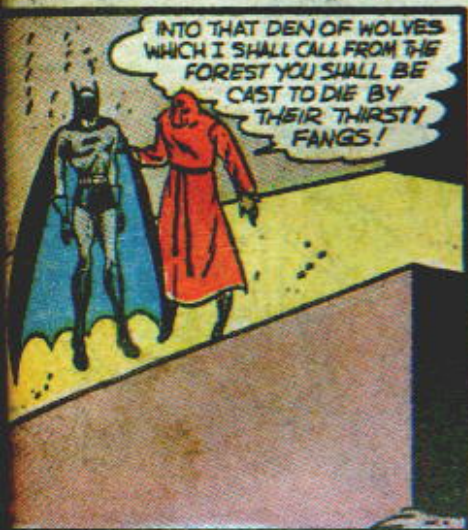
THE HELPLESS BATMAN SEES HIS FIANCEE DRAWN INTO THE MONK'S TRAP!

SOON YOUR JULIE WILL BE AS WE ARE - WEREWOLVES TO RAVISH ON ALL LIVING MEN - AND YOU SHALL BE DEAD - HELPLESS TO AVENGE HER!



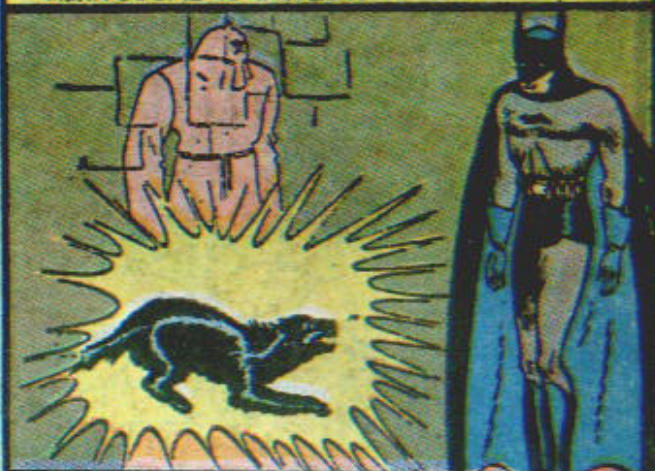
THE BATMAN IS FORCED TO SUFFER IN SILENCE.

YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO HIM - HIS EYES ARE SUFFERING, BUT HE CANNOT MOVE! OH - YOU FIEND!



INTO THAT DEN OF WOLVES WHICH I SHALL CALL FROM THE FOREST YOU SHALL BE CAST TO DIE BY THEIR THIRSTY FANGS!

BEFORE THE BATMAN'S HORRIFIED EYES, THE MONK BEGINS TO CHANGE...



THE MONK, AS A WOLF, HOWLS THE GATHERING CALL TO THE MOUNTAIN WOLVES...



...AND FROM THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS, THE WOLVES GATHER.



YOU SHALL BE THROWN INTO THE ARENA BELOW, TO DIE AT THEIR RENDING FANGS... AS YOU ARE SCREAMING IN DEATH - REMEMBER THAT JULIE WILL BE A WEREWOLF HERSELF IN TIME! TO RUN WITH THE PACK ON MOONLIGHT NIGHTS!

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AS HE IS PUSHED FORWARD, THE BATMAN'S SENSES SUDDENLY RETURN TO THEIR FULL POWER.



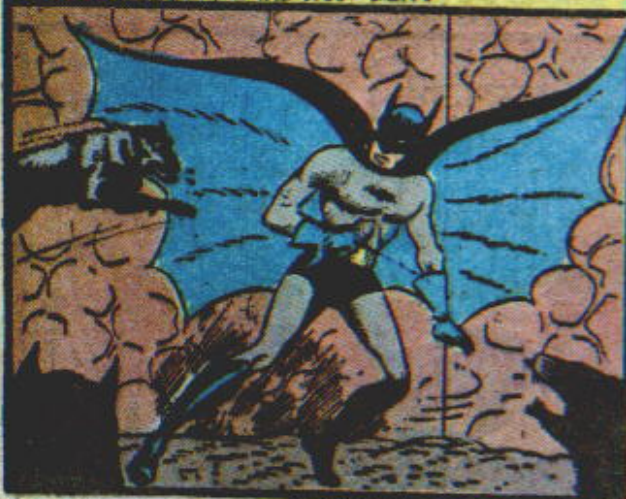
HE TWISTS IN MID-AIR AND TRIES A DESPERATE THROW WITH HIS SILKEN ROPE.



— HIS CAST FAILS!



—AND HE FALLS INTO THE WOLF DEN.



THE BATMAN SWIFTLY EXTRACTS A GLASS PELLET FROM HIS BELT !!



THE GAS IN THE EXPLODING PELLET OVERCOMES THE WOLVES...



I CAN HOLD THE WOLVES OFF ONLY AS LONG AS MY GAS PELLETS LAST. THEN IT'S OVER!



THE LIGHT BUT STRONG ROPE FAILS TO CARRY TO THE PIT'S EDGE.



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TOWARD DAWN, THE WOLVES AWAKE...



FLASHING FANGS AGAIN MENACE THE BATMAN!



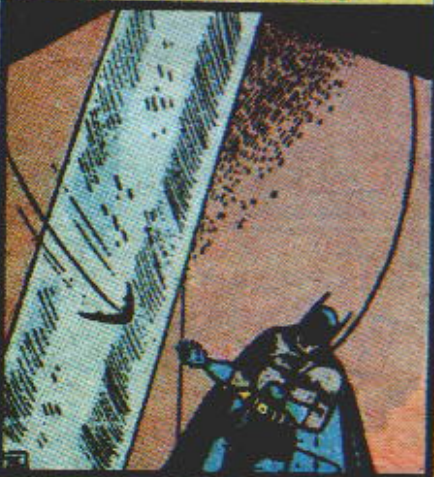
THE BATMAN'S FINGERS FIND HIS HIDDEN BATERANG!!



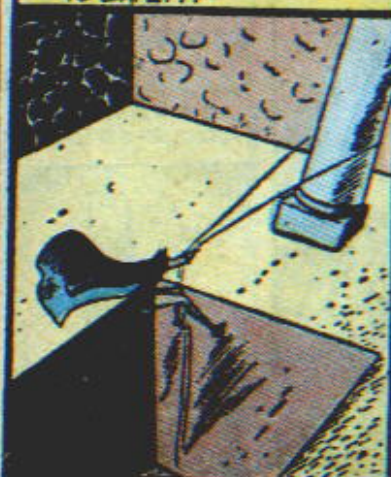
ONE STRONG CAST WILL WIN ME FREEDOM.



THE BATERANG SLIPS PAST A STONE POST AND THE ROPE HOLDS.



THE BATMAN CLIMBS TO SAFETY!



AND THEN SEEKS HIS VENGEANCE...



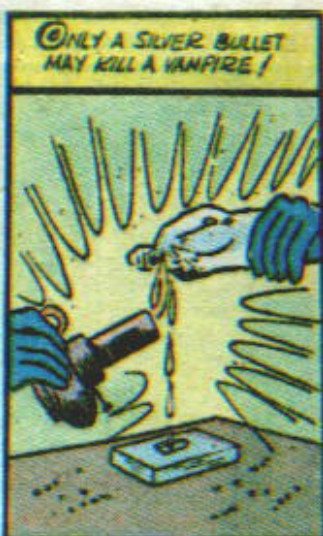
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SAFE SO FAR—
NOW FOR THE
OTHERS!



A SILVER STATUE! WHILE
THE VAMPIRES SLEEP DURING THE
DAYTIME, I SHALL MELT THIS STATUE
AND MAKE TWO SILVER BULLETS—
ONE FOR DALA AND ONE FOR
THE MONK!



ONLY A SILVER BULLET
MAY KILL A VAMPIRE!



NOW TO FIND THE OPEN TOMB IN
WHICH THESE VAMPIRES SLEEP
AND BRING THEM DEATH THAT WILL
RELEASE JULIE!



THE BATMAN PAUSES BEFORE THE
OPEN TOMBS OF THE VAMPIRES—

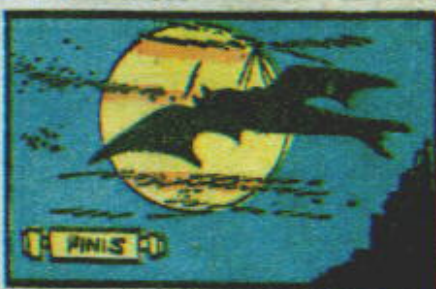


NEVER AGAIN WILL
YOU HARM ANY MORTAL
BEING!



THE SPELL IS BROKEN...
AND LIFE RETURNS, ONCE
AGAIN, TO JULIE!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU
ARE, BUT YOU SAVED MY
LIFE AND I SHALL BE
FOREVER GRATEFUL!



FINIS

A NEW
INTRIGUING
BATMAN
STORY
EVERY MONTH
IN
DETECTIVE COMICS