

BATMAN

WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

CALLING ALL MYSTERY FANS!

WE DEFY YOU TO SOLVE
THESE THREE SINISTER
RIDDLES!

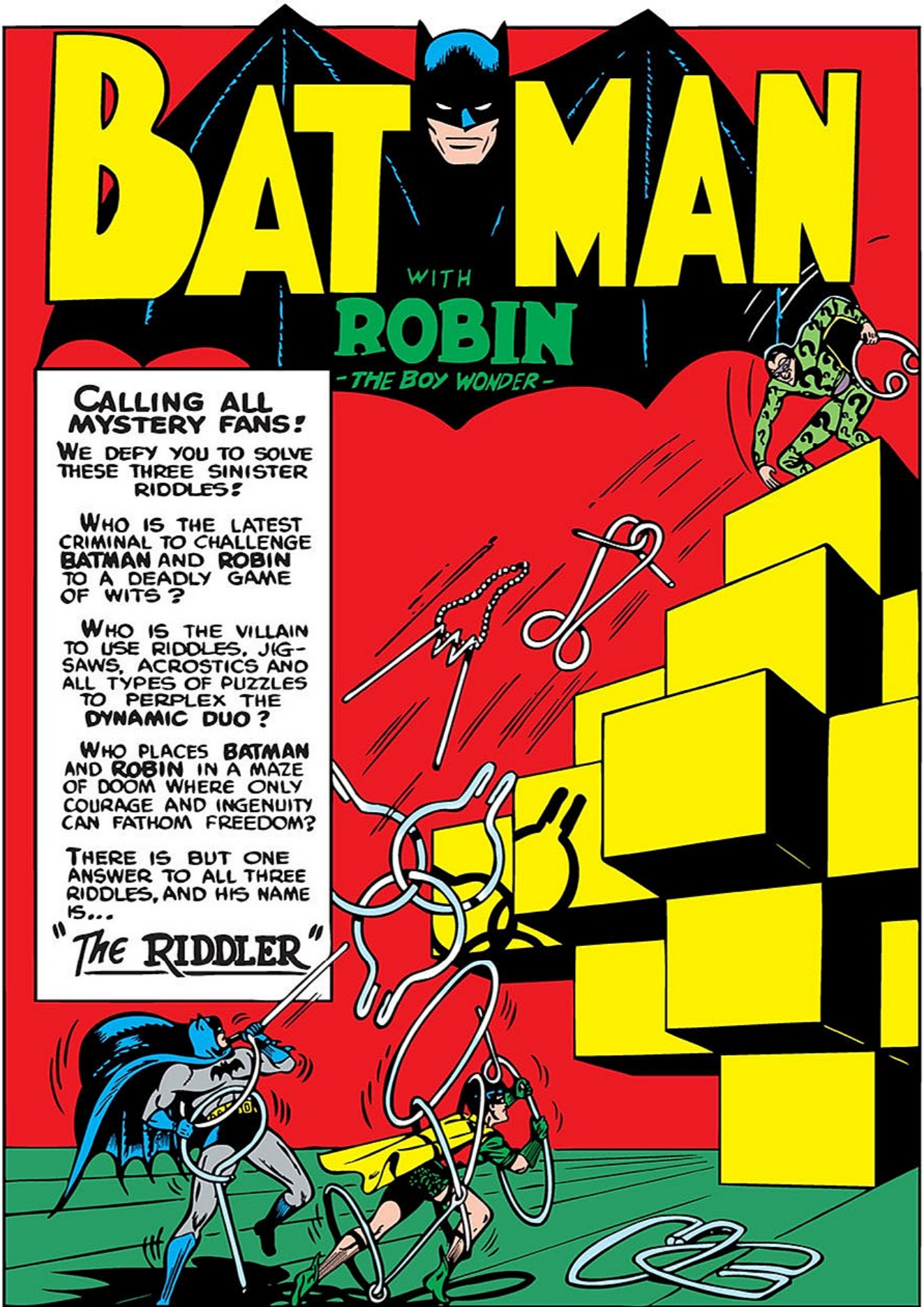
WHO IS THE LATEST
CRIMINAL TO CHALLENGE
BATMAN AND ROBIN
TO A DEADLY GAME
OF WITS?

WHO IS THE VILLAIN
TO USE RIDDLES, JIG-
SAWS, ACROSTICS AND
ALL TYPES OF PUZZLES
TO PERPLEX THE
DYNAMIC DUO?

WHO PLACES **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN** IN A MAZE
OF DOOM WHERE ONLY
COURAGE AND INGENUITY
CAN FATHOM FREEDOM?

THERE IS BUT ONE
ANSWER TO ALL THREE
RIDDLES, AND HIS NAME
IS...

"The Riddler"



THE CAREER OF THE RIDDLER BEGAN YEARS AGO, WITH A SCHOOL HISTORY CONTEST!

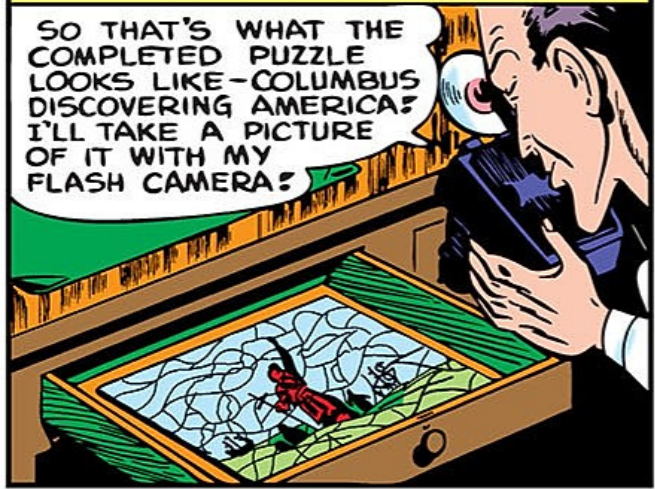
TOMORROW, EACH OF YOU WILL RECEIVE A DISASSEMBLED JIGSAW PUZZLE. THE FIRST TO PUT IT TOGETHER WINS A PRIZE!

I OUGHT TO WIN SURE! AFTER ALL, MY NAME'S EDWARD NIGMA - E. NIGMA!



BUT AFTER SCHOOL HOURS, THE BOY SECRETLY JIMMIED OPEN HIS TEACHER'S DESK...

SO THAT'S WHAT THE COMPLETED PUZZLE LOOKS LIKE - COLUMBUS DISCOVERING AMERICA! I'LL TAKE A PICTURE OF IT WITH MY FLASH CAMERA!



AND NEXT DAY...

EDWARD NIGMA WAS THE FIRST TO SOLVE THE JIGSAW! HE WINS THE PRIZE!

PUZZLES ARE OKAY! I'M GOING TO LEARN HOW TO SOLVE ALL KINDS!



E. NIGMA SOON BECAME KNOWN AS A PUZZLE EXPERT AMONG HIS FRIENDS - WHO DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE CHEATED.

I KNEW YOU COULDN'T SOLVE THAT BENT-NAIL PUZZLE IN FIVE MINUTES!

LET'S SEE YOU DO IT!



PALMING THE PUZZLE WHICH HE'D PREVIOUSLY FIXED SO IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO OPEN, E. NIGMA SUBSTITUTED A REGULAR PUZZLE FOR IT, AND...

SEE... OPEN!

WOW! YOUR NAME SURE FITS YOU!



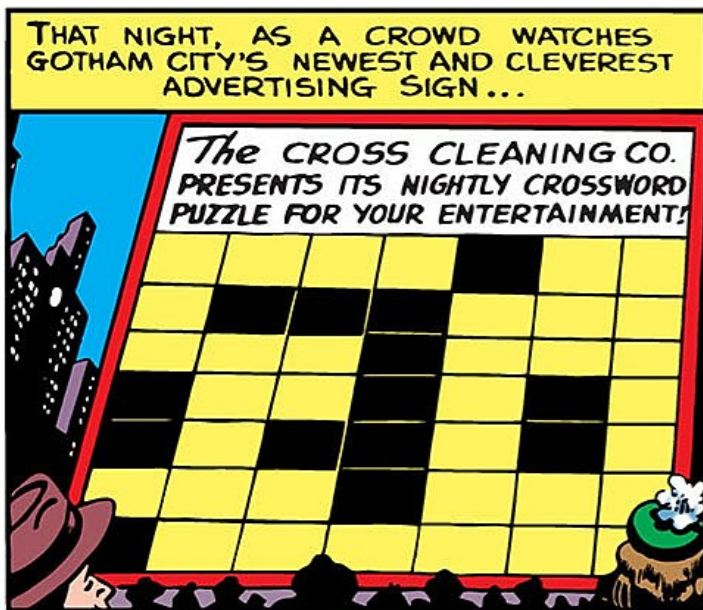
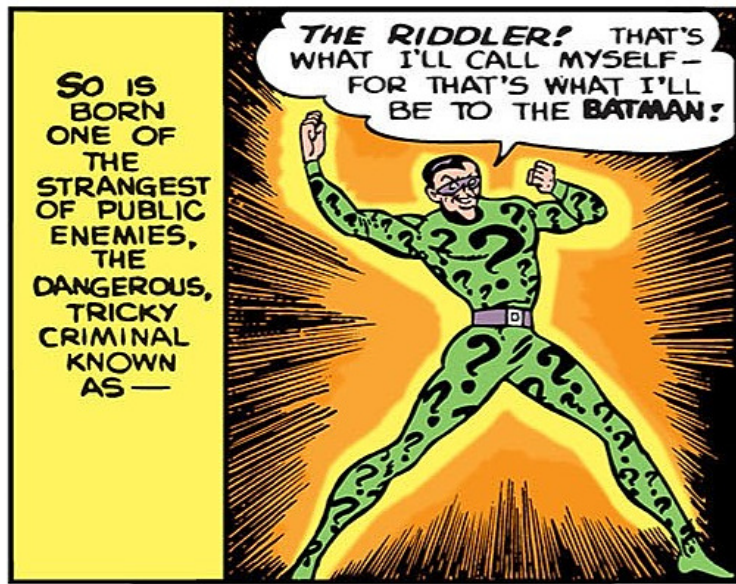
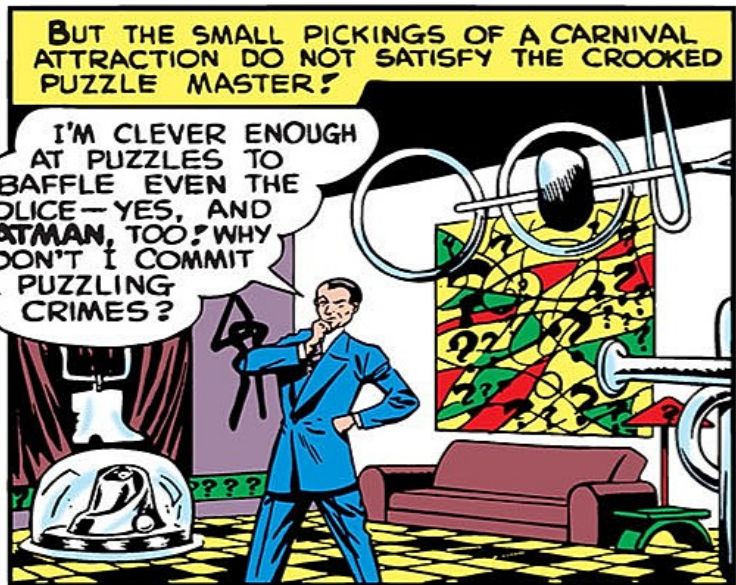
THE BOY WHO CHEATED ON PUZZLES GREW TO BE A PUZZLE EXPERT... AND STILL CHEATED!

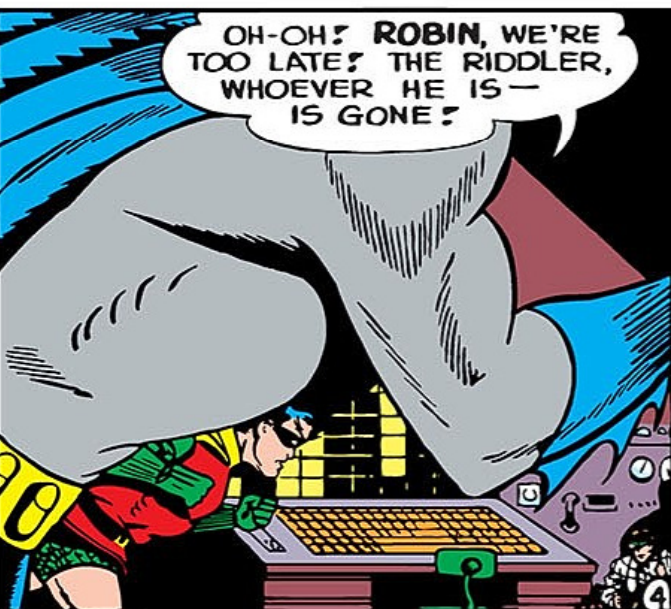
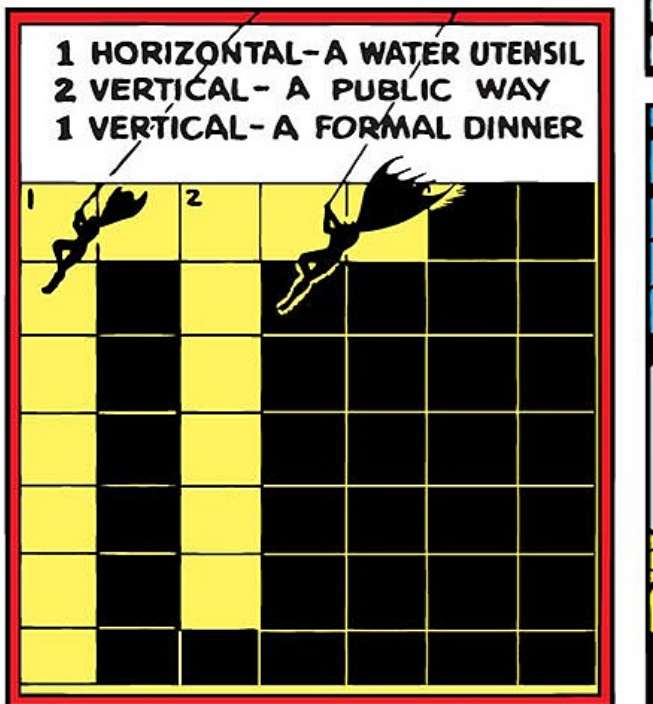
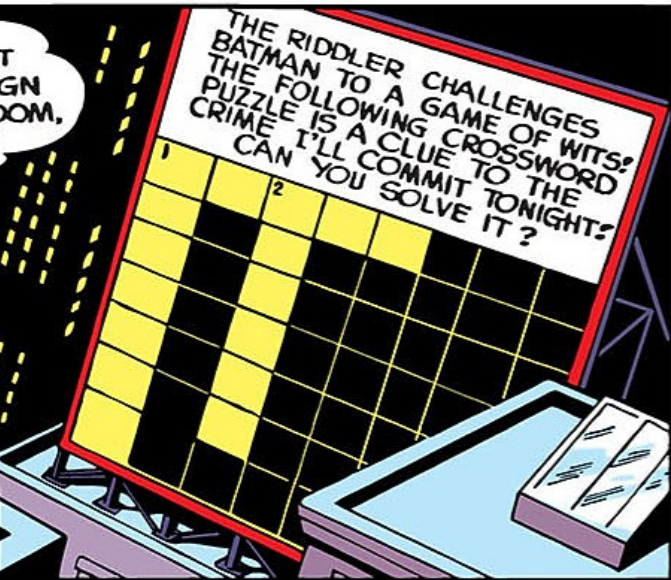
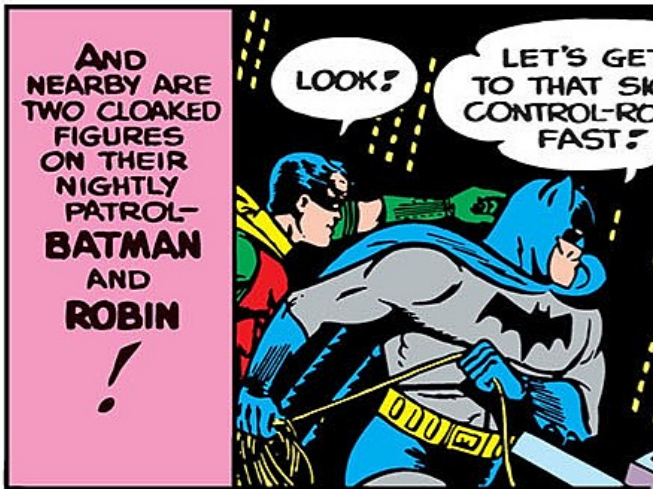
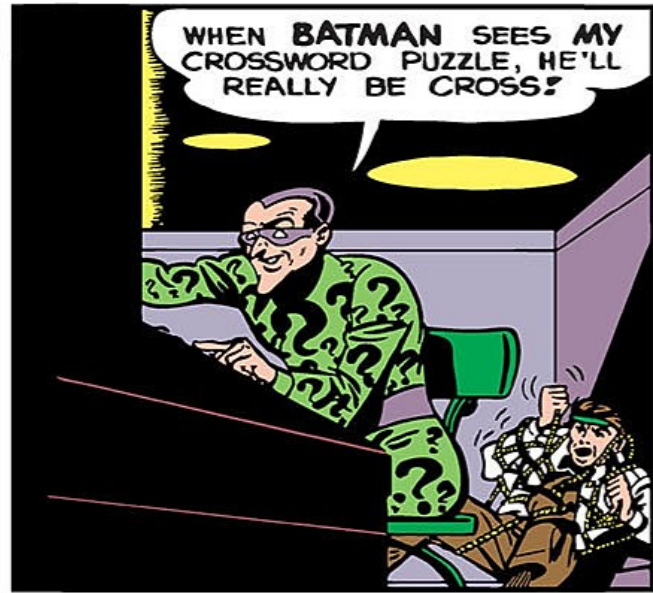
SOLVE THAT CHINESE PUZZLE AND I PAY YOU! IF YOU DON'T AND I DO... THEN YOU PAY ME!

WHICH WITS WITH E. NIGMA THE PUZZLE KING

I'LL TRY IT!







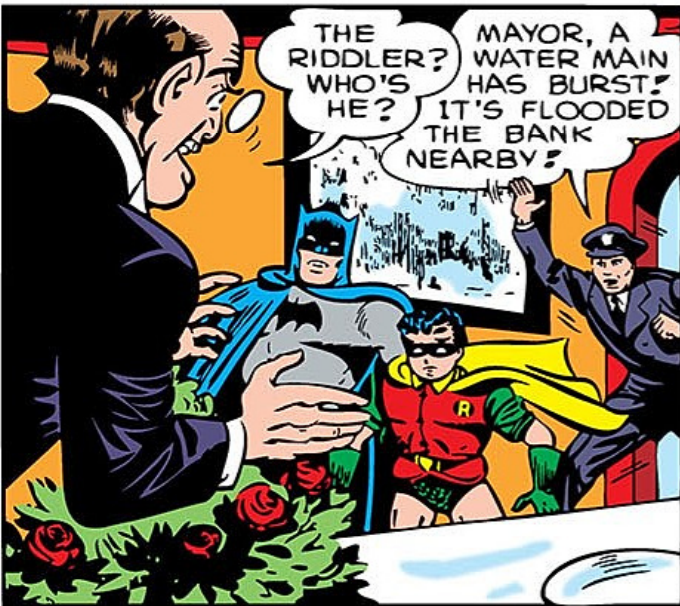
MINUTES LATER...

WE'LL ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE! LET'S SEE - A FIVE-LETTER WORD FOR "A WATER UTENSIL"! THAT WOULD BE **BASIN!**

THEN THE SIX-LETTER WORD FOR "A PUBLIC WAY", BEGINNING WITH **S**, MUST BE **STREET!**

BUT WHAT'S A SEVEN-LETTER WORD FOR "A FORMAL DINNER", STARTING WITH **B**?

BANQUET! PUT TOGETHER, IT WOULD READ **BASIN STREET BANQUET!** THAT'S IT... THAT'S THE RIDDLER'S CRIME CLUE!



BUT AT THE BANK...

A WATER MAIN WAS CUT TO FLOOD THE BANK'S UNDERGROUND VAULTS! BUT THERE'S SOMEONE DOWN IN THE VAULTS NOW, WEARING A DIVER'S HELMET!

SO THAT'S THE RIDDLER'S SCHEME! GUARD EVERY EXIT! WHEN HE COMES UP—**GRAB HIM!**

FIRST BANK

THE ALARMS CAN RING BUT THE POLICE CAN'T COME AFTER ME TILL THEY GET HELMETS! HA! THIS COMBINATION IS NO PUZZLE TO THE RIDDLER!

THE RIDDLER HAS ALSO FIGURED OUT HIS ESCAPE FROM A SEEMINGLY PUZZLING TRAP...

NOW I'LL LET THE WATER DRAIN INTO THE SEWERS—AND TAKE ME WITH IT!

SOON AFTER...

THERE'S HOW HE GOT OUT!

ROBIN, WE UNDERESTIMATED THIS PUZZLE-CROOK! WE'RE IN FOR A TOUGH FIGHT!

LATER...THE LAIR OF THE RIDDLER!

HA! HA! BY THE TIME I'M FINISHED, THE RIDDLER WILL HAVE **BATMAN** BAFFLED!

NEXT DAY...

WE WERE HIRED TO BRING THESE TRUCKLOADS AND THIS LETTER TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER!

HE'S INSIDE WITH **BATMAN!**

POLICE HEADQUARTERS

"THIS GIANT PUZZLE HOLDS THE CLUE TO MY NEXT CRIME, IF YOU CAN SOLVE IT IN TIME! THE RIDDLER!"

WHO HIRED YOU TO BRING THIS?

I DON'T KNOW! WE GOT A PHONE CALL AND PICKED UP THE STUFF ON A VACANT LOT!

IT'S A JIGSAW PUZZLE— BUT ONE OF HUGE SIZE!

WHERE CAN YOU FIND A ROOM BIG ENOUGH FOR US TO ASSEMBLE IT IN?

THERE'S THE FOOTBALL STADIUM! BUT I'LL NEED PLENTY OF MANPOWER!

I'LL SEND ALONG ALL THE MEN YOU NEED!

SOON AFTER... BATMAN DIRECTS THE FITTING OF THE GIANT JIGSAW BY REMOTE CONTROL!

RYAN, THE NEXT PIECE GOES TO THE LEFT— NO, I MEAN THE OVAL-SHAPED PIECE NEAR JACKSON'S!

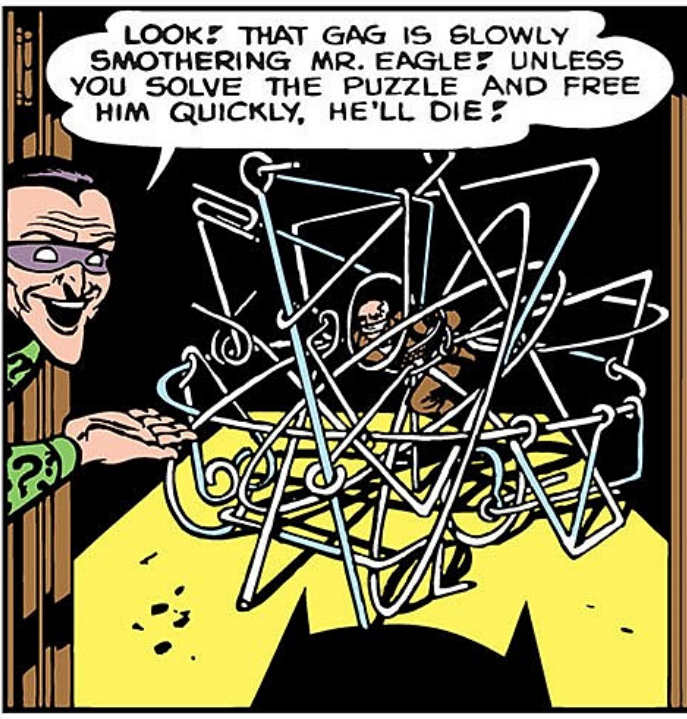
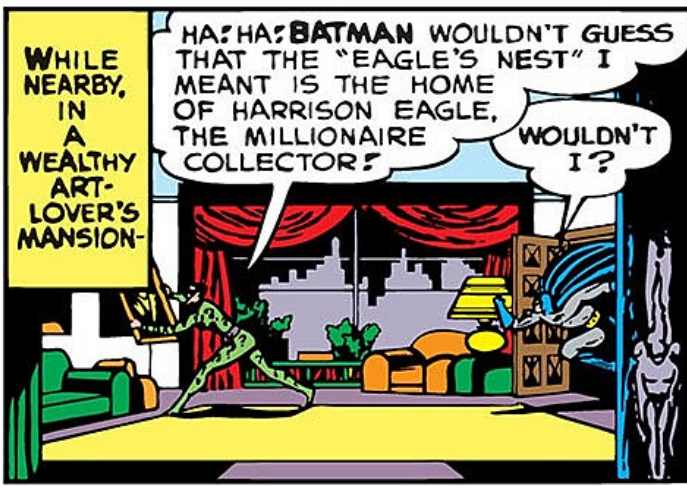
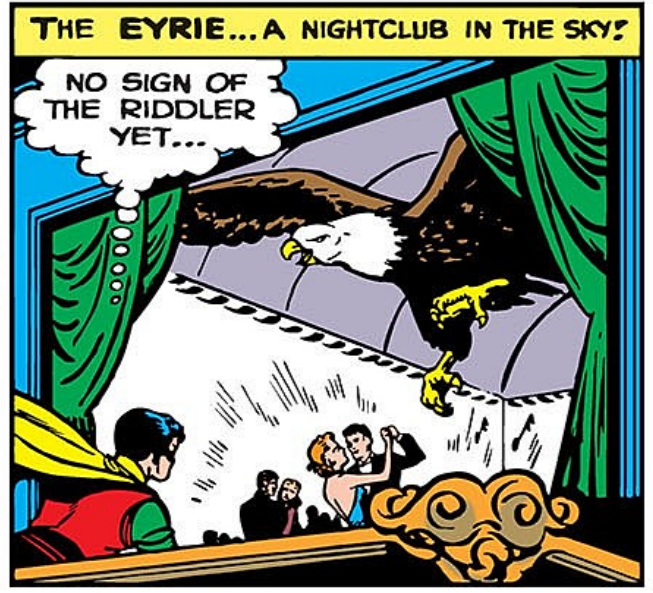
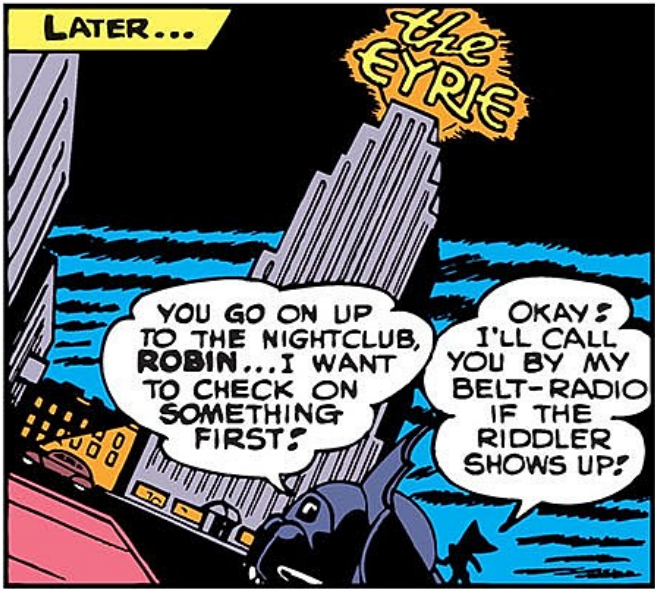
WE EAGLE'S NEST The Riddler!

FINALLY, AFTER LONG, PERPLEXING EFFORT, THE ANSWER IS SPREAD BEFORE THEM!

TONIGHT I SHALL ROB THE EAGLE'S NEST The Riddler!

AN EAGLE'S NEST— AN EYRIE!

AND THERE'S AN EYRIE NIGHTCLUB ATOP A DOWNTOWN SKYSCRAPER! WE'LL BE READY FOR THE RIDDLER THIS TIME!



BY THE TIME THE DENSE SMOKE CLEARS...

THE RIDDLER WILL GET AWAY — AND I CAN'T FOLLOW HIM, KNOWING EAGLE WILL SUFFOCATE INSIDE THAT PUZZLE!



NOW **BATMAN** MATCHES HIS WITS AGAINST A HIGHLY COMPLEX PUZZLE, WITH A LIFE AT STAKE IF HE FAILS!

I'LL NEVER FIND THE SECRET OF THIS PUZZLE IN TIME TO SAVE HIM!



WAIT! THE LITTLE NICKS ON SOME OF THESE STEEL RODS WERE OBVIOUSLY MADE WHEN THE RODS SCRAPED AGAINST EACH OTHER!



BY CAREFULLY FOLLOWING THE TINY NICKS SHOWING HOW THE RODS WERE FITTED TOGETHER, **BATMAN** UNDOES THE PUZZLE!

JUST IN TIME, TOO!

UHHH!



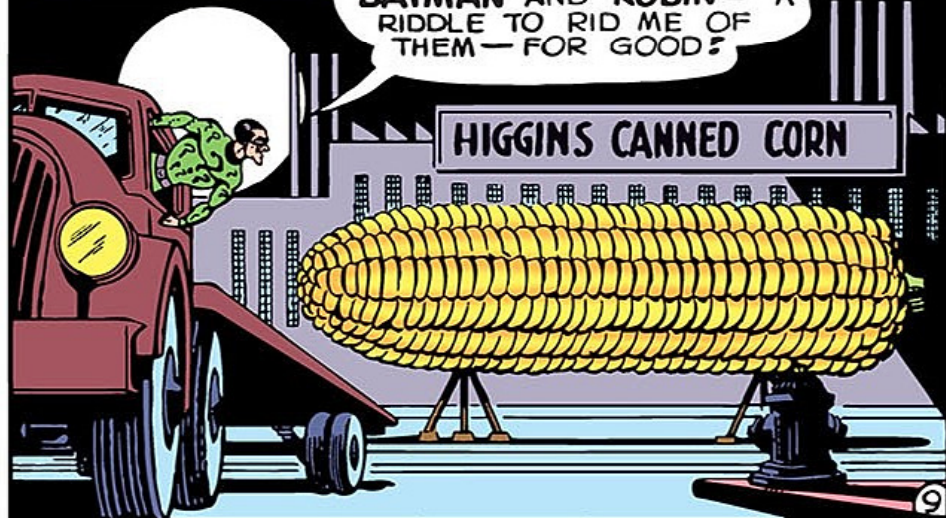
AFTERWARDS... IT IS A GRIM **BATMAN** WHO REJOINS **ROBIN**!

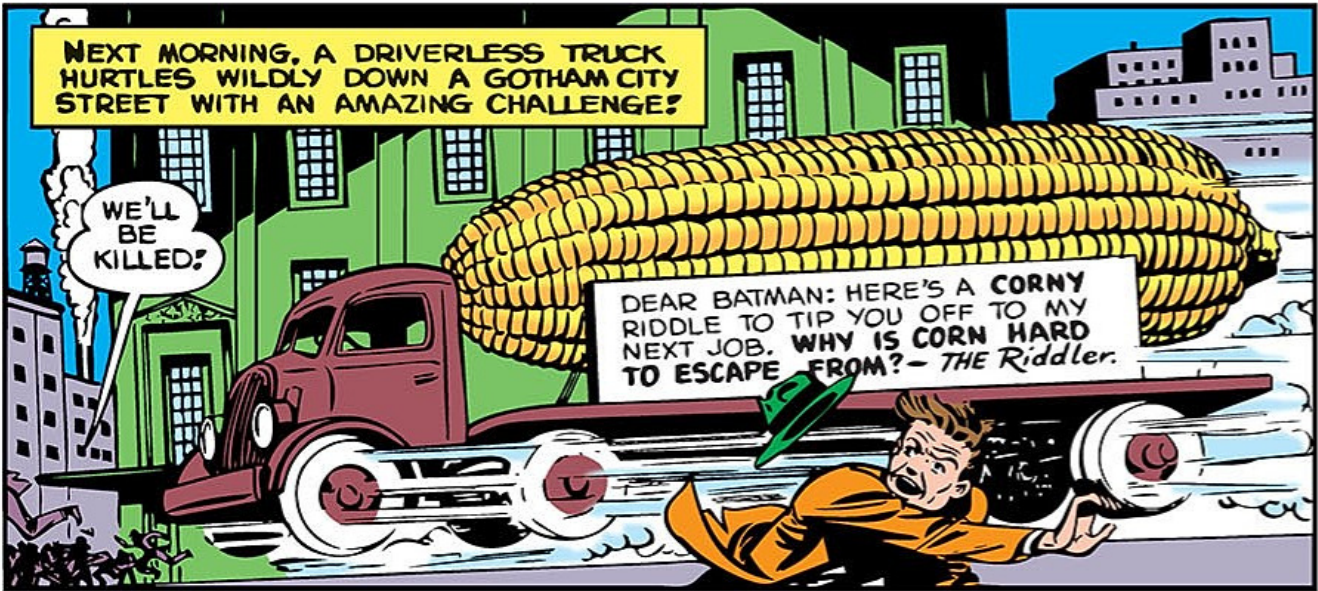
THE RIDDLER'S STAGING A CRIME-CHARADE IN THIS TOWN THAT WE'VE GOT TO STOP! THAT MAN'S DANGEROUS!



MEANWHILE...

THAT WILL DO NICELY FOR MY FINAL CHALLENGE TO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** — A RIDDLE TO RID ME OF THEM — FOR GOOD!





NEXT MORNING, A DRIVERLESS TRUCK HURTTLES WILDLY DOWN A GOTHAM CITY STREET WITH AN AMAZING CHALLENGE!

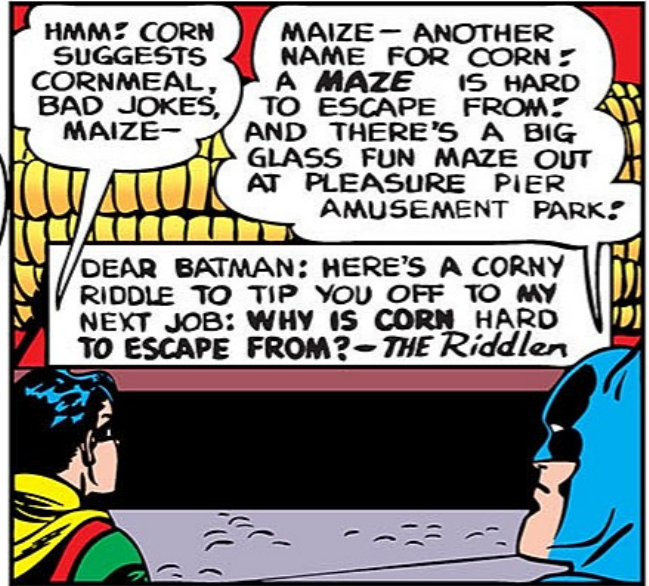
WE'LL BE KILLED!

DEAR BATMAN: HERE'S A CORNY RIDDLE TO TIP YOU OFF TO MY NEXT JOB. WHY IS CORN HARD TO ESCAPE FROM? - THE Riddler.



SUDDENLY SOMETHING CUTS OFF THE CAREENING JUGGERNAUT - IT'S THE BATMOBILE!

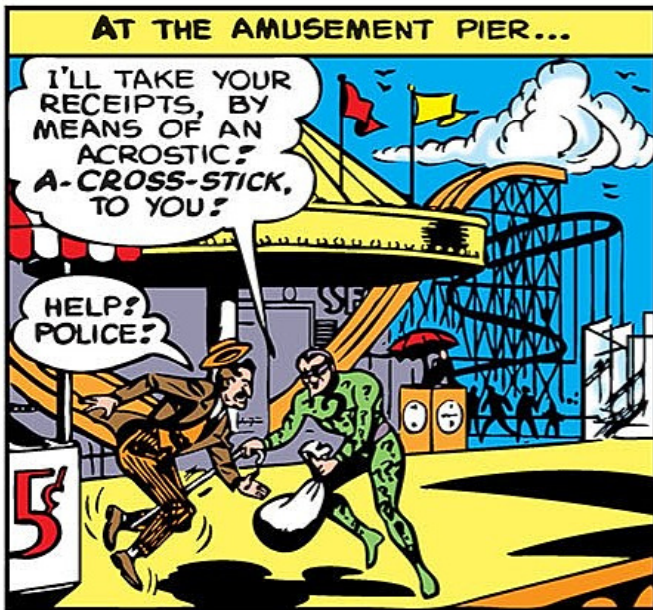
THE RIDDLER DOESN'T CARE IF PEOPLE ARE KILLED - SO LONG AS HE HAS HIS FUN!



HMM! CORN SUGGESTS CORNMEAL, BAD JOKES, MAIZE -

MAIZE - ANOTHER NAME FOR CORN! A MAZE IS HARD TO ESCAPE FROM! AND THERE'S A BIG GLASS FUN MAZE OUT AT PLEASURE PIER AMUSEMENT PARK!

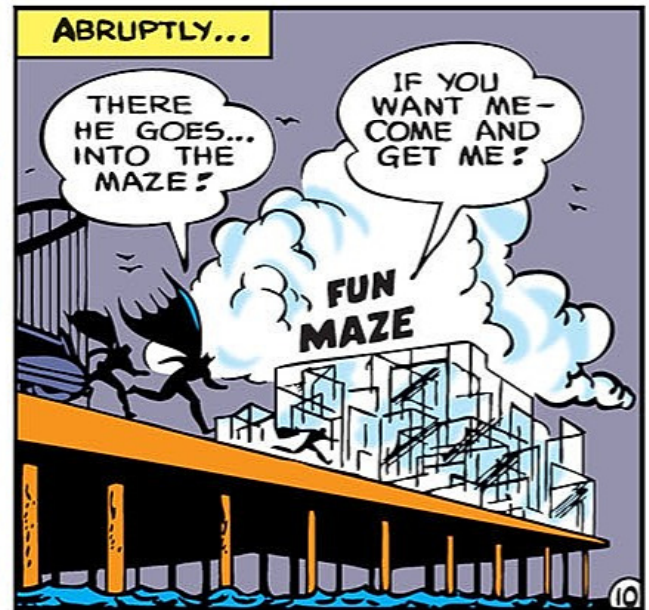
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AT THE AMUSEMENT PIER...

I'LL TAKE YOUR RECEIPTS, BY MEANS OF AN ACROSTIC! A-CROSS-STICK, TO YOU!

HELP! POLICE!



ABRUPTLY...

THERE HE GOES... INTO THE MAZE!

IF YOU WANT ME - COME AND GET ME!

FUN MAZE

IN THE DEPTHS OF THE GLASS LABYRINTH, THE WIZARD OF QUIZ ELUDES THE GROPING DUO!

OUCH, I RAN INTO ANOTHER PANE!



PANES—AND PAINS—ARE ALL YOU'LL GET FOR YOUR TROUBLE!

NOW TO SLIP BACK OUT BY THE SECRET TRAIL I MARKED!



ONCE OUTSIDE THE MAZE, THE RIDDLER SEALS THE TRAP HE HAS PREPARED!

NOW THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THE MAZE, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT! OF COURSE, IT'S UNFAIR... BUT THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS WIN!



I'VE HIDDEN A BOMB IN THE MAZE! IT WILL BLOW UP THE WHOLE MAZE IN A HALF HOUR, AND YOU WITH IT— UNLESS YOU CAN FIND YOUR WAY OUT!



THIS IS SHATTER-PROOF GLASS! WE CAN'T BREAK THROUGH! WE'LL HAVE TO FIND THE ENTRANCE WE CAME IN BEFORE!

I'LL SCRATCH THE GLASS PANELS WITH THE DIAMONDS ON MY BADGE! THE "BLAZED" TRAIL IS TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T WANDER IN A CIRCLE!



TENSE MINUTES PASS IN A HOPELESS SEARCH FOR AN EXIT THAT NO LONGER EXISTS!

I'M POSITIVE THIS WAS THE ENTRANCE, BUT IT'S BEEN CLOSED UP BY THE RIDDLER! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

AND HE'S WAITING TO SEE THAT BOMB DESTROY US!

