



AH! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU! I JUST HAD ONE OF THE **STRANGEST** ADVENTURES OF MY LIFE! AND I'M ANXIOUS TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT! YOU'RE THE **FIRST** TO HEAR IT!

IN THIS **LATEST** CASE, I MET A FOE LIKE NONE I'D EVER SEEN BEFORE! IT ALL BEGAN ON A CLEAR NIGHT, WHEN THE FULL MOON SHONE...AND I WAS PATROLLING THE MID-TOWN AREA OF **GOTHAM CITY**..

**GOTHAM** AFTER DARK- THE CITY CLOSES MOST OF ITS MULTI-MILLION EYES AND SETTLES INTO **SLEEP**..

I'M COUNTLESS CLUTTERED APARTMENTS ACROSS THE SPRAWLING METROPOLIS, THIS ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR SCENE IS BEING **ECHOED**..

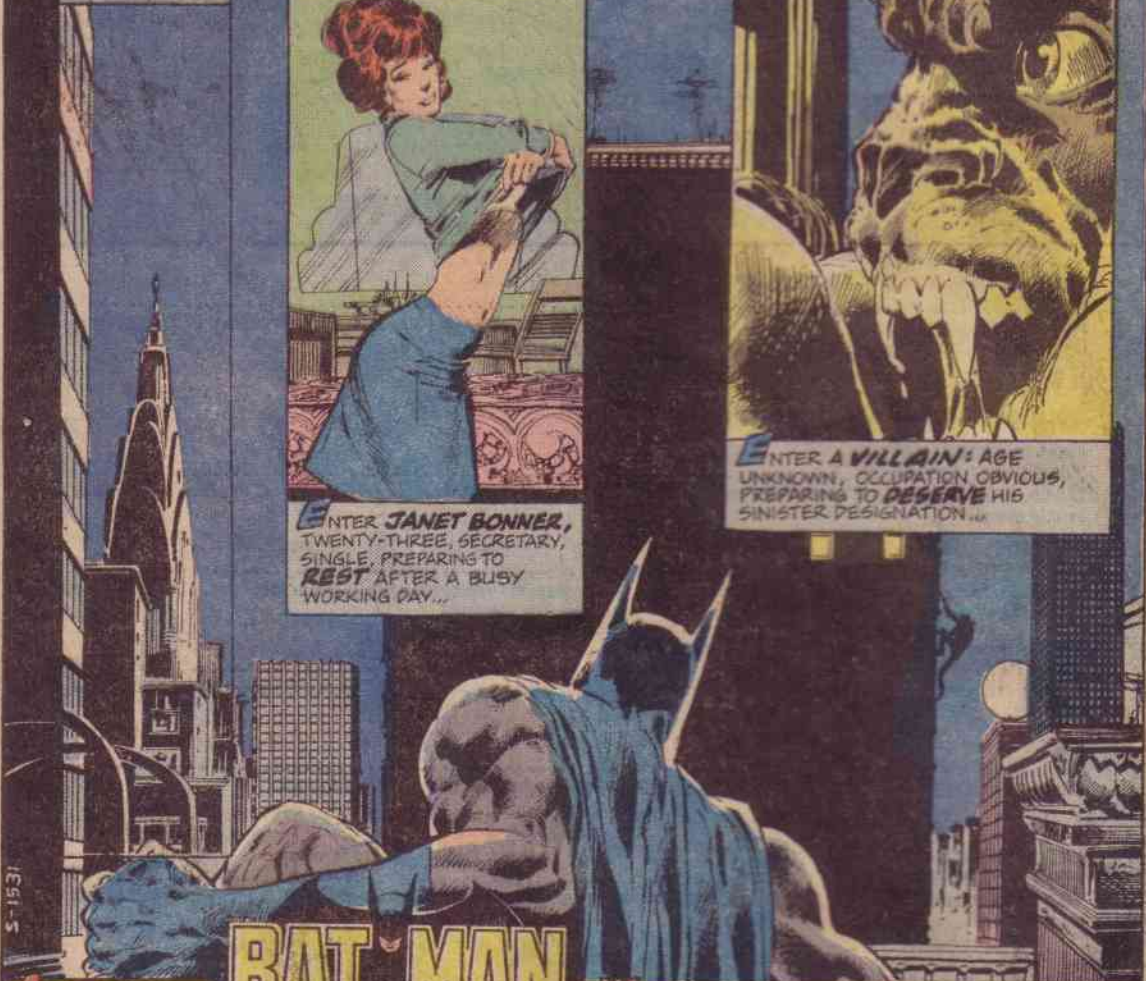
**B**UT THERE ARE THOSE WHOSE WORKING DAY IS ONLY **BEGINNING**.. THOSE WHO NEED THE **BARKNESS** TO PERFORM THEIR CHOBEN TASKS..



**E**NTER **JANET BONNER**, TWENTY-THREE, SECRETARY, SINGLE, PREPARING TO **REST** AFTER A BUSY WORKING DAY..



**E**NTER A **VILLAIN**: AGE UNKNOWN, OCCUPATION OBVIOUS, PREPARING TO **DESERVE** HIS SINISTER DESIGNATION..



**A**ND LASTLY, ENTER THE **DREAD**..

# BAT MAN

**W**HO WILL ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT SAID VILLAIN--AND WILL FIND HIMSELF THRUST INTO A **NIGHTMARE** OF MONSTROUS DESIGN BENEATH THE...

# Moon of the Wolf

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IF SO, JANET BONNER POSSESSES ALL OF THESE QUALITIES... AND MORE!

'TIS SAID THAT IT TAKES A SPECIAL KIND OF TALENT TO SURVIVE IN YOUR MODERN CITY... A MIXTURE OF SHEER NERVE, ANIMAL CUNNING, AND A CASUAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE OTHERWISE UNBELIEVABLE...

NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING! A BURGLAR IN A HALLOWEEN SUIT!

SIC 'IM, RALPH... SIC 'IM!

THE GUARD DOG IS TRAINED TO RESPOND TO COMMAND... TO PROTECT ITS MASTER AT ALL COSTS...



AND THOUGH THE DOG IS GOOD AT ITS JOB...



IT IS STILL NO MATCH FOR THE SHAGGY HORROR WHO SNAPS ITS SPINE... THEN DISCARDS THE BROKEN BODY IN FAVOR OF LIVING THINGS...

NO... NO! STAY BACK... KEEP AWAY FROM ME!



... VERY, VERY GOOD AT ITS JOB...

YOU HEARD THE LADY, CRUD... SHE WANTS YOU TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

THE... BATMAN...?





TIME FOR **FORMAL** INTRODUCTIONS LATER, MISS... AFTER FUZZ-FACE HERE HAS BEEN ESCORTED DOWNTOWN AND BOOKED!

THAT IS, OF COURSE, IF HE HAS NO **OBJECTIONS...**

FOR A MOMENT, THE BESTIAL INTRUDER HESITATES, HIS FERAL EYES DARTING FROM HIS ALMOST-VICTIM TO THE **CAPED CRUSADER...**



WHA...?

...THEN, SUDDENLY... HE MOVES!

...AND MOVES WITH A VENGEANCE!



GOOD GOD... HE'S THROWN HER OUT! THERE'S **NOTHING** TO BREAK HER FALL...



...EXCEPT ME!



**GOT HER...** AND ABOUT HALF A CHANCE TO AVOID SPLATTERING ON THE STREET!



LUNGG... BATARANG SLOWED US DOWN ENOUGH TO SAVE US...

... BUT MY ARM FEELS DISLOCATED!



BOOT-SHOP FEET TOUCH SOLID GROUND... AND INSTANTS LATER...

SHE'S ALL RIGHT... JUST FAINTED FROM THE SHOCK!

AND BY NOW, HER FURRY ATTACKER HAS CERTAINLY FLED...

...ALL OF WHICH LEAVES ME WHERE?



THAT HAIRY CHARACTER MAY HAVE ESCAPED ME THIS TIME... BUT I LAY ODDS WE'LL MEET AGAIN!

THERE'S MORE TO THAT MANIAC THAN MEETS THE EYE!



FORTY-SIX MINUTES LATER, HALF-WAY ACROSS GOTHAM, THE HARSH GLARE OF COMMISSIONER GORDON'S DESK LAMP ILLUMINATES A FAMILIAR DARK-CLAD FORM...

BATMAN! GOOD LORD, MAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN PUT THROUGH A CEMENT-MIXER!



NOTHING SO GRAPHIC, COMMISSIONER! JUST HAD A-- FALLING OUT WITH SOME LUNATIC SECOND-STORY MAN ACROSS TOWN!

AMAZING! AN EVERYDAY BURGLAR GIVING YOU PROBLEMS?



NOTHING "EVERYDAY" ABOUT HIM, SIR... UNLESS YOU KNOW A DOZEN OTHER GUYS WHO BREAK INTO APARTMENTS MASQUERADING AS A WOLF--!

W... WOLF?! YOU'RE...

NO... IT'S JUST TOO MUCH TO BE A COINCIDENCE!



WHAT IS, COMMISSIONER?

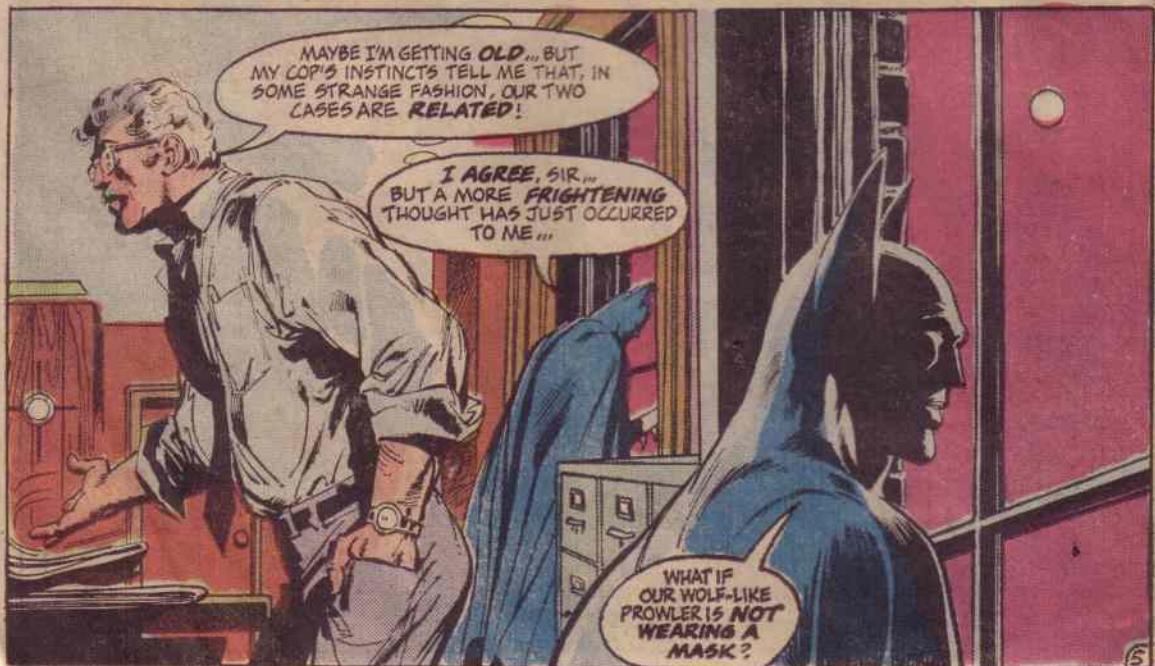
YOUR WOLF-MAN... REMINDED ME OF

A THEFT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FROM THE GOTHAM PARK ZOO! IT SEEMS SOMEONE GOT AWAY WITH A PAIR OF... ALASKAN TIMBER WOLVES!



MAYBE I'M GETTING OLD... BUT MY COP'S INSTINCTS TELL ME THAT, IN SOME STRANGE FASHION, OUR TWO CASES ARE RELATED!

I AGREE, SIR... BUT A MORE FRIGHTENING THOUGHT HAS JUST OCCURRED TO ME...



WHAT IF OUR WOLF-LIKE PROWLER IS NOT WEARING A MASK?

GOTHAM'S GRIMY LOWER-  
EAST SIDE... WHERE  
LANDMARKS OF THE  
FUTURE RISE FROM THE  
RUBBLE OF THE PAST...

IN THE FRAGILE  
MOMENTS BEFORE  
THE REBIRTH OF  
DAWN, A SOLITARY  
FIGURE LOPES  
THROUGH THE  
TWISTING  
SHADOWS...

...THEN PAUSES  
BEFORE THE  
DIRT-STREAKED  
WINDOW  
OF A DIMLY-  
LIT PHARMACY  
AND...

RREEEEK

AH, MY  
FRIEND,  
YOU'VE  
RETURNED...

...AND  
JUST  
UNDER THE  
WIRE!

COME ON...  
DON'T BE SO  
MELODRAMATIC!

IN PRECISELY  
SEVEN SECONDS,  
THE MOON WILL  
BE DOWN...

RERRAAARRRGGHHHH

...AND  
ALL...

...YOUR  
FEARSOME...

...GROWLING  
WON'T...

...MEAN  
A...

...DAMNED  
THING!



THERE... **NORMAL** ONCE AGAIN! THAT'S **MUCH BETTER**... ISN'T IT, ANTHONY? CARE FOR A CUP OF TEA?

COME OFF IT, MILO! THERE'S ONLY **ONE** THING I WANT FROM YOU... AND YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS!

A CURE, ANTHONY? OF **COURSE**... WHEN YOU'VE **EARNED** IT!

CURSE YOU, MILO... DON'T TAUNT ME! HAVEN'T I SUFFERED **ENOUGH**?

WHAT DID I **EVER DO** IN MY LIFE TO **DESERVE** THIS NIGHTMARE?

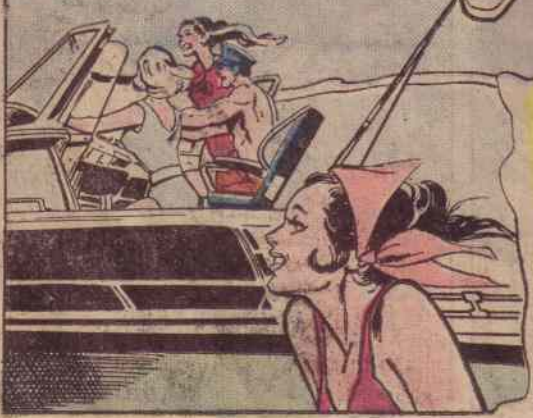
REALLY, ANTHONY... YOU KNOW THE ANSWER AS WELL AS I DO! **THINK** FOR A MOMENT... AND I'M CERTAIN IT WILL ALL COME **BACK** TO YOU!



AND, DESPITE THE YOUNG MAN'S MOST FERVENT WISHES, THE MEMORIES **DO** COME BACK, INDEED...

...FOR WITH ATHLETIC SUCCESS COMES FINANCIAL GOOD FORTUNE... AND ASSORTED **OTHER** FRINGE BENEFITS... JUST AS TONY LUPUS HAD **KNOWN** IT WOULD...

**MEMORY:** YOU ARE ANTHONY LUPUS, OLYMPIC DECATHLON... SENSATION OF A FEW YEARS PAST... WHO HAD DEVOTED HIS YOUTH TO ACHIEVING JUST SUCH A **TRIUMPH**...



...AND, FOR A WHILE, WE WALLOWED IN THE **LUXURY** HE'D SCHEMED A LIFETIME TO ATTAIN... UNTIL THE **HEADACHES** BEGAN...



... THERE IS NO PHYSIOLOGICAL CAUSE FOR THESE HEADACHES," SAID ONE DOCTOR AFTER ANOTHER ...

... BUT ANTHONY LUPUS WAS AN OBSTINATE MAN ... AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER DOCTORS IN GOTHAM ...

... AND WHEN, INEVITABLY, THERE WERE NO LONGER OTHER DOCTORS, THERE WERE, INSTEAD, THE HEALERS ... THE MIRACLE MEN ... THE QUACKS ...

FINALLY, THERE WAS ... MILO!

MILO'S POTIONS AND BREWS TASTED NO LESS FOUL THAN THOSE OF HIS PREDECESSORS ...

... BUT THEY WERE INFINITELY MORE EFFECTIVE!

... FOR MILO'S MINISTRATIONS SOMEHOW RELIEVED ANTHONY LUPUS' CONSTANT AGONY, CLEARED HIS PAIN-WRACKED MIND ...

... UNTIL, AT MONTH'S END, WHEN THE MOON ROSE FULL ONCE MORE ...

... AND, IN HORROR, TONY LUPUS LEARNED THAT MILO'S ELIXIRS HAD MERELY EXCHANGED ONE KIND OF TORMENT FOR ANOTHER, FAR MORE HIDEOUS ...





WHEN THE SUN ROSE AND THE TRANSFORMATION FADED INTO DREAM, THERE WERE ANSWERS TO BE FOUND!!!

MILO... YOUR SERUMS... THE MOON... TH- THEY CHANGED ME SOMEHOW... THEY...

IN HEAVEN'S NAME, MAN... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?

REALLY, MR. LUPUS... NO NEED TO BE UPSET! IN FACT, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!



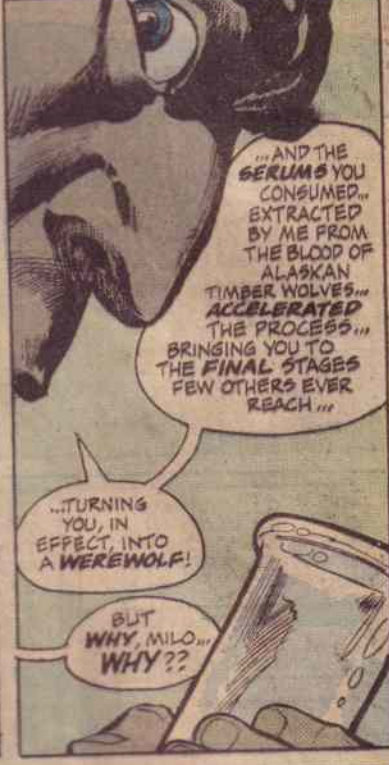
YOU'RE ONE-IN-A-MILLION, MR. LUPUS... ANTHONY! MY EXAMINATIONS HAVE SHOWN YOU SUFFER FROM QUITE A RARE DISEASE... LYCANTHROPY!

A CONDITION MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS WEREWOLFISM!



OH, OTHER PEOPLE HAVE IT... THOSE WITH OVERLY-BUSHY EYEBROWS... PARTICULARLY HAIRY HANDS... BUT FEW HAVE AS INTENSE A CASE AS YOU!

YOUR HEADACHES BENEATH THE FULL MOON INDICATED THE DISEASE HAD GROWN STRONGER WITHIN YOU AS YOU REACHED MATURITY!



...AND THE SERUMS YOU CONSUMED... EXTRACTED BY ME FROM THE BLOOD OF ALASKAN TIMBER WOLVES... ACCELERATED THE PROCESS... BRINGING YOU TO THE FINAL STAGES FEW OTHERS EVER REACH...

...TURNING YOU, IN EFFECT, INTO A WEREWOLF!

BUT WHY, MILO... WHY??



WHY? BUT, ANTHONY... IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE!

I WANT YOU TO MURDER SOMEONE FOR ME!

I WANT YOU TO KILL... THE BATMAN!



THE...  
**BATMAN?**  
MILO...  
YOU'RE  
**INSANE!**

OF ALL THE  
PEOPLE ON THIS  
BLESSED EARTH,  
WHY... HIM?

BECAUSE I OWE  
HIM, ANTHONY... FOR THE  
YEARS SPENT ROTTING BEHIND  
PRISON WALLS... FOR THE  
FAILURES I'VE BEEN FORCED  
TO ENDURE ON HIS  
ACCOUNT...!



YES, ANTHONY...  
I OWE HIM... AND  
YOU ARE GOING TO  
SETTLE MY  
ACCOUNT...

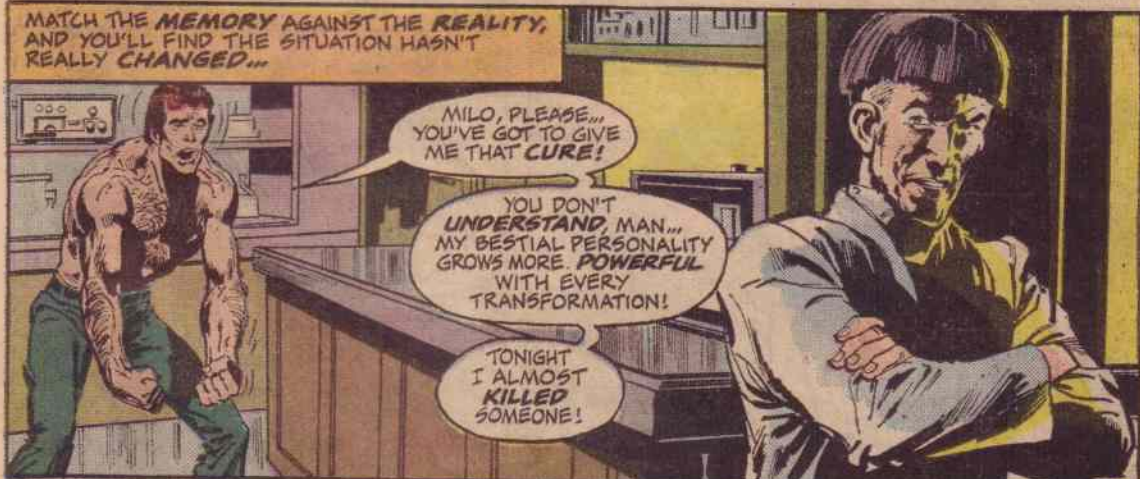
A CURE?  
THANK  
HEAVEN!

MILO, PLEASE...  
YOU'VE GOT TO  
GIVE IT TO  
ME!

... IF YOU  
EVER HOPE TO  
GAIN A CURE  
FROM ME!

\* AS RELATED IN "THE MAN WHO ENDED  
BATMAN'S CAREER" (DETECTIVE COMICS #247) &  
"AM I REALLY BATMAN?" (BATMAN #112)

MATCH THE **MEMORY** AGAINST THE **REALITY**,  
AND YOU'LL FIND THE SITUATION HASN'T  
REALLY CHANGED...



MILO, PLEASE...  
YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE  
ME THAT CURE!

YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND, MAN...  
MY BESTIAL PERSONALITY  
GROWS MORE... POWERFUL  
WITH EVERY  
TRANSFORMATION!

TONIGHT  
I ALMOST  
KILLED  
SOMEONE!

IF YOU REALLY WANT  
MY ANTIDOTE, ANTHONY...  
YOU WILL KILL  
SOMEONE...

...AND YOU KNOW  
WHO!

MILO, BE  
REASONABLE!  
THE BATMAN  
IS NOT A  
FOOL!

DO YOU  
HONESTLY EXPECT  
HIM TO WALK  
CALMLY INTO THE  
WEREWOLF'S  
DEN AND OFFER  
HIMSELF UP AS A  
SACRIFICE FOR MY  
SALVATION?



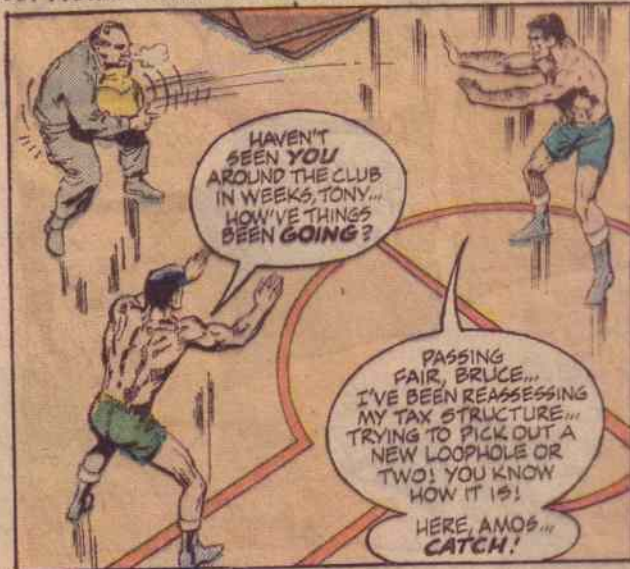
IN A WAY, ANTHONY...  
IN A WAY!

BUT IT IS  
NOT YOUR SHAGGY  
ALTER-EGO WHO WILL  
LEAD THAT COSTUMED  
CAVALIER TO HIS  
DOOM!

NO, I BELIEVE THAT  
IS MORE OF A  
TASK FOR  
ANTHONY  
LUPUS  
HIMSELF!

NO,  
MILO...  
NO!

BUT A SHORT WHILE LATER, DESPITE TONY LUPUS' PROTESTS...



HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND THE CLUB IN WEEKS, TONY... HOW'VE THINGS BEEN GOING?

PASSING FAIR, BRUCE... I'VE BEEN REASSESSING MY TAX STRUCTURE... TRYING TO PICK OUT A NEW LOOPHOLE OR TWO! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS!  
HERE, AMOS... CATCH!



... AND DID YOU FIND ONE WORTH MENTIONING?

... MATTER OF FACT, I DID! ONLY THING I NEED NOW TO MAKE IT WORK IS... THE BATMAN!

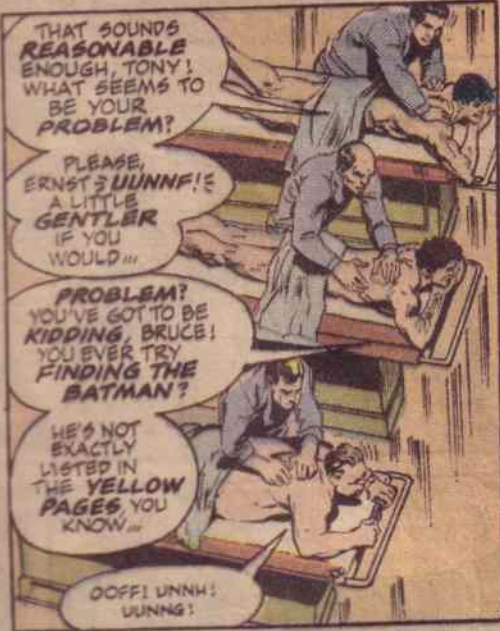
THE BAT... HUFF& MAN?... PUFF& BUT HE'S TOO... HUFF& HONEST TO GO FOR... PUFF& ANY KIND OF... HUFF& TAX DODGE! PUFF&



THERE'S NOTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT MY "TAX DODGE," AMOS!

I MERELY PROPOSE TO CONTRIBUTE A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE...

...IF THE BATMAN WILL COME TO MY HOME TO COLLECT THE CHECK PERSONALLY! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET THE MAN!



THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE ENOUGH, TONY! WHAT SEEMS TO BE YOUR PROBLEM?

PLEASE, ERNST! UNNN! A LITTLE GENTLER IF YOU WOULD...

PROBLEM? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING, BRUCE! YOU EVER TRY FINDING THE BATMAN?

HE'S NOT EXACTLY LISTED IN THE YELLOW PAGES, YOU KNOW...

OOFF! UNNN! UNNING!



I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT, TONY! ONCE THE BATMAN GETS WIND OF AN OFFER LIKE YOURS...

...I THINK HE'LL FIND YOU!

AAHHH... NOTHING LIKE A GOOD WORKOUT TO MAKE A MAN FEEL IN THE PINK AGAIN! INVIGORATING... MOST INVIGORATING!



WHO--?  
THE--B--  
BATMAN!

AFTERNOON,  
MR. LUPUS! I  
WEAR YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING  
FOR ME!

OH, YES-- THAT!  
PLEASE JOIN ME IN MY  
STUDY AND I'LL WRITE  
YOU A CHECK!



THERE, NOW. AS  
LONG AS THIS DOOR  
IS CLOSED, WE WON'T  
BE DISTURBED!

WOULD YOU  
CARE FOR A  
DRINK,  
BATMAN?

NO-- THANK  
YOU! SUPPOSE WE  
JUST ATTEND TO  
THE REASON I'M  
HERE!



YES, OF COURSE--  
MY CONTRIBUTION!

I WANT YOU TO KNOW,  
BATMAN, THAT I MAKE  
YOU THIS GIFT NOT ONLY TO  
ALLEVIATE MY FINANCIAL  
SITUATION--



-- BUT IN THE SPIRIT OF  
UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD  
THAT MAKES ALL MEN--

IS IT  
GETTING--  
HOT IN  
HERE?



HOT? WHY, NO-- I  
DON'T BELIEVE SO,  
BATMAN!

NOW, AS I WAS  
SAYING, THIS CONTRIBUTION  
IS MADE IN THE NAME OF...

IT IS HOT--  
GETTING HOTTER!  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
WRONG WITH-- THE  
AIR IN THIS  
ROOM! IT'S--  
OF COURSE!

THIS ROOM--  
NO WINDOWS--  
DOOR SEALED  
SHUT-- IS FILLED  
WITH GAS!

DON'T KNOW  
WHY-- YOU SET UP  
TRAP FOR ME-- BUT  
YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO...



-- NOT GOING TO--  
MAKE IT...



I'M SORRY I HAD TO DO THAT TO YOU, BATMAN-- I TRULY AM--

-- BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE DRUGGED DRINK!

AND WHEN NEXT WE JOIN THE DEJECTED ANTHONY LUPUS, IT IS VERY NEARLY DUSK ...



QUICKLY, ANTHONY-- COME IN AND SHUT THE DOOR! YOU'RE LETTING IN THE RAIN!



BUT, ANTHONY-- YOU HAVEN'T REALLY DONE ANYTHING YET!

GRANTED, WE'VE SET EVERYTHING UP-- BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL MOONRISE TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUIRED TASK!



THE CONSTRUCTION CREW GOES HOME EARLY HERE! THEY'LL NOT DISCOVER WHAT WILL BE LEFT OF THE BATMAN UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING!

I DO SO HOPE HE AWAKENS BEFORE MOONRISE! I WANT HIM TO SEE THE END COMING!



YEAH-- AN END YOU EXPECT ME TO DELIVER! MILO, YOU'RE A WORSE ANIMAL THAN I TURN INTO!

REALLY, ANTHONY-- I WOULD THINK YOU'D BE GLAD TO KILL THE BATMAN! AFTER ALL, WERE IT NOT FOR HIM, I WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD CAUSE TO DO WHAT I HAVE DONE TO YOU!



STILL, IN A SHORT WHILE, IT WILL ALL BE PAST HISTORY--

-- AND, AT LAST, I WILL BE FREE TO GIVE YOU THE ANTIDOTE YOU SEEK!

PLEASE, MILO-- I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG! I NEED IT NOW!

EVEN A LITTLE OF IT-- TO HELP ME CONTROL THE WEREWOLF'S FEROCITY!



NO-- NOT A DROP! I WANT THE WEREWOLF'S FULL SAVAGE FURY UNLEASHED AGAINST THE BATMAN!

NOTHING LESS WILL SATISFY ME!

MILO, YOU MADMAN-- DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IF MY PERSONALITY IS COMPLETELY SUBMERGED ...

-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THE WEREWOLF WILL DO--

--BUT I'M AFRAID--

--WE'RE GOING TO--

--FIND OUT! IT'S--

--TOO LATE!--

--MUCH TOO--

RRRAARRGGG!



A SUDDEN SHIVER SCAMPERS UP MILO'S SPINE AS HE STARES INTO THE TRANSFORMED TONY LUPUS' BLAZING, FERAL EYES-- AND HE REALIZES HE HAS MADE A MOST DREADFUL MISTAKE!



GO ON, ANTHONY-- YOUR VICTIM AWAITS YOU IN THE DESERTED LOT ACROSS THE STREET! GO ON AND KILL HIM-- KILL--!

A-ANTHONY-- WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME THAT WAY?

NO, ANTHONY-- STAY BACK! STAY BACK!

H-HERE-- YOU CAN HAVE THE ANTIDOTE! I GIVE IT TO YOU GLADLY--



--B-BUT DON'T TOUCH ME-- PLEASE-- DON'T TOUCH--



--MEEEAARRGGH!



WHILE, ACROSS THE STREET, A DRIVING RAIN STIRS A BAT-CLOAKED FIGURE TO AWARENESS ONCE AGAIN...

!UUNNHH!-- DON'T KNOW WHAT LUPUS DRUGGED ME WITH-- BUT MY HEAD FEELS LIKE A HALF-CRAZED RHINO HAS BEEN DANCING ON--!

HEY-- WHAT IS THIS? CHAINED-- IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE--?

WHAT KIND OF WARPED REASON COULD LUPUS HAVE FOR DOING THIS?

I CAN FIGURE THAT AFTER I FREE MYSELF FROM THESE THINGS--

HAFTA PICK IT UP WITH MY TEETH-- BUT BEGGARS CAN'T BE PARTICULAR!

--AND I SPY A TWISTED COTTER PIN THAT SHOULD BE PERFECT TO HELP ME UNLOCK THEM!

RRRAARRGGH!

GOT IT! TASTES TERRIBLE-- BUT I'M NOT GOING TO EAT IT-- JUST--

WHAT IN--?

HIM AGAIN?

IN SOME TWISTED FASHION, THIS IS BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE!



THIS CHARACTER IS DEFINITELY NOT WEARING A MASK--

--AND I GET THE UNPLEASANT FEELING LUPUS SET ME UP TO BE ITS DINNER!

WELL, I HATE TO DISAPPOINT HIM...



--BUT I DON'T PLAN ON BEING THE MAIN COURSE ON ANYBODY'S...  
=UNFF! =



WHEW!  
--IT WORKED!  
MY EARS ARE RINGING FROM THAT SHOT-- BUT SHAGGY FARED WORSE!

HE SHOULD STAY DAZED LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO PICK THESE BLASTED LOCKS --IF I WORK FAST!

AND HE WORKS VERY FAST INDEED--FOR THE **CAPED CRUSADER** HAS SPENT MANY HOURS FOR MANY YEARS LEARNING HOW TO PICK THE MOST COMPLICATED LOCKS WITH THE MOST OUTLANDISH TOOLS...



HE'S UP AGAIN-- IN LESS THAN HALF THE TIME I FIGURED!





--WHICH IS STILL TWO SECONDS LONGER THAN IT TOOK ME TO FREE MYSELF--

--AND MOVE!



DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT CREATURE IS-- WHERE IT COMES FROM-- BUT ENDURANCE LEVEL IS UNNATURAL!

EITHER OF THE BLOWS I'VE DEALT IT WOULD PUT A NORMAL MAN OUT FOR HOURS!

THE BATMAN'S STIFF-FINGERED HAND MOVES WITH BLINDING SPEED...



BUT IF SHAGGY'S GONNA KEEP ON COMING, I'M GONNA KEEP ON SLUGGING-- AND A WELL-PLACED KARATE CHOP TO THE SIDE OF HIS HEAD SHOULD...



--BUT A FUR-COVERED CLAW MOVES FASTER!

AARGH-- HIS GRIP-- LIKE STEEL! CAN'T MOVE MY ARM--

--AND HIS FREE HAND WILL TEAR ME APART!



HITTING HIM WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT--

--AND THE ONLY THING I'VE SUCCEEDED IN DOING IS...



--MAKING HIM MAD!



UUUNNGG-- M-- MY ARM!



ARROOOOOOO

THAT'S TWICE IN TWO DAYS HE'S COST ME THE USE OF AN ARM! IT'S NUMB FROM THE SHOULDER DOWN!

THIS IS NO ORDINARY FOE I'M FIGHTING! GOT TO STOP PLAYING BY THE RULES IF I WANT TO STAY ALIVE!



ON THE GROUND, HE HAS THE ADVANTAGE --HE'S FASTER-- STRONGER--

-- BUT SUPPOSE WE TAKE THIS BRAWL INTO MY PLAYGROUND?



SUPPOSE WE TAKE...

...THIS BRAWL TO THE...

-- ROOFTOPS!



IT IS NOT EASY TO CLIMB A STRUCTURE LIKE THIS WITH THE USE OF ONLY ONE ARM--

--AND YET THE CAPED CRUSADER SEEMS VIRTUALLY TO GLIDE UP THE SLEEK STEEL SKELETON, PAUSING ONLY TO NOTICE...

SHAGGY'S OUT OF SIGHT--

-- BUT IT'S EVEN ODDS HE'S COMING AFTER ME SOMEHOW!



BUT WHEN THE BATMAN ATTAINS THE STRUCTURE'S SUMMIT...

STILL NOTHING! WHERE IN BLAZES COULD SHAGGY HAVE GONE?



RRR RRRR

UH-OH--  
I'M SORRY I  
ASKED!

HE'S **SMARTER**  
THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT  
FOR! CLIMBED UP THE  
**OTHER SIDE** OF THE  
BUILDING-- TRIED TO  
TAKE ME BY  
**SURPRISE**--

--AND HE MIGHT  
HAVE SUCCEEDED-- IF  
HE'D KEPT HIS STUPID  
MOUTH SHUT!

BUT EVEN AS HE WHIRLS TO MEET  
THE ATTACK, THE BATMAN FALLS  
BENEATH ITS FULL SAVAGE FURY--  
FURY BORN FROM THE BEAST'S  
SUBCONSCIOUS-- AND THE MANGLED  
MEMORY THAT THE CAPED ONE IS  
SOMEHOW **RESPONSIBLE** FOR  
ANTHONY LUPUS' CURRENT  
CONDITION...

-- RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BITTER  
ANGUISH THE SHAGGY CREATURE  
FEELS--



--THE ANGUISH  
-- AND THE  
**PAIN!**



JUST ABOUT HAD  
IT! **SHAGGY'S**  
COMING  
AGAIN-- AND I  
HAVEN'T GOT THE  
STRENGTH TO STOP  
HIM-- **UNLESS...**

IT MAY  
BE  
**BRUTAL**  
-- BUT IT'S  
THE **ONLY**  
HOPE I'VE  
GOT!

**AARRNN!**

ONCE MORE, THE BEAST THAT IS ANTHONY LUPUS HURLS HIMSELF  
FORWARD-- ONLY TO BE STOPPED SUDDENLY, **SICKENINGLY**  
SHORT BY ANOTHER OBJECT HURLED...



**BLASTED FOOL!** I  
ONLY MEANT TO WING  
HIM WHERE HE STOOD--  
BUT HE WALKED RIGHT  
INTO IT!



FOR A  
MOMENT,  
THE  
BEAST-  
MAN  
STANDS  
TREMBLING,  
WAITING  
FOR DEATH  
TO CLAIM  
HIM--

THEN, SLOWLY, HE BEGINS TO  
REALIZE THAT HE FEELS NO  
WEAKNESS, NO PAIN-- THAT  
THE SHARP STEEL ROD WHICH  
PIERCED HIS FURRY FLESH WAS  
AFFECTED HIM NOT AT ALL--



-- AND, IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A BEAST TO GRIN, ANTHONY LUPUS DOES SO AS HE BEGINS TO PULL THE ROD OUT--



GOD!



AND WHEN THE BATMAN HAS DESCENDED TO THE STREET--

GONE! THE ROD IS HERE, TWISTED INTO RUIN-- BUT SHAGGY HAS VANISHED! WAS HE DISINTEGRATED BY THE LIGHTNING, OR--? WELL, I SUSPECT SOMEDAY I'LL FIND OUT--

--ONE WAY-- OR ANOTHER!

## EPILOGUE:

IN THE FORESTS OF ALASKA, THERE ARE STORIES OF A MAN-- THE WOLFMAN. THEY CALL HIM-- FOR HE HUNTS NOTHING ELSE.



FOR MOST OF THE MONTH, HE PROWLs THESE WOODLANDS, SLAYING THE TIMBER WOLVES, ANXIOUSLY EXTRACTING THEIR BLOOD--



-- BUT, ON THE THREE NIGHTS OF THE COLD FULL MOON, IT IS SAID THE WOLF-PACK STILL RUNS THICKER-- BY ONE-- AND THAT ONE HAS THE SHAPE OF-- A MAN!