

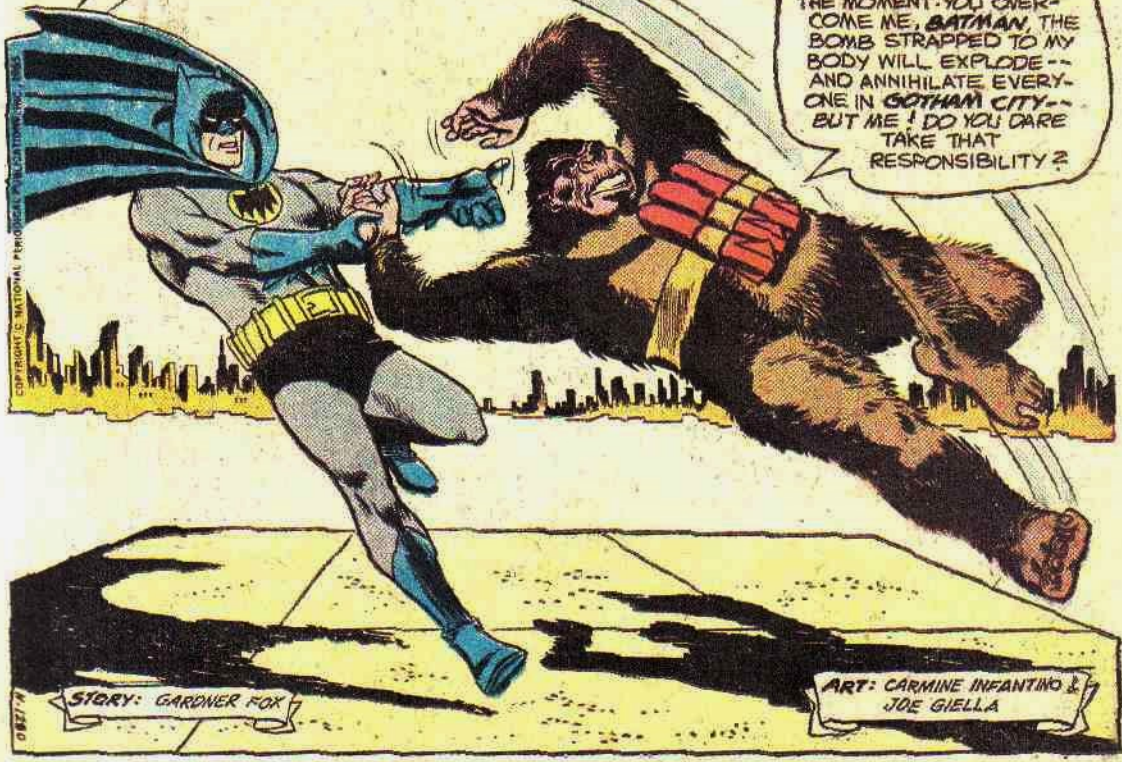
With  
**ROBIN**  
THE  
**BOY WONDER**

# BATMAN



IN HIS TIME, THE MASKED MANHUNTER HAS FOUGHT MANY MIGHTY AND FORMIDABLE FOES -- BUT NONE WITH SUCH AMAZING POWERS AS KARMAK -- THE GORILLA WHO THINKS LIKE A MAN!  
IF KARMAK CAN GAIN FOR HIMSELF THE BATTLING PROWESS OF BATMAN, THERE WILL BE NONE WHO CAN STAND AGAINST THE GORILLA IN HIS GRUDGE-FIGHT AGAINST HUMANITY!

## BATMAN BATTLES the LIVING BEAST-BOMB!



THE MOMENT YOU OVER-COME ME, BATMAN, THE BOMB STRAPPED TO MY BODY WILL EXPLODE -- AND ANNIHILATE EVERYONE IN GOTHAM CITY -- BUT ME! DO YOU DARE TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY?

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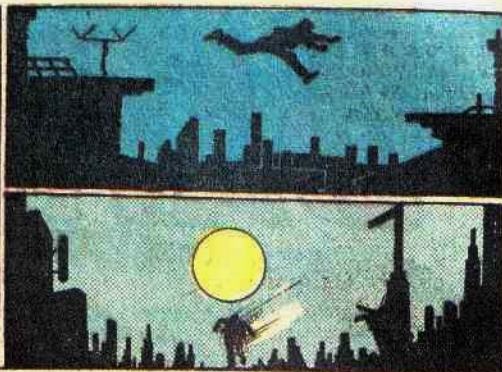
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# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS

AN AMAZING CRIMINAL IS LOOSE IN  **Gotham City!** A MYSTERIOUS CRIMINAL WHO RIPS A BANK VAULT DOOR OFF ITS HINGES -- WHO LEAPS SIXTY FEET FROM ROOFTOP TO ROOFTOP... AND WHO RUNS LIKE THE VERY WIND...



FOR THREE HECTIC DAYS THE POLICE ARE BAFLED... AND THEN ONE NIGHT IN A LOCAL PRECINCT HOUSE...



QUICK--ARREST ME! I'M THE ONE WHO COMMITTED THOSE MYSTERIOUS ROBBERIES!

SMALL, MEEK, WEAK-LOOKING WALTER HEWITT STARES UP AT THE POLICE DESK SERGEANT AS...

YOU PULLED A SAFE VAULT DOOR OFF ITS HINGES? YOU LEAPT SIXTY FEET-- TWICE THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE BROAD JUMP? WHAT ARE YOU HANDING ME?

THE TRUTH, SERGEANT! PLEASE-- LOCK ME UP IN A JAIL CELL-- AND GET **BATMAN** OVER HERE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE! ONLY HE CAN HELP ME!

SOMETHING ABOUT THE PLEADING VOICE AND DIS- TRAUGHT FACE PROMPTS THE POLICE-- VIA COMMISSIONER GORDON --TO CONTACT **BATMAN** ON THE HOT-LINE! THEN...

OKAY, HEWITT! YOU'VE GOT YOUR JAIL CELL-- NOW HOW ABOUT YOUR STORY TO GO WITH IT?

IT'S SAFE TO EXPLAIN NOW... I HOPE! BUT **BATMAN** BETTER GET HERE FAST--JUST IN CASE!

"BACK IN MY SCHOOL DAYS, I WAS NICKNAMED 'WORTH- LESS WALLY!' I WAS NO GOOD AT ANY SPORT AND I HAD TWO LEFT FEET WHEN I TRIED TO DANCE..."

STRIKE THREE! YOU'RE OUT!

POOR WALLY! HE HASN'T HIT A BALL ALL SEASON!



# BATMAN VS. THE BEAST-BOMB

"A COMPLETE DUD AT PHYSICAL SKILLS, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT I CONCENTRATED ON IMPROVING MYSELF MENTALLY..."

Hmmm! THIS NEW SCIENCE OF BIONICS\* MAY BE THE ANSWER I NEED TO GAIN THE PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!



\*EDITOR'S NOTE: BIONICS IS THE STUDY OF LIVING CREATURES AND THE ATTEMPT TO DUPLICATE THEIR SPECIAL PROPERTIES.

"THOUGH MY PHYSICAL PERSON DID NOT CHANGE, THE QUALITY AND NATURE OF MY BODILY ORGANS DID! AS A RESULT..."

WONDERFUL! I CAN NOT ONLY SEE THAT BIRD PERCHING ON THAT DISTANT SPIRE, I CAN HEAR IT CHIRPING TOO!



"I WANTED TO HELP OTHER 'WEAKLINGS' AS WELL AS MYSELF! SO WHAT I DID NEXT WAS WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS! OVER THE YEARS I WORKED AND LEARNED, UNTIL..."

THIS BIONFORMER I'VE INVENTED IS GEARED TO DRAW OUT THE SPECIAL PROPERTIES OF AN ANIMAL AND BY A SHOWER OF IRRADIATED LIGHT TRANSFER THEM INTO A HUMAN BEING! NOW TO CHANGE "WORTHLESS WALLY" INTO "WORTH-WHILE WALLY"!



"I STOOD IN THAT BIONFORMER LIGHT, ABSORBING THE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED ABILITY OF A DOG TO HEAR, AN EAGLE TO SEE, THE KNACK OF A FLY TO WALK ON CEILINGS OR UP WALLS..."



"NOT BEING CONTENT WITH JUST A FEW ABILITIES -- ALWAYS EAGER FOR MORE -- I KEPT ADDING TO MY POWERS! I GAVE MYSELF THE RUNNING SPEED OF THE CHEETAH AND THE JUMPING POWERS OF A KANGAROO..."

I COULD BREAK EVERY TRACK AND FIELD MARK IN THE WORLD!



"TO CAP MY ACHIEVEMENTS, I DECIDED TO INCORPORATE INTO MY BODY THE TREMENDOUS STRENGTH OF A GORILLA! I BOUGHT A BIG ANTHROPOID FROM A TRAVELING CIRCUS, AND WHEN THE TRANSFORMATION WAS COMPLETED..."

SOMETHING WENT WRONG! I GOT THE GORILLA'S STRENGTH, ALL RIGHT -- BUT HE ACQUIRED MY THINKING ABILITY!



# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS

'A QUICK CHECK SHOWED THAT MY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT HAD UNDERGONE A 'PHASE REVERSAL' OF ITS ELECTRICAL POWER--REVERSING ITS FLOW AND CAUSING AN OPPOSITE RESULT TO OCCUR! ...'



THE GORILLA IS MENTALLY COMMANDING ME TO GO OUT AND ROB! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I CANNOT RESIST HIS WILL POWER! I--MUST--OBEY!

HIS VOICE TRAILS OFF AS AN ODD CHANGE SUDDENLY COMES OVER THE FACE OF THE IMPRISONED BIONICS EXPERT...

HIS HANDS LIFT AND TIGHTEN ABOUT THE CELL BARS! NEXT INSTANT, HIS TITANIC STRENGTH YANKS THEM FREE OF THE CEMENT THAT HOLDS THEM!

SO STUNNED ARE THE POLICE OFFICERS BY THE STRONG-MAN TACTICS OF THE "WEAKLING", THAT THEY BARELY MOVE OUT OF THE WAY AS...

ONLY WHILE THE GORILLA SLEEPS DOES HE LOSE HIS MASTERY OF ME! I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS SLUMBER TO COME HERE AND GIVE MYSELF UP--BUT NOW HE'S AWAKE!

HE'S REGAINED COMMAND OF MY MIND! I AM FORCED TO OBEY HIM AND ESCAPE! STAND BACK--ALL OF YOU!

I DIDN'T BELIEVE A WORD HE WAS SAYING--

--UNTIL NOW!

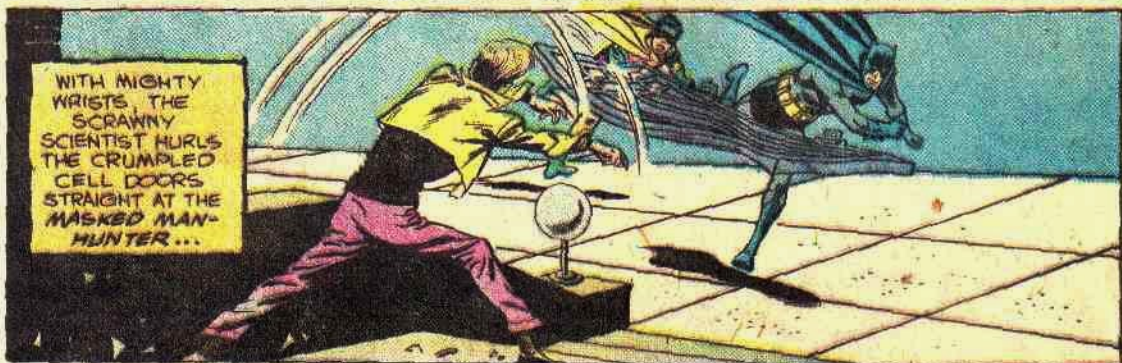


STRAIGHT TOWARD THE CLOSED DOORS OF THE POLICE PRECINCT HOUSE HE RUSHES...



IF ONLY BATMAN HAD SHOWED UP IN TIME--HE MIGHT HAVE FOUND A WAY TO PREVENT THIS!

# BATMAN VS. THE BEAST-BOMB



# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS

EVEN AS ROBIN SLAMS INTO THE POLICE STATION WALL, THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER TAKES UP THE PURSUIT OF THE KANGAROO-HOPPING HEWITT...

I CAN'T JUMP AS WELL AS HE CAN-- BUT I CAN USE PROPS TO HELP ME CATCH HIM!



LEAPING ONTO THE HOOD OF THE BATMOBILE, THE MASKED MANHUNTER STARTS TO RISE UPWARD...

THIS IS THE TAKE-OFF POINT...



... AND THIS IS CRASH-LANDING!



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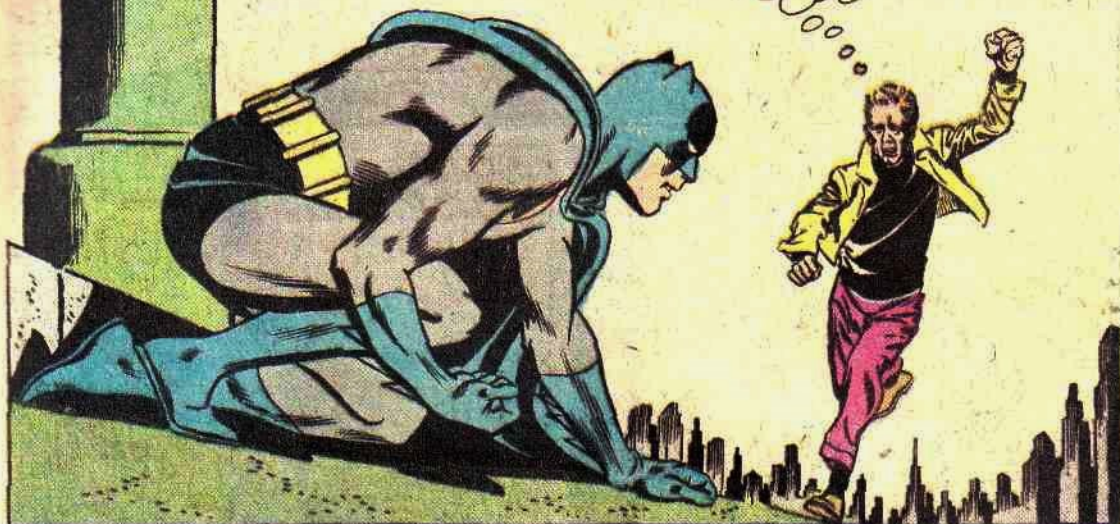
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# BATMAN BATTLES THE LIVING BEAST-BOMB!

THE MAN WITH THE BIONIC BODY HITS THE GROUND HARD AS BATMAN DROPS LIGHTLY BESIDE HIM-- BUT ALMOST INSTANTLY THE SCIENTIST IS UP AGAIN...

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT BATMAN THIS WAY-- BUT THE GORILLA IS FORCING ME TO DO SO!



BACKED BY THE MIGHTY STRENGTH OF A GORILLA, HEWITT ROCKETS A LETHAL PUNCH AT THE COWLED CRUSADER...

THE REFLEXES OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER ARE THOSE OF A WILD ANIMAL HIMSELF! HE SWERVES ASIDE AS...

AS IF HE WOULD BREAK OFF THE FIGHT, THE MENTALLY-CONTROLLED HEWITT LEAPS HIGH AND AWAY FROM BATMAN...

A TRAINED SUPER-ATHLETE HIMSELF, THE COWLED CRUSADER ALSO LEAPS--JUST HIGH ENOUGH TO...

I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES OF THAT BLOW CONNECTING--

HOW RIGHT I WAS!

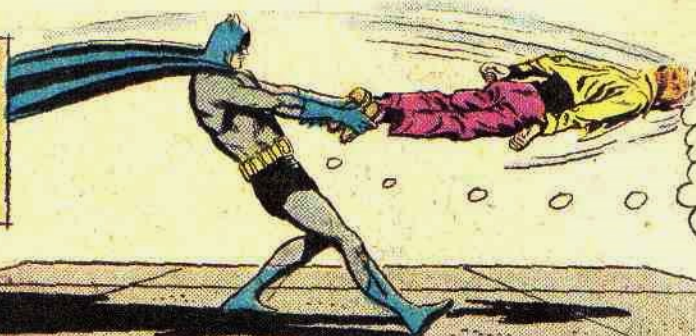
HOLD ON, PAL! I'M NOT LETTING YOU CALL IT QUITS!

NABBED HIM!



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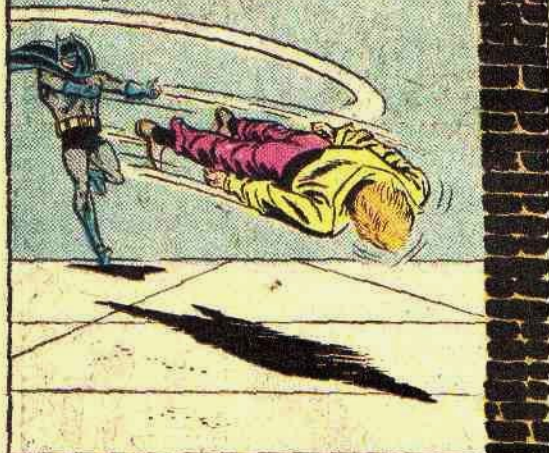
PULLING HIS FOE GROUNDWARD, BATMAN'S MUSCULAR ARMS SWING HIM AROUND AS IF HE WERE A HAMMER IN A TRACK-AND-FIELD EVENT...



THIS MAN IS CHARGED WITH SUCH AMAZING POWERS--I'LL HAVE TO WORK UP PLENTY OF CENTRIFUGAL FORCE TO KNOCK HIM OUT!

AROUND AND AROUND HE WHIRLS HIM, UNTIL...

EVEN AFTER I KNOCK HIM OUT--HOW CAN ANY JAIL HOLD HIM AFTER HE COMES TO? "COMES TO"--THAT'S THE ANSWER!



WALTER HEWITT THUDS INTO A SOLID BRICK WALL AS ROBIN RUSHES UP...

I JUST RECOVERED FROM MY HEAD-ON COLLISION, BATMAN! WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

I'LL FILL YOU IN LATER! GET BACK TO THE POLICE STATION AND SUMMON A DOCTOR! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT HEWITT UNDER AN ANESTHETIC!



AT THIS MOMENT, MILES AWAY IN THE HEWITT HOUSE-LABORATORY, KARMAK THE GORILLA BROODS ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED...



WITH ALL HIS POWERS, HEWITT SHOULD HAVE DEFEATED BATMAN WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE! BATMAN WAS TOO SMART FOR HIM--TOO EXPERIENCED A FIGHTER!



# BATMAN VS. THE BEAST-BOMB

BATMAN TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE BATTLEGROUND! HIS LONG CAREER AS A CRIME-FIGHTER--HIS GENIUS FOR ESCAPING FROM TOUGH SPOTS AND DEADLY TRAPS--HAVE MADE HIM A PERFECT FIGHTING MACHINE!



SWIFTLY, THE HUMAN-THINKING GORILLA BUSIES HIMSELF WITH SOME OF THE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT...

SINCE A LOOSE GORILLA COULDN'T GO WALKING AROUND GOTHAM CITY WITHOUT BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, I MADE HEWITT ROB FOR ME! HOWEVER, IF I COULD TRAP BATMAN AND ABSORB HIS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE AS I ACCIDENTALLY ABSORBED HEWITT'S--I COULD USE BATMAN'S SKILLS TO AVOID CAPTURE!



I'LL SLIP OUT OF HERE TOMORROW NIGHT--AFTER MAKING SUITABLE PREPARATIONS--AND SNEAK OVER THE ROOFTOPS TO SET AN UNWARY TRAP FOR BATMAN--ONE THAT WILL HOLD HIM LONG ENOUGH TO COMPLETE MY MISSION!



SOME NIGHTS LATER, AFTER HIS TRAP IS LAID, KARMAK ONCE AGAIN TRAVELS THROUGH THE NIGHT--BUT NOW HE BOLDLY GOES BY WAY OF THE STREETS RATHER THAN BY THE ROOFTOPS...

A--GORILLA! I'D BETTER NOTIFY THE POLICE RIGHT AWAY!

THIS IS WORKING OUT JUST AS I EXPECTED!



ALERTED BY THE HOT-LINE, BATMAN ROARS THROUGH THE DARKNESS IN THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE...

HERE COMES BATMAN NOW! I'LL GIVE HIM AN EXTRA INCENTIVE TO TRY AND CAPTURE ME--BY BREAKING INTO THIS JEWELRY STORE!

I'M A LONER TONIGHT! ROBIN'S PARTICIPATING IN A PEP NIGHT RALLY AT HIS SCHOOL!



# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS

AS THOSE HAIRY PAWS BATTER THROUGH THE LOCKED DOOR OF THE JEWEL SALON...

AFTER ME, BATMAN--  
STRAIGHT INTO MY  
TRAP!



AS IF HE WERE HOME IN HIS BELOVED AFRICAN JUNGLES, THE MIGHTY ANTHROPOID LEAPS FROM CHANDELIER TO CHANDELIER AS THE MASKED MANHUNTER HURLS A BATRANG FROM HIS UTILITY BELT...

A WELL-ARMED BLOW WITH THIS SHOULD STUN HIM--

HUMANS TOOK ME FROM THE JUNGLE! HUMANS MADE ME DO TRICKS IN CIRCUS-- SO THEY COULD LAUGH AT ME! KARMAK MAKE HUMANS PAY!



WITH HIS SEVEN HUNDRED PLUS POUNDS OF BRUTE STRENGTH, KARMAK RIPS A CHANDELIER FROM THE CEILING-- DRIVING IT STRAIGHT DOWNWARD TOWARD HIS FOE...

TO MAKE THEM PAY-- KARMAK WILL NOW PERSONALLY STEAL THEIR TREASURES-- LIKE MONEY AND JEWELS! TO DO THAT-- I NEED BATMAN'S POWERS!



WHEN THE COWLED CRUSADER RACES IN...

HE'S LEAPING UPWARD-- OUT OF MY REACH!



# BATMAN VS. THE BEAST-BOMB



THE COWLED CRUSADER DIVES SIDWAYS-- JUST AS THE GORILLA LEAPS FOR HIM...

EVERYTIME I TANGLE WITH THAT GORILLA, I'VE GOT TO KEEP DUCKING FOR SAFETY!

I KNEW HE'D ESCAPE THE FALLING CHANDALIER-- BUT BY DOING SO, HE'S PLACED HIMSELF IN A VULNERABLE POSITION!



AS KARMAK LEARNS, BATMAN NEVER DOES THE EXPECTED! INSTEAD OF DROPPING FLAT ON THE FLOOR-- HE DOES A HANDSTAND AND A FOOT KICK...



REGAINING HIS FOOTING, IT IS BATMAN THIS TIME WHO LEAPS UPON HIS SPRAWLED FOE...

ORDINARILY I DON'T FIGHT A FOE THIS WAY, BUT THIS IS NO ORDINARY FOE!



AS BATMAN LEAPS UPWARD TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ANOTHER, MORE POWERFUL FOOT-BLOW...

I WAS RIGHT! BATMAN IS THE FINEST FIGHTING MACHINE OF THEM ALL! BUT IN A MOMENT-- I SHALL BE JUST LIKE HIM!

ROLLING OUT OF THE WAY-- A TYPICAL BATMAN TRICK!



HITTING THE FLOOR GIVES BATMAN THE LEVERAGE HE NEEDS TO FLING HIMSELF AT THE GORILLA...

I'VE MANEUVERED HIM INTO THE RIGHT POSITION TO SPRING MY TRAP-- WITH THE BUTTON I'VE CONCEALED IN THE FLOOR!

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# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS

FROM TWO WALL RECESSES, TWIN **BIONIFORMER** DISCS BATHE THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER AND THE ANTHROPOID AS TIME FREEZES FOR ONE SPLIT-SECOND...

GETTING GROGGY...

I INCREASED THE POWER OF THE **BIONI-FORMER** RAY HITTING **BATMAN**-- GREAT ENOUGH TO KNOCK HIM OUT!



NEXT INSTANT, THE LIMP FORM OF THE UNCONSCIOUS **CRUSADER** DROPS TOWARD HIS FOE...

AH! I CAN FEEL IT--I'M FILLED WITH THE CAGY WISDOM AND FIGHTING PROWESS OF **BATMAN**! I CAN'T KILL HIM-- BECAUSE I NEED HIM ALIVE TO RE-GAIN HIS POWERS WHEN THEY FADE AWAY FROM ME AFTER A FEW DAYS!



SOME TIME LATER, A DAZED **BATMAN** STAGGERS FROM THE JEWEL SALON...

Whew! THAT GORILLA MADE A "MONKEY" OUT OF ME!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE JAIL CELL WHERE WALTER HEWITT HAS BEEN KEPT UNDER AN ANESTHETIC...

THE MYSTERIOUS RADIATION HAS COMPLETELY FADED OUT OF HIM! HE'S HIS OLD SELF AGAIN-- SO IT'S SAFE TO LET HIM WAKE UP!



NO LONGER UNDER THE SPELL OF **KARMAK** THE GORILLA, HEWITT TELLS MORE OF HIS STORY TO AN INTERESTED AUDIENCE...

THE GORILLA WILL LURE YOU TO HIM AGAIN, **BATMAN**-- BECAUSE AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS RADIATION WEARS OFF IN A FEW DAYS!

WHEN HE DOES, I'LL BE READY FOR HIM!

BUT THIS TIME, I'LL SET A TRAP FOR HIM!



I'LL HAVE TO BE EXTRA CLEVER ABOUT THIS-- BECAUSE IF THE GORILLA HAS MY ABILITIES, IT WILL BE LIKE FIGHTING MYSELF! JUST AS I'LL BE SETTING A TRAP FOR HIM-- HE'LL BE PREPARING ONE FOR ME!



# BATMAN VS. THE BEAST-BOMB

FOR SEVERAL DAYS, A CLEVER, POWERFUL GORILLA ROBS AT WILL IN GOTHAM CITY-- ELUDING ALL ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE HIM! AS IF TO PUNISH MANKIND FOR WHAT IT HAS DONE TO HIM, HE LEAVES A PATH OF WANTON DESTRUCTION BEHIND HIM...



ONLY THE COWLED CRU-SADER HAS A CHANCE AGAINST THE WILY ANTHROPOID...

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?

PREPARING A "SECRET WEAPON" FOR MY NEXT ENCOUNTER WITH THAT GORILLA! I'VE SOAKED MY GLOVES IN A LIQUID ANESTHETIC, AS BOXERS SOAK THEIR HANDS IN BRINE TO TOUGHEN THEM!



THAT SAME AFTERNOON THE HOT-LINE PHONE RINGS AND...

COMMISSIONER GORDON SAYS THE GORILLA'S BEEN SIGHTED NEAR GOTHAM PARK!

GOOD! THE SOONER I TANGLE WITH THAT GORILLA AGAIN, THE BETTER I'LL LIKE IT!



WITHIN MINUTES, THE TWO ARCH-FOES COME IN SIGHT. OF ONE ANOTHER...

HEY-- IT LOOKS LIKE THE GORILLA HAS A "SECRET WEAPON" OF HIS OWN! WHAT'S THAT ON HIM?

I DON'T KNOW-- BUT I'M SURE WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!



# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS

**KARMAK HURTTLES IN, CONFIDENT OF VICTORY...**

DO YOU HEAR THAT CLICKING NOISE, **BATMAN**? IT'S COMING FROM A DEADLY BOMB I'VE GOT STRAPPED ON ME! I'VE ALREADY **ACTIVATED** IT!

WHAT'S HE GOT IN MIND?



**THE COWLED CRUSADER'S FIST SLASHES THE AIR AS THE GORILLA DUCKS...**

WHILE ACTIVATED, IT CANNOT BE SHUT OFF--OR REMOVED FROM MY BODY! SO EVEN IF YOU OVERCOME ME, IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD! ONLY I CAN PREVENT IT, FROM EXPLODING--

IF THE GORILLA CAN DO THAT--MAYBE I CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DO IT TOO!



**THE MASTER OF JUDO AND JIU JITSU WHIRLS--HIS HANDS FASTEN DOWN ON A HAIRY WRIST...**

--AN EXPLOSION THAT WILL ANNIHILATE **EVERYTHING** AND **EVERY ONE** IN **GOTHAM CITY**--**BUT ME!**

I'M SURE HE'S NOT BLUFFING-- BUT I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH MY PLAN!



**HIS SUPERB ATHLETE'S MUSCLES TENSE! HE HEAVES UPWARD WITH HIS BACK...**



HE SURE IS HEAVY-- BUT IN THIS TYPE OF WRESTLING I CAN TURN MY OPPONENT'S STRENGTH AND GREATER WEIGHT AGAINST HIM-- AND TO MY ADVANTAGE!

**AS KARMAK LANDS AGAINST AN OAK-TREE TRUNK, BATMAN DASHES IN...**

CLICK! CLICK!



NOW--WHILE HE'S MOMENTARILY GROGGY-- I'LL BRING MY "DOCTORED" GLOVES INTO OPERATION!

# BATMAN VS. THE BEAST-BOMB

BATMAN FLAILS AWAY WITH HIS SPECIALLY PREPARED GLOVES, RAMMING EACH BLOW JUST UNDER THE BEAST'S NOSTRILS...

THE ANESTHETIC WILL KEEP HIM OUT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO DEACTIVATE THE BOMB!



AS KARMAK SLUMPS UNCONSCIOUS, BATMAN BENDS AND WITH STRAINING MUSCLES, LIFTS HIM INTO THE AIR...

I NOTICED THAT WHEN I HAD HIM OFF THE GROUND-- THE CLICKING OF HIS BOMB STOPPED! IF I CAN KEEP HIM OFF THE GROUND LONG ENOUGH-- THE BOMB WILL STOP OF ITS OWN ACCORD!



THE SEVEN HUNDRED POUND-- PLUS KARMAK IS A DEAD WEIGHT, SLUMPED INERTLY AS BATMAN HOLDS HIM OVERHEAD! FLEET SECONDS SEEM LIKE TORTUROUS HOURS...

HOLD THAT GORILLA, BATMAN! IF HE TOUCHES THE GROUND, THAT BOMB WILL START CLICKING AGAIN -- SOONER OR LATER BLOW UP GOTHAM CITY!

I DON'T KNOW... HOW MUCH LONGER... I CAN KEEP THIS... BOMB-LADEN BEAST... UP...



THERE IS NO TIME TO SUMMON HELP--THERE IS NOTHING CLOSE ENOUGH TO BATMAN TO ALLOW HIM TO SUSPEND THE GORILLA OFF THE GROUND...

PUFF! PUFF! MY LEGS--BUCKLING--

HOLD ON! I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND!



THE TEEN-AGE THUNDER-BOLT RAMS ONE KNEE TO THE TURF AS HIS OWN MUSCLES CRACK UNDER THAT DREADFUL WEIGHT...

GET HIM UP THERE AGAIN, BATMAN! THE CLOSER HE GETS TO THE GROUND, THE LOUDER THE CLICKING!



ARMS QUIVERING--SWEAT STAINING HIS EYES--HIS EVERY MUSCLE ON FIRE UNDER THAT AWESOME WEIGHT--THE COWLED CRUSADER STIFFENS LIKE A ROCK...

I WISH I COULD HELP!

STICK WITH IT, BATMAN!



# SUPER-HEROES VS. SUPER-GORILLAS



THIRTY MORE SECONDS PASS! HUMAN FLESH AND BLOOD CAN STAND NO MORE! THE MASKED MANHUNTER COLLAPSES...

I--I'VE FAILED--  
GOTHAM CITY!

IT'S OKAY!  
THERE'S NO  
CLICKING!  
THE BOMB'S  
DEAD! YOU  
DID IT!

LATER, AFTER THE GORILLA HAS BEEN PUT UNDER COMPLETE ANESTHESIA ...

IN A FEW DAYS, KARMAR WILL BE HIMSELF AGAIN AND WE'LL SHIP HIM BACK TO HIS JUNGLE HOME-- TO A HAPPIER, MORE NORMAL LIFE!

I WISH YOU COULD SHIP ME SOMEWHERE SO I COULD BE HAPPY TOO! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LONER--

YOU SHOULD LEARN TO COLLABORATE WITH PEOPLE, HEWITT, NOT TRY TO DO EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF! IF YOU LET PEOPLE KNOW YOU LIKE THEM-- THEY'LL LIKE YOU! I'M GOING TO CONTACT MY FRIEND BRUCE WAYNE--

HOW CAN HE HELP ME?

BY GIVING YOU A JOB INSTRUCTING OTHER SCIENTISTS AT THE ALFRED FOUNDATION FOR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT! I'M SURE YOUR PUPILS WILL LIKE AND RESPECT YOU!

I WON'T FAIL YOU BATMAN! I HAVE SO MUCH TO TEACH THEM! SO MUCH...



Coming...  
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THE LINE OF DC SUPER-STARS

FOR MONEY BUY THRILLS!

THE GREEN TEAM!

3,000,000 BOY MILLIONAIRES

WATCH FOR IT!