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# IT'S FUN TO BE A BATMAN!

by LEONARD GOLDSTEIN

ZAP!

ZOWIE!!

ZOK!



*This book is dedicated to all those who believe  
you can't run a good thing into the ground.*

*This book is dedicated to the 50 million children  
of all ages who visit Gotham twice weekly.*

*This book is dedicated. It is also trustworthy,  
loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,  
cheerful, thrifty, brave — almost clean and reverent.*

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## PREFACE

*ZAP!*, *POW!*, *WHAP!*, *BIFF!*, *ZOWIE!*, *ZOK!* are the newest words to be added to the American vocabulary — or as it will undoubtedly shortly be known, “Batabulary.” For everything and almost every body is going *Batty* now-a-days.

People go home to their Bat lairs. Go to work in Bat caves. Talk on the Bat line. Set their Bat alarms. Drive Batmobiles. Fly in Bat planes. And almost every American house has a Bat room.

Millions of kids are walking around in Batman and Robin capes, and while that is fine for girls and for a bunch of clothing manufacturers, there could be a whole generation of males who may wind up flying from the ceiling.

A short while ago a Caped Crusader would have been ridiculed if not locked up for indecent exposure. Today he's the hero of some 60 millions ABC-TV viewers and of all ABC-TV stockholders.

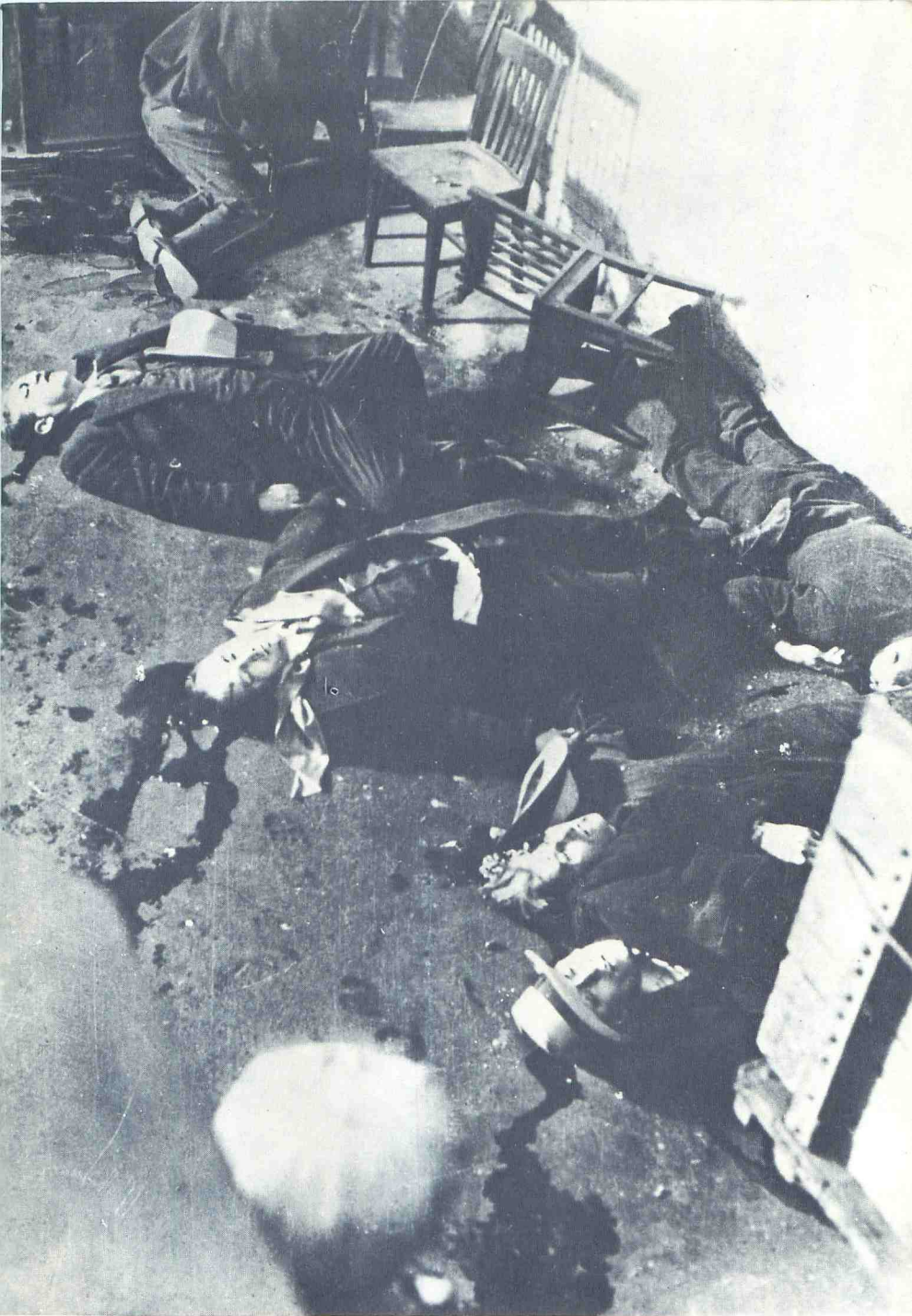
Ours not to question why. We think it is a good thing to have a Batman. Heroes are necessary to all of us and belong to all of us—and those who watch Batman because it is a “put-on” are the biggest hero-seekers of us all. But ours to try to keep this wonderful absurd looniness in its absurd and loony proportion—if only to keep enjoying it without having to hang from our toes.

And so . . . *ZAP!* *POW!* *WHAP!* *ZOWIE!!* and *ZOK!* to you, Caped Crusader, and to you, Boy Wonder!





*"Cross my heart and hope to die."*



*"Zap! Powie! Wham!"*

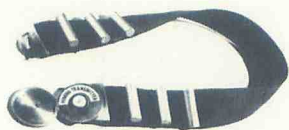


*"Just you try that once again, Batman."*





*"Alright so crime will run rampant for a few more minutes."*



What kind of fuel does the Batmobile burn?

*Guano or Bat dung.*

Why doesn't Robin wear a black cape like Batman's instead of a yellow cape?

*He's got dandruff.*

What do you call the Batman's swimming pool?

*A Bat tub.*

What does a Batman do each night before going to sleep?

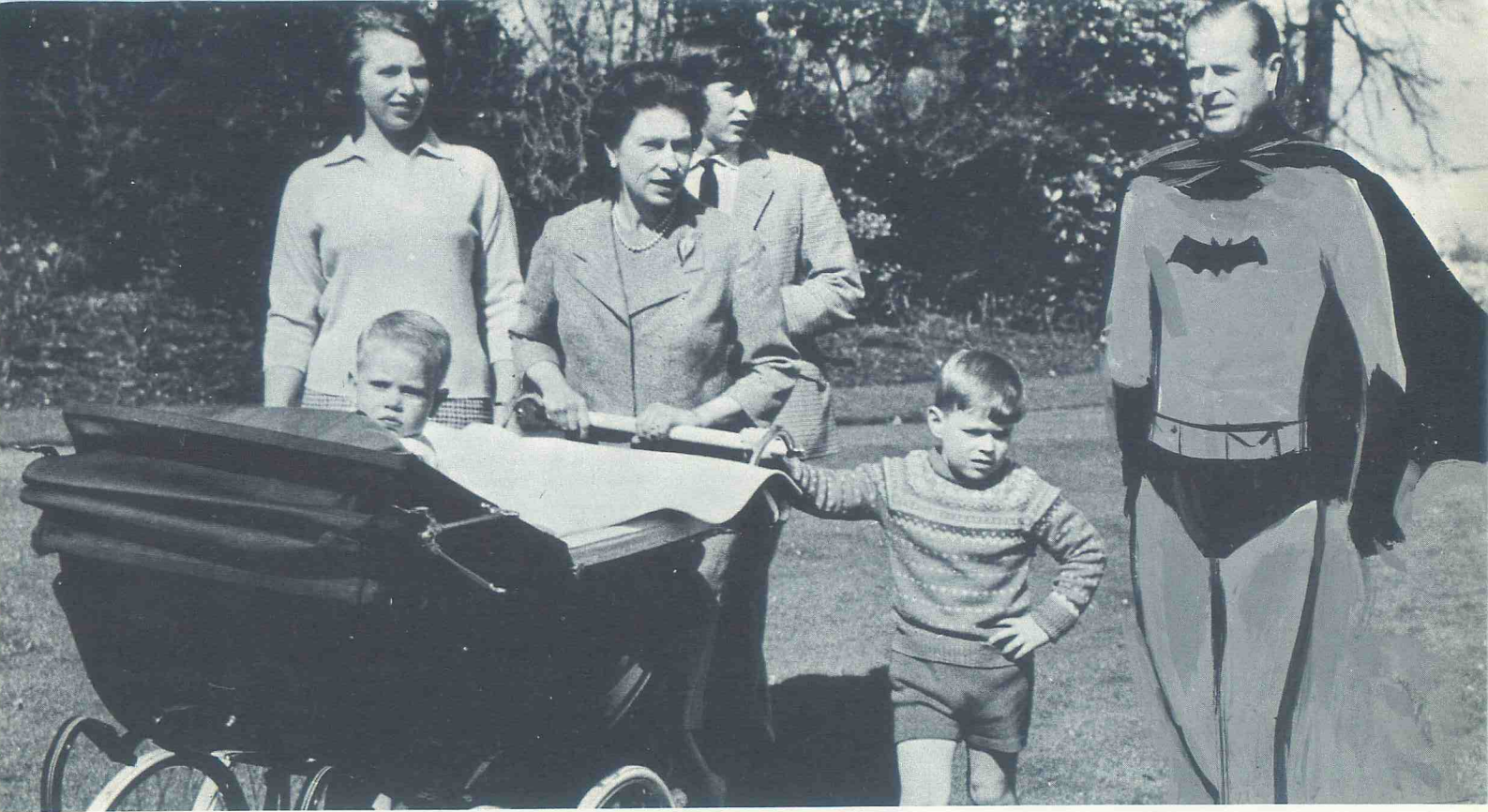
*Hang from his toes.*



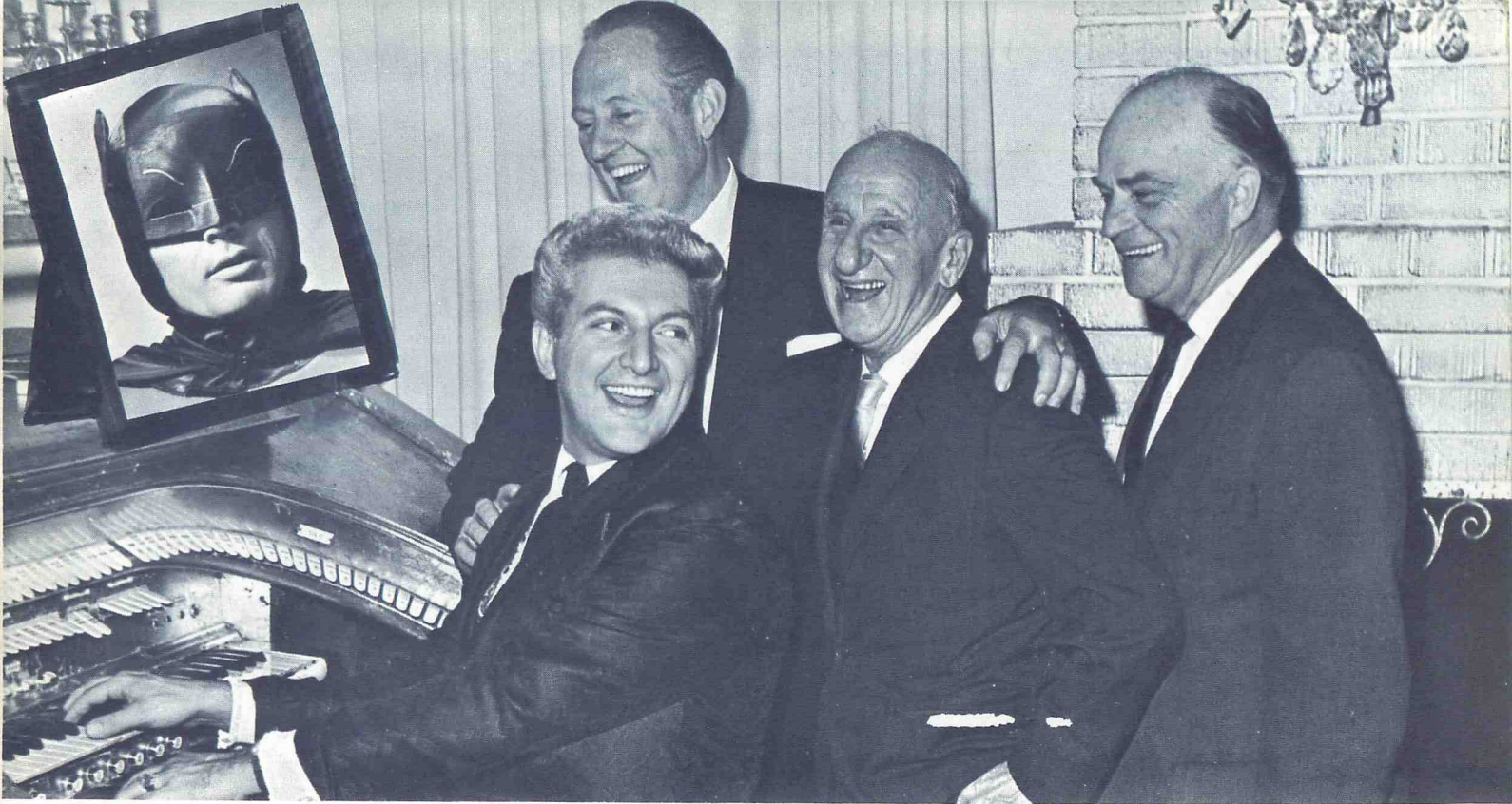


*"How long do I have to stand like this, Batman, before you say hike."*





*"What makes you think we're brainwashed by the Americans?"*



*"All together now . . . sing . . . "Batman . . . Batman.."*



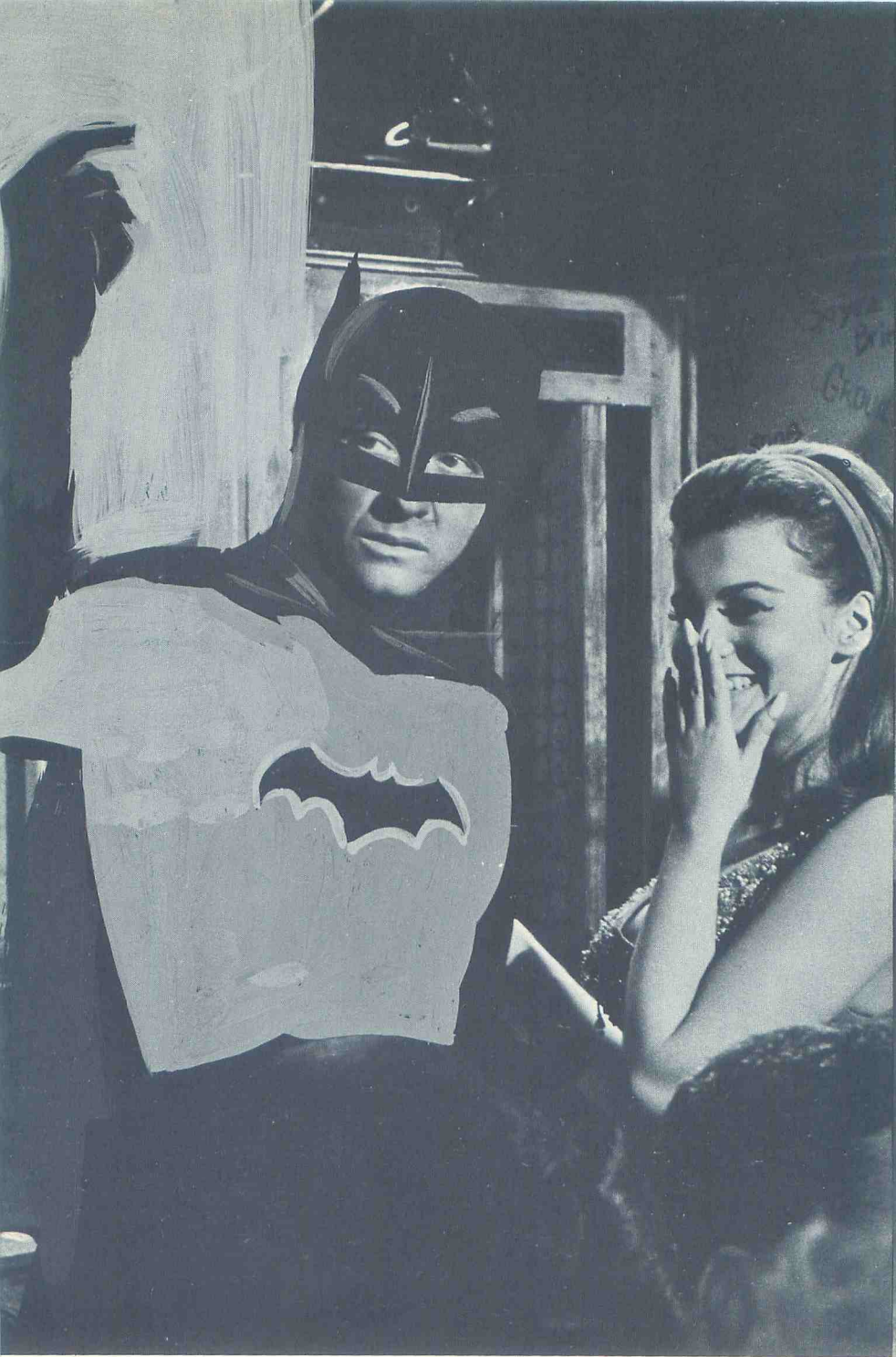


*"It's not true ... it's not true ... Your rating is not better than mine."*



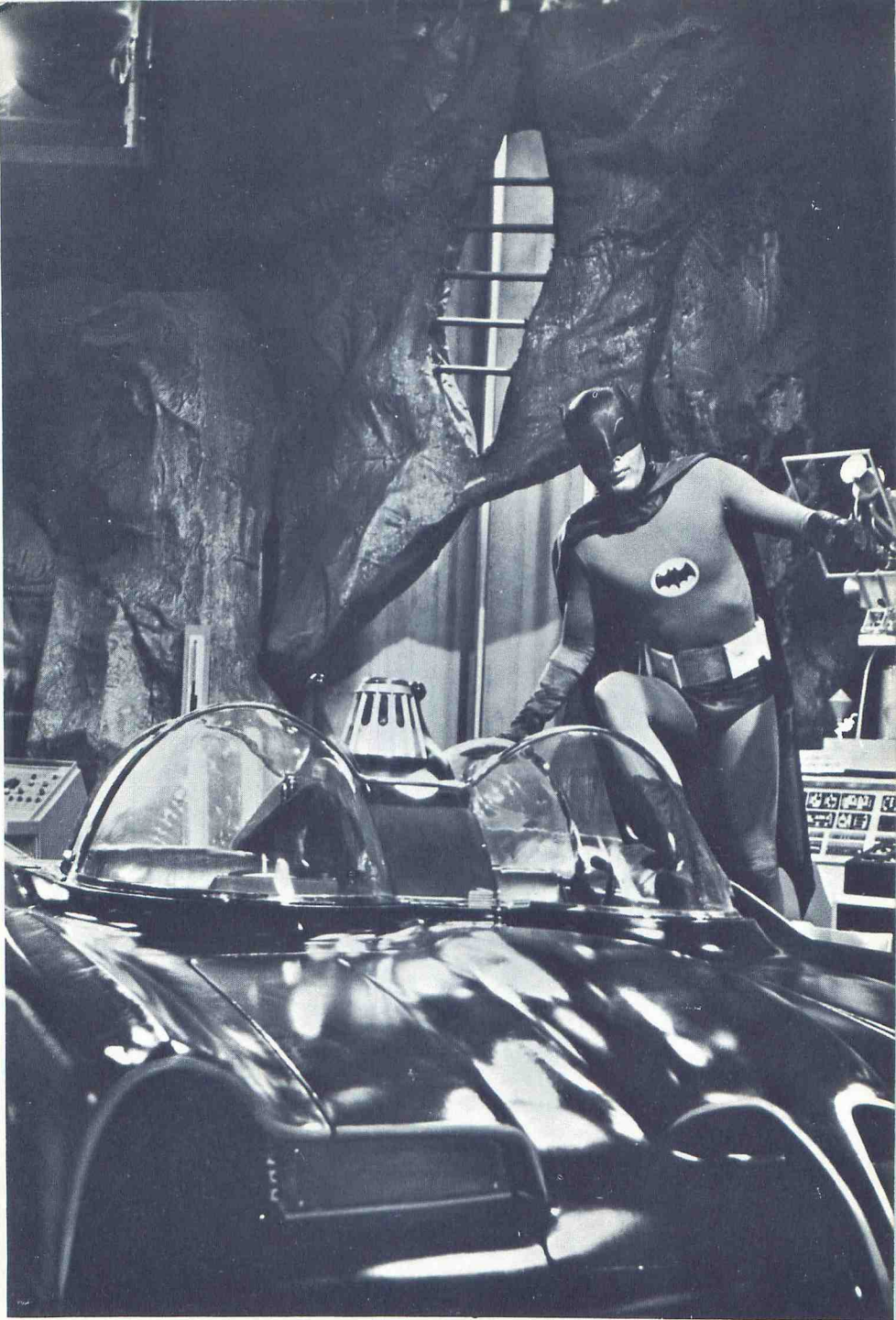


*"My gosh Mr. Wayne . . . I thought everyone knew you were Batman . . ."*



*"You can take it anyway you like Police Commissioner."*



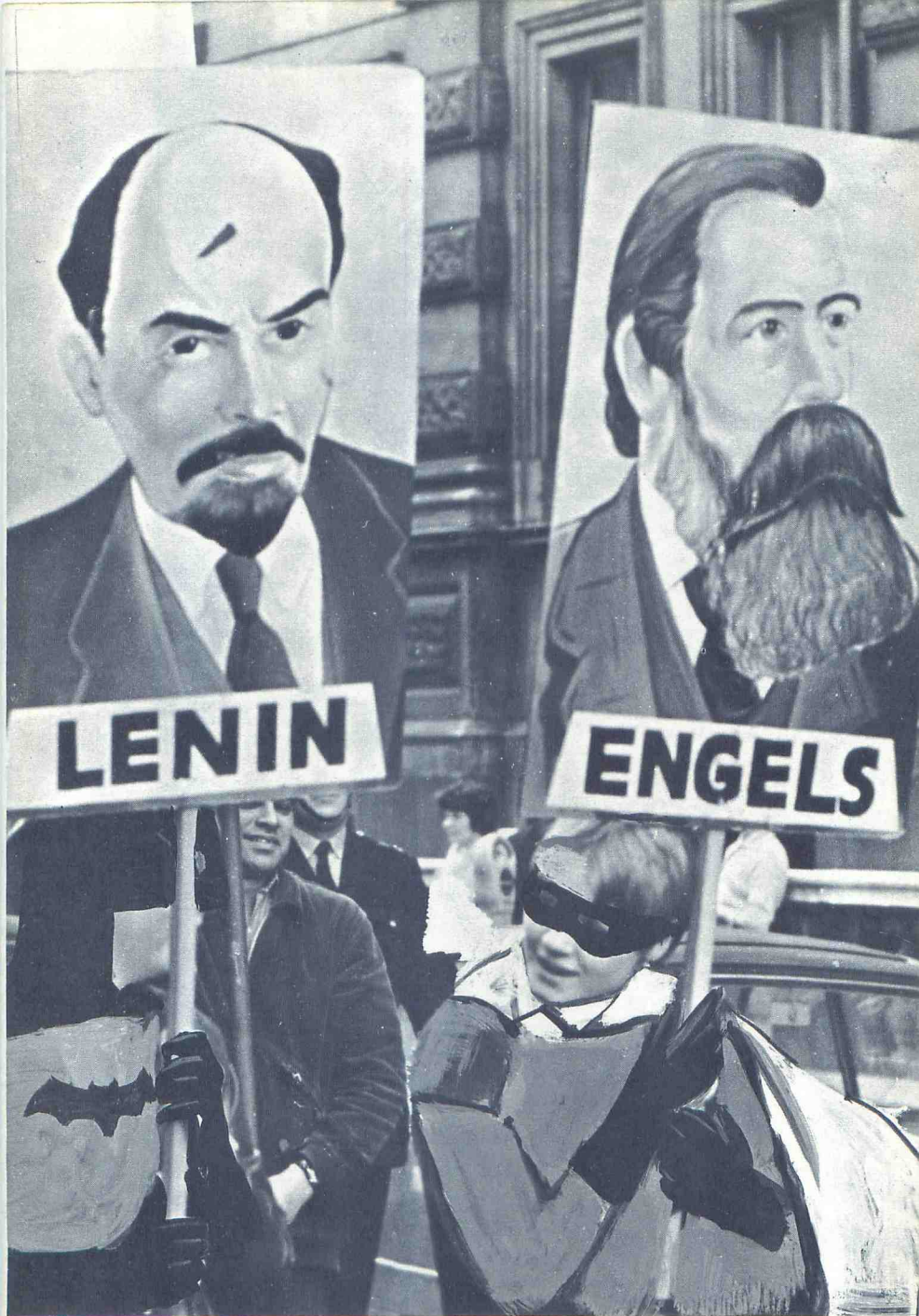


*"Let Hertz put you in the driver's seat tonight."*

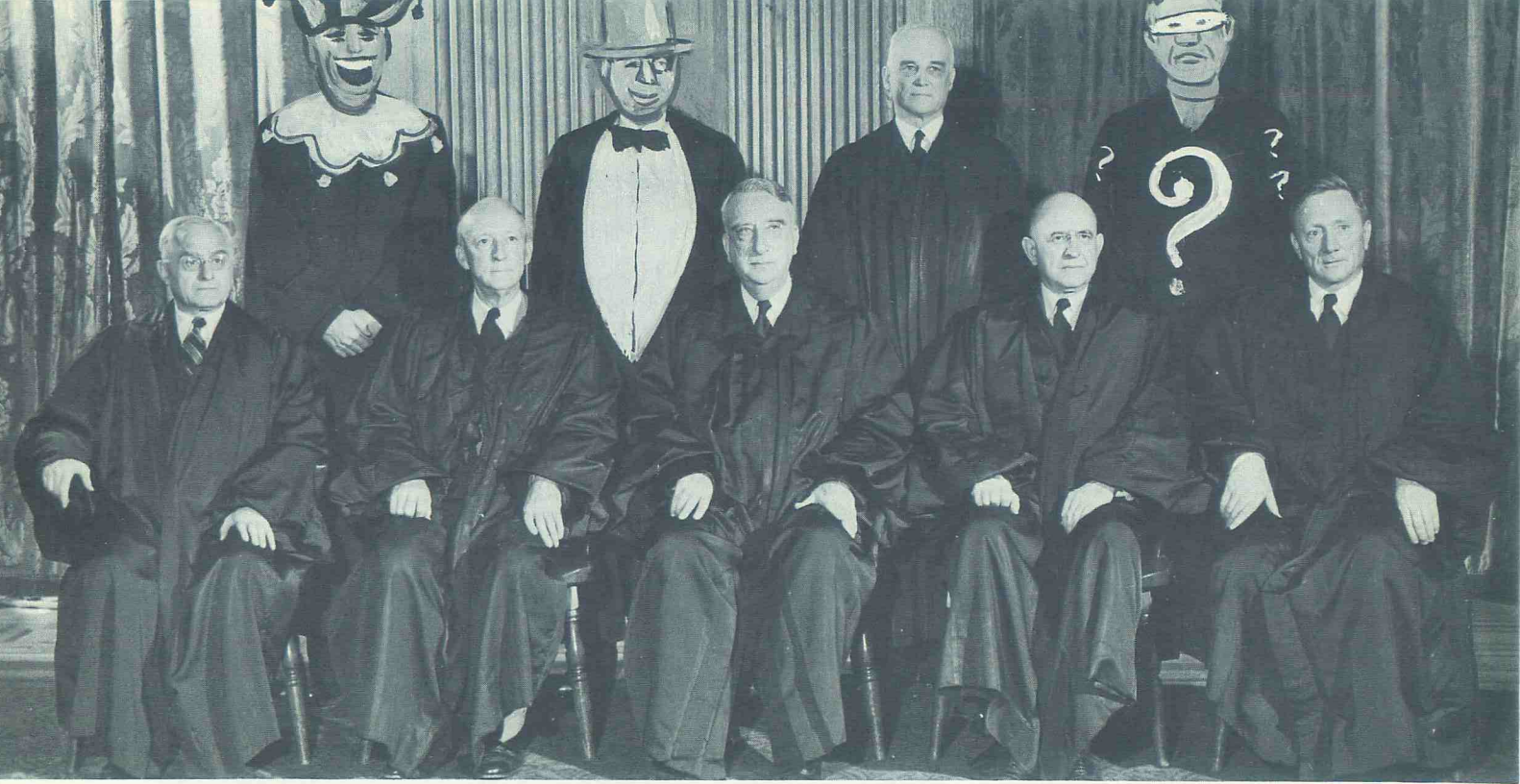




*Mrs. Penguin*



*"Batman, are you sure it was the Police Commissioner who called?"*



*"What makes you think you won't get a fair trial Mr. Batman?"*





*"Robin did that?"*



What is the best way to get a hold of a Batman?

*By his cape.*

What do Batman, Superman, Capt. Marvel and the Green Lantern have in common?

*The same tailor.*

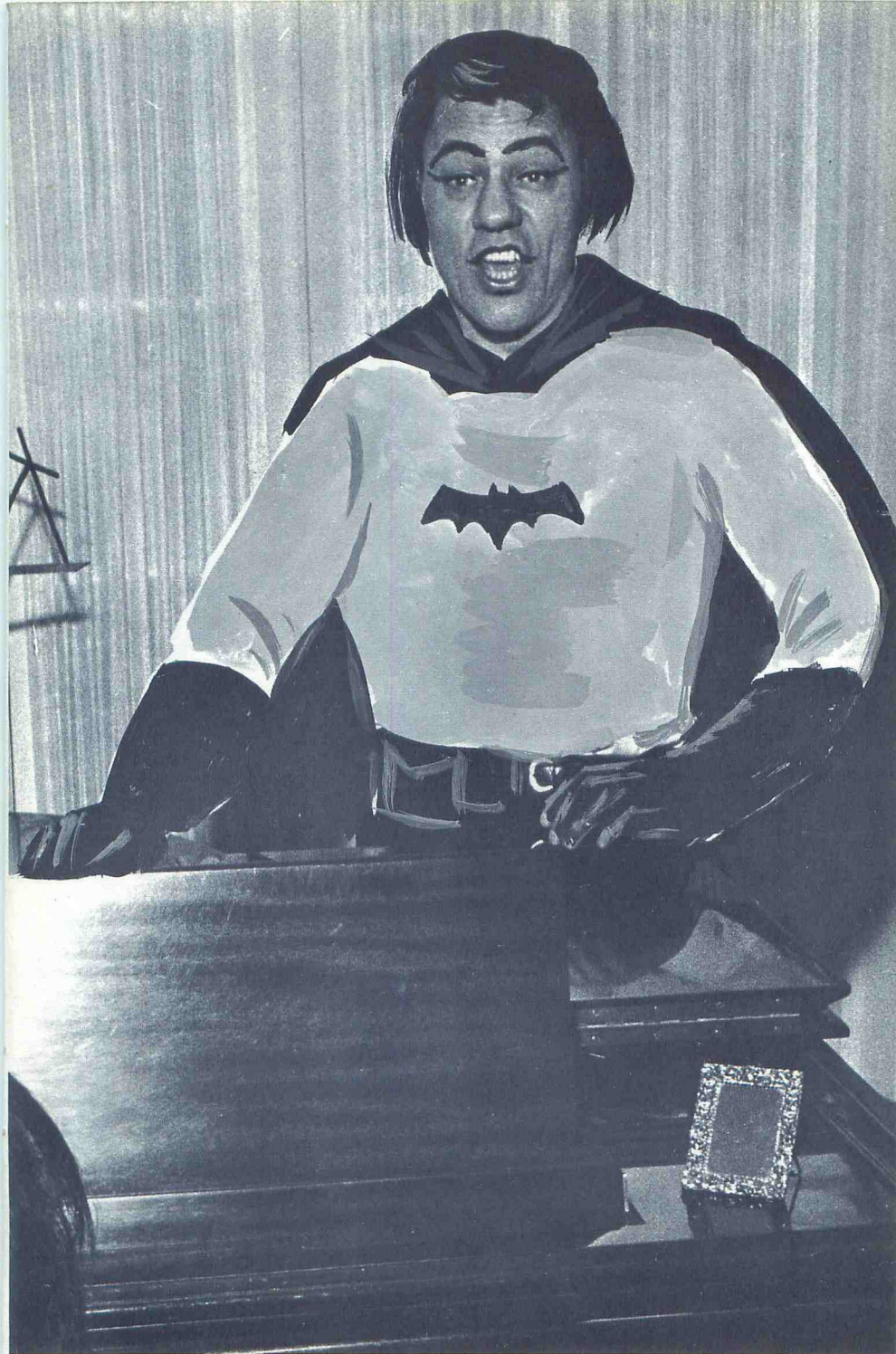
Where does a Batman go when he gets up in the morning?

*To the Bat room.*

What does a Batman wear to a costume party?

*A blue serge suit.*



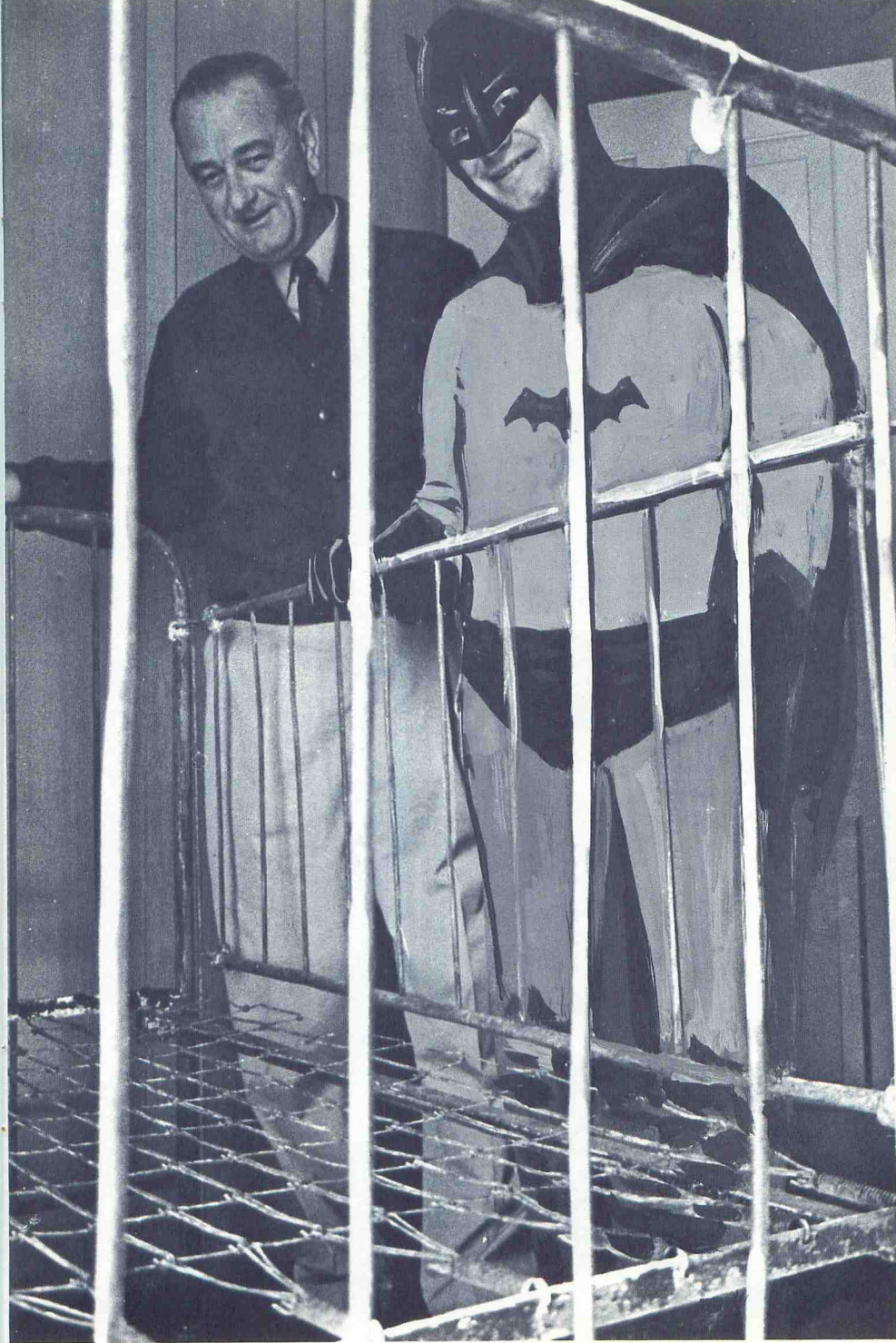


*"Thay what makes you think I'm not Batman?"*





*"Oh that smarts."*



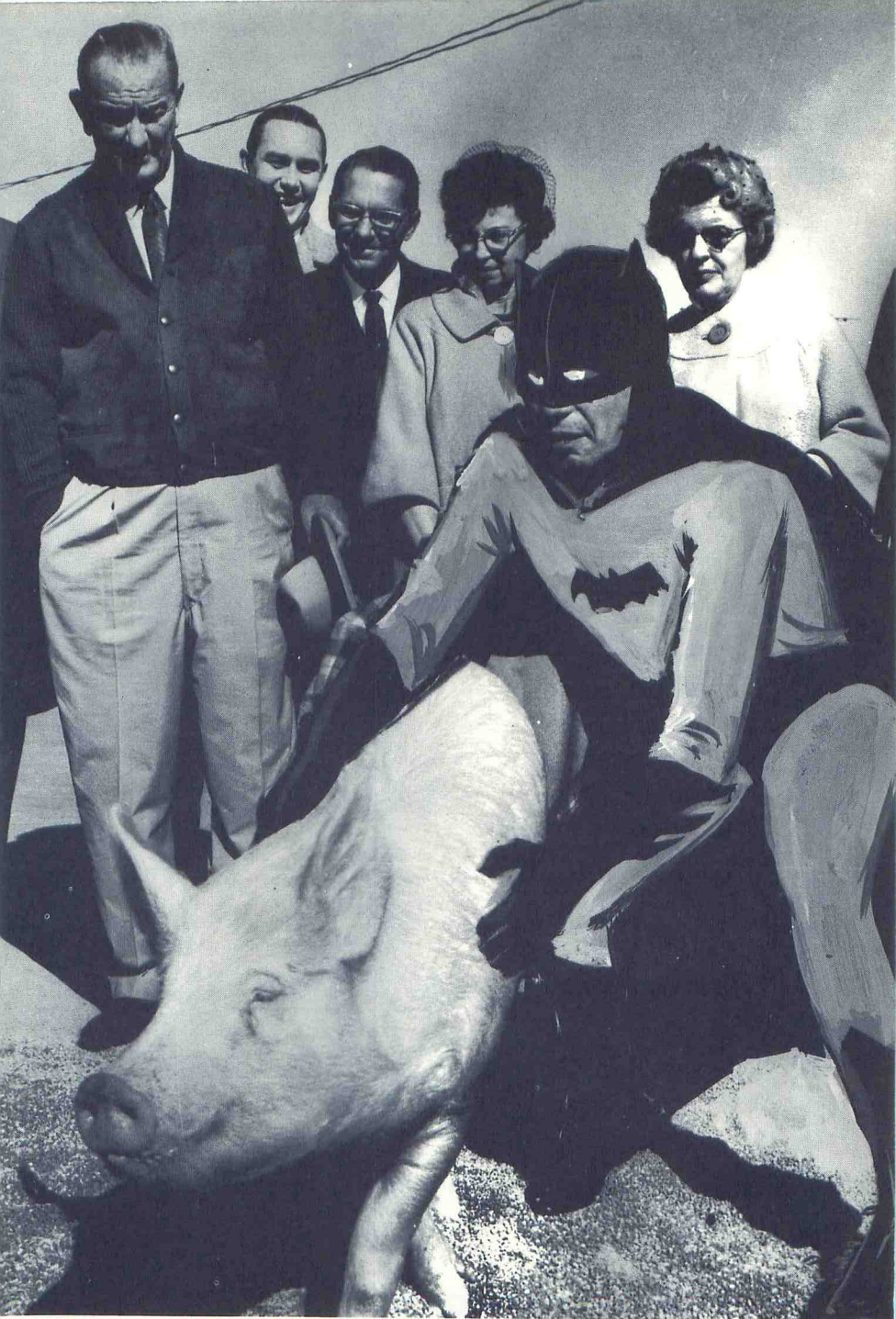
*"And this is Robin's room, Mr. President."*





*"No Robin, I don't want to go fishing."*





*"You're sure this is their master spy Batman?"*



What do you call the Batman's car?  
*Ostentatious.*

What is a Bat rack?  
*A place for torturing bats.*

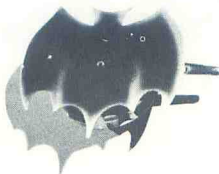
The Riddler left the following message for Batman:

Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
Sugar is sweet  
And so are you.  
What does it mean?  
*They've kissed and made up.*

What happened to Robin when he was 13 years old?

*We was Bat-Mizvahed.*

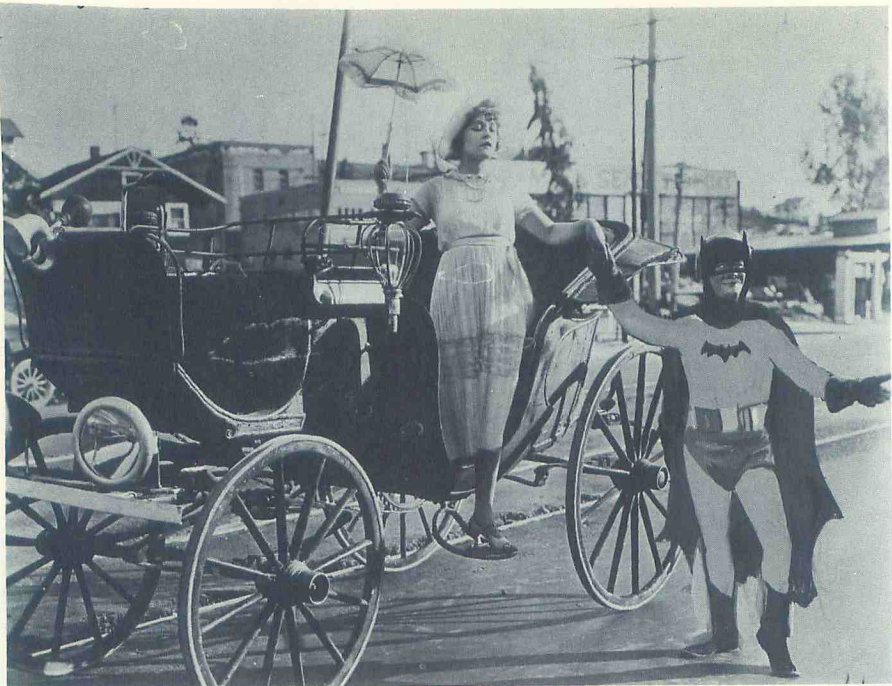
What does a Batman get if he doesn't brush his teeth?  
*Bat breath.*



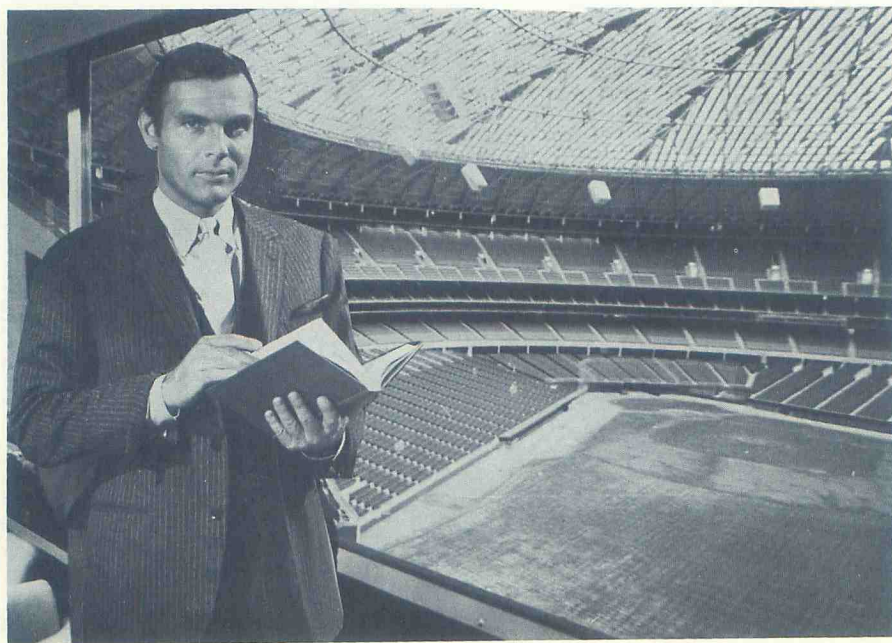


*"I don't care who you are mister . . . I calls 'em like I sees 'em."*





*"I call it a Batmobile."*



*"And this is the solarium of Wayne Manor."*



*"What, me worry?"*



*"Are you sure this isn't the Gotham City Bank?"*





*"I told you, you've got the wrong number."*



What is a Polak Batman called?

*A Bat-Gorilla.*

Why is Batman called Batman?

*Did you ever see the way he sleeps?*

What is a Dynamic Duo?

*Two tablets of Ex-lax.*

What does a Batman do when he's trapped?

*He wings it, baby!*





*"But I've got to answer the Batphone. It may be important."*





*"It's a plane ... no it's a bird ... no it's a nut in blue  
tights and a red cape ..."*



*"Batman. ♪♪. Batman. ♪♪."*



*"Oh! I see what you mean Robin . . . When the 'little' hand is on the 3 and the 'big' hand is on the 12, it's 3 o'clock."*



*"I think it's the little button on the left that starts it."*





*"You mean it isn't a disguise Batman . . .?"*

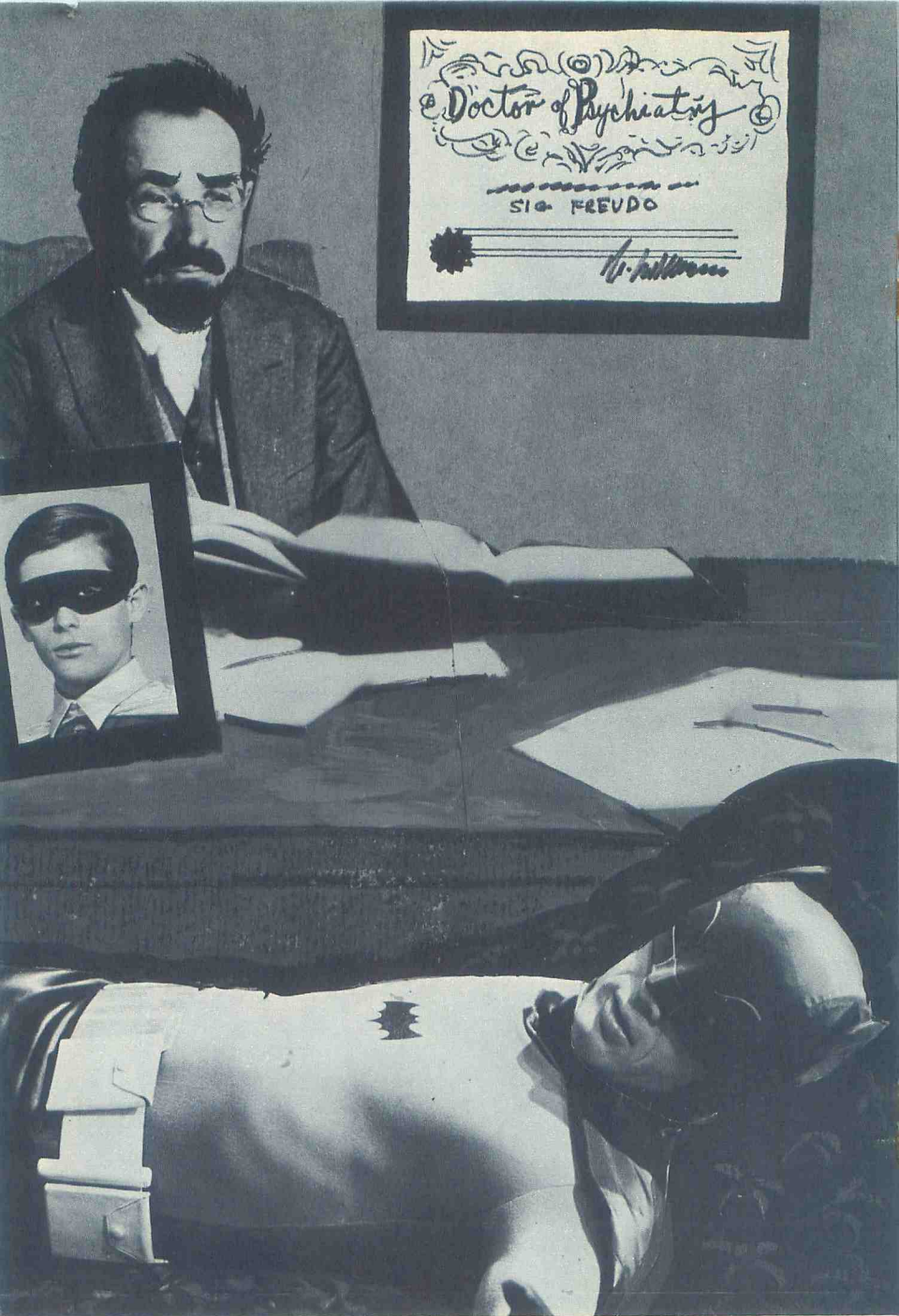


*Mr. and Mrs. False Face*



*"Now tell me once again . . . it's one if by land  
and two if by sea or is it. . . ?"*





*"Now I'll say a word Batman and you repeat the first word that comes into your head."*

*Mother—Cave*

*Home—Cave*

*Con—Cave*

*Crime—Naughty*

*Robin—Red Breast*

*Zap—What . . ?*

*Sex—Zowie*

*White—Fuchsia*

*Black—Leotards*

*Dynamic—Duo*

*Duo—Three-O*

*Three—O—A Crowd*

*Radio—Two-way*

*TV—A B C*

*Phone—Trouble*

*Trouble—Bat*

*Bat—Ball*

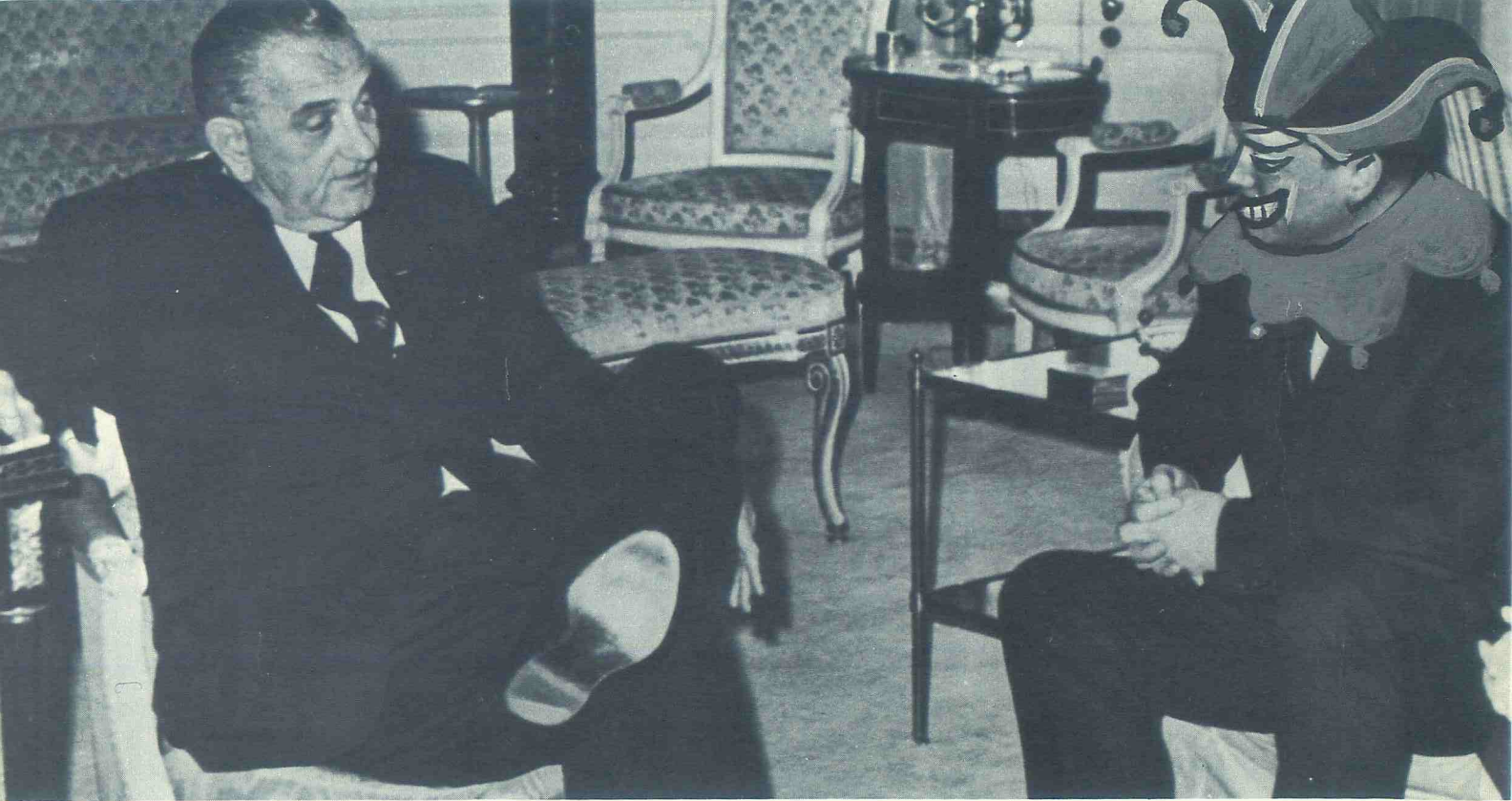


*"Yes . . . This is the Batline . . ."*





*"Can't a guy relax for one minute?"*



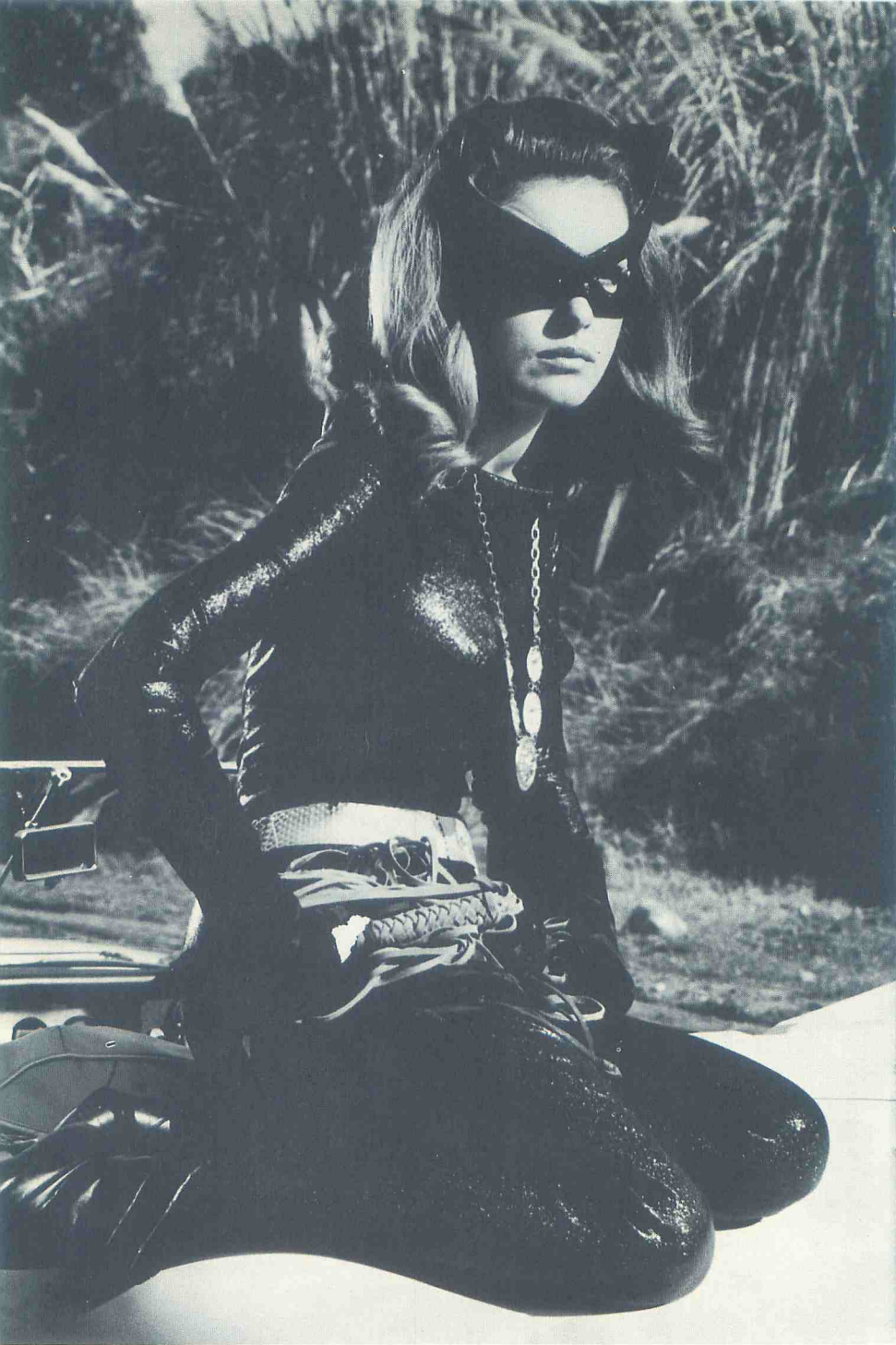
*"Sure it's a social welfare state, but the Batman is your problem."*





*"... And in closing allow me to express Robin's and my sincerest thanks for our honorary doctorates from this great University of Bagdad."*





*"You take yours off first."*



*"What do you mean . . . Here kitty, kitty?"*



*"If I've told you once Mr. Wayne, I've told you a thousand times . . . that isn't a regulation uniform."*





*"It's going to be a cape, silly."*



*"What makes you think Batman and Robin will show up here, Riddler?"*





*"Now are you convinced I'm not the Penguin?"*





What do you call a Batman who lives in Siberia?

*A fool.*

Why does Batman call Robin the "Boy Wonder"?

*Because he never has to go to the Batroom.*

*or*

What are "Pow!", "Zok!", "Whap!" and "Biff!"

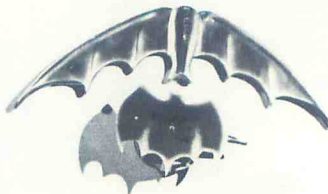
*Three breakfast foods from General Mills and Batman's lost dog.*

Why does Robin always say "Holy Moses"?

*Because he's Jewish.*

What is a Bat-Alarm?

*A hair raid.*



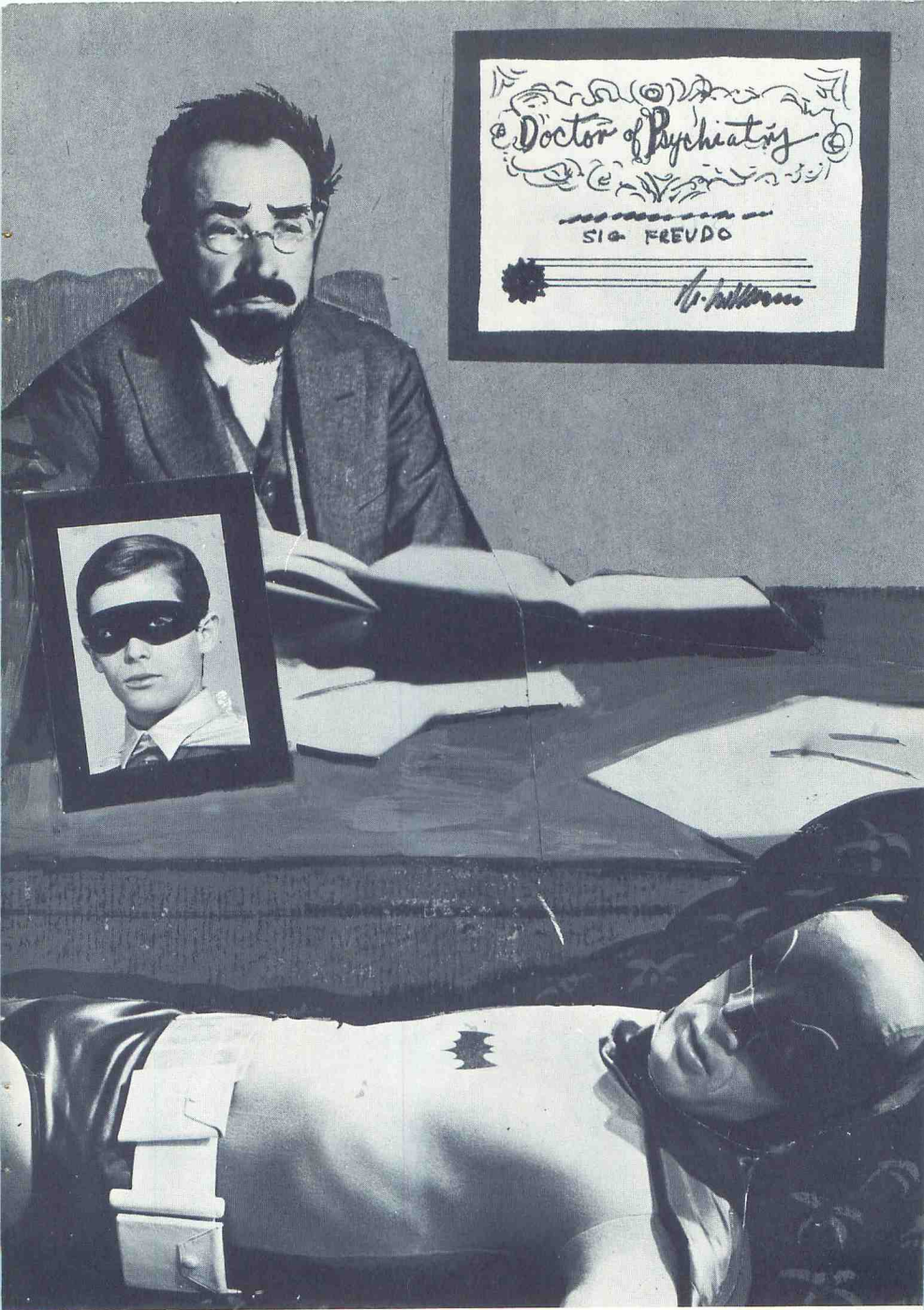


*Mrs. Mad Hatter*



*"No Batman, I'm not W. C. Fields . . . guess again."*





*"What makes you think you have a split personality, Batman?"*



*"Yes Batman . . . It's been just about ten years."*

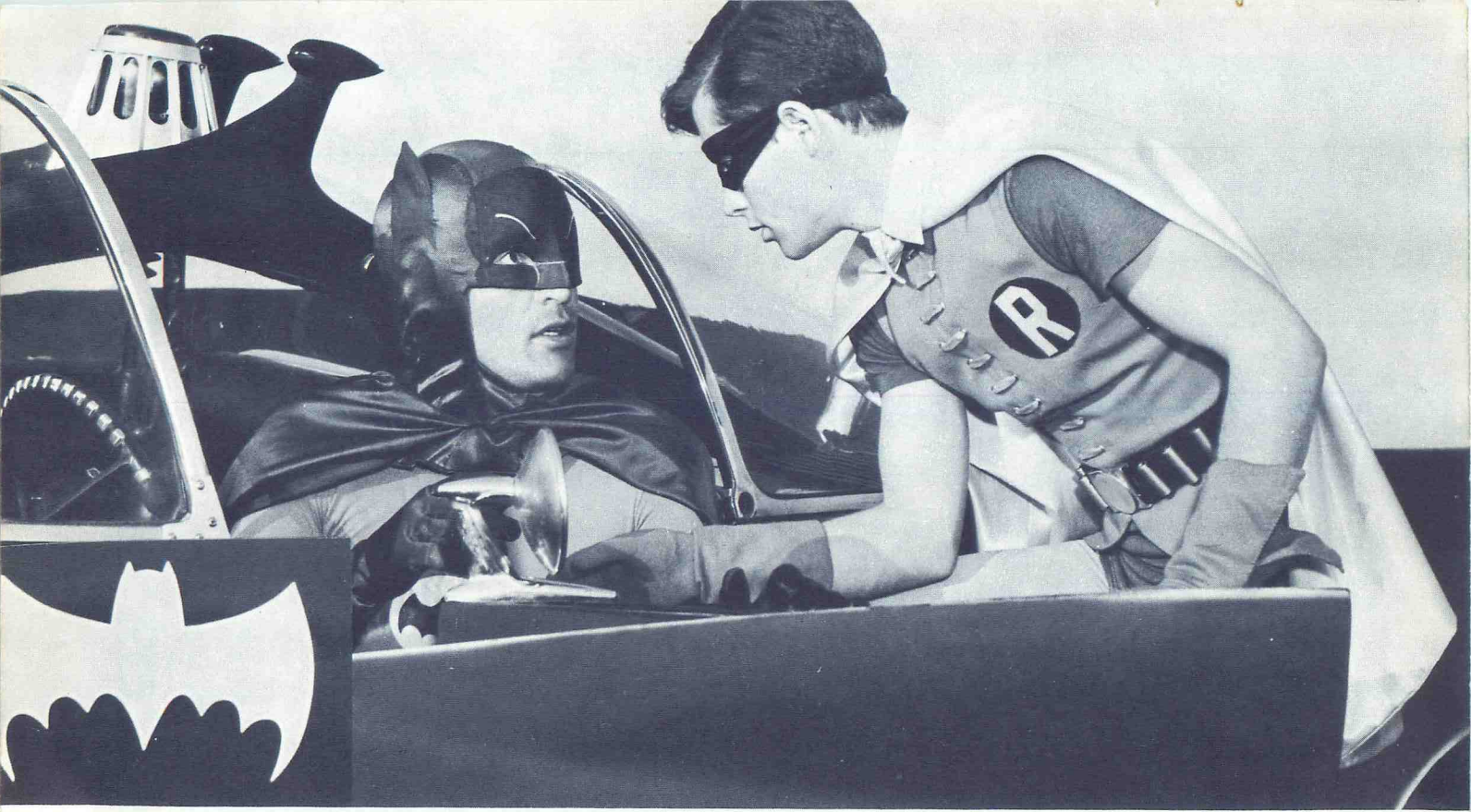




*"What makes you think I know who the Batman is?"*







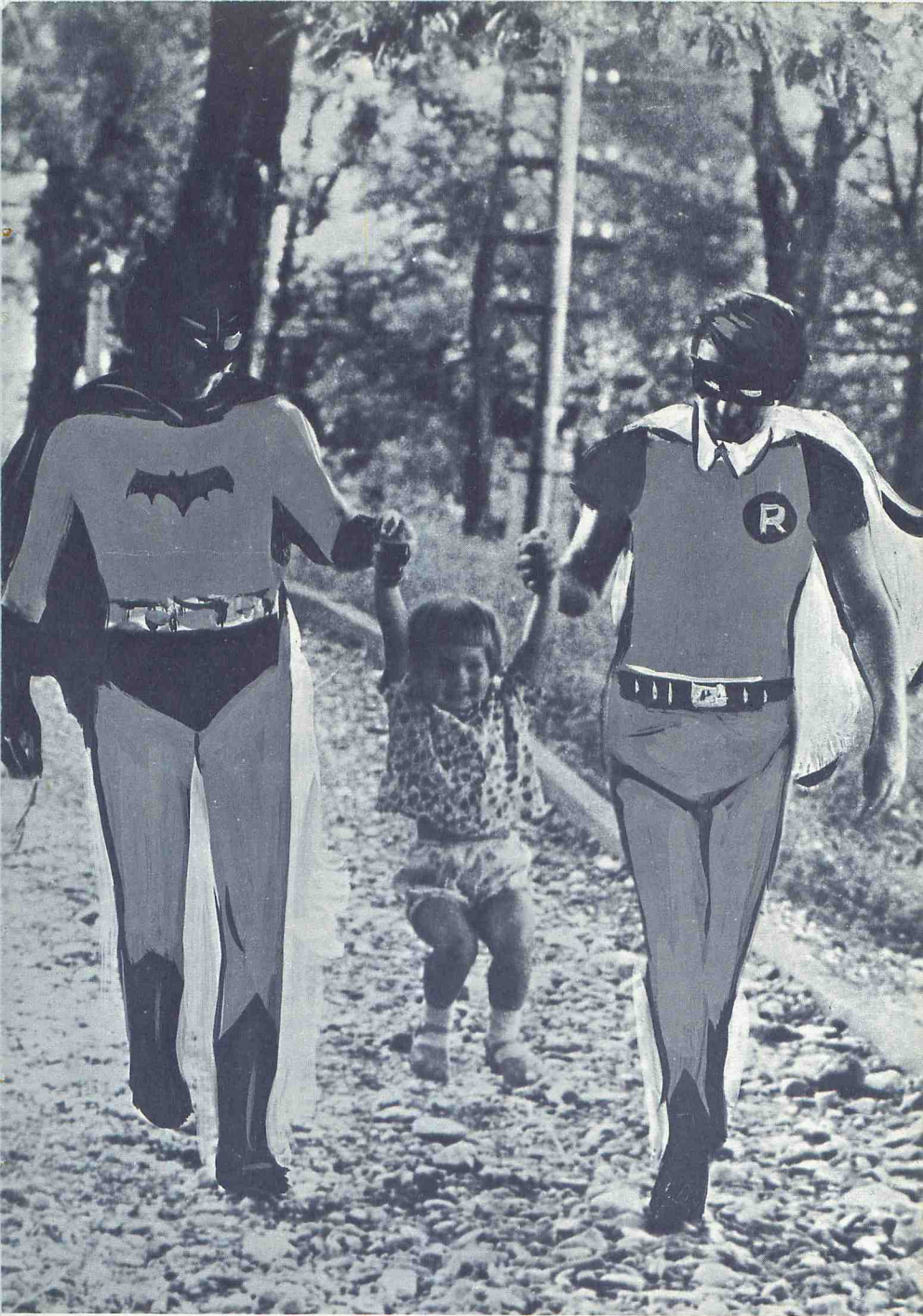
*"I thought you knew how to drive."*



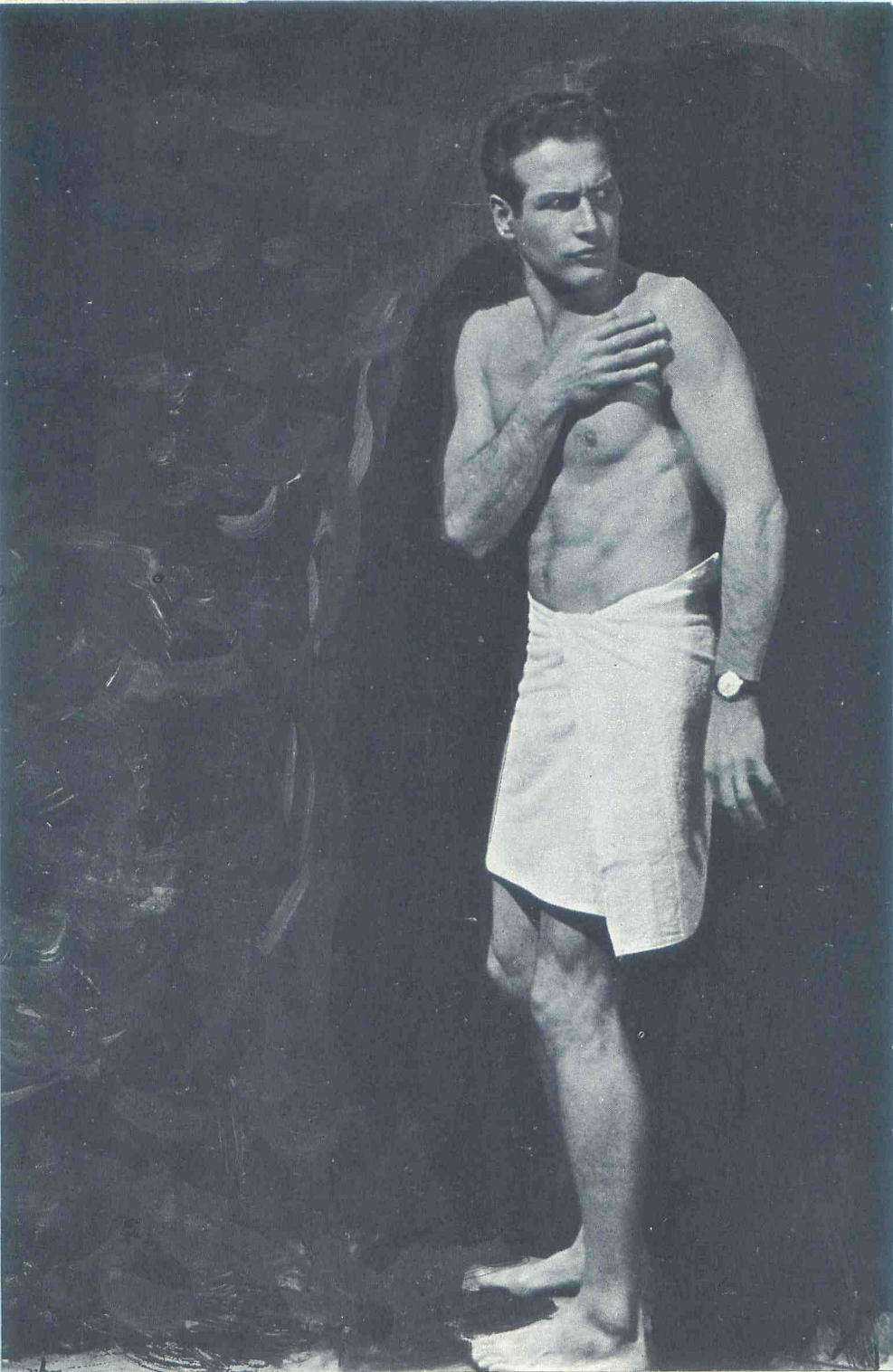


"A.S.P.C.A....?"





*"We've got you now False-Face."*



*"That's the last time I'll go into the Bat cave alone."*





*"I don't care if you told your aunt you were going fishing."*





*"I'm not coming down Batman until you say  
you're sorry."*



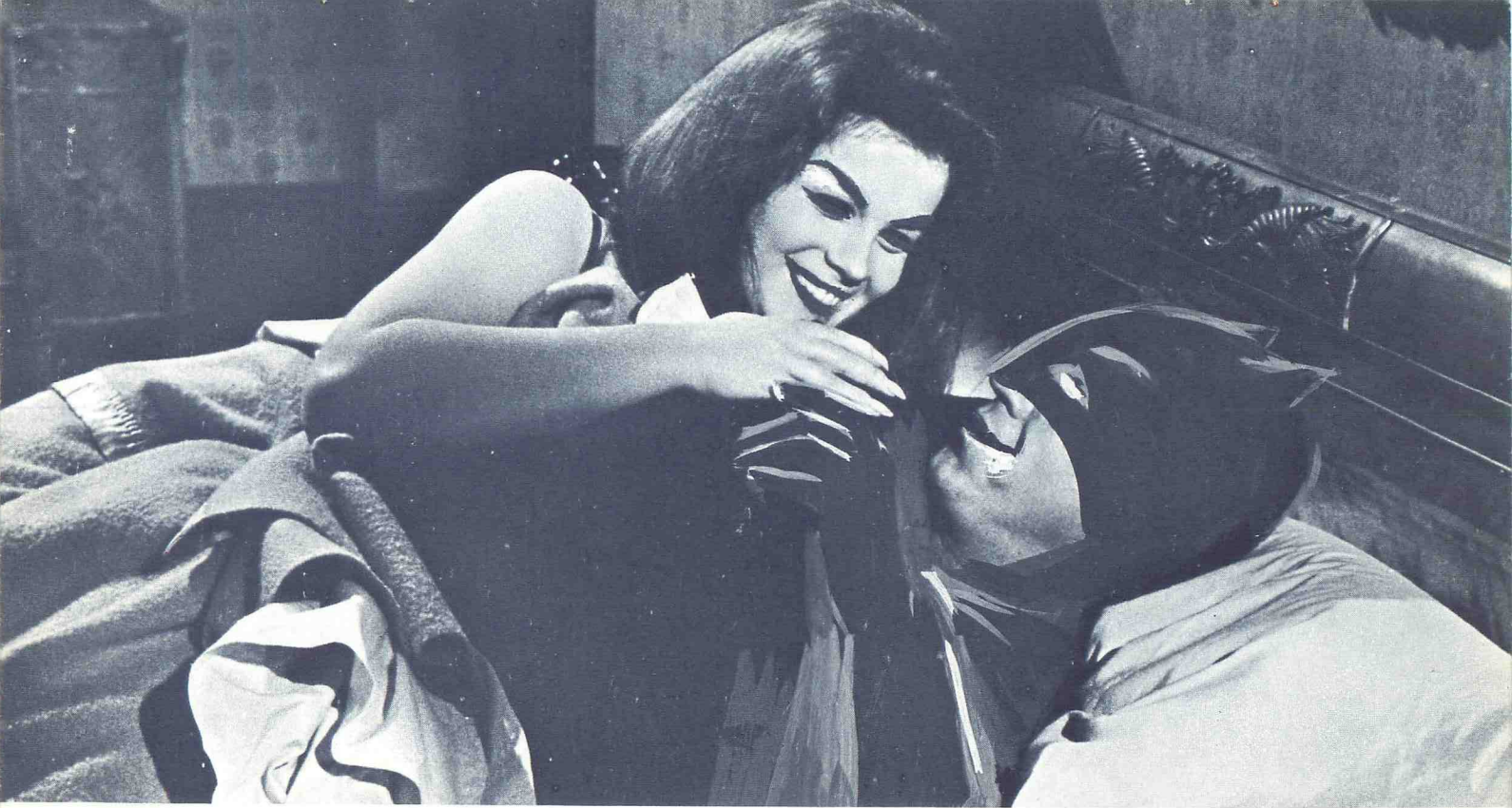
*"Robin, I've some bad news for you."*



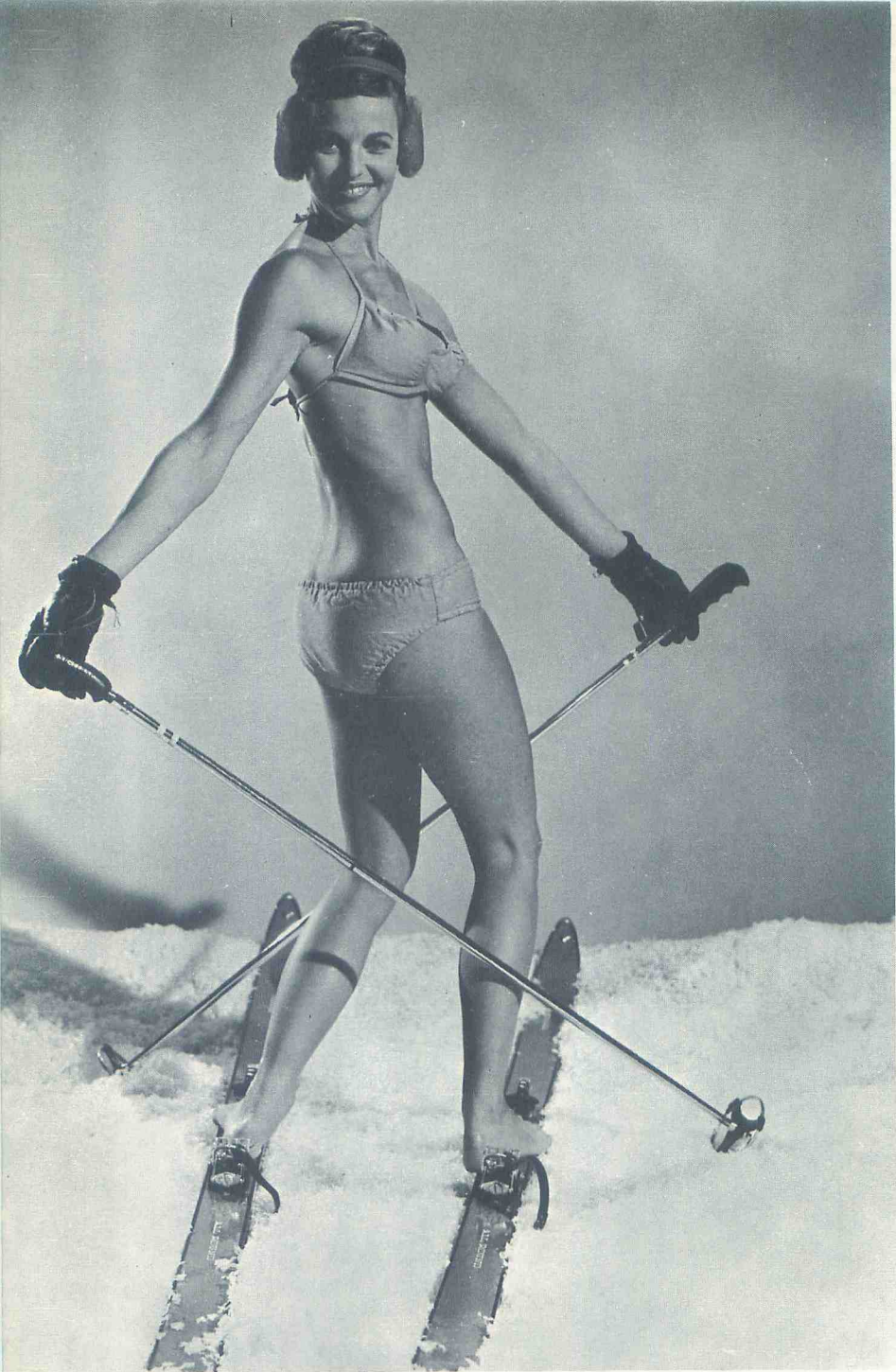


*"Please Batman, I'd rather do it myself."*



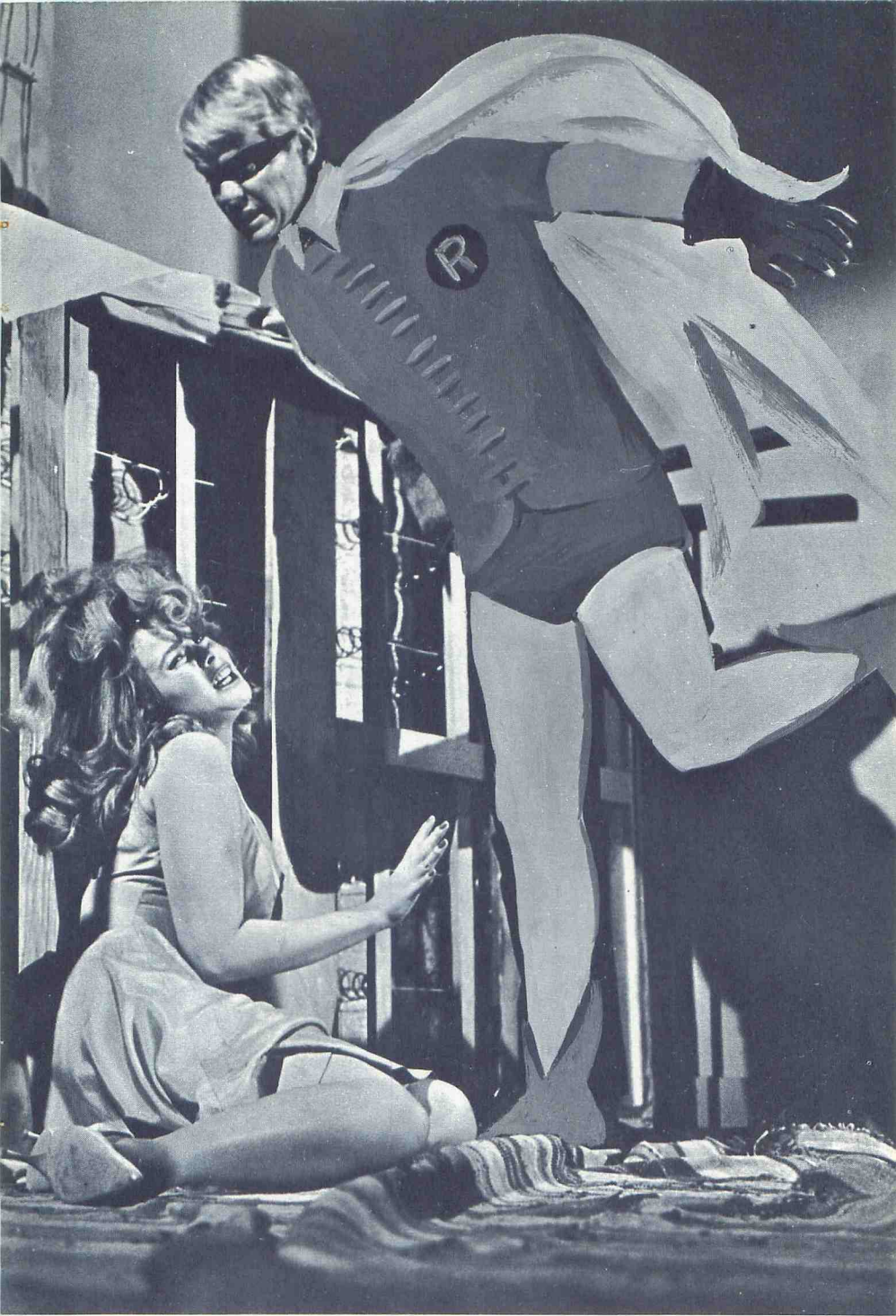


*"Please Batman Honey . . . at least this time take off the leotard."*



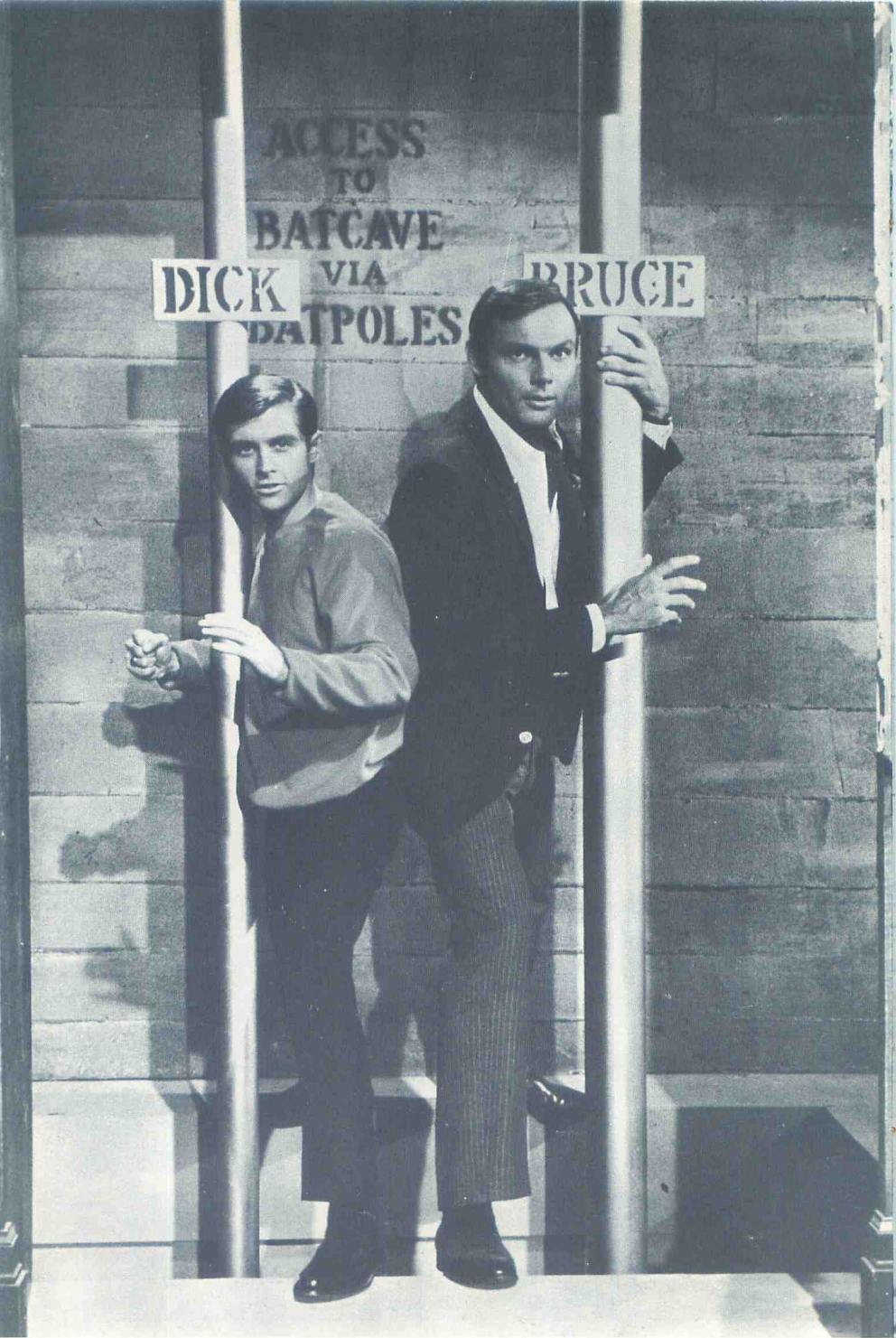
*Mrs. Freeze*





*"... and if you ever so much as make eyes at the Batman again . . . you'll get much worse."*

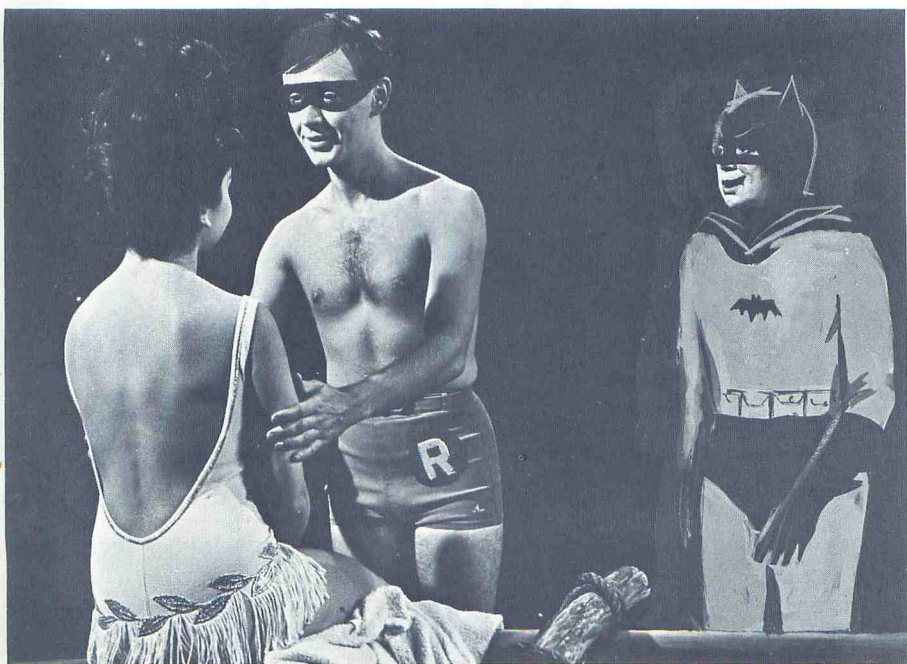




*"Since when has there been an elevator, Alfred?"*



*"Look, anybody can wear a mask and cape."*



*"Gee Batman, this is the best birthday present a guy ever had."*





*Mrs. Joker*

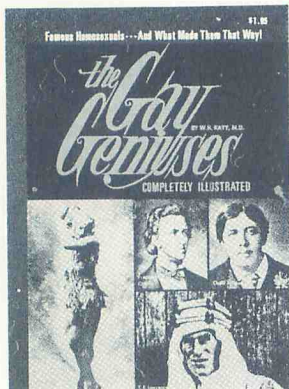




*"Well, first the Joker beat me . . . then the Penguin stole all my money . . . Robin became a brain surgeon . . . The show's rating dropped and we were cancelled. Just two years ago last Thursday."*

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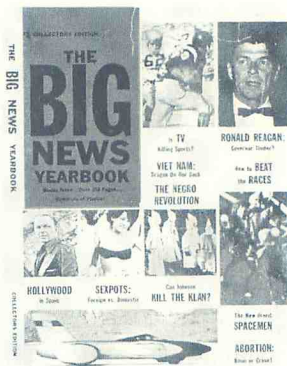
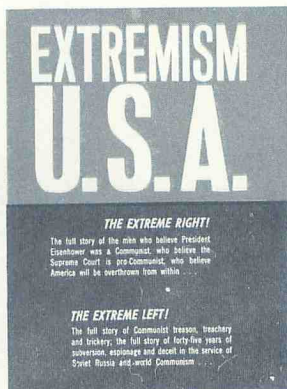
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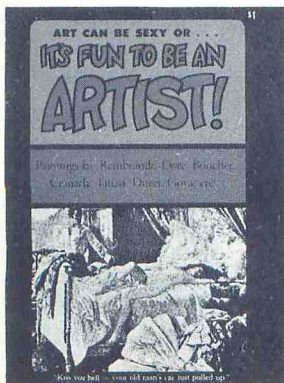
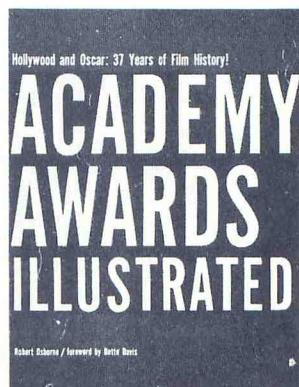
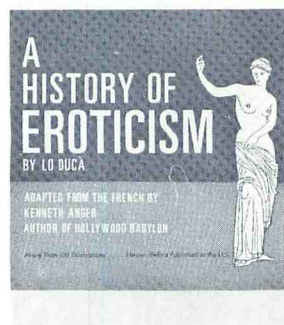
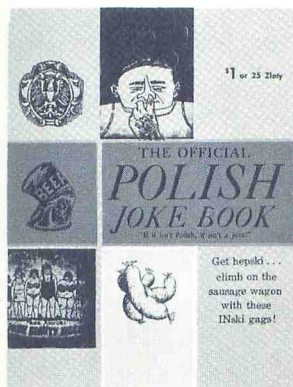
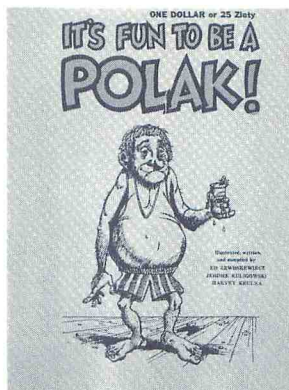
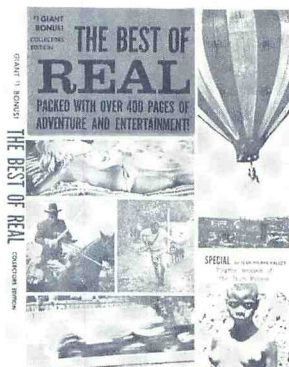
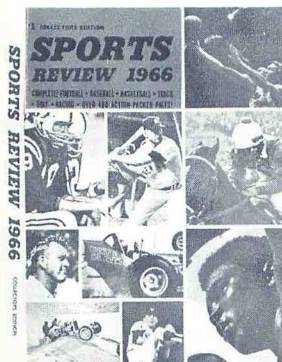
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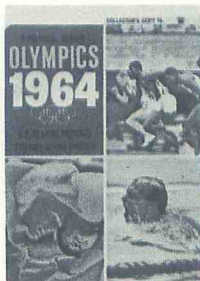
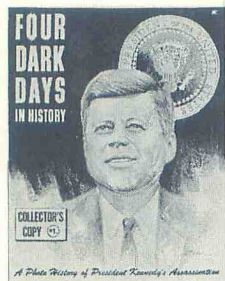
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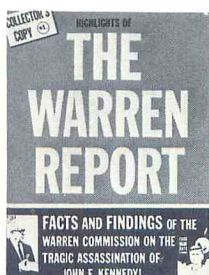
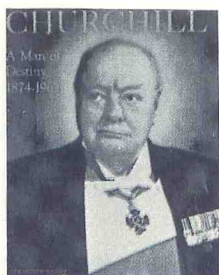
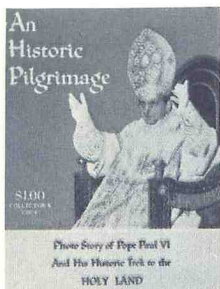
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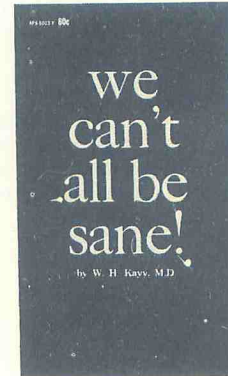
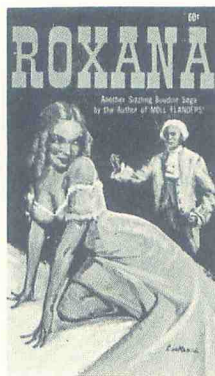
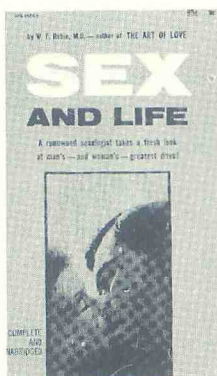
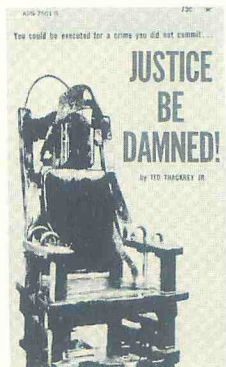
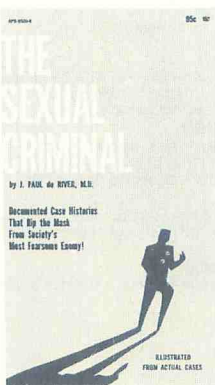
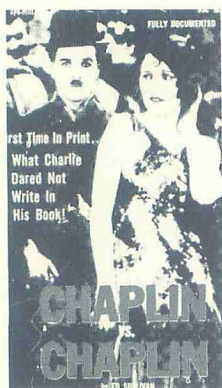
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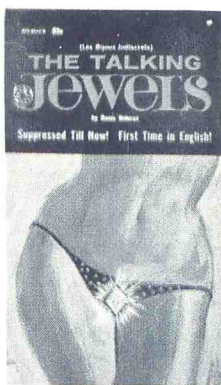
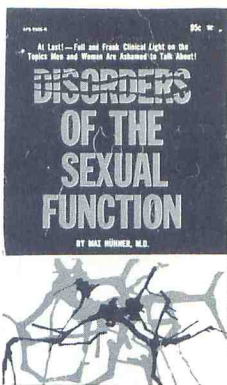
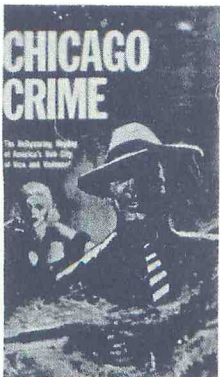
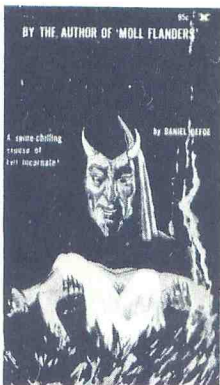
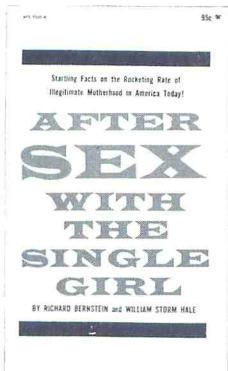
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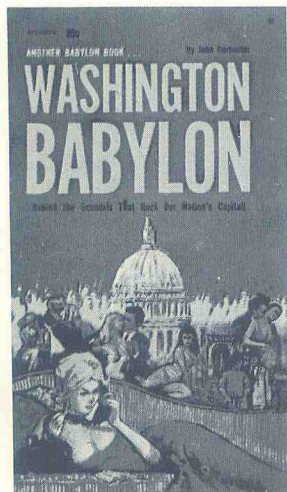
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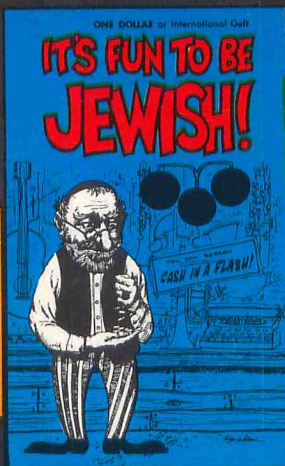
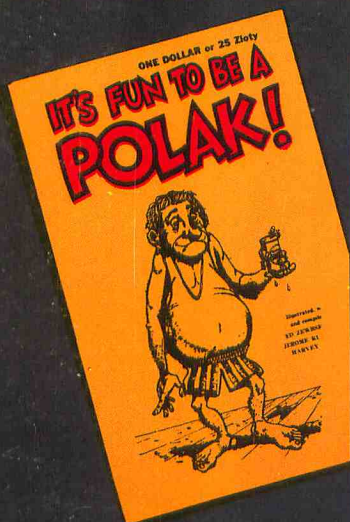
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