

# New Plots and Villains for the 60's Batman TV Series

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- **Late for the Analyst:** The Special Guest Villain is Dr. Neurotic (AKA Sigfried Fraud), played by Woody Allen. Dr. Neurotic is a highly strung, and of course, neurosis ridden<sup>1</sup>, slightly inept criminal who turned to a life of crime after flunking out of the Bovine Psychiatry program at Gotham University at New Guernsey. His hideout is at the Happy Carrot Health Food Shop in the Green Witch Village section of Gotham City. Dr. Neurotic interrupts TV and Radio broadcasts all over Gotham City and threatens to reduce the Statue of Liberation to a pile of rust unless he is paid \$10,000 dollars within 4 hours. Bruce and Dick change into Batman and Robin and speed to Police Headquarters. Commissioner Gordon and the Dynamic Duo are perplexed at the ridiculously small monetary demand (by supercriminal standards), and suspect that it is a cover for something more diabolical. Of course, they are right. With nothing much else to go on, B&R take the Batboat out to the Statue of Liberation arriving just moments before the deadline. On schedule, a cropduster plane flies over and sprays the statue with Dr. Neurotic's Instant Rust Formula. Just as it begins to do it's evil work, it only partially works. Batman then counters by firing a small Bat-Missile loaded with **Bat Instant Anti-Oxidizing Rust Reverser and Metal Restorer**, which works! An onboard **Bat-Camera** caught a glimpse of the plane and its pilot. Back at the Batcave, after analyzing the photo using **Super Bat-Magnification**, they deduce that the pilot was not Dr. Neurotic (it looked a lot like him at first glance), but a clever lookalike who had a different prescription for his eye-glasses (deduced by the **Bat Computer** of course, checking against the **Bat Super Criminal Medical Records Computer**). After having a near nervous breakdown, Dr. Neurotic decides to go ahead with his real evil plan, to kidnap 10 of the world's top psychiatrists. To attempt another diversion, Dr. Neurotic and his gang hire several airplanes to drop propaganda leaflets on Gotham City, all saying that Batman supports companies that do testing on innocent polyesters, in an effort to turn public opinion against Batman. While this is going on, Dr. Neurotic and his gang arrive in disguise at the Gotham City Psychiatric Symposium, where many of the worlds leading psychiatrists are gathered. They also find Batman and Robin ready to do battle, having deduced his evil plan. A short Batfight ensues, and then Dr. Neurotic pulls out his newly invented Neuro-psychotronic Mind Control Device and immobilizes the Dynamic Duo with it. They are taken back to The Happy Carrot Health Food Shop. When the effects of the device wear off, our heroes find themselves tied up and about to be gnawed to death by a giant set of chattering teeth (just like the kind at the joke shop). Dr. Neurotic explains "It's nothing personal, it's just that you have this nasty habit of interfering with my plans, now at this particular juncture in time, I'm late for an appointment with my analyst", starts the teeth and leaves the Duo to their fate.

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<sup>1</sup> Some of his neuroses include a raging aversion to marching bands with cello players, a fear of crooked tooth salamanders, and worrying about the Universe's constant expansion into nothingness.

- **Batman, Get a Handle on This:** Just as it looks grim for our heroes, Batman is just barely able to reach his utility belt, and fire a **Bat Missile** loaded with **Bat Anti-Mechanical Instant Rust Compound**, which actually does work and stops the giant teeth cold. Freeing themselves and returning to the Batcave, they confer with Alfred, and decide to go to the Psychiatric Symposium in disguise, with Alfred posing as a prominent Freudian psychologist, Dr. Hans Frans Dufenheimer. Dr. Neurotic, believing the Dynamic Duo is dead, falls for the trap. Alfred is gassed and carried away by Dr. Neurotic's gang. Batman and Robin however have planted a miniature Bat Radio Transmitter on Alfred and they trace the signal to The Happy Carrot Health Food Shop. Later arriving as Batman and Robin, they take the long way around, and climb up the side of the building (window cameo by Richard Simmons) and enter through a window. Once inside, they find the room where Alfred and several other psychiatrists are being held (for \$10 million or when a cure is found for Dr. Neurotic's neuroses). Just then, Dr. Neurotic enters the room with another kidnapped psychiatrist and turns white with horror when he sees Batman and Robin, still very much alive! After Batman tells him, "It's time to take your medicine"; Batman and Robin give the gang a well-deserved thrashing. When it comes down to just Dr. Neurotic, he threatens them with his Neuro-psychotronic Mind Control Device. Of course, Batman thought to bring his **Bat Anti Mind Control Device Polarity Reverser**, which he promptly turns on the good doctor, destroying the fiendish invention. Batman warns him to give up or much grievous violence will befall him. He asks the duo to specify what kind of violence he can look forward to. Dr. Neurotic then flees with B&R in hot pursuit. They give chase on foot, and encounter the St. Abernathy's Day parade. Dr. Neurotic thinks he can escape by blending into the parade. Much to his horror, the Disko Tech marching band comes through, with a cello section on a flatbed, setting off a severe nervous reaction in Dr. Neurotic. He then flees for a local pet shop to hide out, only to come face to face with a salamander with crooked teeth, setting off another severe reaction in him. The final straw comes when he runs by a record shop playing an Methyl Ermine record, which sends him over the edge, having another low to medium grade nervous breakdown, reducing him to a babbling idiot making him easy for Batman and Robin to capture. Thus, Dr. Neurotic is hauled off to Gotham Hospital for the Really Criminally Insane, the kidnapped psychiatrists are released, and Alfred swears he will never read another psychiatry book ever again. In regards to the propaganda leaflets, Batman holds a brief press conference, and explains that polyester is a synthetic fabric, not a living animal, and that the organization Save the Polyesters is in violation of at least 10 city statutes, especially littering, and that it was headed by Dr. Neurotic, turning public opinion against him instead of Batman. In addition, Dr. Neurotic is charged with assault, attempted murder, practicing psychiatry without a license, attempted destruction of a public landmark, attempted extortion, kidnapping, and overtime parking!

- **Batman's Lone Stance: Special Guest Villain: Lawrence Welk as The Polkameister**<sup>2</sup>. The Polkameister was a once famous Polka musician who could no longer get work (rock & roll was the culprit according to him), so he turned to crime after turning down a record deal that would've aimed him squarely at the rock&roll market. Armed with a custom made evil Trick Accordion, he sets about on a crime spree in Gotham City to seek revenge, with his band of Merry Cranksters. The story starts in Gotham City's Lower North Side, when Polkameister and his gang rob the SqueezePlay Accordion Emporium, making off with a rare Moldavian accordion. News of this reaches Batman by way of Commissioner Gordon. After conferring with Gordon, the owner of SqueezePlay identifies the culprit from a book of photos. B&R make a trip to the Gotham City library's Music section, where they find a book of Famous Polka Personalities. They find their photo matches that of one Franco Yankowich, a once famous polka musician who experienced a reversal of fortunes when Rock & Roll became popular. He abruptly vanished into obscurity amidst many rumors. Meanwhile, in the abandoned record pressing plant that once belonged to TSOM (The Sound of Moldavia) records, we find The Polkameister and his band of Merry Cranksters. The Polkameister is eyeing his pride and joy, his evil Trick Accordion, which was the rare Moldavian one he stole earlier. It was specially modified for him by a strange Albanian genius, Evol Ekdal (who used to design escapable traps for Zelda the Great). The Polkameister then plots his next crime, to sabotage the opening concert at Addison Round Garden of **Raul Reverse and the Nadirs** American tour, and make off with the box office receipts. However, to look inconspicuous and blend in with the concertgoers, the gang needs costumes. The Merry Cranksters along with Polkameister rob the Dippy Hippy Haberdashery and Boutique, not far from the SqueezePlay Accordion Emporium. The robbery is pulled off when Polkameister uses his Trick Accordion to create a smokescreen. Meanwhile, at the Batcave, Batman and Robin, with the aid of the **Bat Computer** figures out Polkameister's evil plan. The big night arrives, B&R are backstage. In the meantime, the Merry Cranksters have sabotaged the instruments and amplifiers of the band. When things go awry on stage, Polkameister and his gang will rob the box office under everyone's noses. Just as mayhem breaks out partway into the concert, Batman and Robin surprise the gang at the box office (Chief O'Hara has plenty of men to cover the arena). A short Batfight ensues, but Polkameister turns the tables when he grabs his Trick Accordion and unleashes Onion Gas, temporarily stopping the Dynamic Duo, and giving The Merry Cranksters a chance to escape. After B&R stop crying. They set off after the gang. Finding the record pressing plant, they sneak in through the ventilating system, and surprise the gang again. This time, Polkameister grabs his Trick Accordion and unleashes knockout gas. When Batman and Robin wake up, they find themselves tied to a conveyer belt, about to be pressed into Bat Polka Records on a giant record press. To add insult to injury, Polkameister has an endless tape of Cut Rate Polka Music playing to "entertain" them as they are carried to their doom. Polkameister leaves the press room explaining that he has a very "pressing" engagement with another famous rock star, Merrick Burdened and the Mammals.

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<sup>2</sup> All musical tags for this episode (i.e.-the spinning scene change effect, the Polkameister's tag, etc.), except for the Batman theme will be performed on Accordion

- **The Polkameister's Last Dance:** "I don't know what's worse Robin, the deathtrap or this horrible accordion music", Batman remarks as they are being slowly carried to their doom. Somehow, Robin is able to reach his utility belt and find his **Bat Laser**. He quickly aims it at the fusebox, and misses. At this point, Batman is overcome by Bat Rage brought on by the horrible accordion music. He summons up an unheard of amount of strength, breaking the ropes that bind his hands, grabs a **Universal Bat Wrench** from his Utility Belt and throws it at the tape player with such great force, that it shorts out the machine, causing a complete blackout in the building, stopping the fiendish machinery. After activating their **Miniature Bat Flashlights**, Batman unties Robin hurriedly, and then still seething, asks Robin to give him a **Bat Anger Reduction Pill** lest he forgets himself and kills someone. Our heroes return to the Batcave, determined to foil The Polkameister once and for all. Commissioner Gordon calls with news that Merrick Burden's manager has been kidnapped by the Polkameister, with 3 demands, 100 million dollars in cash (in unmarked silver dollars), the entire Priceless Monrovia Accordion Collection (all 5 of them) at the Marcus Flugelhorn Museum and the promise that Merrick Burden & the Mammals will never, ever perform in public again, anywhere in the world. If his demands are not met within 24 and 3/4 hours, he will kill the manager, and take over all radio stations in Gotham City by electronic means and broadcast nothing but accordion music, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. HORRORS!!!!!!!. Batman and Robin devise a plan to squeeze the Polkameister. Batman, using a **Bat Voice Disguiser** contacts the Polkameister and agrees to his demands. Batman contacts an old friend at the Gotham Toy and Novelty Works and asks him to print up \$100 million dollars in plastic toy silver dollars to be put in a suitcase, which will be lead lined to make it feel as heavy as real money. Batman also arranges for 5 clever fakes of the Priceless Monrovia Accordions from the police evidence room to be brought to the meeting spot. On top of this, Batman arranges a meeting with ace forger Ballpoint Baxter at Gotham City Prison, in the hope he can use his talents to save a life and spare the good citizens of Gotham City much misery and aggravation. Seeing that he has nothing to lose, Ballpoint Baxter agrees to forge Merrick Burden's signature on a non-performance agreement. In a neighboring cell, the Penguin sneers, quacks, and remarks "For once Batman, you're actually doing some good!" With all these things in place, Batman sends Alfred (disguised as the curator of the Flugelhorn Museum's Musical Instrument Wing in a rented YeeeeeHaul van. Batman and Robin cleverly conceal themselves in the back of the van. The Polkameister and the van both arrive on schedule. Polkameister first looks at the agreement, then the accordions, so far so good. At this point, Alfred sneezes and loses part of his disguise. The Polkameister calls for his Band of Merry Cranksters. Just then, B&R jump out of the back of the truck, and give The Merry Cranksters a good beating (Polkameister himself stays out of the fight, preferring to play his accordion to accompany the proceedings, giving the command "Everybody, POLKA!!! Besides, he just ran out of Geritol). The Dynamic Duo goes for Polkameister next, Batman warns him to "give up and face the music!" but he threatens to use his Trick Accordion to send a signal to one of his henchmen to execute Merrick Burden's manager. Polkameister didn't reckon on Batman having his **Bat Signal Interference Generator**. The Polkameister presses the key but nothing happens. He tries to use the Death Ray key, that doesn't work either (thanks to a cleverly concealed **Bat Trick Accordion Short Circuiting Device**). Just then, Polkameister sputters in a rage, then faints, from not having his Geritol on time. Batman and Robin cuff him and call for the police, then rescue Merrick Burden's manager. Polkameister is charged with assault, robbery, attempted murder, street performing without a valid permit, kidnapping, conspiracy to monopolize broadcasting, and jaywalking. After all the villains are in jail, Bruce and Dick relax at Wayne Manor. Just then, Aunt Harriet comes into the TV room and asks if they would like to join her for complimentary Polka dancing lessons at the Moldavian Social Club that evening. Bruce and Dick politely decline, citing an important meeting of the Wayne Foundation Exotic Metals Research Consortium.

- How Does It Feel Batman---? Special Guest Villain: Howard Cosell as Mr. Personality**<sup>3</sup> The Wayne Foundation Annual Charity Golf Match is not the place you would expect criminal activity or much excitement, or is it? While the 10<sup>th</sup> hole is being played, a loud air-raid-siren sounds, causing much panic and pandemonium (despite Bruce Wayne's passionate pleas for everyone to remain calm). In the bushes and trees, **Mr. Personality** cackles with glee as he and his gang take turns cranking a Portable War Surplus Ultra Piercing Air Raid Siren, disturbing the players and scaring the crowd. In the midst of all the commotion, Mr. P's men rob the club treasury of the proceeds from the Match. Mr. Personality goes into the crowd with his mike and tries to interview people. The pandemonium dies down and the robbery is discovered. Already, Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson are speeding back to Wayne Manor, anticipating a call from Commissioner Gordon. After the call comes, they change into B&R and speed off to Police Headquarters. Commissioner Gordon mentions the mysterious interviewer in the crowd when the incident took place, and that the person who saw him (on the condition of anonymity), said that his voice sounded very familiar, a lot like Harvey Ostenberger, who would comment on nearly all of GBS's sports programs. Playing a hunch, B&R pay a visit to GBS's Videotape Sports Library, and borrow several copies of recent telecasts with Harvey in them up until he was heard from no longer. **The Batcomputer** (as usual), confirms Batman's suspicions. Using the **Bat Audio/Video Analyzer** the video and audio portions are found to match that of Harvey's voiceprint (taken from the fateful day that Harvey lost his marbles on national TV). Batman also pays a visit to Sgt. Schlepp's War Surplus Emporium. Batman finds out that Sgt. Schlepp sold the last Portable War Surplus Ultra Piercing Air Raid Siren in stock, to a mysterious stranger named Mr. Pearce O'Nality, who left only a P.O. box. He also talked like an obnoxious sportscaster that used to be on TV a year or so ago. An incensed Batman returns to the Batcave, convinced that Harvey Ostenberger has resurfaced and is plotting more evil. Meanwhile, in the deepest recesses of the Gallipoli Golf Club Works, we find Mr. Personality and his gang plotting more devious deeds, among which will be stealing the collection of Heistmann Trophies at the Gotham Museum's Sports Wing, in addition, they will sabotage the Gotham Gabardines/Salty Lake City Cynics basketball game to create a diversion. Knowing that the game is a crucial one for Gotham to get into the playoffs, B&R decide to go. Parked outside Addison Round Garden, the Dynamic Duo watches the game on the **Miniature Bat-TV** in the **Batmobile**. Meanwhile inside, one of Mr. P's gang, disguised as a trainer slips some Mr. Personality's Mean Juice into the Gatorade bowl in the Gabardine's locker room. When halftime is over and the teams come back to the court, the game starts normally, and then erupts into a violent brawl. At this moment, Mr. Personality, using his TV Broadcast Jammer cuts in and starts commenting. The Dynamic Duo races inside and confronts Mr. Personality in an unused press booth. Mr. Personality then presses a hidden button on his microphone, giving the Duo a quick electric shock that knocks them out momentarily. Mr. Personality signs off and escapes. Batman and Robin revive, then return to the Batmobile. They quickly play back the **Bat Videotape** of the last few moments. In his commentary, Mr. P. makes a comment about trophies. Just then the **Portable Batphone** rings in the **Batmobile**. It's Commissioner Gordon, calling with news that a gang in Golf garb has stolen the Heistmann Trophies from the Gotham City Museum Sports Wing. Before leaving, Batman goes back inside to the Gabardine's locker room and takes a sample of the Gatorade in a small vial. Using a **Portable Batlab**, he determines that the Gatorade was indeed spiked. The team is exonerated and the game rescheduled. Playing another hunch, Batman and Robin find the Gallipoli Golf Club Works and decide to investigate. After climbing up the side of the building on the **Batropes** and entering through a window, Robin's warning that "It could be a trap Batman" comes a little too late, as our heroes are knocked out by golf balls driven by Mr. Personality's henchmen (in golf outfits and using 10 irons). The duo awakens to find themselves in a most humiliating predicament. Not only are they about to meet their doom, but it's being broadcast on national TV, with Mr. Personality giving one of his long winded commentaries. "In just 9 glorious minutes", our heroes are going to be catapulted out of a giant baseball glove and literally "batted" (by a giant hydraulic powered baseball bat) into the West River! Meanwhile, in Gotham State Prison, in the rec. room, we find The Joker, The Penguin, The Riddler and Catwoman watching the broadcast with obvious glee! After a brief commentary from Batman, Mr. Personality leaves them to their fate, making a comment about how bowled over he is!

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<sup>3</sup> Mr. Personality, AKA Harvey Ostenberger, a once mild mannered air-raid-siren salesman who became a loud, obnoxious, long-winded sportscaster on radio and TV. After having to cover an incredibly boring Croquet Tournament for GBS Wild World of Sports, he had a mental breakdown on camera and was carted away to Gotham Psychiatric Hospital. After being released some months later, he was let go from GBS, and this was the last straw. Thinking the professional sports establishment too staid and boring, he decided to add some excitement, by committing crimes that were disruptive to these events.

- **Mr. Personality's Big Strikeout** Just as Batman and Robin are about to be "struck out", they come up with a last ditch plan. Since they can't get out of the giant glove in time, they are catapulted, but they just narrowly miss being batted, thanks to the **Bat Emergency Wing-Shaped Parachutes** in their Utility Belts that Alfred thought to pack for them earlier on. Returning to the Batcave, the Duo plans their next move. Mr. Personality, not yet aware that his plan failed, conspires to sabotage and rob the Gotham World Champions Bowling Tournament, taking place at Barry Burtwell's Bowl-O-Rama (and Gypsy tearoom). Cackling with delight, he shows off one of his latest contraptions, Mr. Personality's Lucky Strike bowling pins loaded with Knockout Gas, enough to knock out everyone in the bowling alley long enough for Mr. P and his men to pick the place clean. Mr. P eventually learns of Batman and Robin's escape from his baseball inspired death trap, and shifts his priorities to getting rid of Batman and Robin. He goes on TV and announces that he plans to sabotage and rob the Gotham Intra City Soccer Match at 2pm. Batman remembers that the match actually takes place the next day, and deduces it's a bluff or a trap. Batman plans to make it look like he believes Mr. Personality. Depositing a **False Inflatable Batmobile** and **Lifelike Bat Dummies** at the field where the match would take place, Batman and Robin speed off to Barry Burtwell's Bowl-O-Rama (and Gypsy tearoom) and wait inconspicuously. Meanwhile, back at the soccer field, Mr. P's men open fire on the fake Batmobile, Batman and Robin, with machine guns, handgrenades, spherical bombs, arrows, golfballs, and Switsch Marine Knives. After the firing ceases, Mr. Personality goes over to the now decimated target and finds nothing more than fragments of **Bat Super Industrial Strength Balloon Material**, and plastic from the dummies. Now he's really mad!!!! Off he and his gang rush to the Bowling Tournament, where they sneak in disguised as a bowling team from Lacquerdor. At the Team Entrance, Batman and Robin wait, and see the gang entering (Batman knows it's the gang and not a real team, the color scheme is two shades lighter than regulation uniforms for that team). The Duo then confronts the gang, informing them that he got rid of the Knockout Gas loaded pins, and to "surrender now, or be pinned down!" The gang runs into the main bowling area, where Mr. Personality, threatens to set off his explosive bowling ball, but to no avail, as Batman has **Bat Anti-Explosive Device Neutralizing Spray** at the ready. A Batfight ensues, with some of the gang literally being thrown down the alleys like bowling balls. When Robin notices Mr. Personality trying to make an escape, he grabs a 16lb. Bowling ball and proceeds to literally Bat-bowl him over. Batman goes over to the fallen Mr. Personality and grabs his microphone, asking Mr. Personality "How does it feel Mr. Personality, to have wound up in the gutter?" Mr. P's reply, "No comment you blue, bellicose, long winded, gizmo wielding, do-gooding, pointy-eared Bat-windbag! You got me this time, but just you wait, I demand a rematch!!" Just then, the police arrive to take Mr. Personality and his gang to jail. They are charged with assault, robbery, attempted murder, illegal use of a war surplus air-raid siren, disturbing the peace, broadcasting without a license, drugging a public beverage container, breaking and entering, conspiracy to use non-lethal gas weapons in a public building, and not paying import tax on Switsch Marine Knives. Robin is also offered a position on the Gotham Greenmen bowling team, but he turns it down, citing that "crimefighting comes first".