

PLASTIC MAN

THE PLIABLE PRANKSTER

FIRST APPEARANCE POLICE COMICS #1 (August 1941)

STATUS Hero REAL NAME Eel O'Brian

OCCUPATION Adventurer BASE Chicago

HEIGHT 6ft 1in WEIGHT 178 lbs EYES Groovy goggles

HAIR Basic Black SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Capable of stretching every atom in his body into any shape he wishes. He is seemingly unbreakable and his shape-changing is limited only by his own overactive imagination; also has a mercurial sense of humor.

EEL O'BRIAN STARTED OUT on the wrong side of the law, but is working hard to make up for it. In 1941, he was just a lowlife gangster. Shot by a guard at the Crawford Chemical Works, he stumbled into a vat of acid, which seeped into his wounds. He escaped and ended up at Rest Haven, a spiritual retreat. While there, he realized that amazing changes in his human form would also allow him to change his ways. He became the hero Plastic Man.

YOUR FLEXIBLE FRIEND

After serving in both the ALL-STAR SQUADRON and the FREEDOM FIGHTERS with distinction during World War II, Plastic Man was employed by the F.B.I. and then its sister agency, the National Bureau of Investigations. To this day, he continues to handle cases for the N.B.I., usually paired with the sloppy, lazy, and dull-witted Woozy Winks. These two improbable partners have an impressive track record. Together they have brought down numerous villains, including, the Dart, Even Steven, and the Brotherhood of the Savage Caribou.

In more recent times, Plastic Man has successfully worked alongside BATMAN on several cases,

despite their strikingly different

temperaments. In fact, the Dark Knight recommended Plas for membership for the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. Plastic Man has served the League well, despite his tendency to joke about everything.

Batman also learned that Plas had a son, born out of wedlock. Eel's son grew up to inherit his father's incredible "plastic man" abilities, although with greater control. Plastic Man's seeming death in the Obsidian Age, 3000 years ago, left the JLA traumatized. Reduced to atoms, he spent the next three millennia using his conscious mind to reassemble himself. Those millennia of isolation have had a profound affect on him, and O'Brian has rededicated himself to playing a positive role in his son's life, virtually forgetting his heroic persona in favor of becoming a daily

presence. When a demon from Mars's ancient past emerged on Earth, Batman forced Plastic Man to once again be a hero. Eel remains an occasional hero, a pal to Woozy Winks and a full-time father. RG

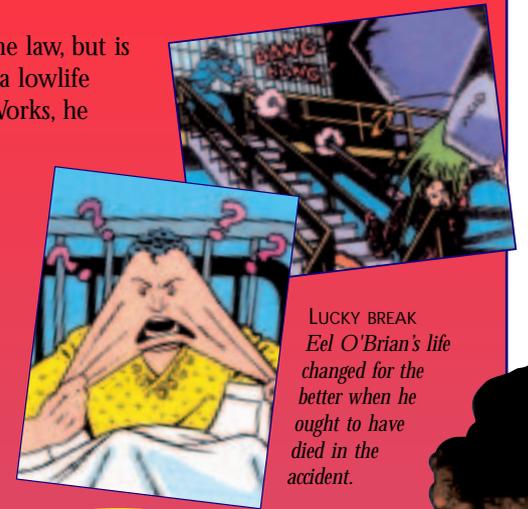
PLASTIC SOLUTION *Batman shows the still reassembling Plastic Man—after 3000 years—to the JLA.*

KEY STORYLINES

- **PLASTIC MAN (3RD SERIES) #1-6 (FEBRUARY-JULY 2004):** Plastic Man and Woozy Winks in one of their most madcap adventures yet.
- **JLA #65 (AUGUST 2002):** Plastic Man reconnects with his son, thanks to Batman.
- **PLASTIC MAN (3RD SERIES) #1-4 (NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY 1988-89):** Plas and Woozy face the incredibly inept Ooze Brothers.
- **POLICE COMICS #1 (AUGUST 1941):** Eel O'Brian turns from petty criminal to costumed crime fighter, thanks to a freak accident.

FIRED UP *Plastic Man had to return to action in order to save America from the fiery Fernus, an ancient Martian threat.*

LUCKY BREAK *Eel O'Brian's life changed for the better when he ought to have died in the accident.*



FATHER AND SON *It took Batman to help, but Eel has rebuilt his relationship with his son, who also possesses his father's incredible stretching power.*

