

Swiss Cheese

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Answer: **RAT RACE**

The 22 images all have holes chewed through them, leaving them “holey” if you want to use that word. You should, since with the “rusted metal” from the flavortext, it completes a line from the [1995 movie *Batman Forever*](#) that is played for laughs, but crucial to the puzzle. It is a reference to Robin’s vast list of “Holy [X]!” interjections from the original *Batman* TV show.

All 22 images can be mapped to the various “holy” cries through the show’s 120 episodes; the images are given in alphabetical order, and must be arranged in episode order, indexing into the name of the episode using the number of holes chewed through the image.

Episode and Title	"Holy" Shout by Robin / Image	Holes	Get
1. Hi Diddle Riddle	BARRACUDA	8	E
4. The Penguin's a Jinx	LODESTONE	4	P
8. Rats Like Cheese	SHERLOCK HOLMES	6	I
14. Batman Stands Pat	FROGMAN	7	S
22. Not Yet, He Ain't	ROMEO AND JULIET	2	O
31. Death In Slow Motion	KINDERGARTEN	1	D
33. Fine Finny Fiends	PUZZLERS	4	E
50. The Dead Ringers	PERFECT PITCH	1	T
60. It's How You Play the Game	BAT LOGIC	1	I
65. The Puzzles Are Coming	GRAF ZEPPELIN	1	T
73. The Penguin Declines	HUMAN PEARLS	14	L
85. A Piece of the Action	HUMAN COLLECTOR'S ITEM	4	E
97. The Wail of the Siren	ONE TRACK BAT COMPUTER MIND	2	H
103. How To Hatch A Dinosaur	ANAGRAMS	2	O
105. The Londinium Larcenies	CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF MINORS	4	L
107. The Bloody Tower	HOMEWORK	9	Y
108. Catwoman's Dressed to Kill	PRICELESS COLLECTION OF ETRUSCAN SNOODS	2	A
111. The Joke's on Catwoman	RETURN FROM OBLIVION	10	N
113. Nora Clavicle And The Ladies' Crime Club	UNDERWRITTEN METROPOLIS	24	S
114. Penguin's Clean Sweep	HYPODERMICS	15	W
118. The Joker's Flying Saucer	INTERPLANETARY YARDSTICK	3	E
120. Minerva, Mayhem And Millionaires	ASTRINGENT PLUM-LIKE FRUIT	5	R

The resulting phrase “EPISODE TITLE HOLY ANSWER” is in reference to an episode title, with the implication to ignore the first word and submit the rest. “Holy Rat Race” is episode 18 and the only episode with “Holy” as the first word, so the final answer is **RAT RACE**.

Author’s Notes

Scott: As the second to last puzzle to be written for the hunt, this puzzle ended up being a bit controversial, since our original goal was to not actually require any Batman knowledge at all during the hunt and this puzzle obviously breaks the spirit of that. I still think it’s cute...making images for answers such as “Holy priceless collection of Etruscan snoods!” and “Holy contributing to the delinquency of minors!” was a lot of fun.

Originally the puzzle had nothing to do with Batman episodes specifically, but just connected to “Holy” phrases you hear in real life, like “Holy guacamole” and “Holy Toledo.” I really struggled to find a good avenue to build a puzzle around that concept (logic puzzles and word searches with holes in them were discussed, as was the mini-golf show Holey Moley) and then decided to throw it all away for this more streamlined idea. When I realized that one of the meta answers that no one had chosen to write a puzzle for yet was the **ONLY** episode of Batman with “Holy” in the title, that was too good not to use.

I do acknowledge that the back of this puzzle may have been a slog for some solvers; while there are one-stop shops on the internet for all of the data you need to solve this puzzle, they are few and far between and require a bit of Google diving.