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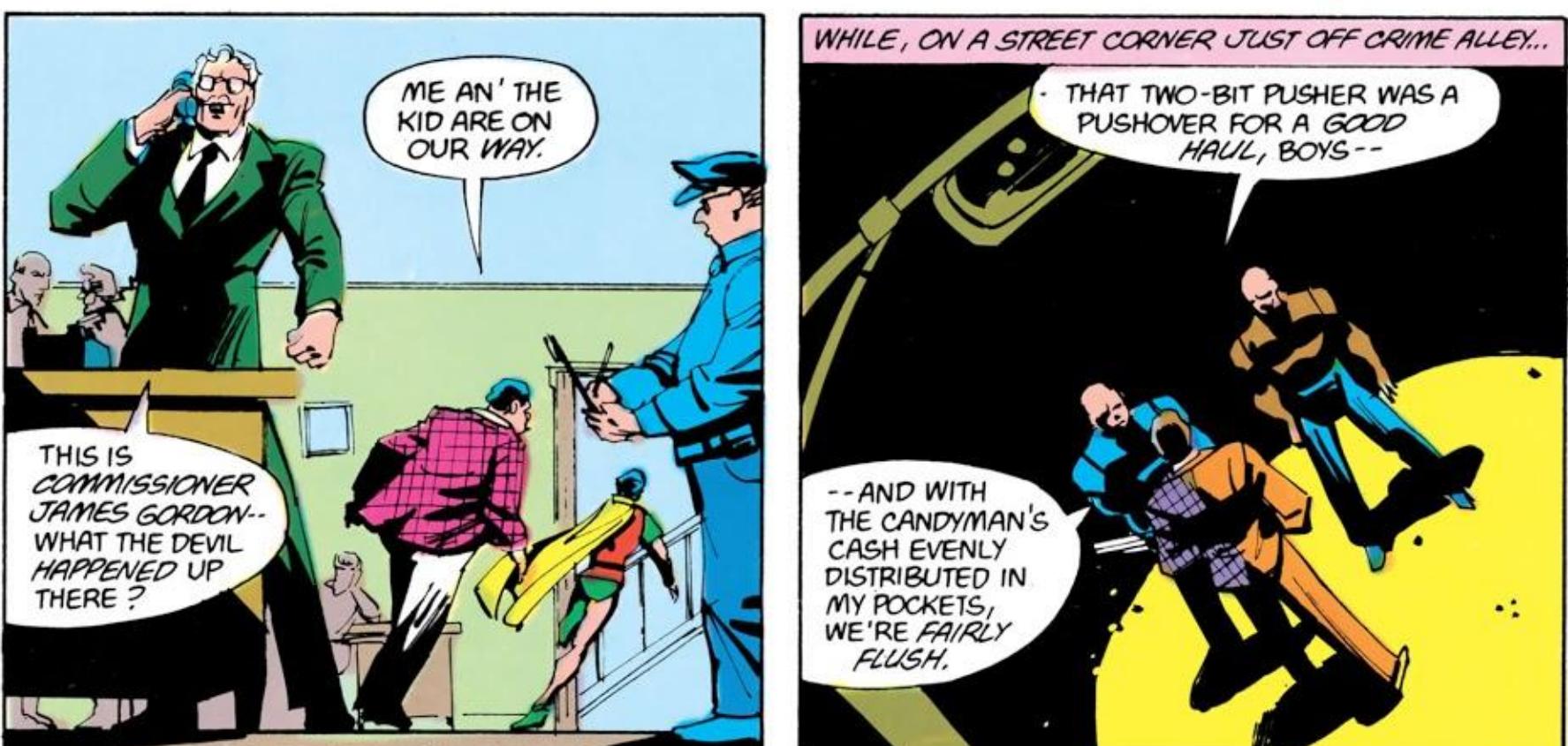
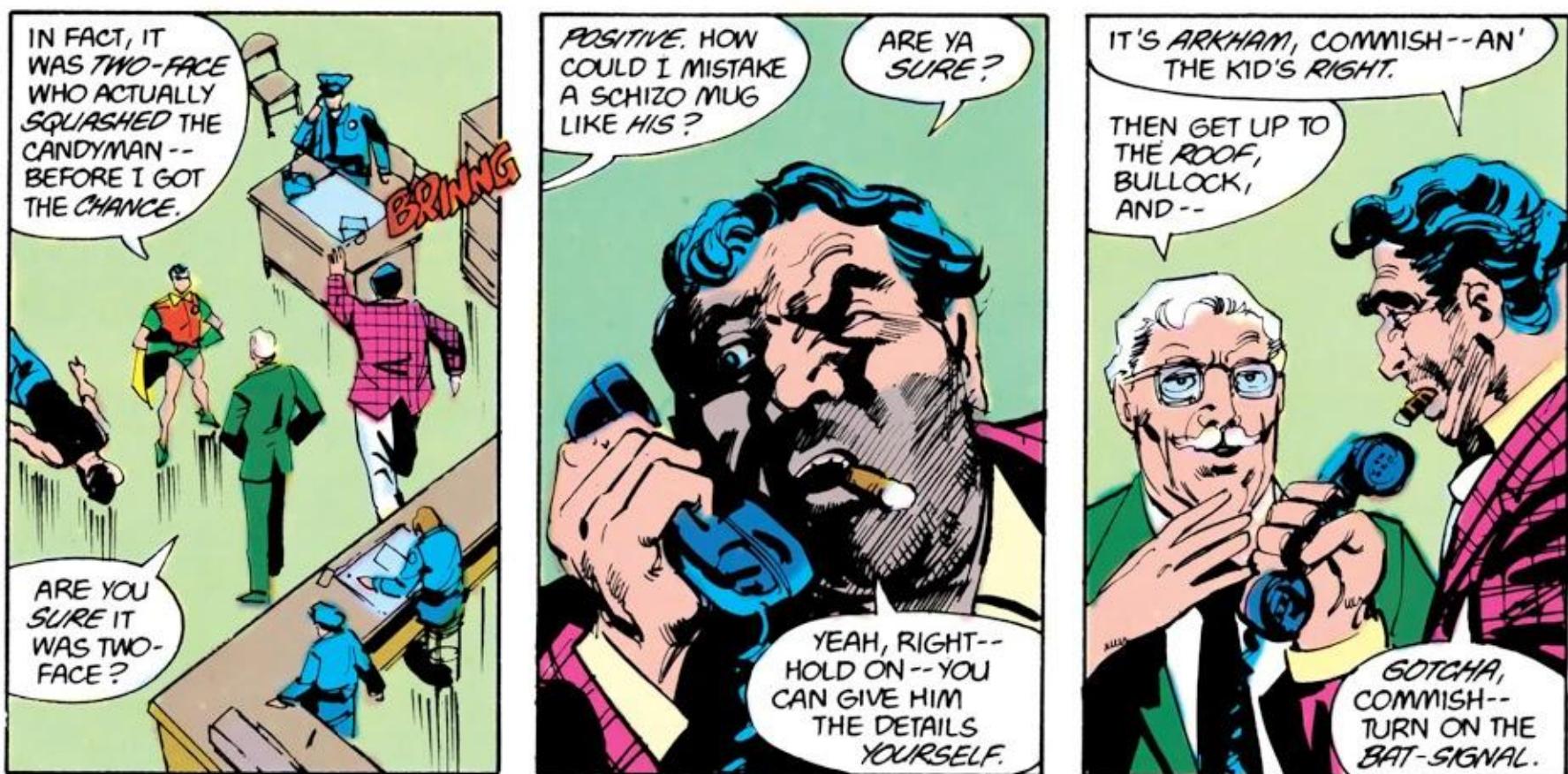
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# BATMAN







LESS THAN TEN MINUTES AFTER THE STAB OF A BIZARRE BEACON FROM THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS, TWO NIGHT-CLAD FIGURES ARRIVE ON THE WIND...

I WONDERED WHERE YOU WERE, ROBIN.

TWO-FACE HAS ESCAPED ARKHAM ASYLUM BY PUTTING ON A "SECOND FACE"-- ACTUALLY, A THIRD FACE, I SUPPOSE, CONSIDERING HE'S ALREADY GOT TWO-- SO HE COULD IMPERSONATE A LAWYER VISITING HIS CELL.

THE MAKEUP WAS SOME SORT OF COLLOIDAL CLAY THE INMATES USE FOR RECREATIONAL WORKSHOP SCULPTING UP THERE.

HE USED HIS INFAMOUS COIN TO HYPNOTIZE THE REAL LAWYER-- AND PUT A FALSE TWO-FACE FACE ON HIM.

IN EFFECT, HE TRADED PLACES WITH THE LAWYER.

GOOD LORD, GORDON-- IS ARKHAM'S SECURITY THAT LAX?

THE GUARD ADMITS HE LEFT THEM ALONE IN HARVEY DENT'S CELL, BUT HE ALSO SWEARS HE DIDN'T.

MEANING?

ALL RIGHT, GORDON-- FILL US IN.

HE VAGUELY REMEMBERS DENT SHOWING HIM THAT DAMNED COIN ABOUT A MONTH AGO...

...AND WE'RE ASSUMING HE WAS ALSO SUBLIMINALLY HYPNOTIZED-- AND GIVEN A POSTHYPNOTIC COMMAND TO LEAVE THEM ALONE IN THE CELL A MONTH LATER...

...WITHOUT EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT.

WHAT ABOUT ROMAN SIONIS-- BLACK MASK-- DID HE ESCAPE TOO?

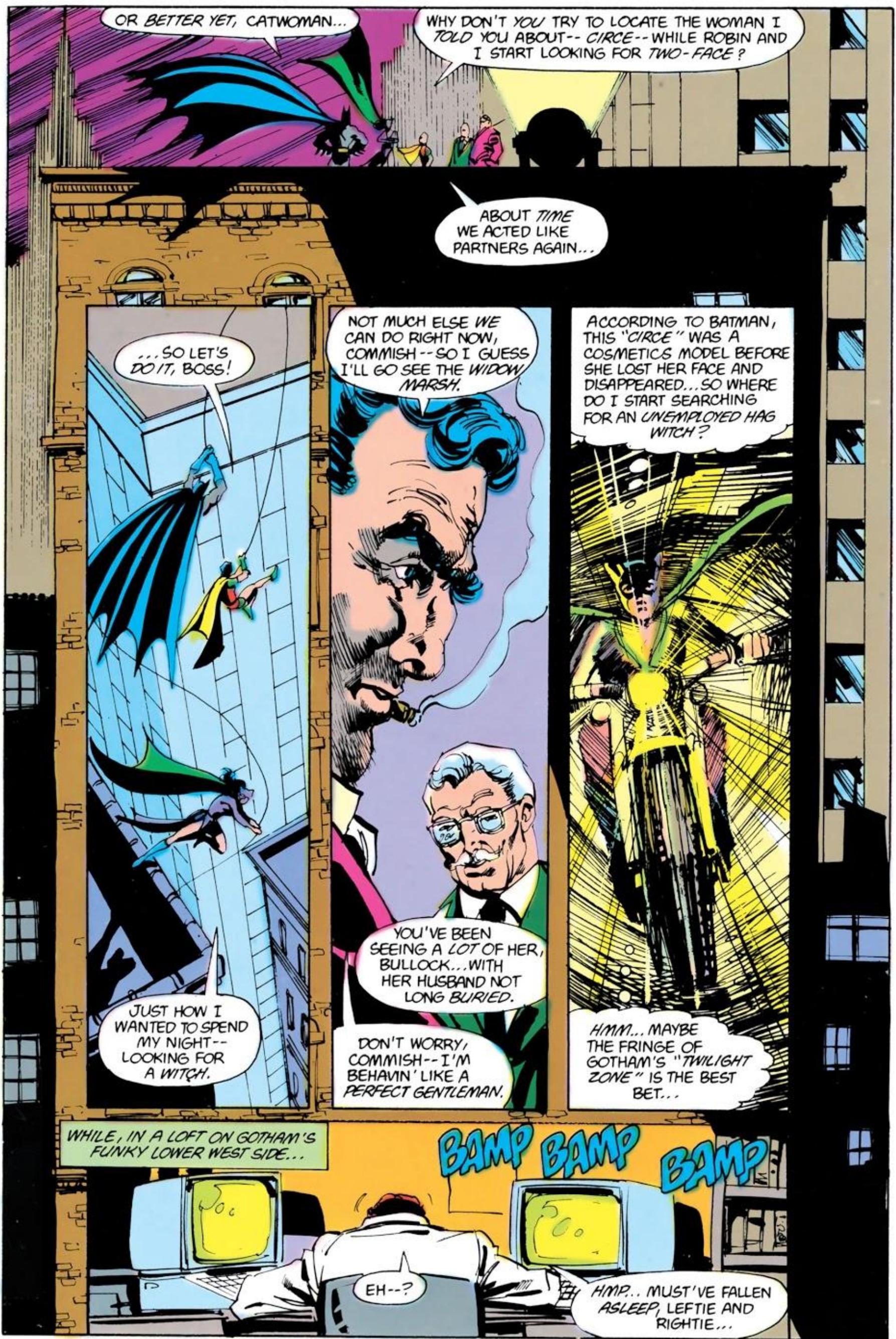
...WHILE CATWOMAN AND I WERE THERE, LOOKING AWAY FROM THE DOOR FOR NO MORE THAN A MINUTE... BUT AS LONG AS BLACK MASK IS STILL SAFELY INCARCERATED--

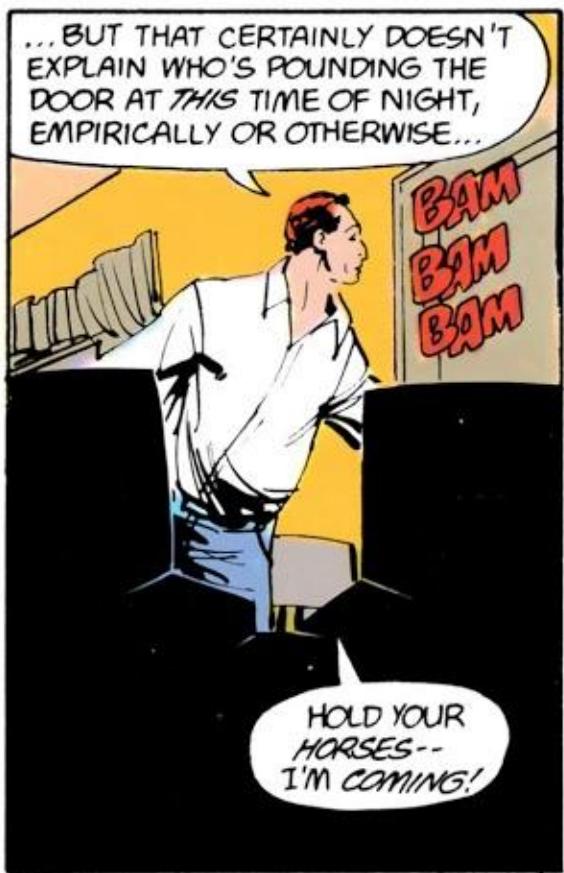
SHOULD'VE KNOWN CATWOMAN WOULD BE WITH HIM...

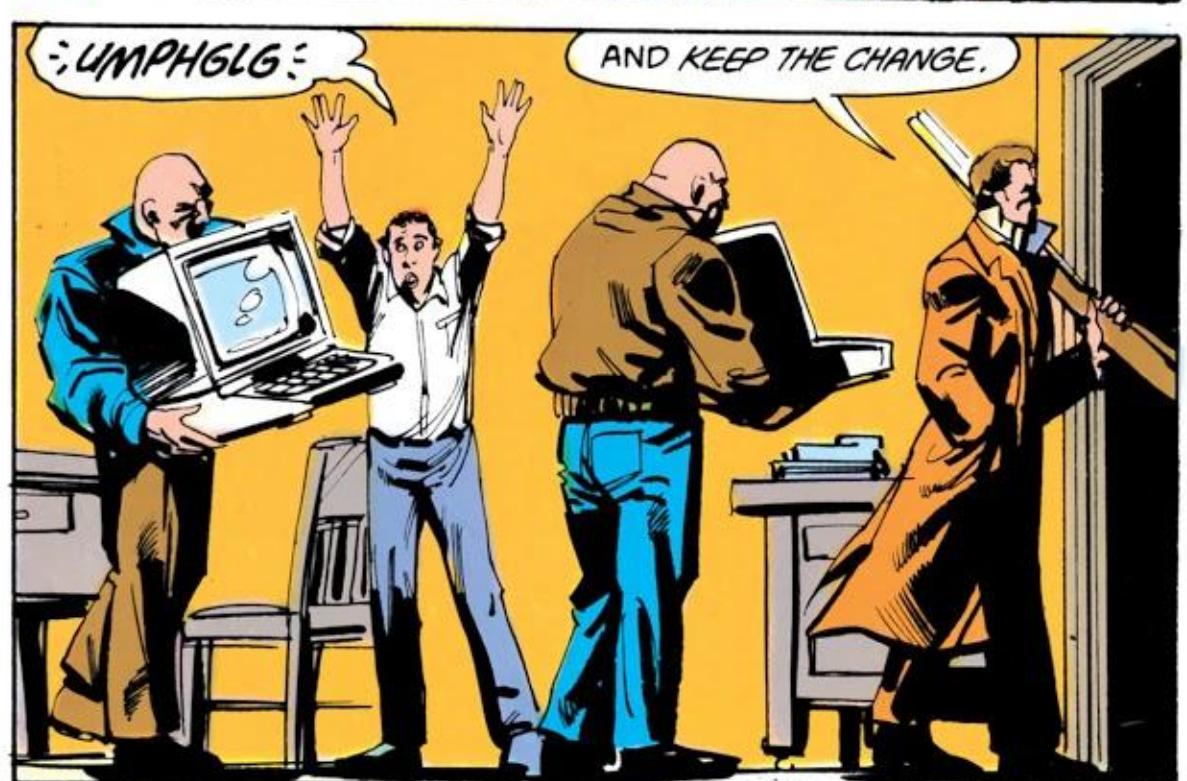
WHY, NO... BUT WHAT MAKES YOU ASK SUCH A--

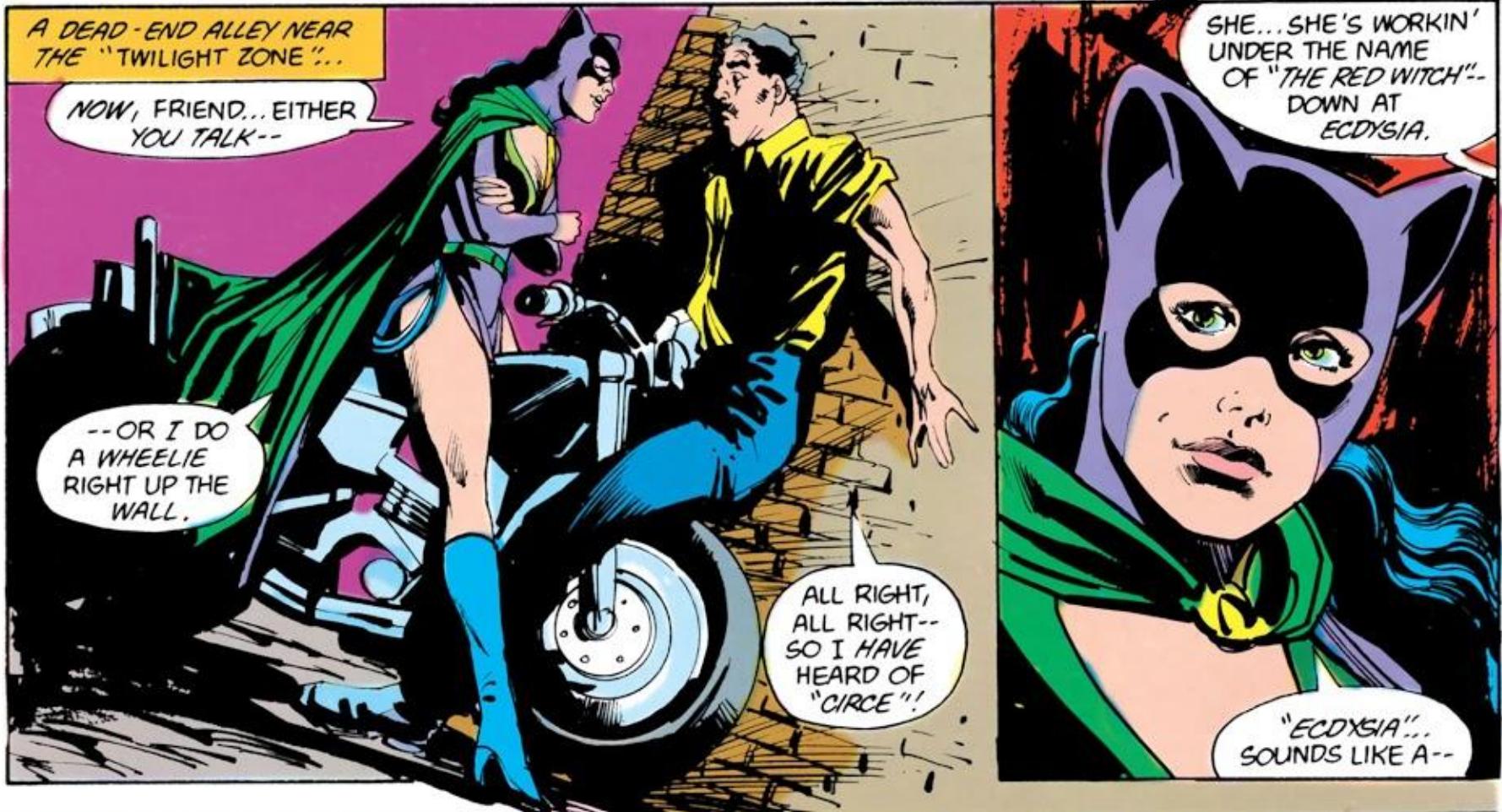
A BLACK WREATH WAS PLACED ON THE DOOR OF THE SIONIS CRYPT JUST AN HOUR AGO...

--THAT LITTLE MYSTERY CAN BE PUT ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING...



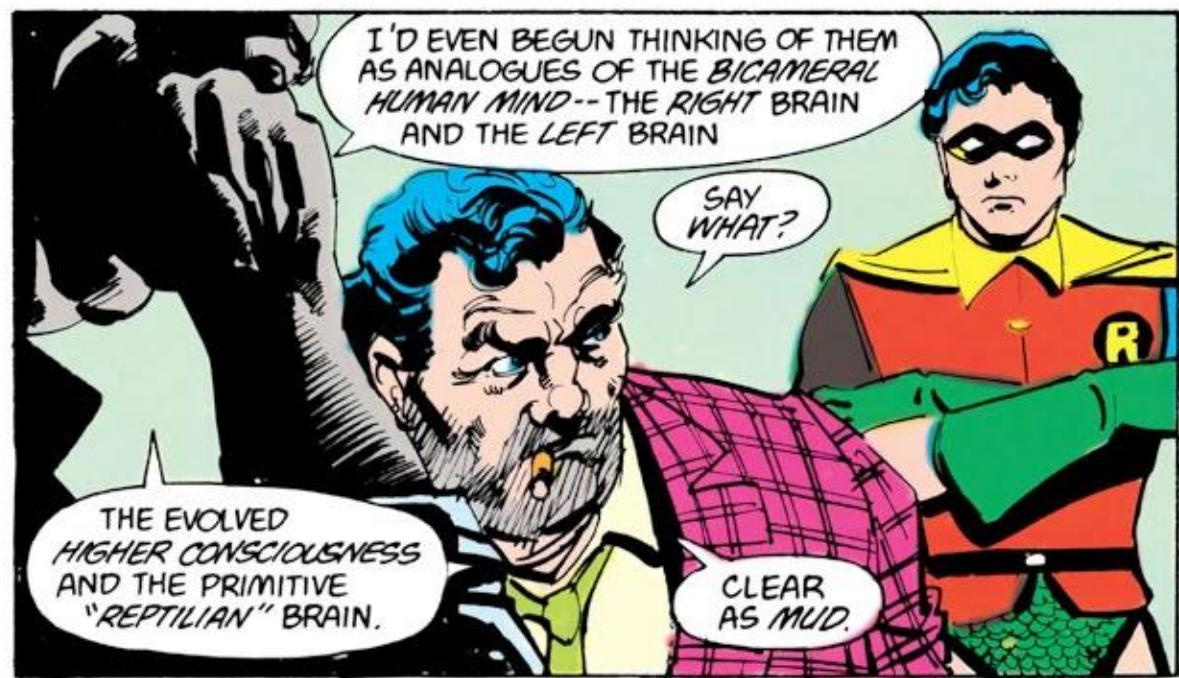
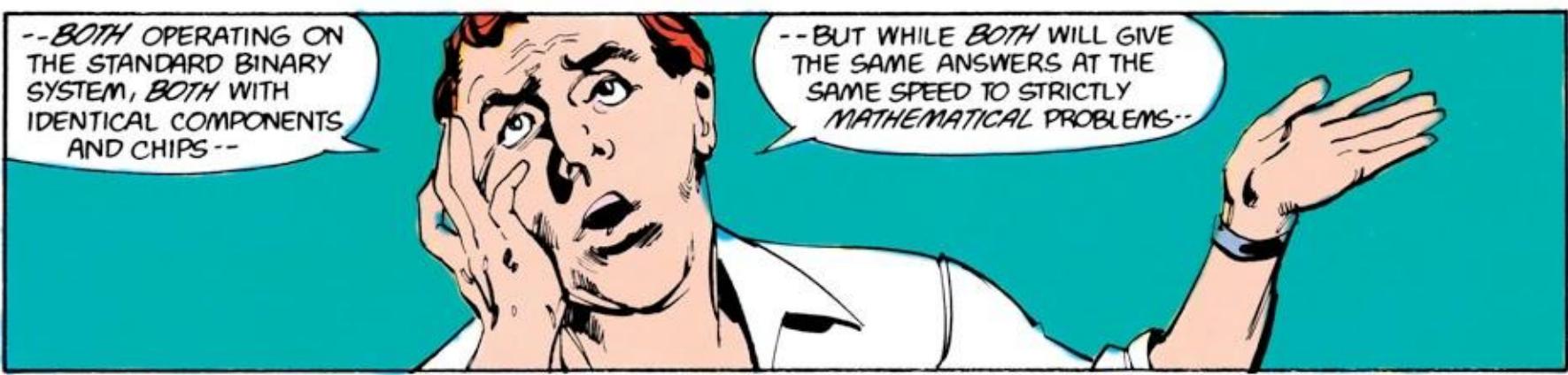


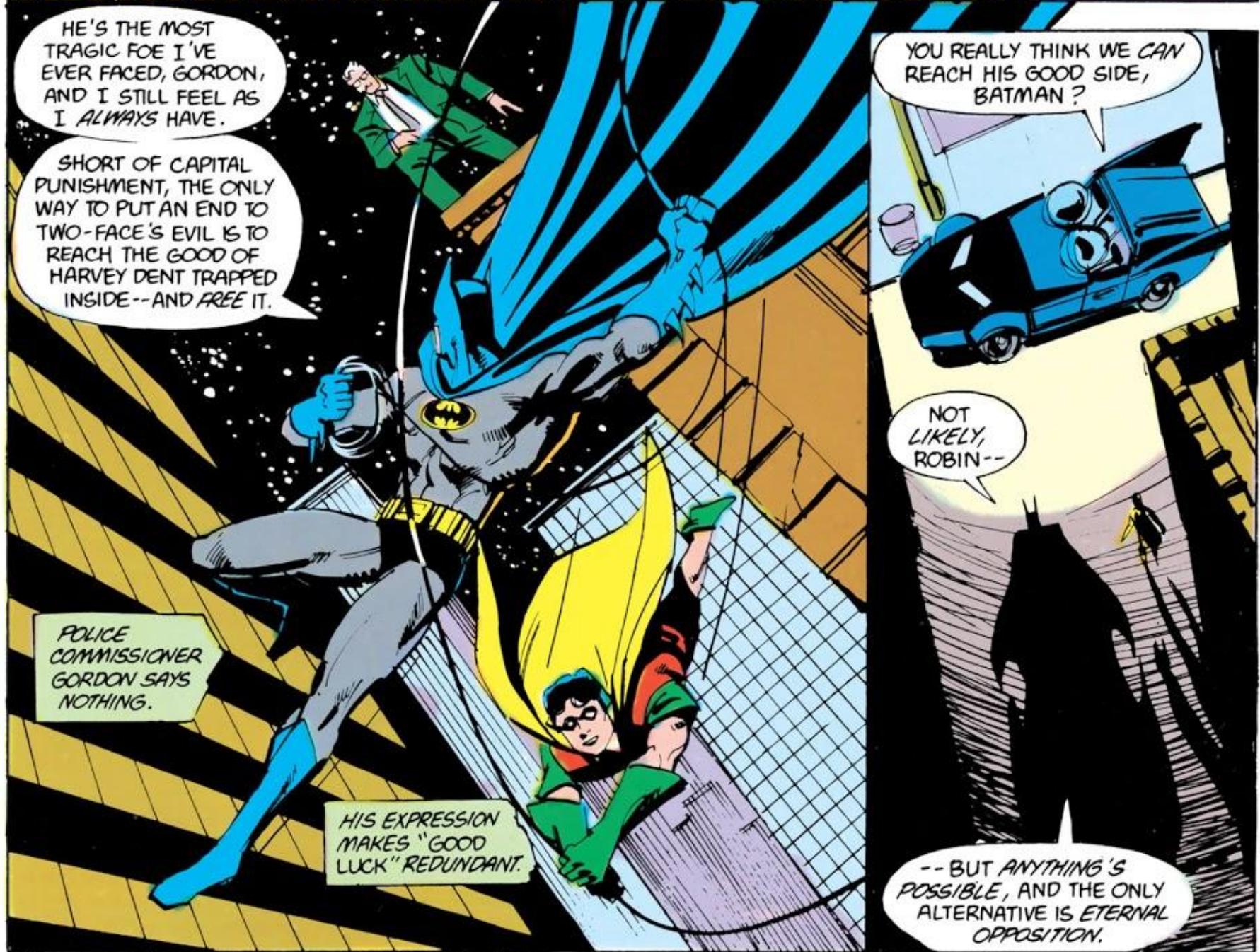
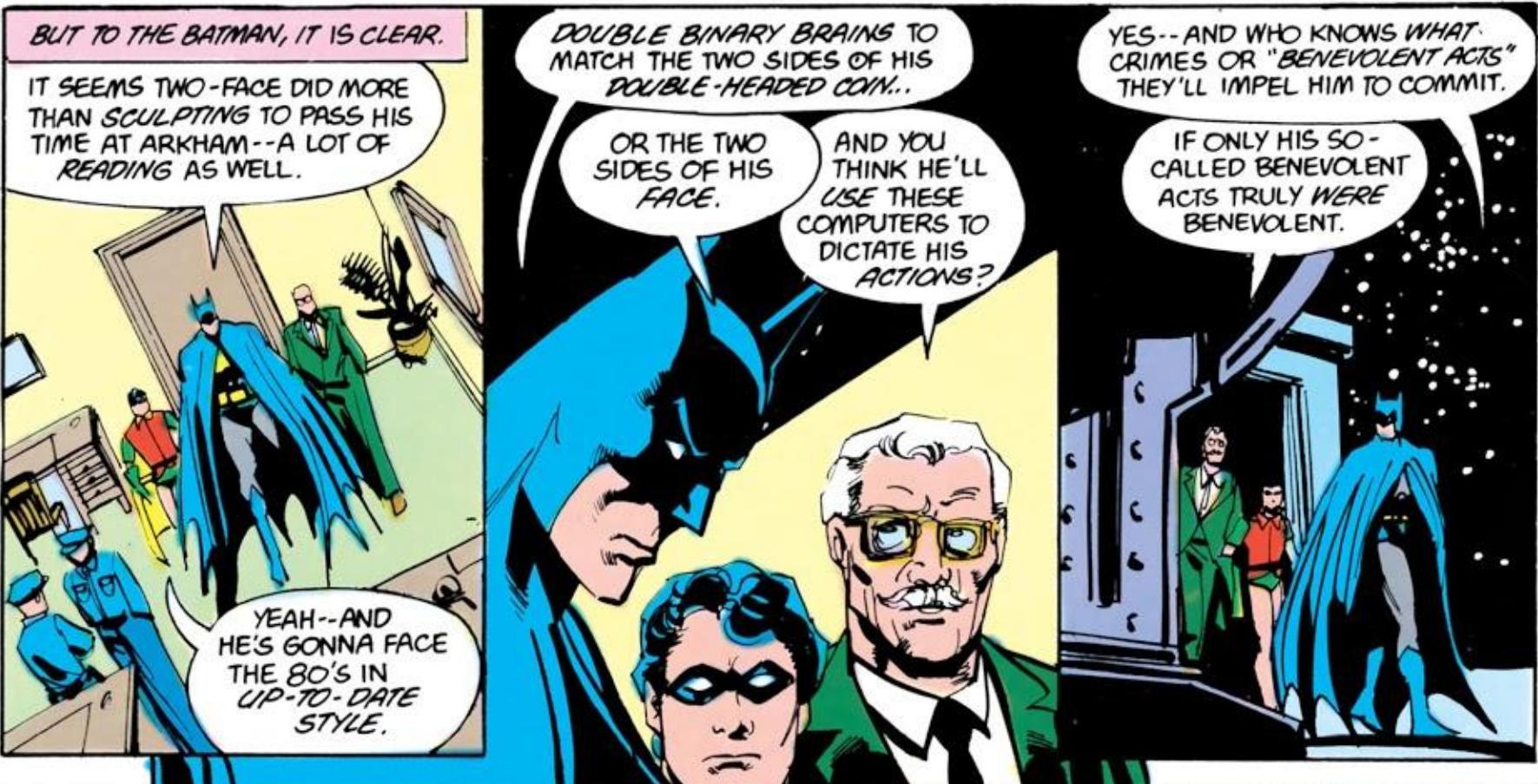


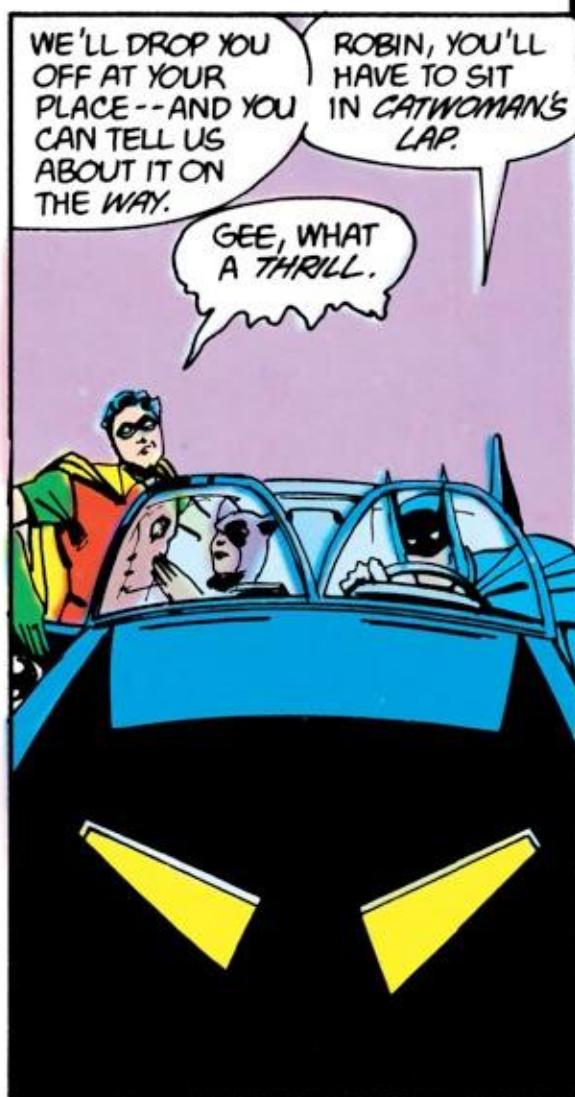
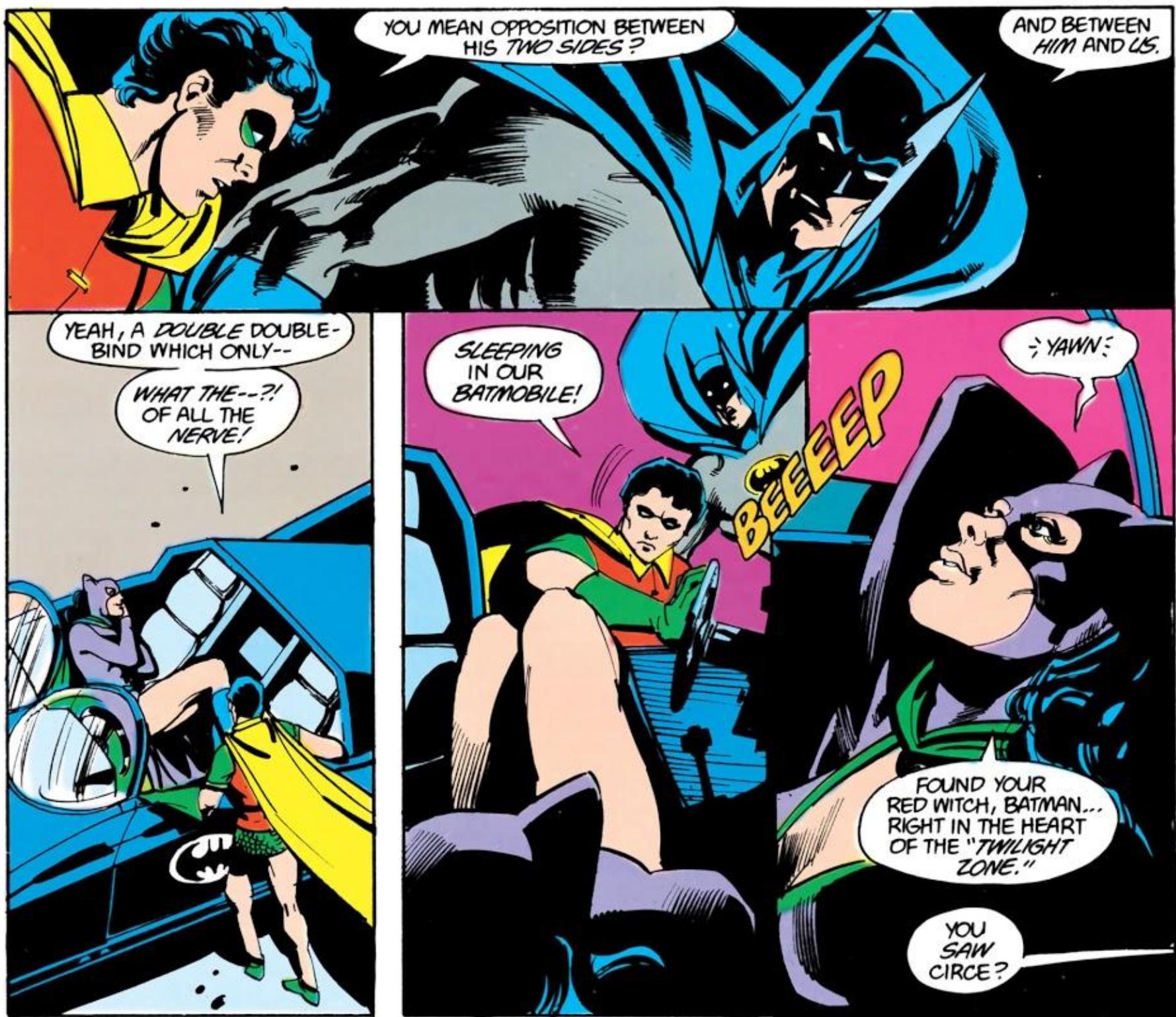


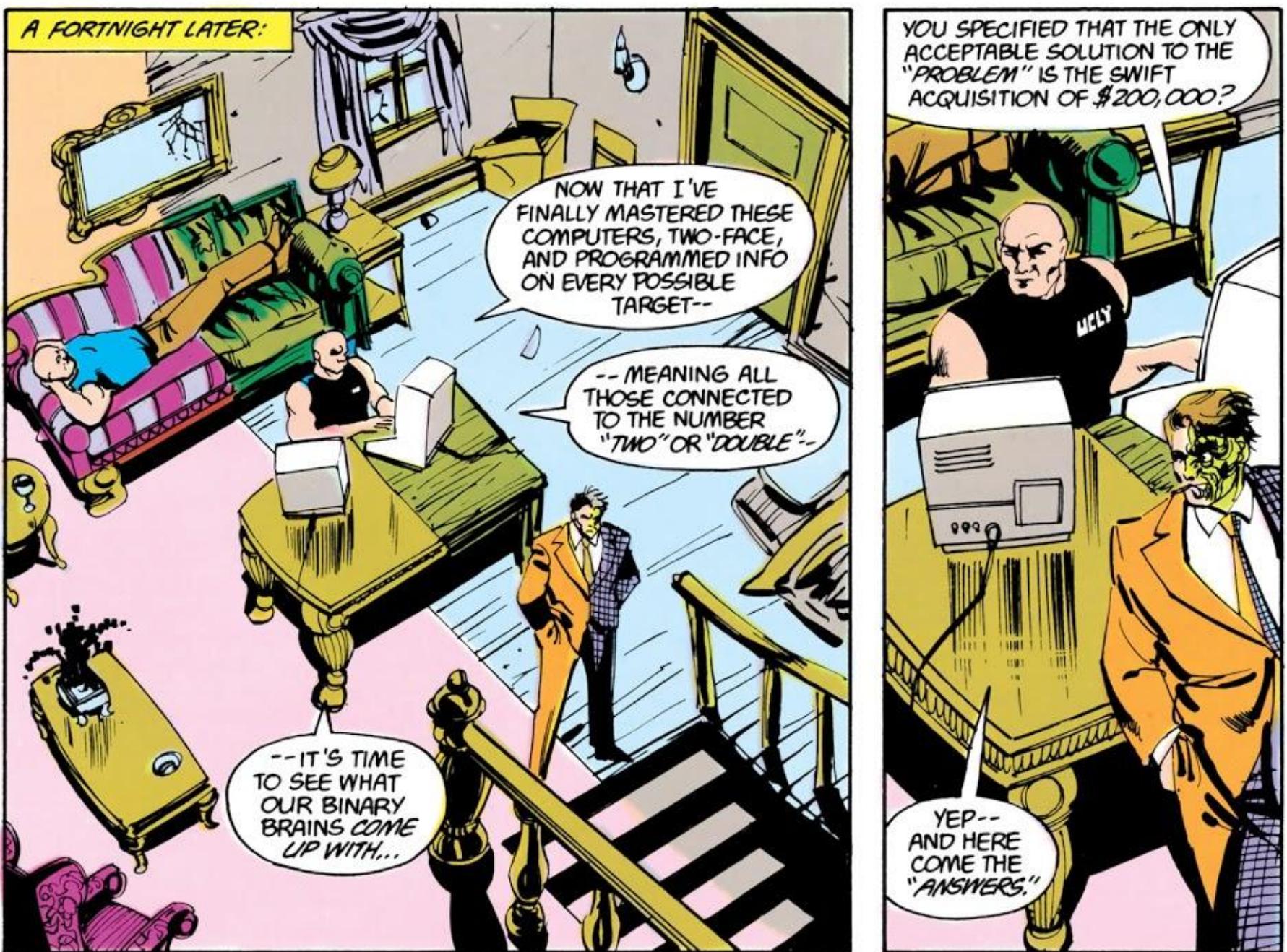
















I...SEE...AND YOU DO HAVE ALL THE CREDENTIALS...EXEMPLARY RECORD WITH THE FOUNDATION HERE...PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR...INVOLVED IN CIVIC AND CHARITY FUNCTIONS...PERSONABLE AND ARTICULATE...

NO DOUBT YOU'D PULL THE BLACK AND OTHER MINORITY VOTES...AND WITH POWERFUL BACKING AND POLITICAL CONNECTIONS--

I HAVEN'T GIVEN MY ANSWER YET, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I AM CONSIDERING IT.

EXACTLY, BRUCE.

IT'S APPRECIATED, LUCIUS, AND I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE REASON TO ADVISE AGAINST IT, OTHER THAN SELFISHLY NOT WANTING TO LOSE A GOOD MAN.

BUT IF YOU DECIDE TO GO FOR IT, I'LL BE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY.

TH-THANKS, BRUCE. :KOFF:

NOW--WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? SOMETHING ABOUT COMPUTERS, YOU SAID...?

NIGHT:  
AND THE SIGNAL IS ANSWERED...

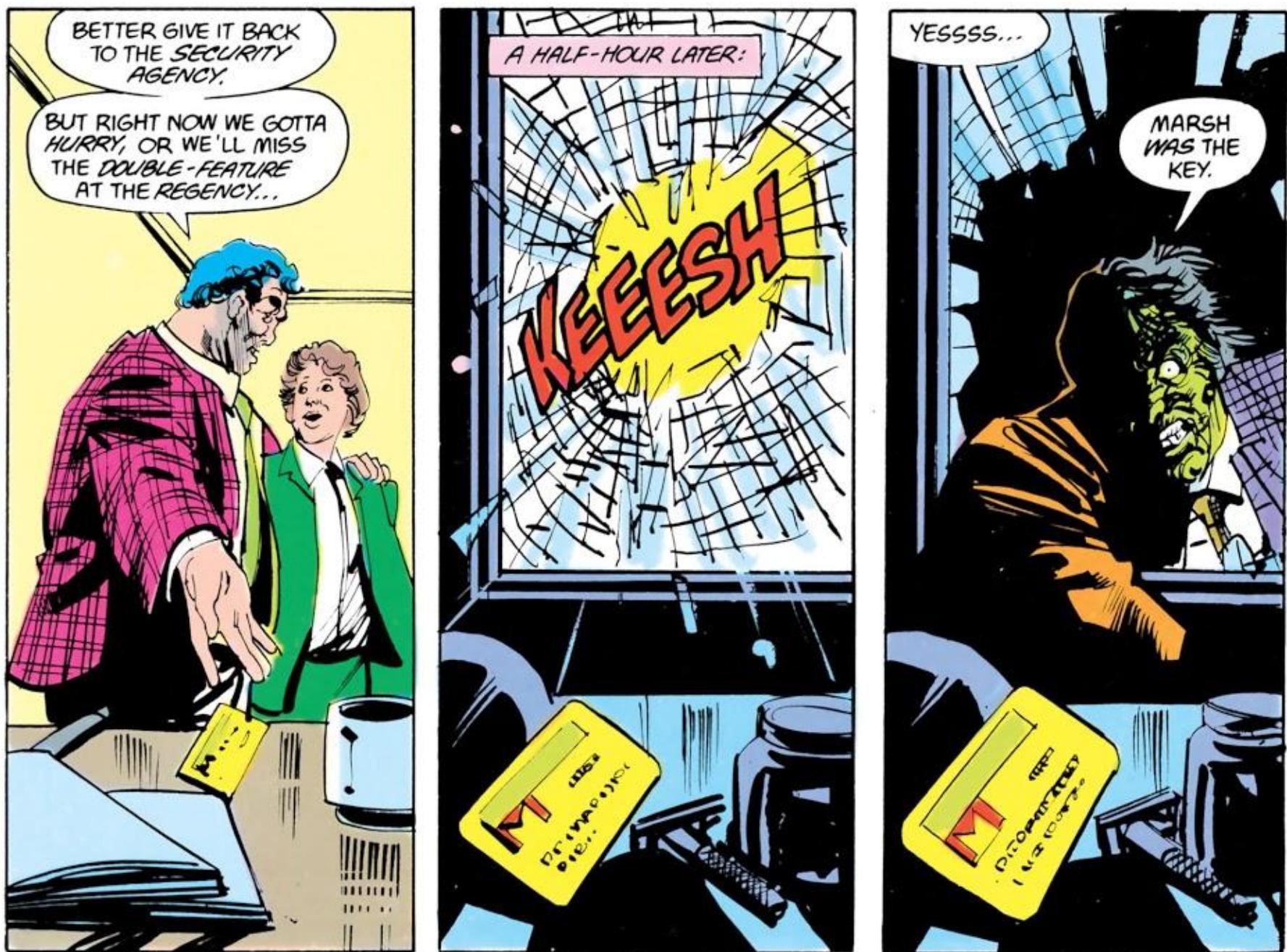
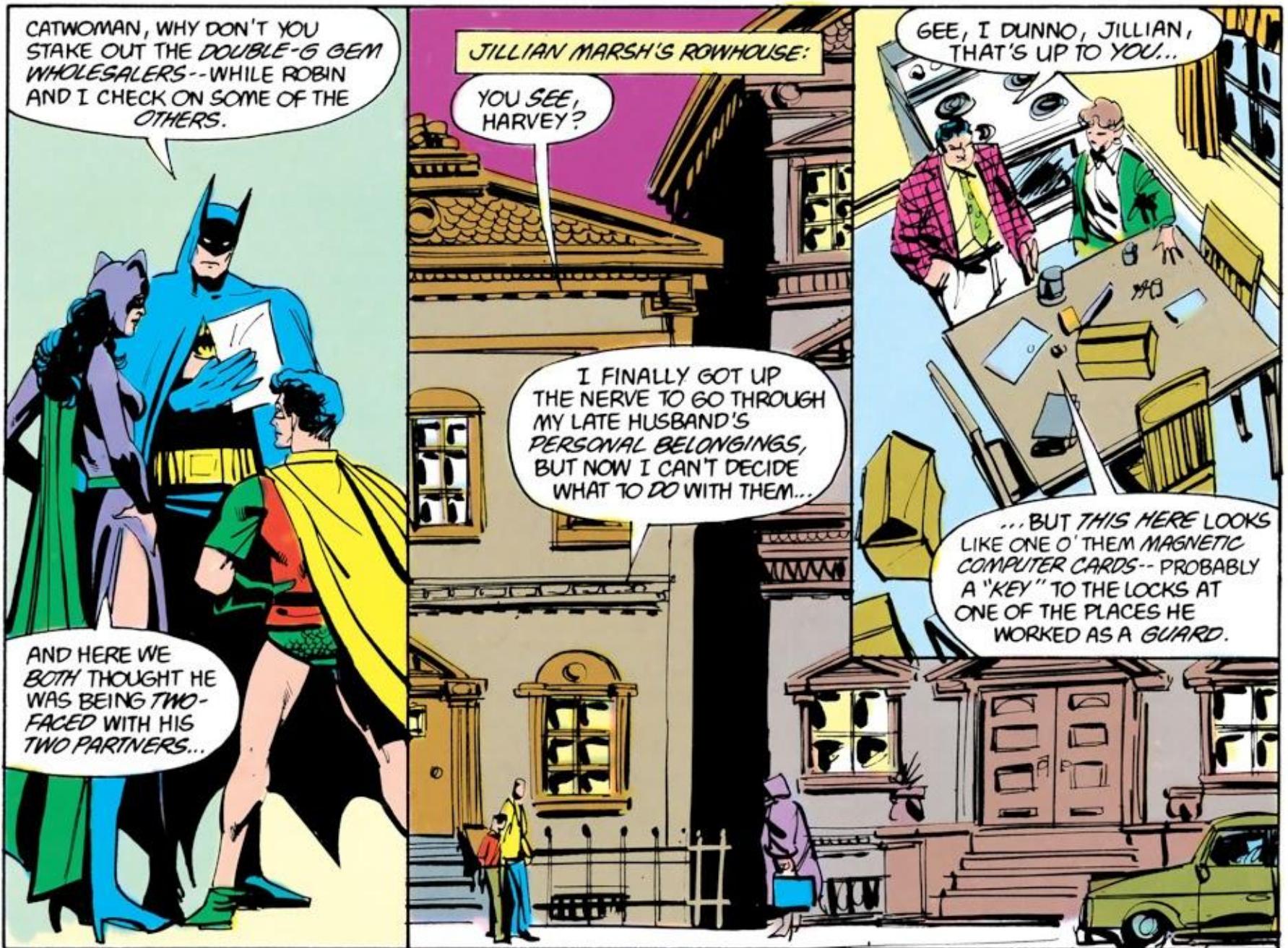
HUH? NO BATMAN?  
BUT I FIGURED HE'S BEEN WITH YOU THE PAST TWO WEEKS, CAT-LADY...

I'M RIGHT HERE.

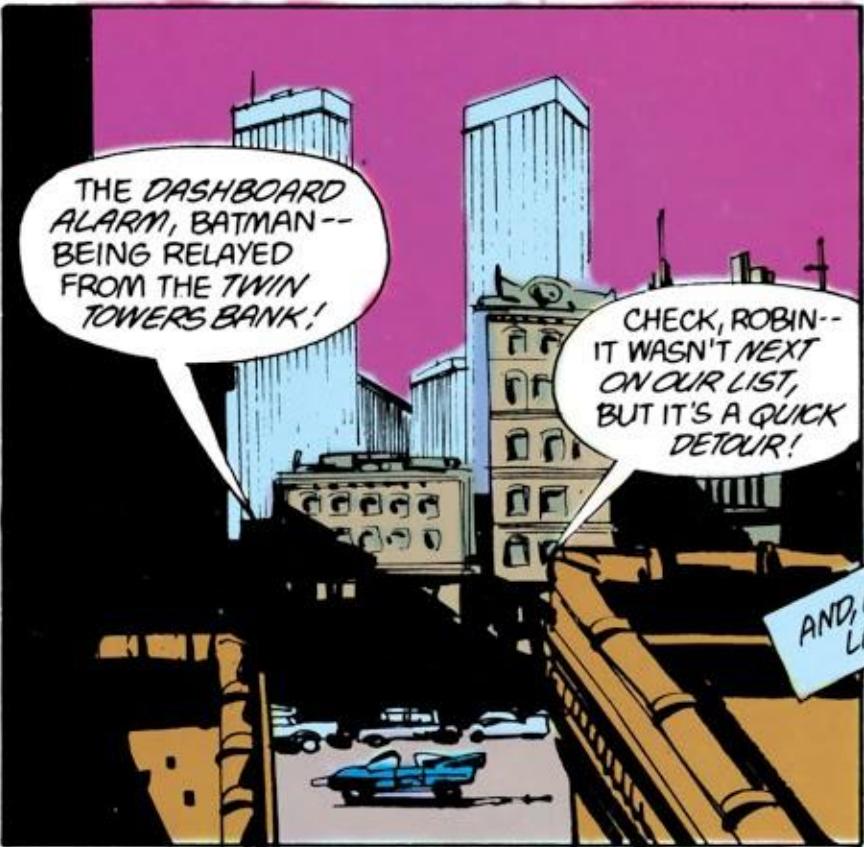
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE TWO-FACE PROBLEM ON MY OWN.

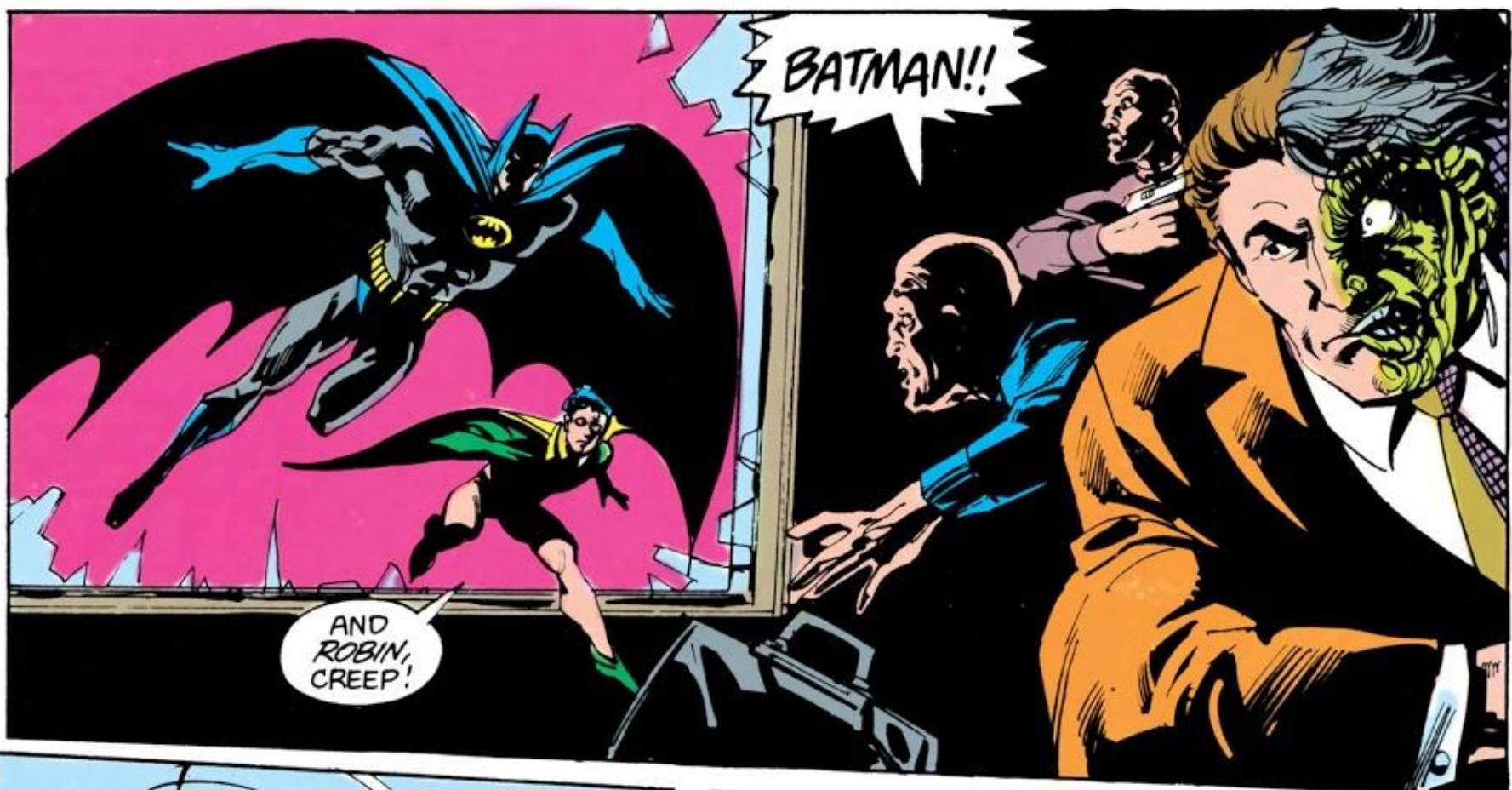
A FRIEND GAVE ME ACCESS TO A COMPUTER SIMILAR TO TWO-FACE'S TWIN BINARY BRAINS-- AND IT'S COME UP WITH A LIST OF LIKELY TARGETS.

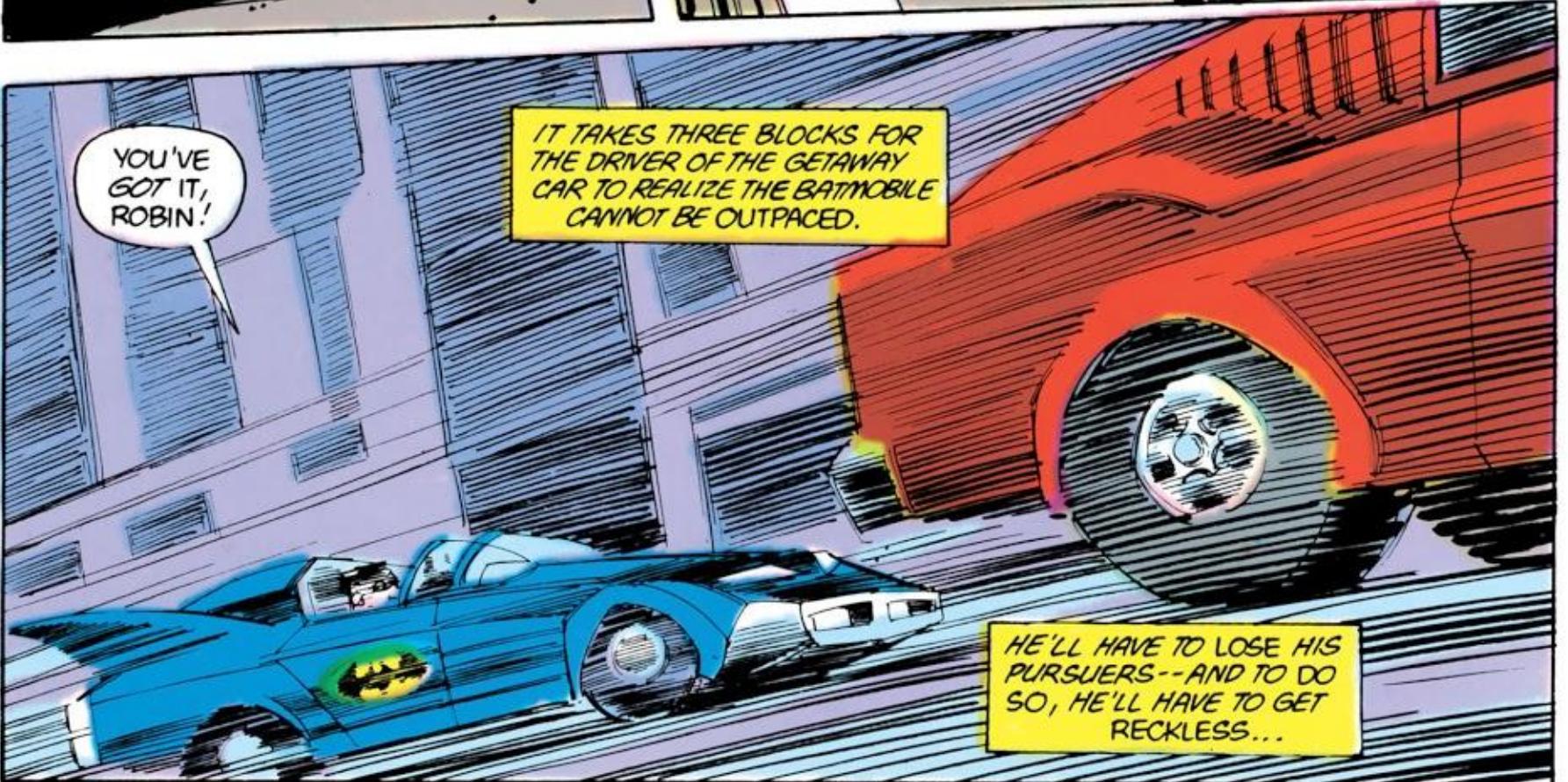
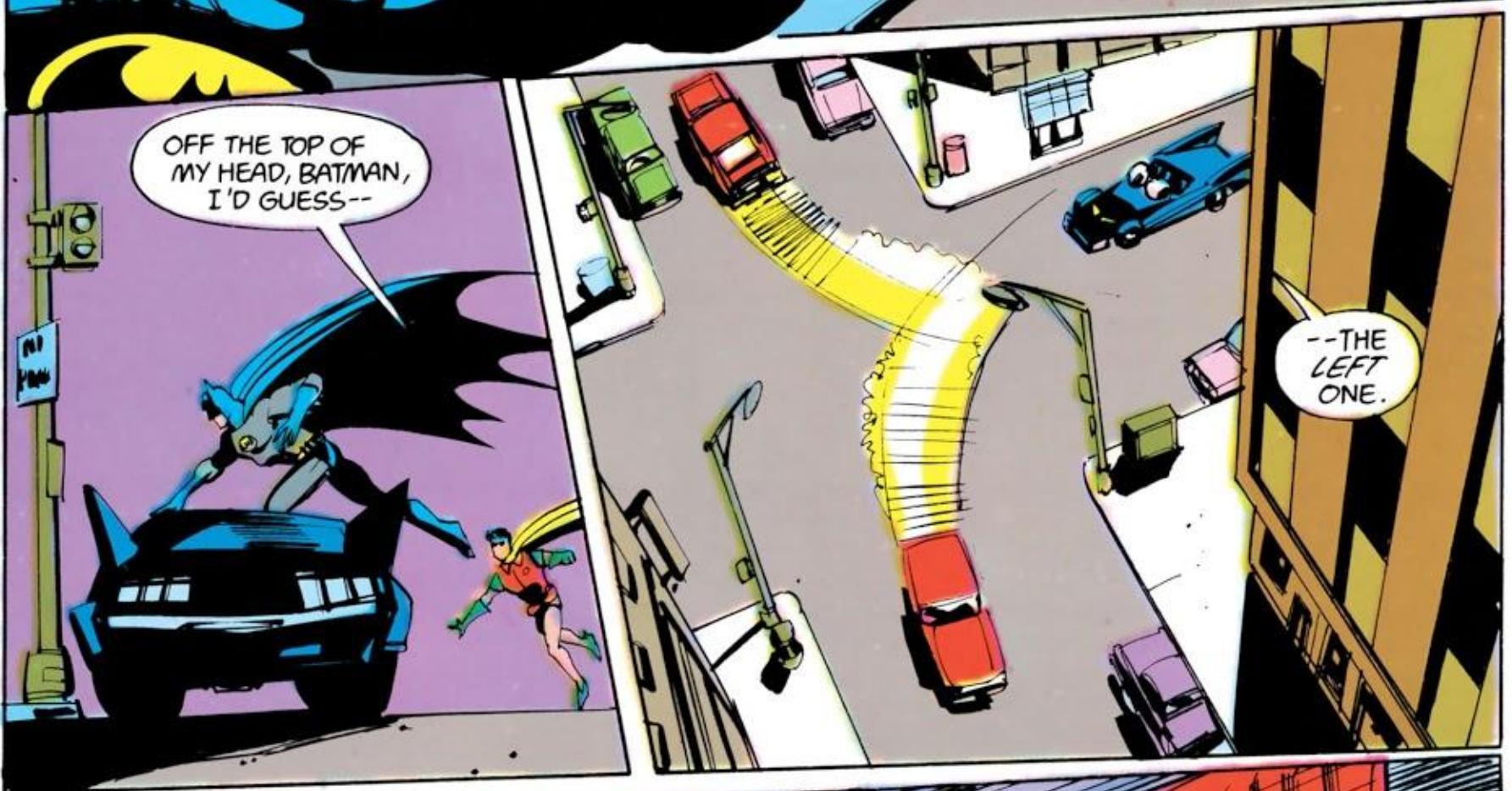
UH-UH--I THOUGHT HE WAS WITH YOU, ROBIN.

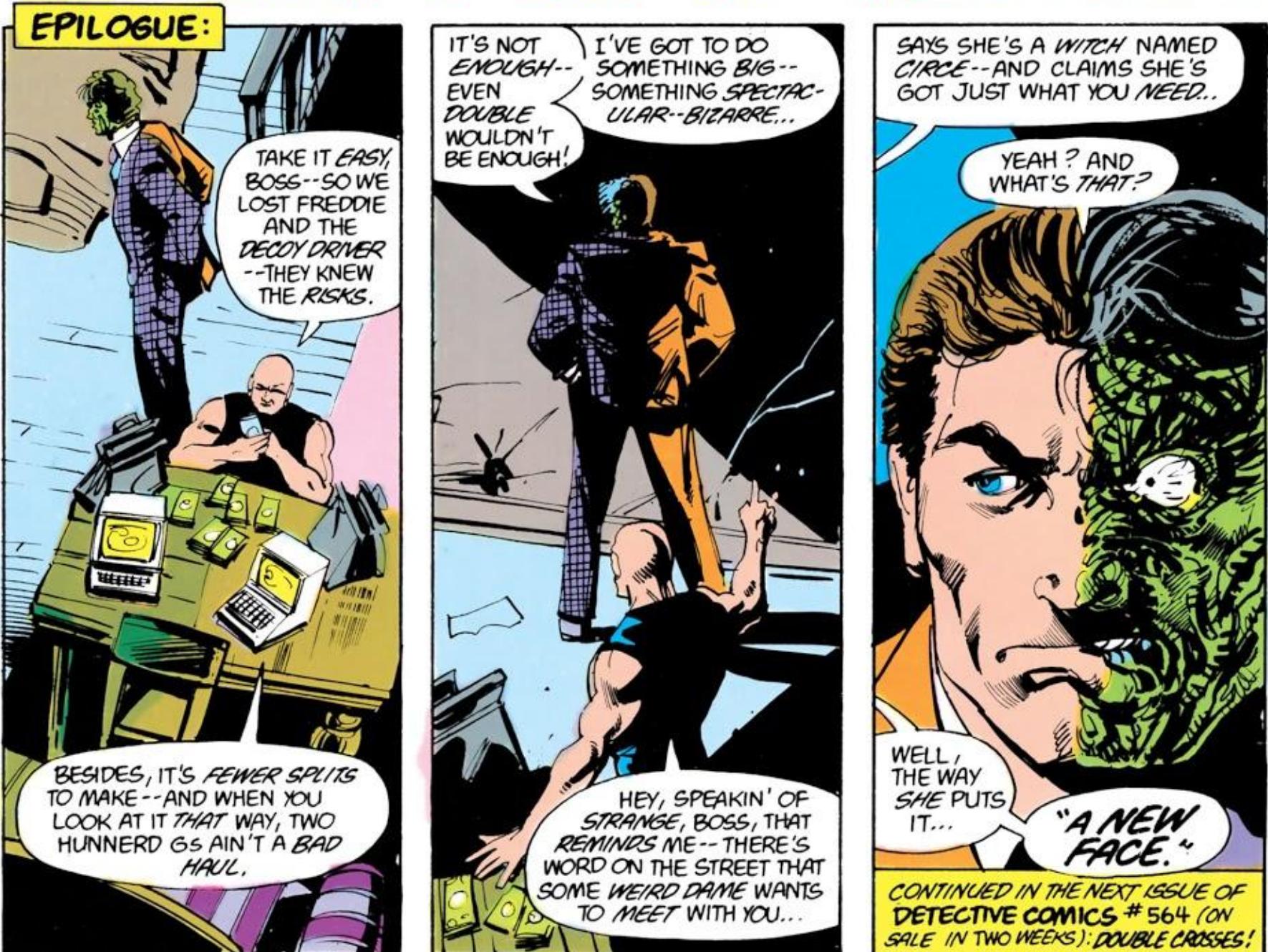














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