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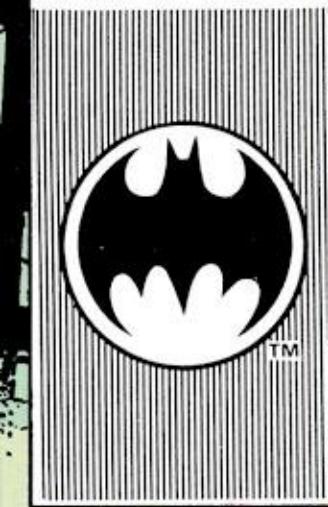
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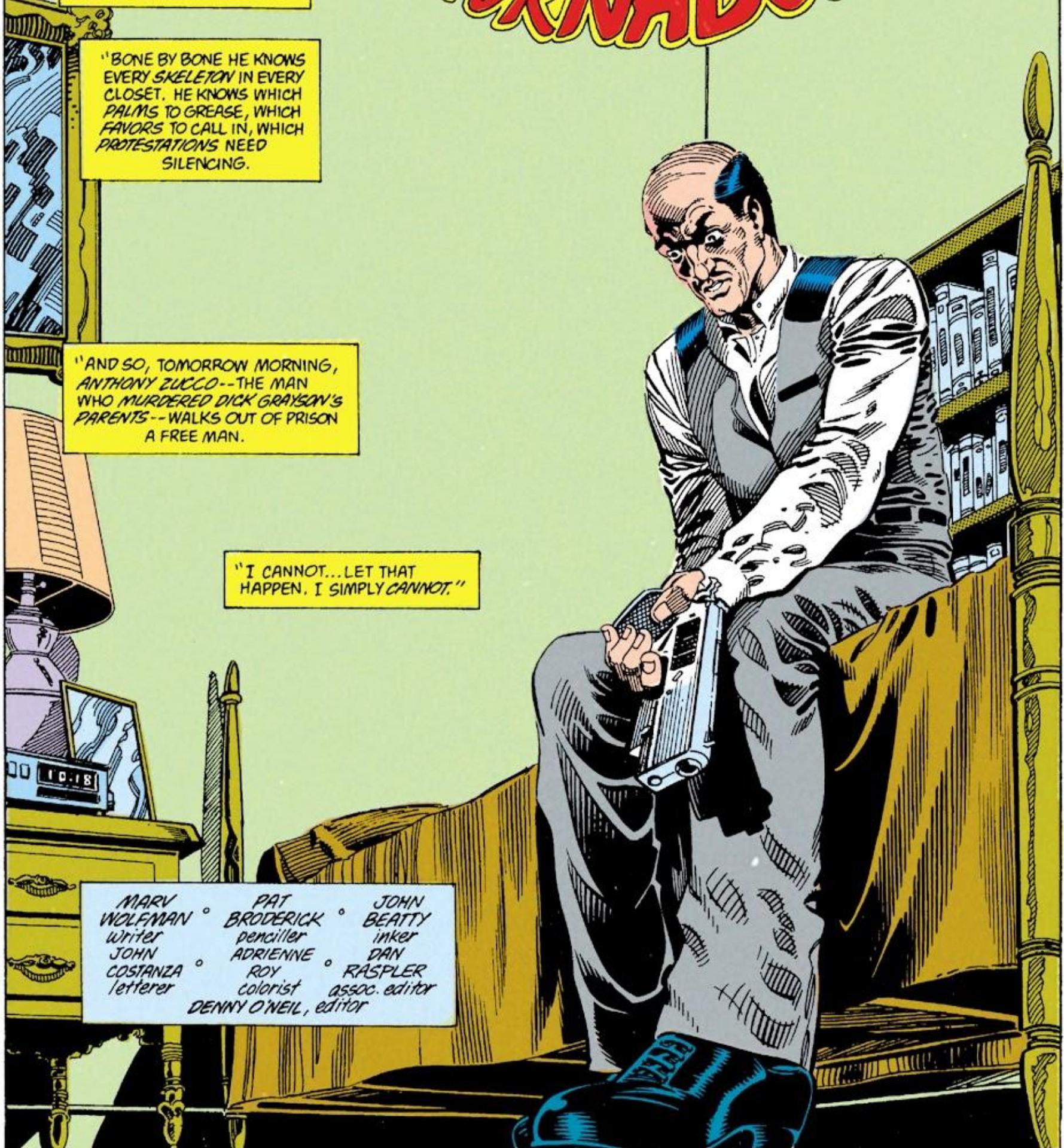
"SOMEHOW, EVEN BEFORE I WENT TO THE PAROLE BOARD TO PLEAD MY CASE, I KNEW THIS WAS THE YEAR THEY'D FINALLY SET HIM FREE."

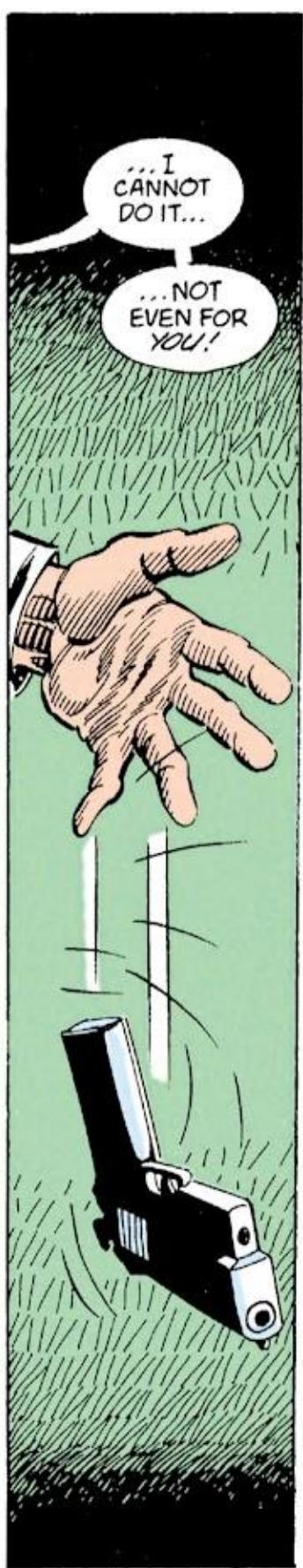
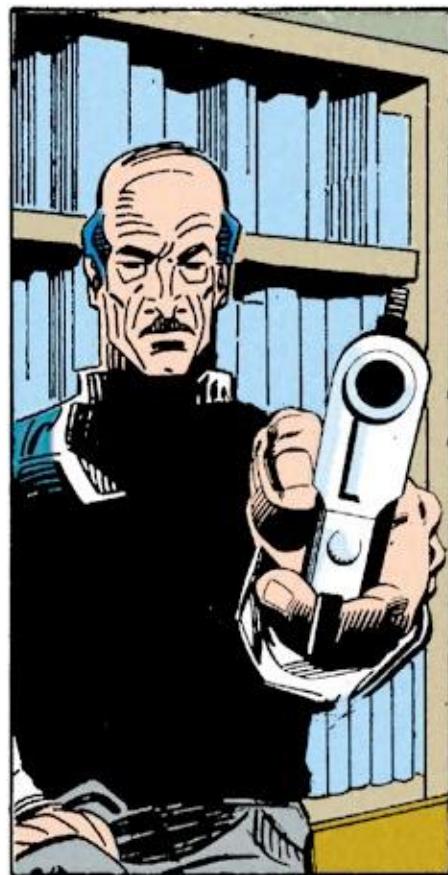
"BONE BY BONE HE KNOWS EVERY SKELETON IN EVERY CLOSET. HE KNOWS WHICH PALMS TO GREASE, WHICH FAVORS TO CALL IN, WHICH PROTESTATIONS NEED SILENCING."

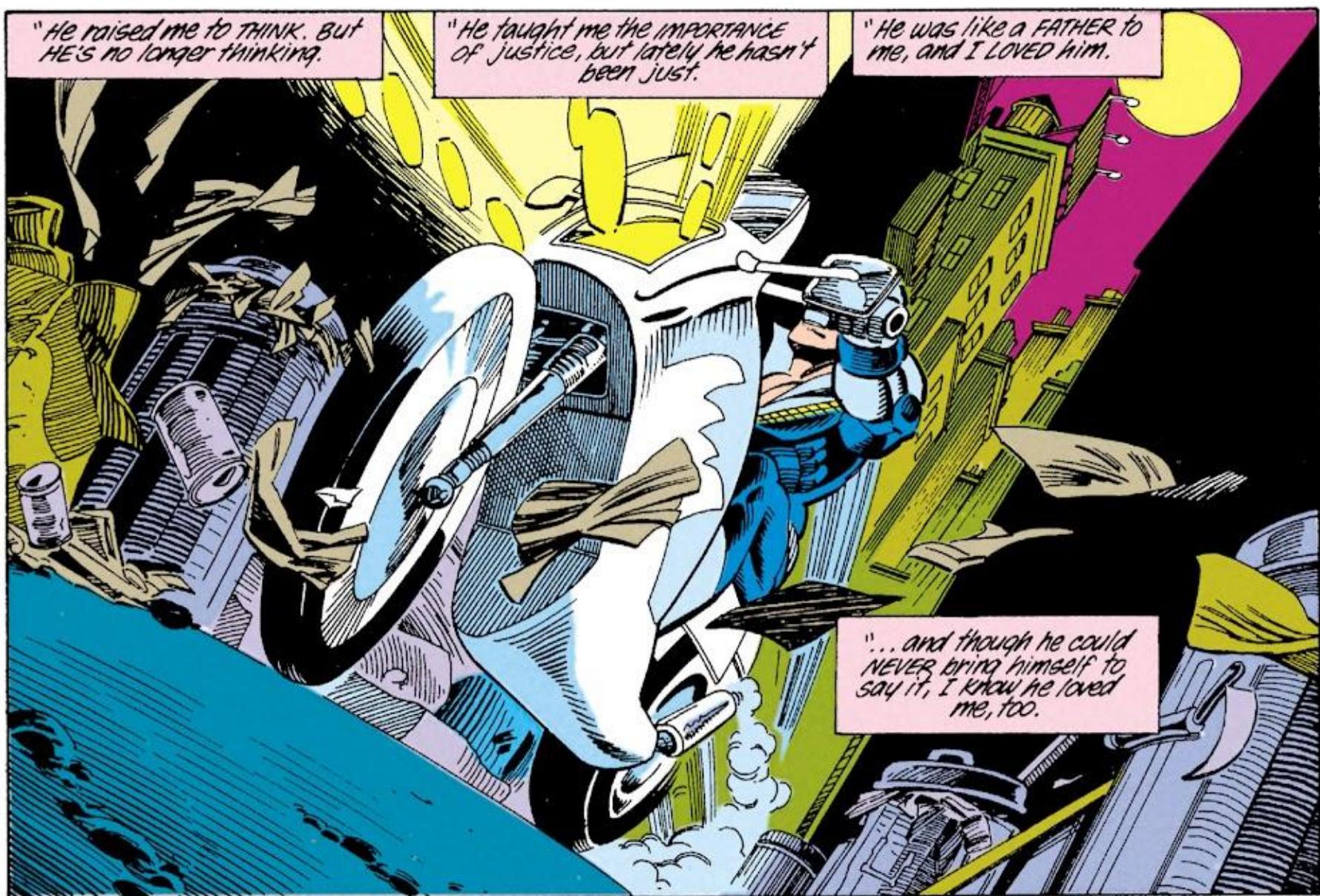
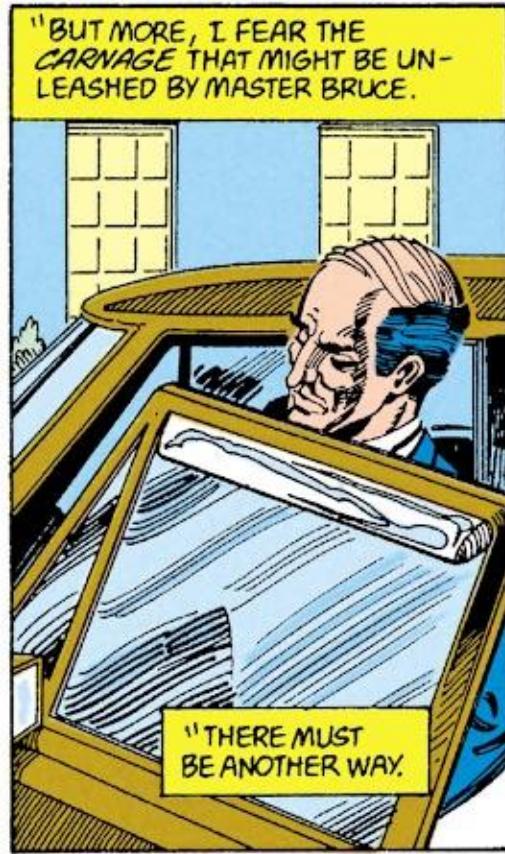
"AND SO, TOMORROW MORNING, ANTHONY ZUCCO--THE MAN WHO MURDERED DICK GRAYSON'S PARENTS--WALKS OUT OF PRISON A FREE MAN."

"I CANNOT... LET THAT HAPPEN. I SIMPLY CANNOT."

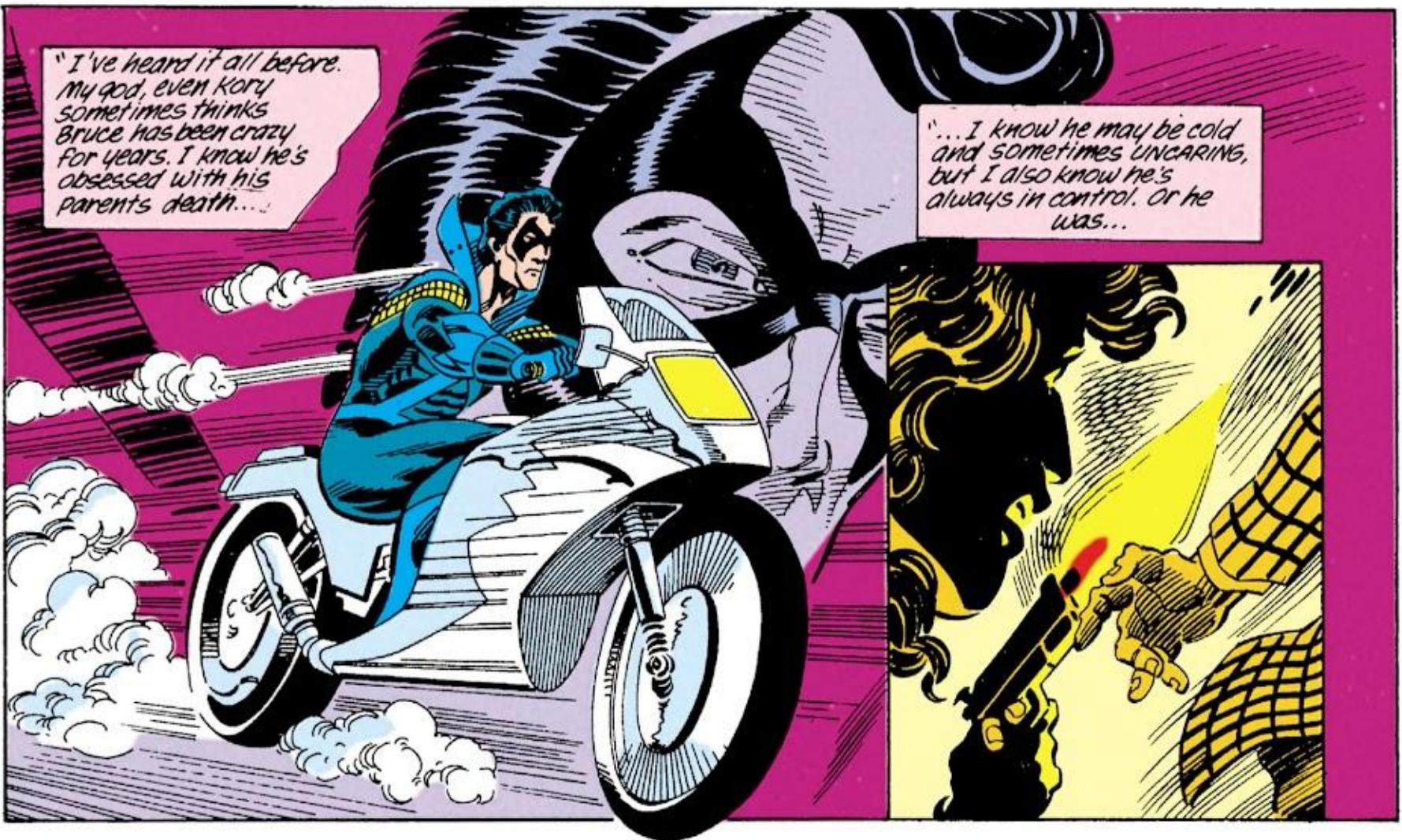
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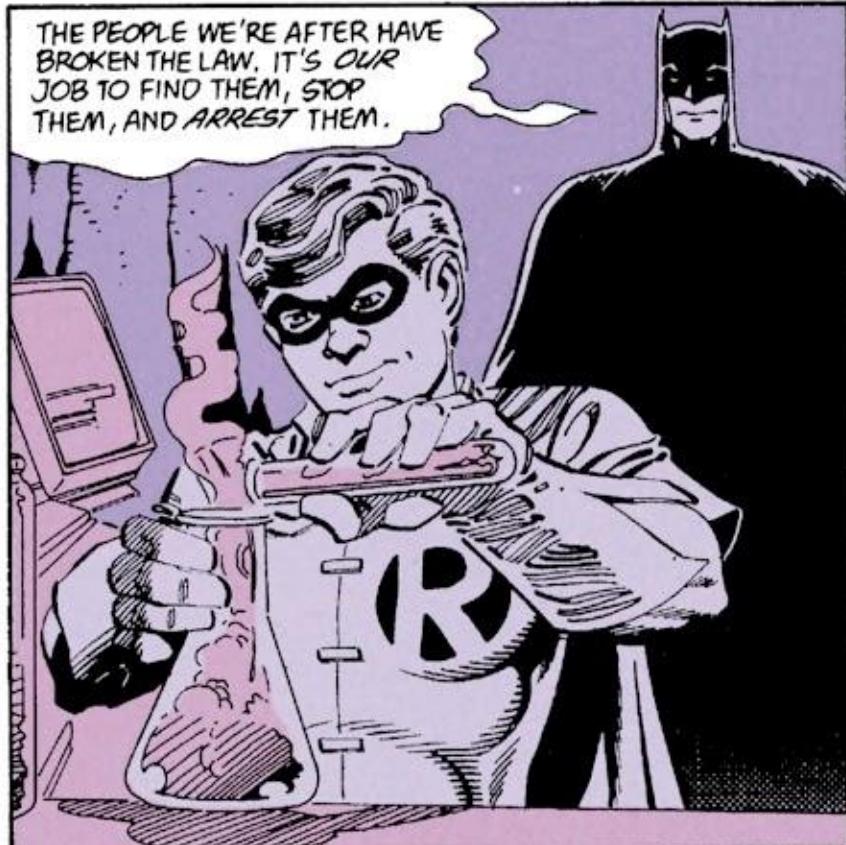
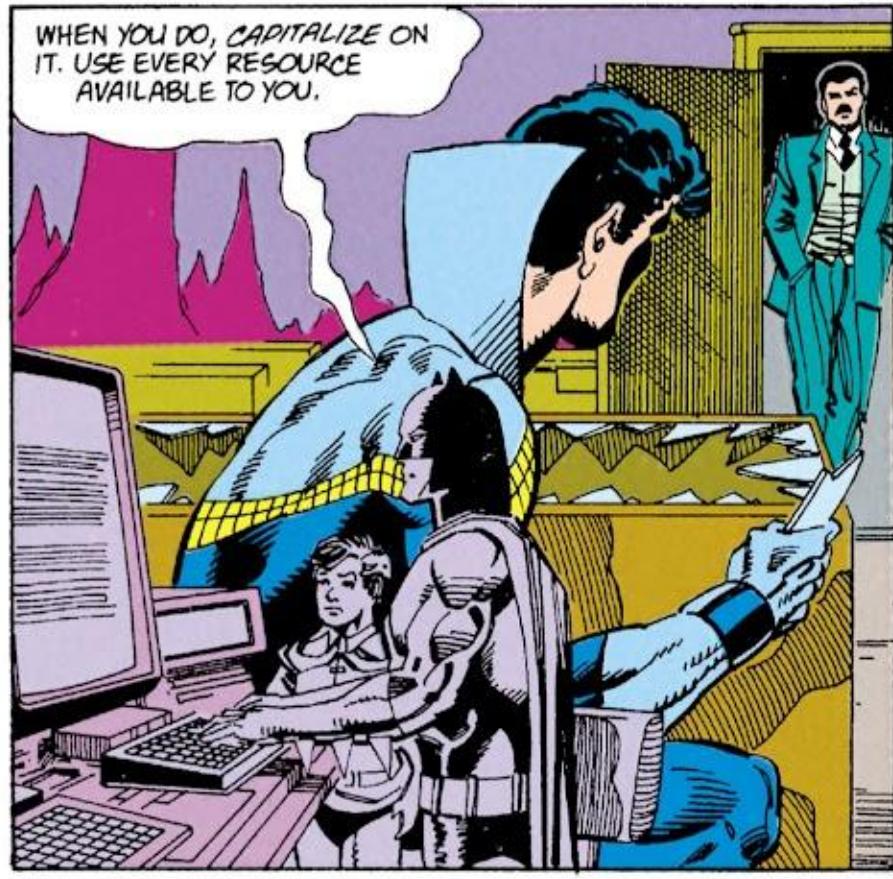


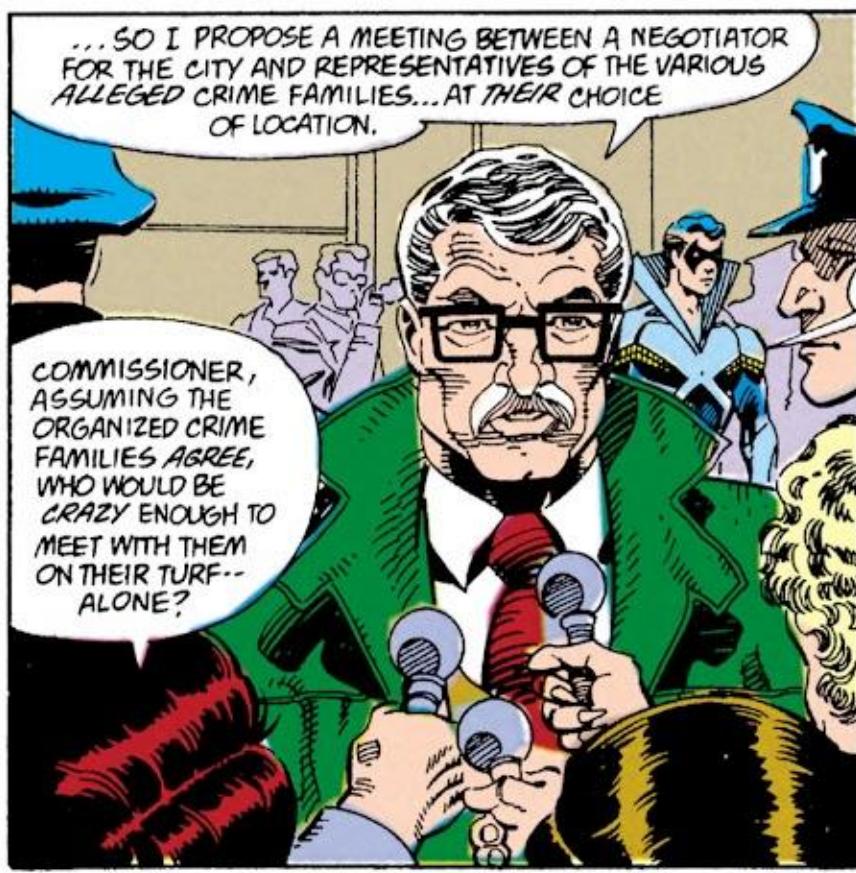
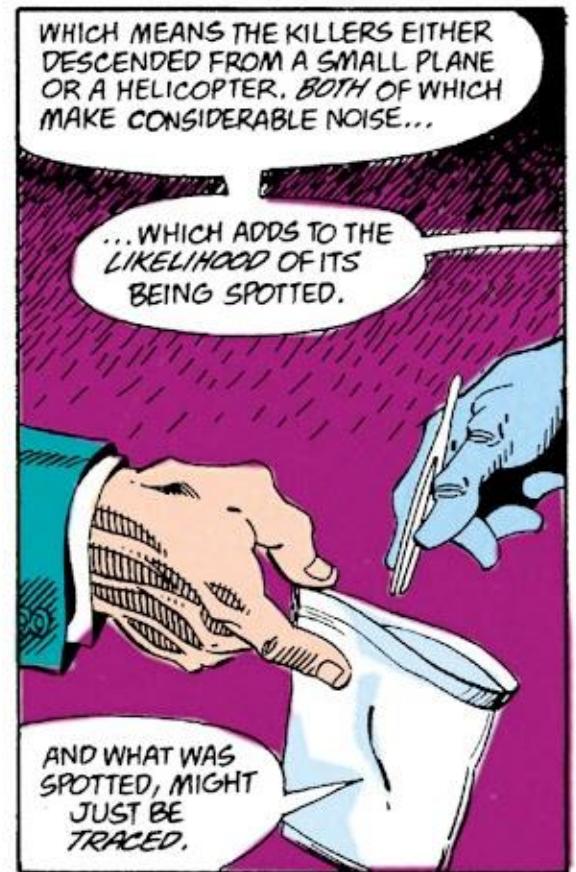


"I'm not sure, but I think Bruce is going crazy, and I'm LOST not knowing what to do."









"...BUT I'M SURE WE
CAN FIND SOMEONE."

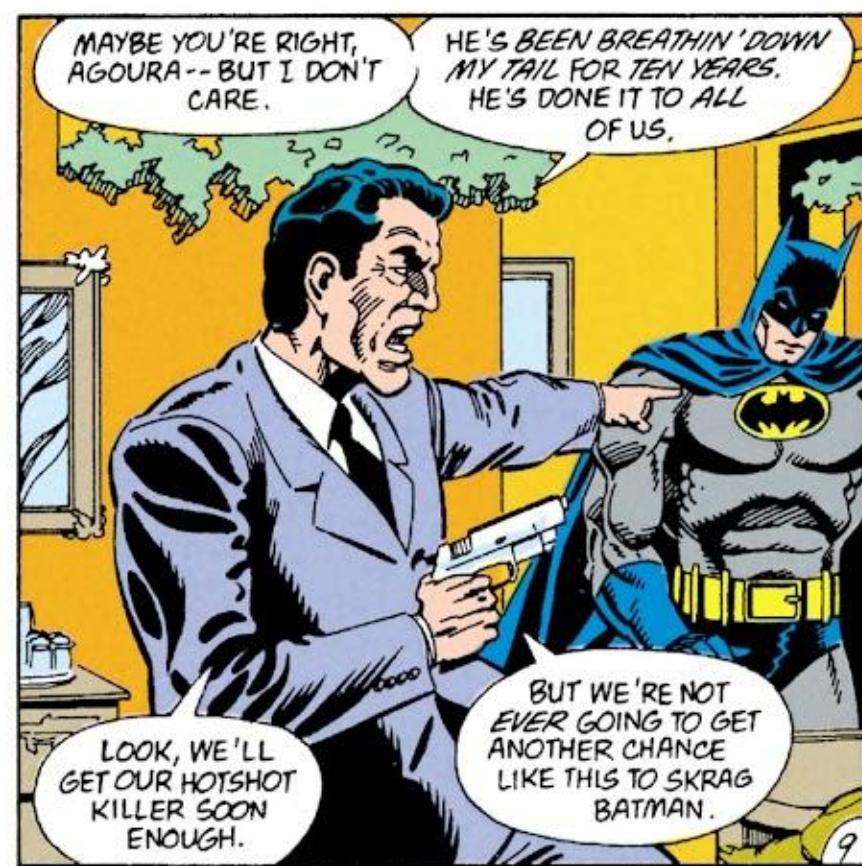
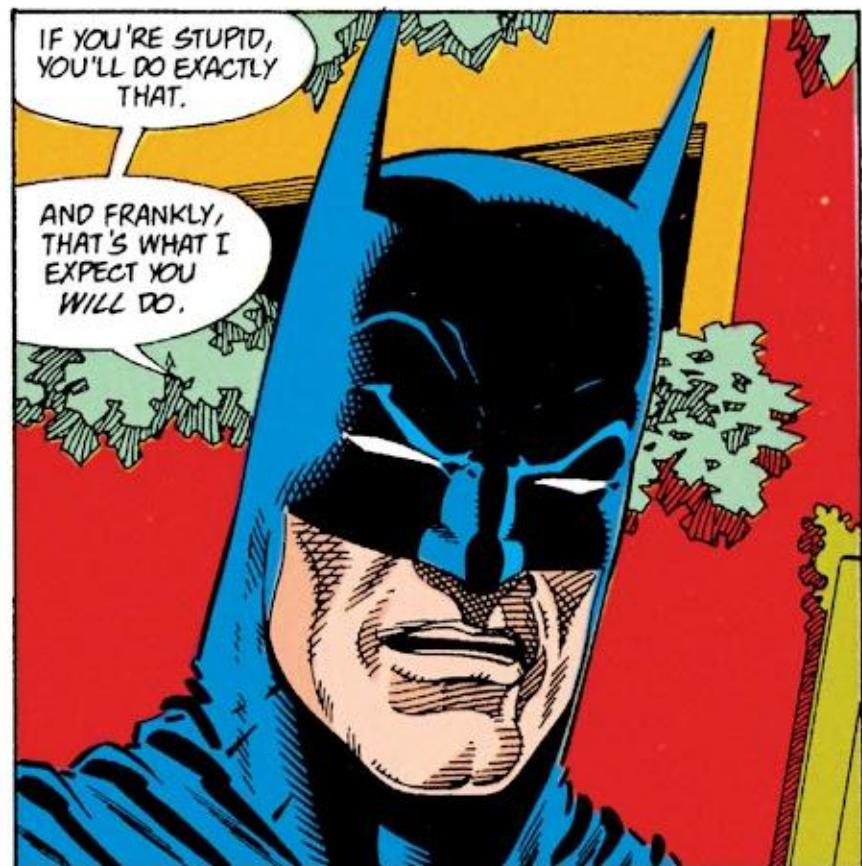
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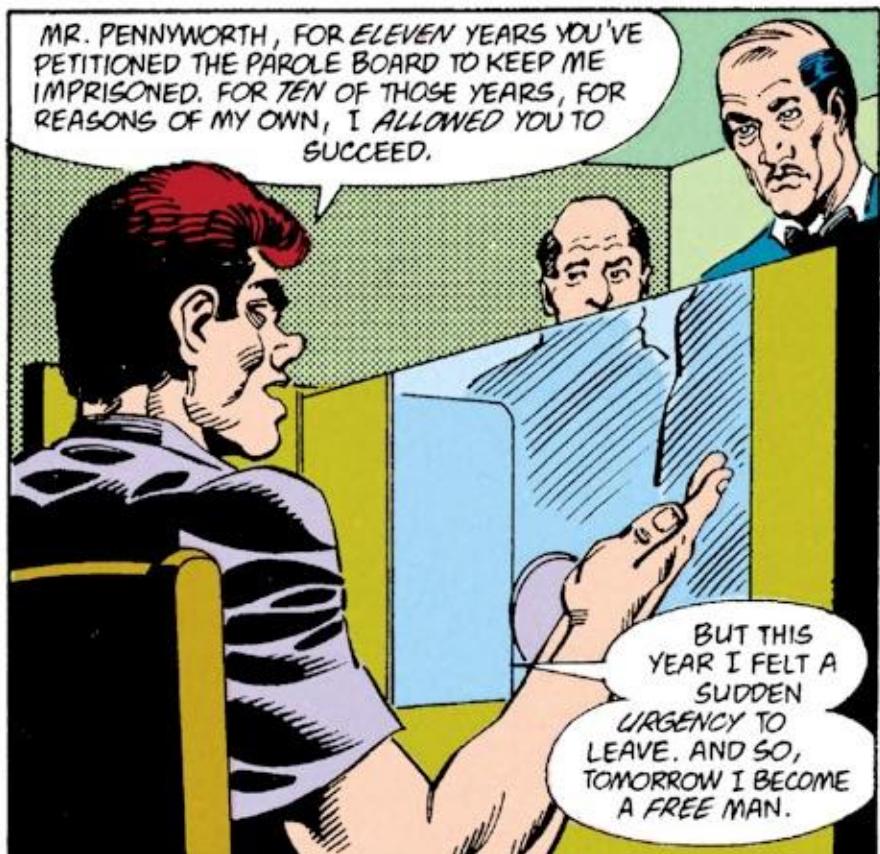
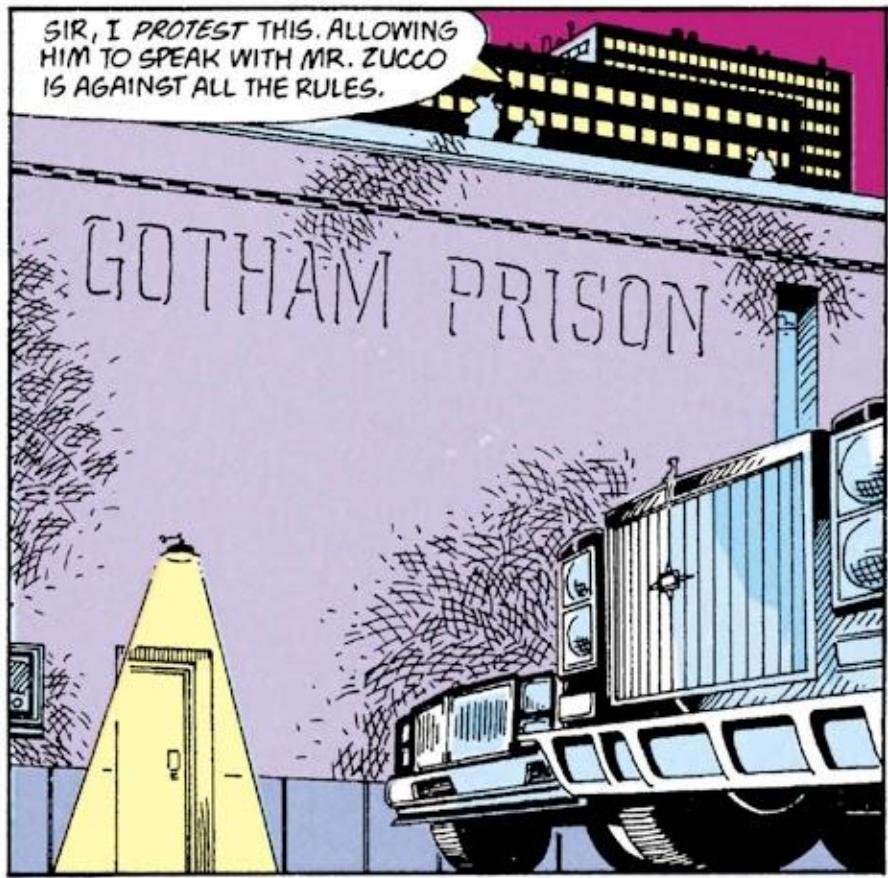
HOW'D
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WHO
CARES--

--WASTE
'IM!





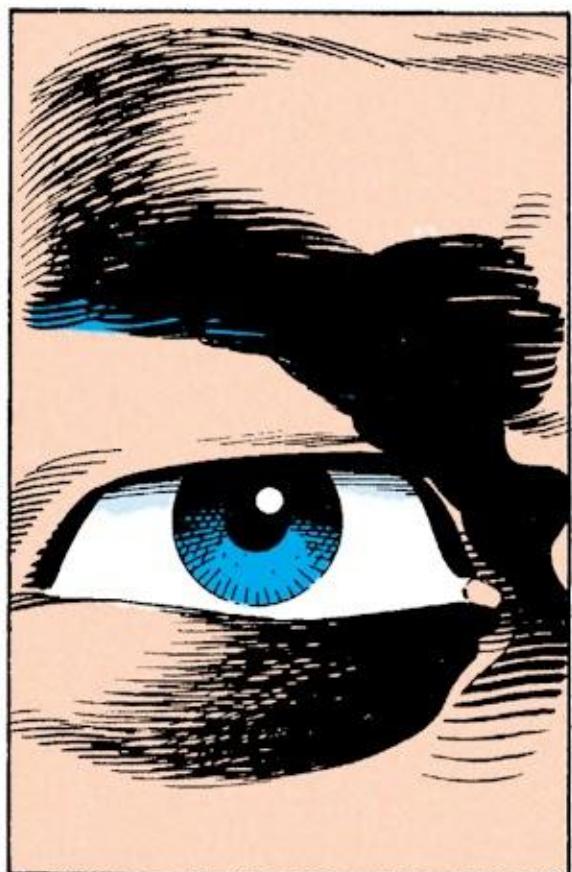
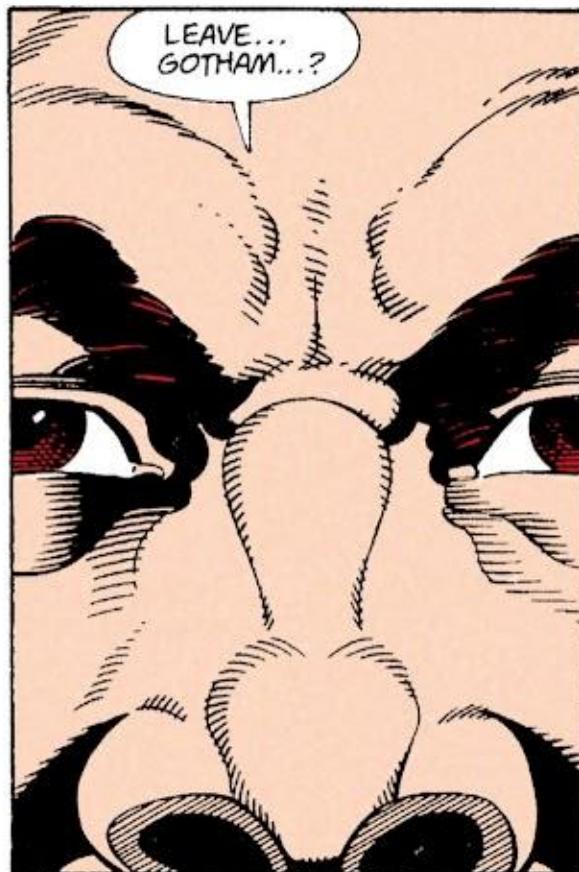
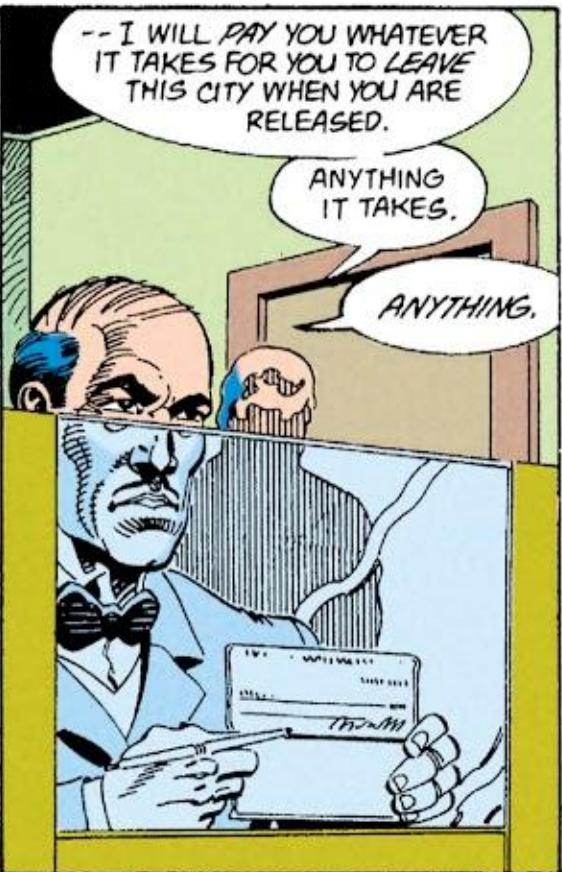


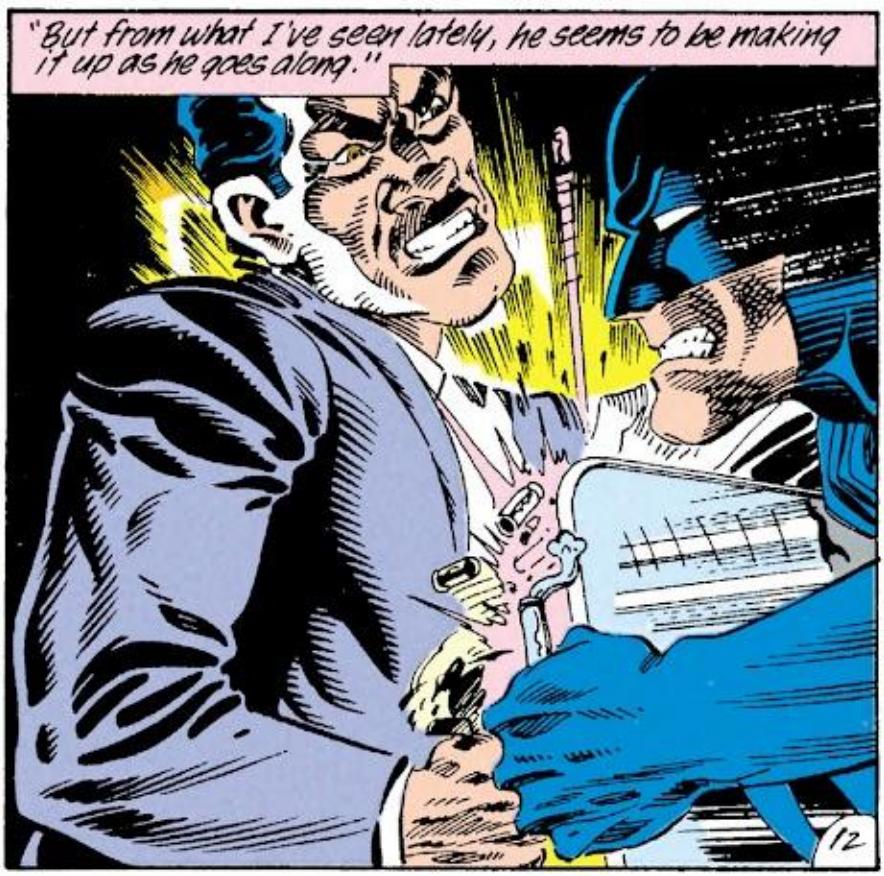
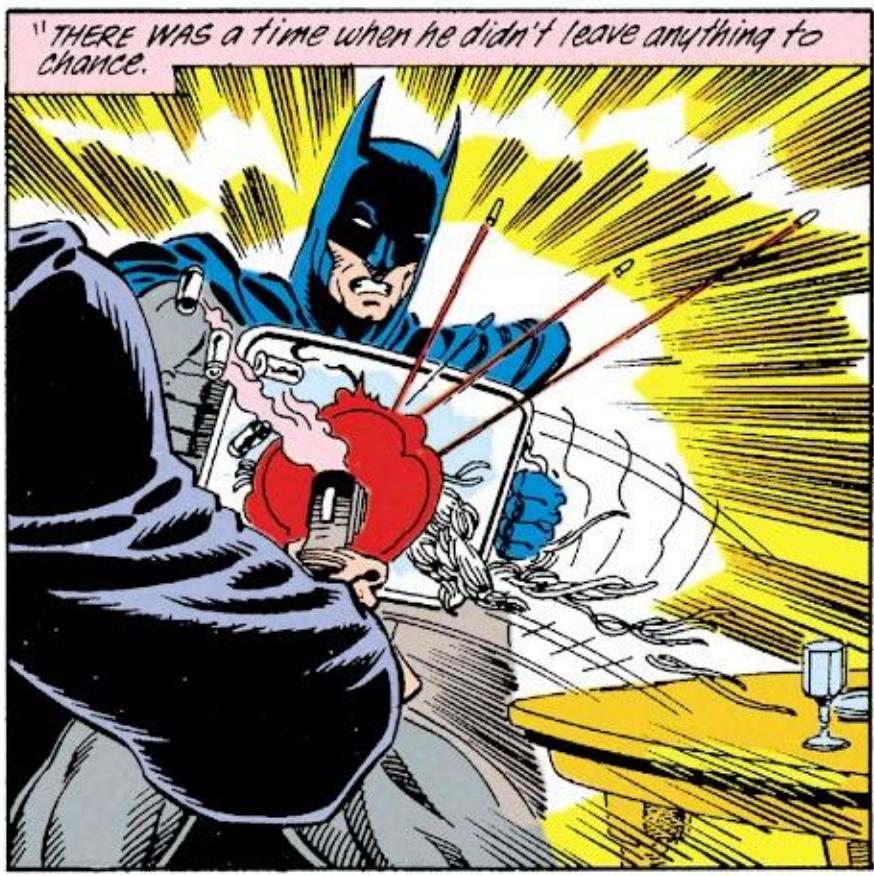
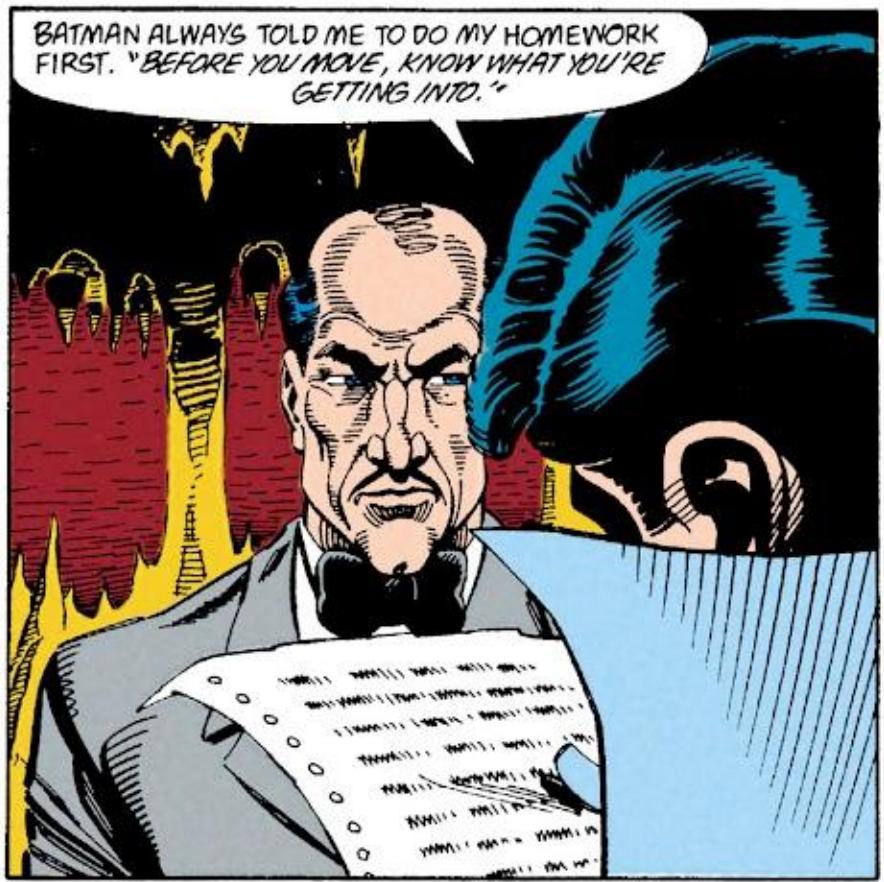
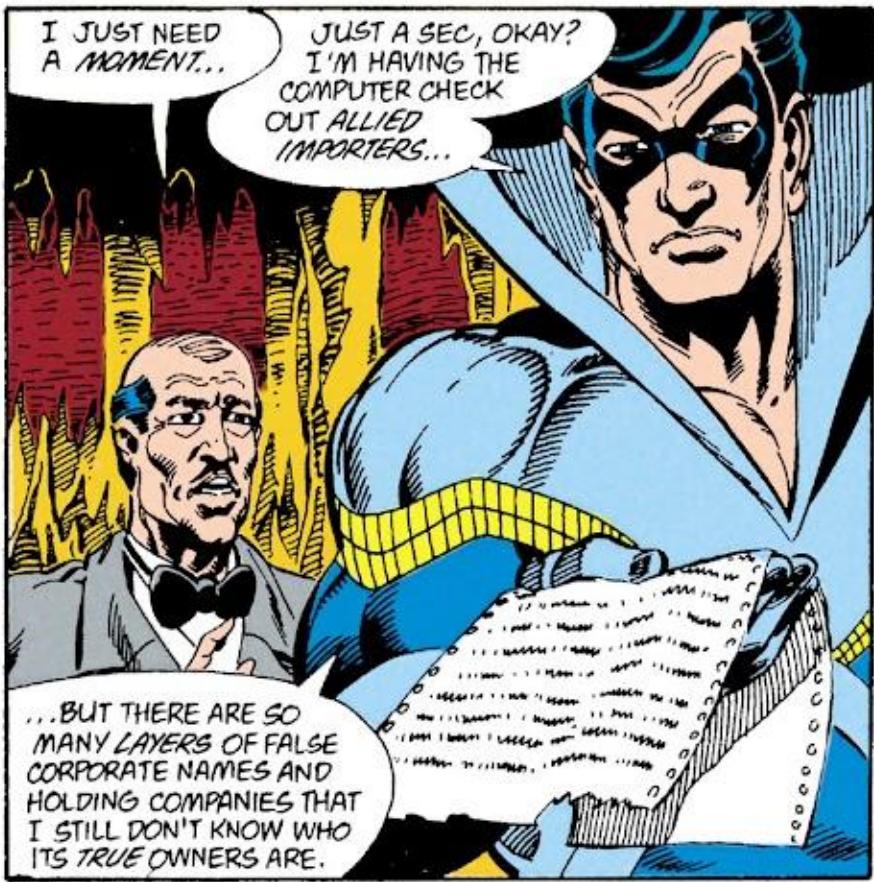
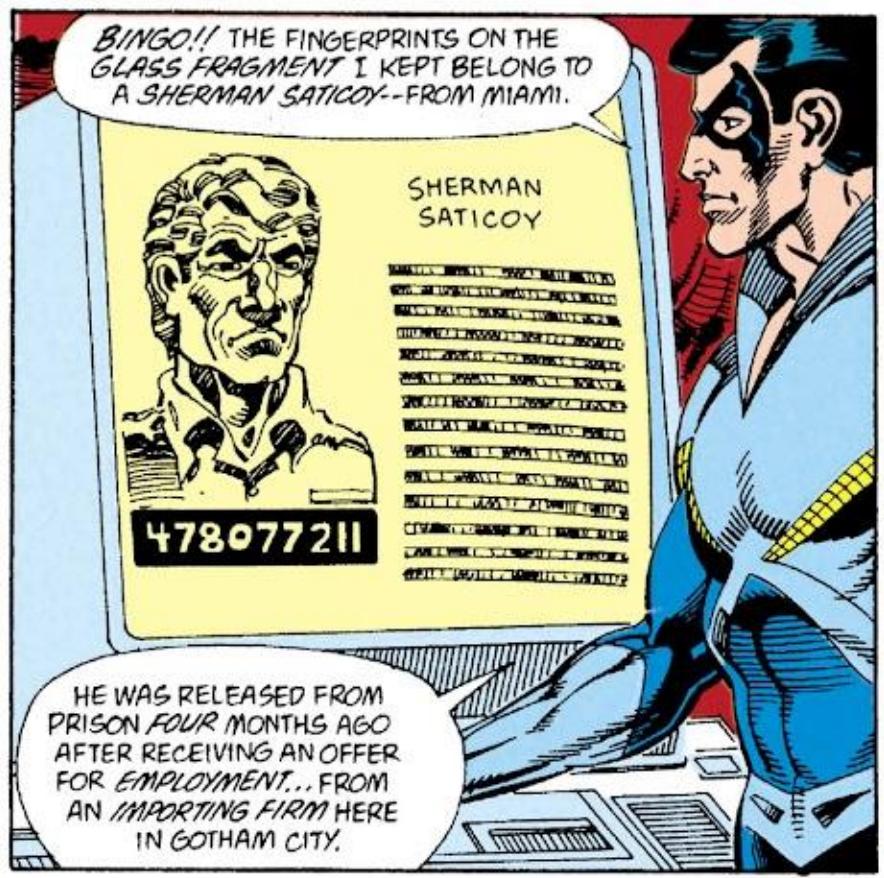
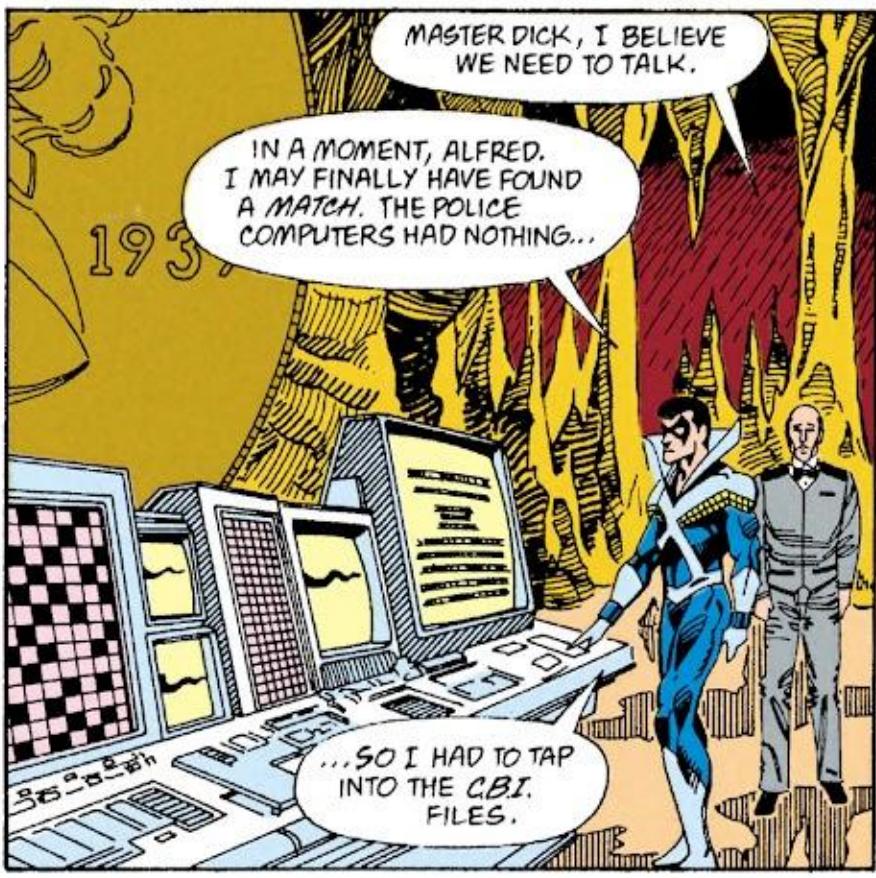
I WORK FOR MR. BRUCE WAYNE, THE MILLIONAIRE PHILANTHROPIST. ELEVEN YEARS AGO HE TOOK AS HIS WARD A YOUNG BOY--

-- RICHARD GRAYSON.

THE SON OF THE FAMILY YOU MURDERED.

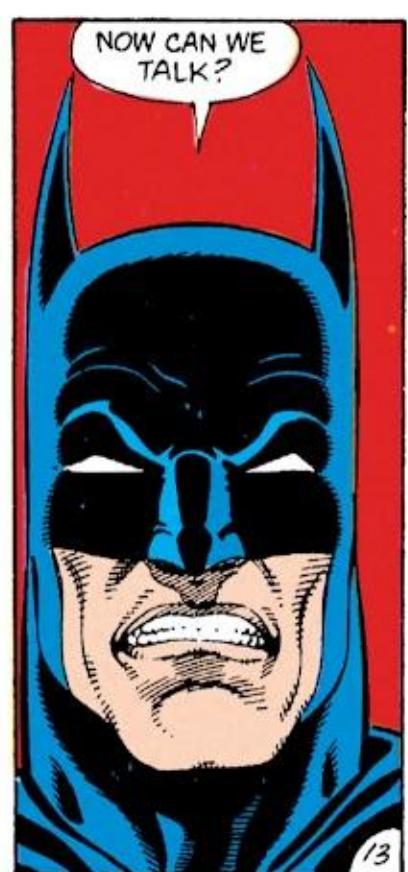
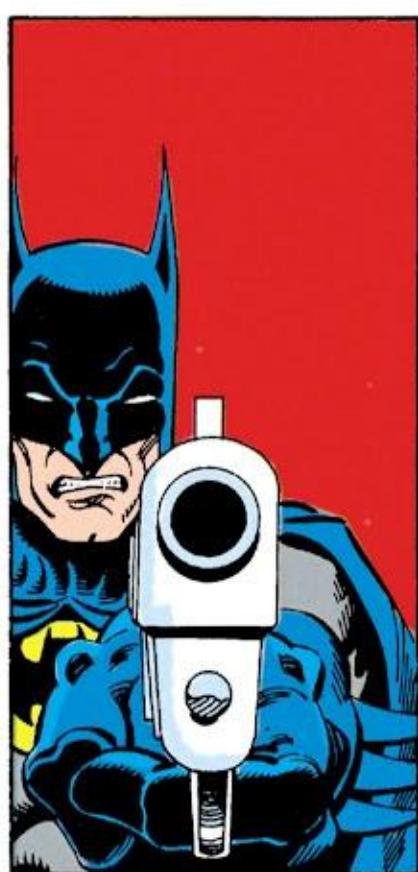
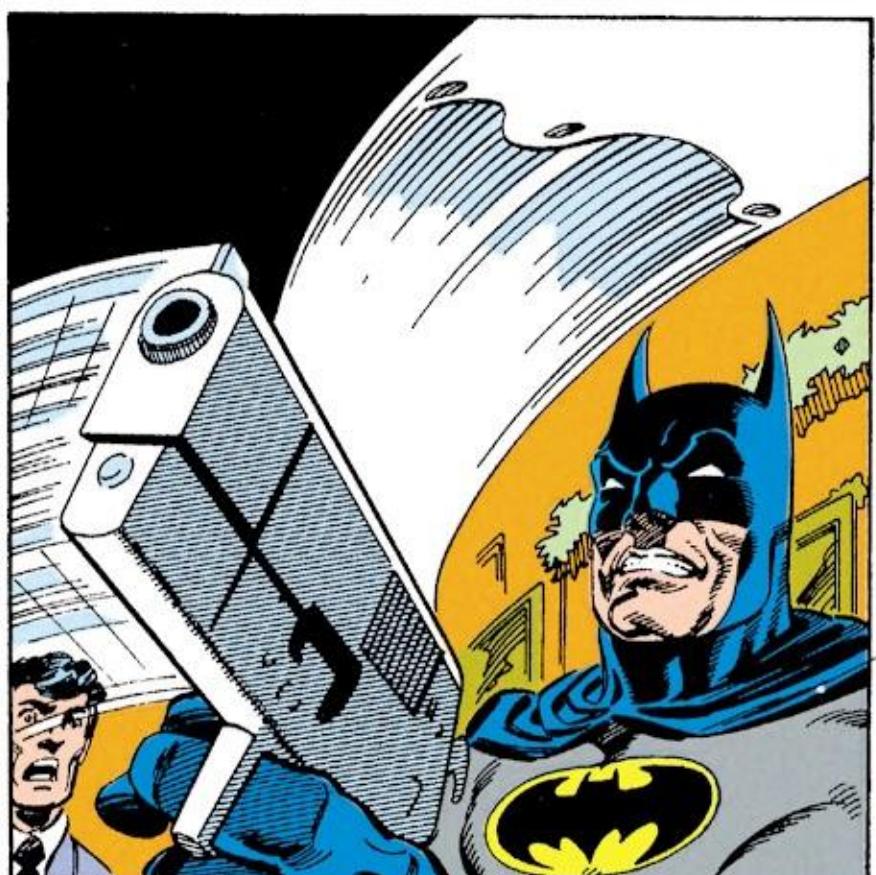
I KNOW IT WAS HIS TESTIMONY THAT PUT YOU HERE.

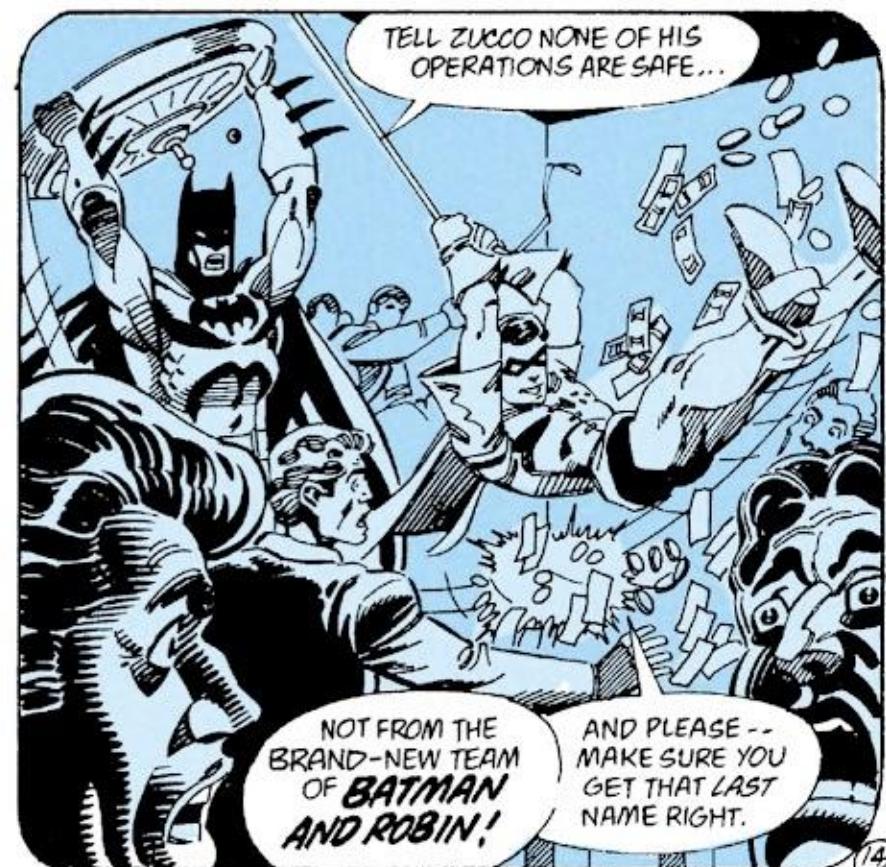
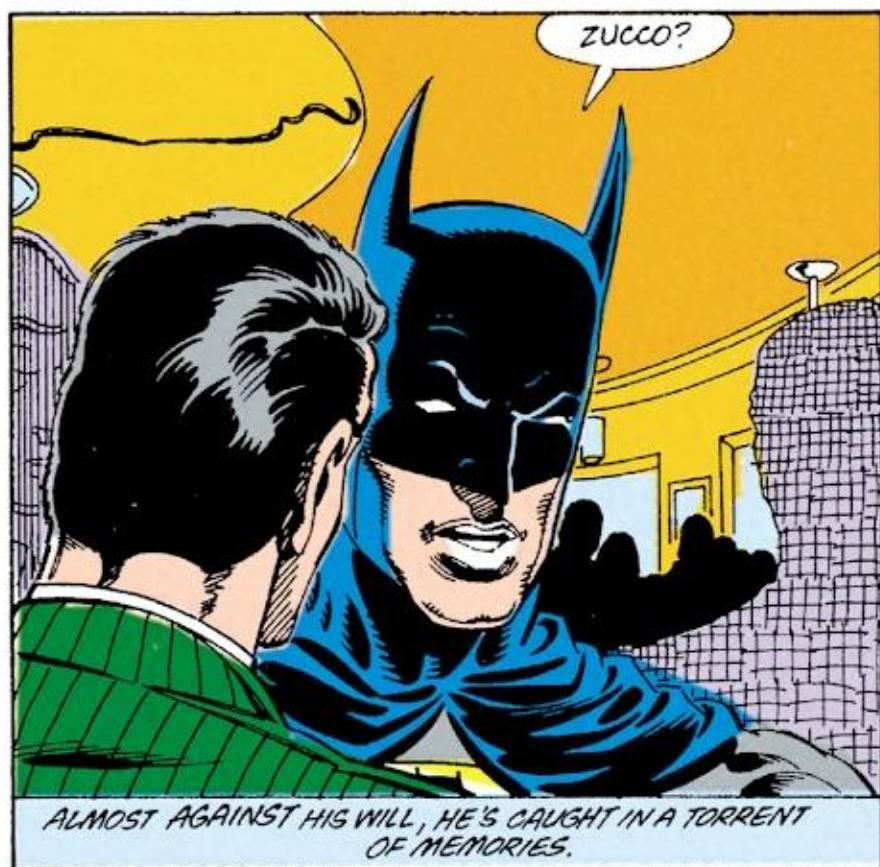
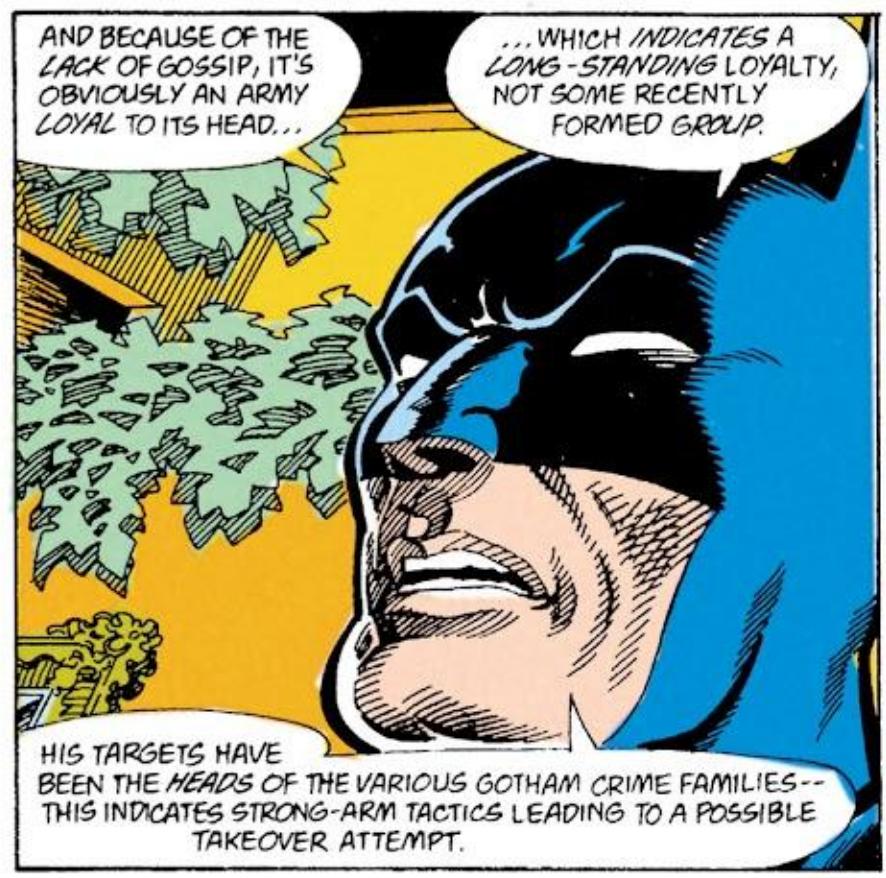


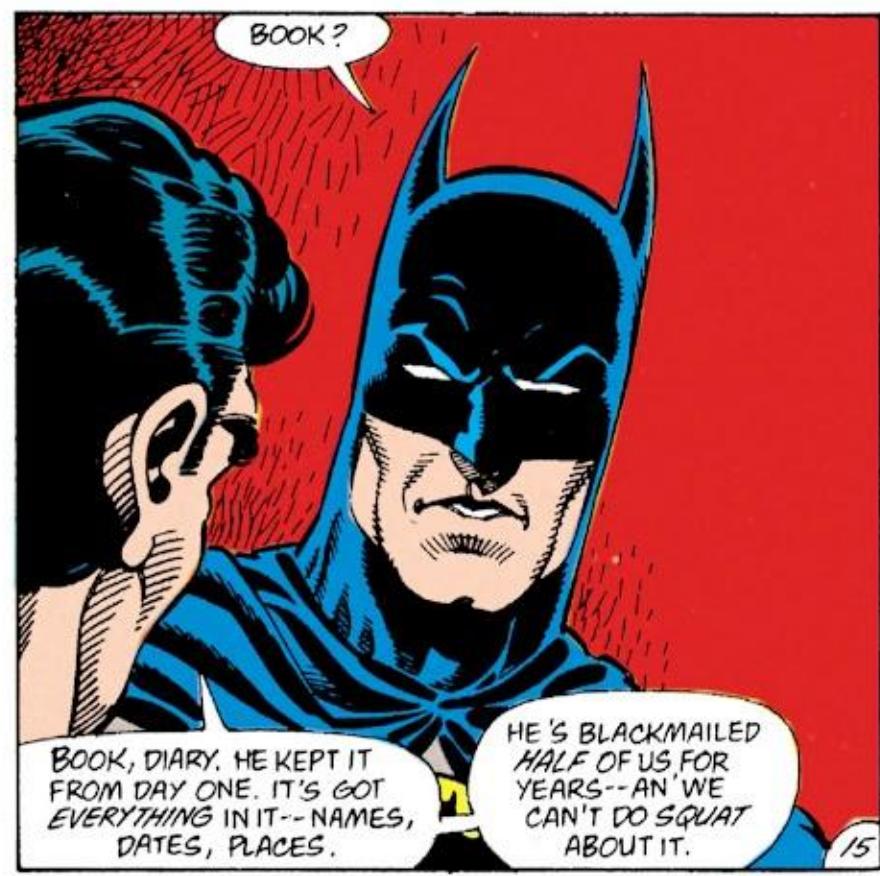


"When we first got together he kept drumming into my head that we were supposed to think first, not fight."

"But he's not doing that anymore. My God, Alfred, I wish I knew what to do."







THIS IS AN UNEASY TRUCE WE HAVE, BATMAN. YOU ARE GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT US THAT I FIND... DISQUIETING.

YOU WISH OUR ASSISTANCE, WE NEED ASSURANCES.

IT'S YOUR NECK ON THE LINE. I CAN HAND YOU ALL OVER TO THE KILLER BY DOING NOTHING.

COOPERATE, AND UNLESS I FIND EVIDENCE TO PUT YOU ALL AWAY-- WHOEVER'S LEFT AMONG YOU CAN FIGHT FOR MOB CONTROL...

YOUR CHOICE.

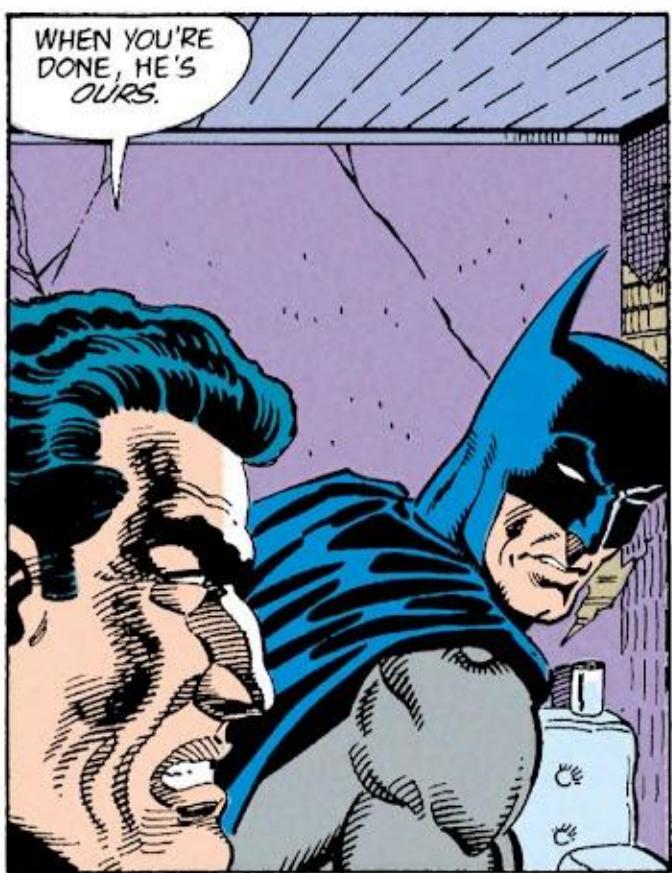
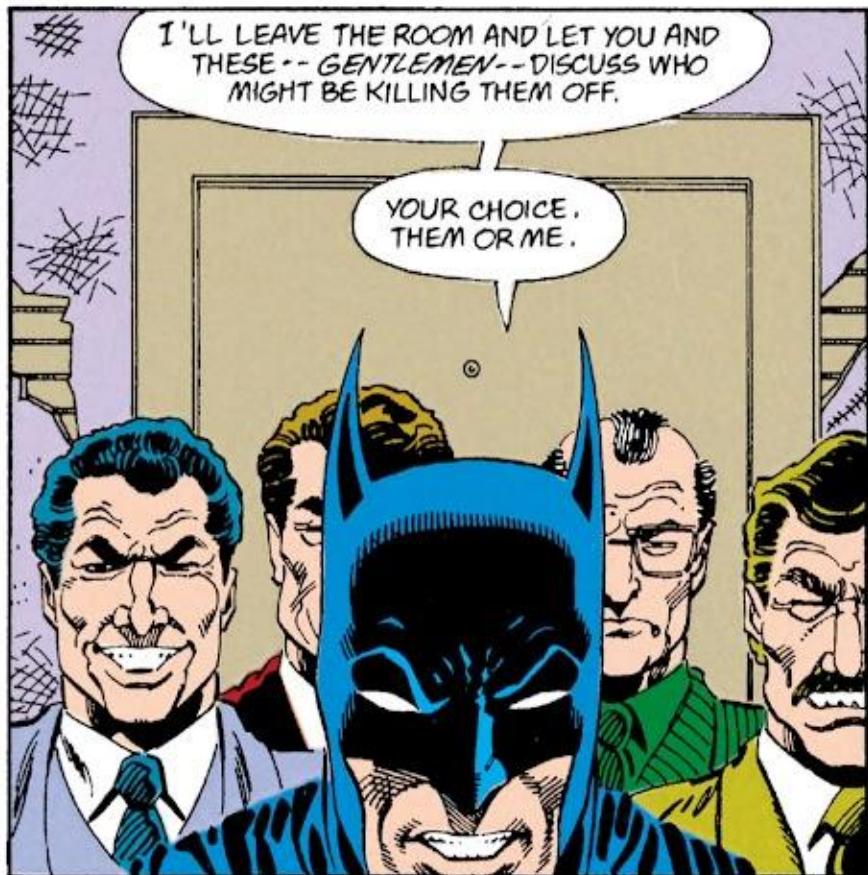
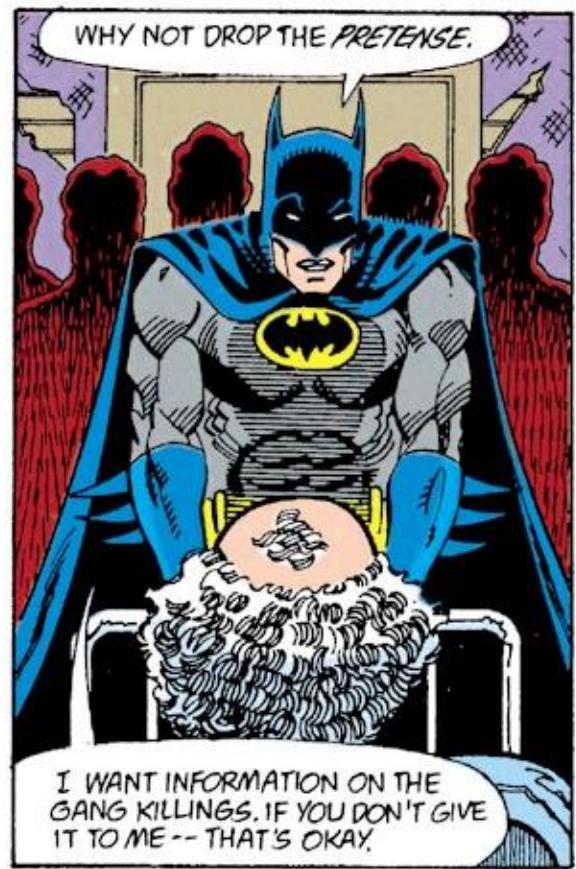
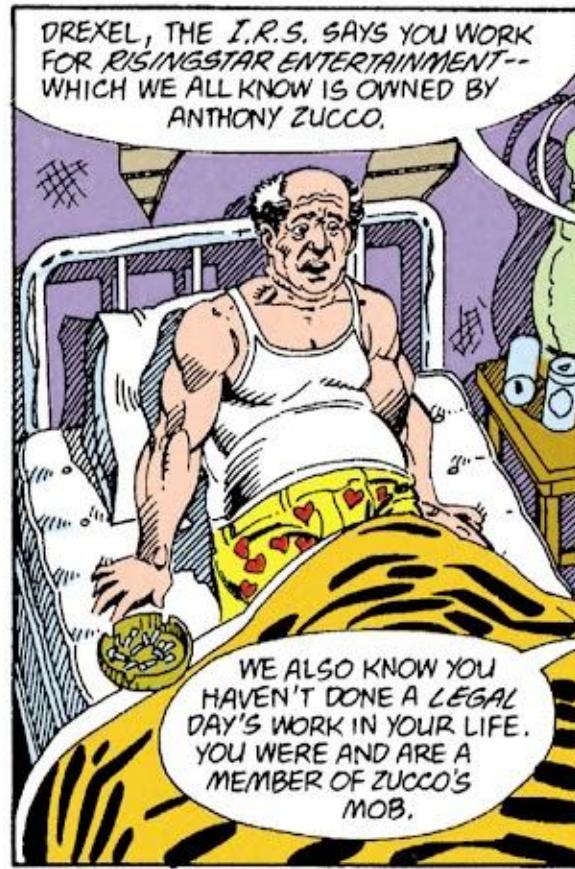
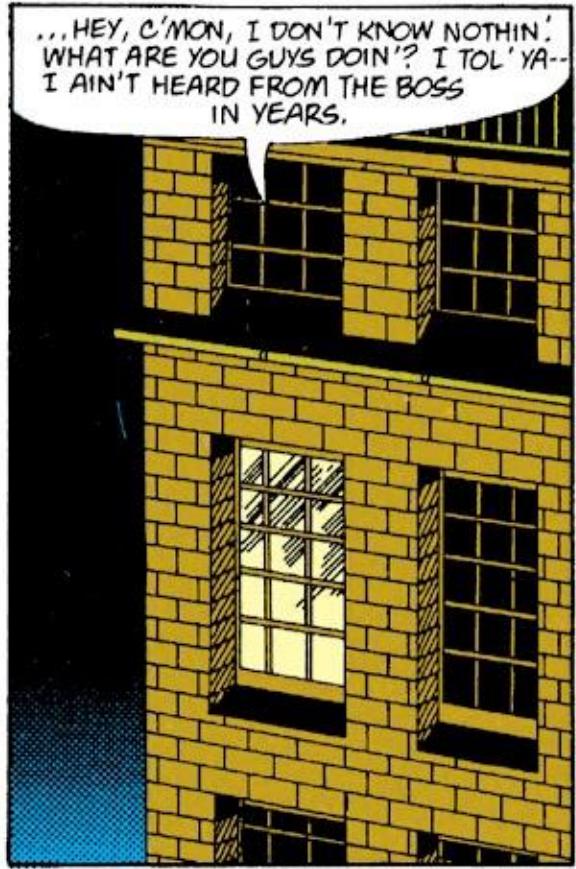
IF YOU WERE ONE OF US, YOU WOULD OWN THIS CITY.

I COULDN'T WASH OFF THE DIRT.

WHAT ABOUT ZUCCO? HE KEPT SAYIN' HE WAS GOING TO USE THAT BOOK TO TAKE OVER EVERYTHING.

AN' I JUST HEARD-- HE'S FINALLY GETTIN' OUT...

...TOMORROW!



"WE HAVEN'T TALKED, AND HE HASN'T SLEPT ALL NIGHT. HE'S SO DETERMINED TO PROVE HE ISN'T LIKE MASTER BRUCE IT SCARES ME.



"IN THEIR OWN WAY THEY ARE SO SIMILAR THAT I THANK HEAVEN FOR THE DIFFERENCES."



...GETTING THE HANG OF THIS, ALFRED, AND I GOTTA SAY--



"NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, ALFRED. I MEAN, I KNOW THE DANGER, AND I REALLY TRY TO BE CAREFUL."

BUT I ALSO KNOW I'M DOING GOOD, THAT I'M HELPING PEOPLE.

I THINK IN A WAY I'M HELPING BRUCE, TOO.

HOW IS THAT, SIR?

I USED TO THINK HE WAS MORE REAL AS BATMAN THAN AS BRUCE WAYNE...

...BUT BECAUSE HE JUST CAN'T BE SOME COLD SUPER-HERO AROUND ME, I THINK BRUCE IS BECOMING MORE REAL, TOO.

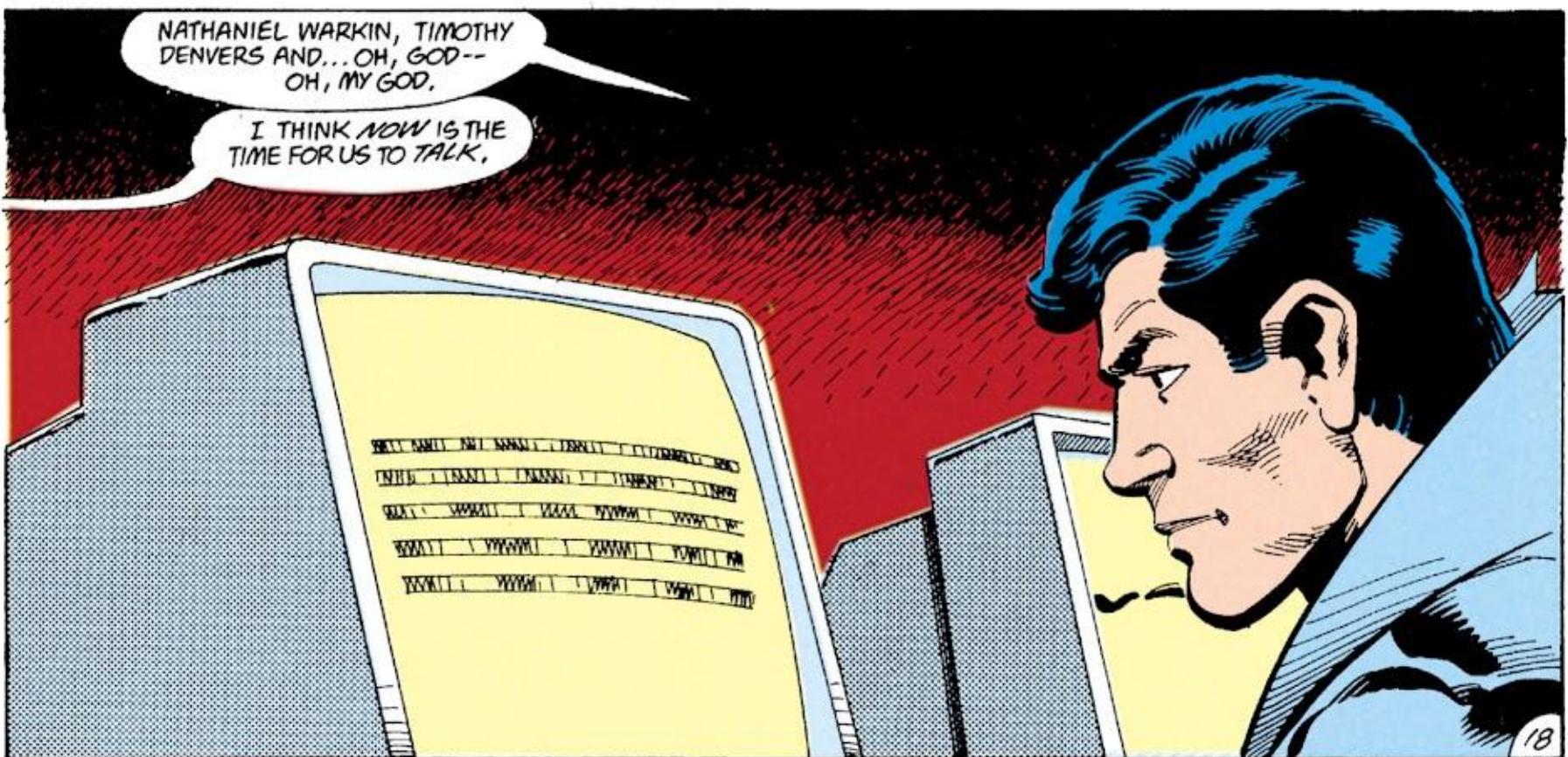
LOOK, I KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S NOT EVERYTHING.

MOM AND DAD ALWAYS TAUGHT ME TO ENJOY MYSELF. I THINK MAYBE I'M HELPING BRUCE TO SOMETIMES ENJOY HIMSELF, TOO.

...IT'S COMING THROUGH, ALFRED. ALLIED IMPORTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

NATHANIEL WARKIN, TIMOTHY DENVERS AND... OH, GOD-- OH, MY GOD.

I THINK NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO TALK.



"I've thought about my parents at least once every day since they died--but long ago I forced Zucco out of my mind."

"And now he's free, like what happened NEVER happened..."

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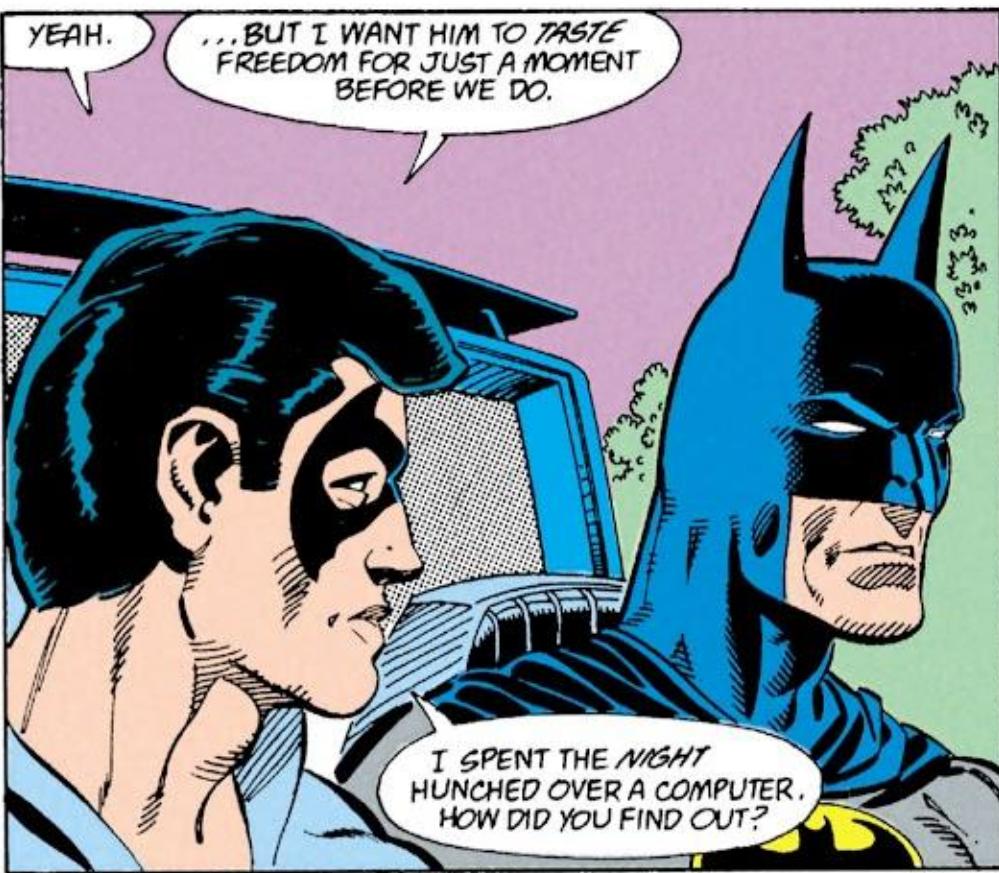
GOTHAM
PENITENTIARY
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"...but my parents are STILL dead. And THAT'S not going to change. And my getting MAD or CRAZY about it won't change it either."

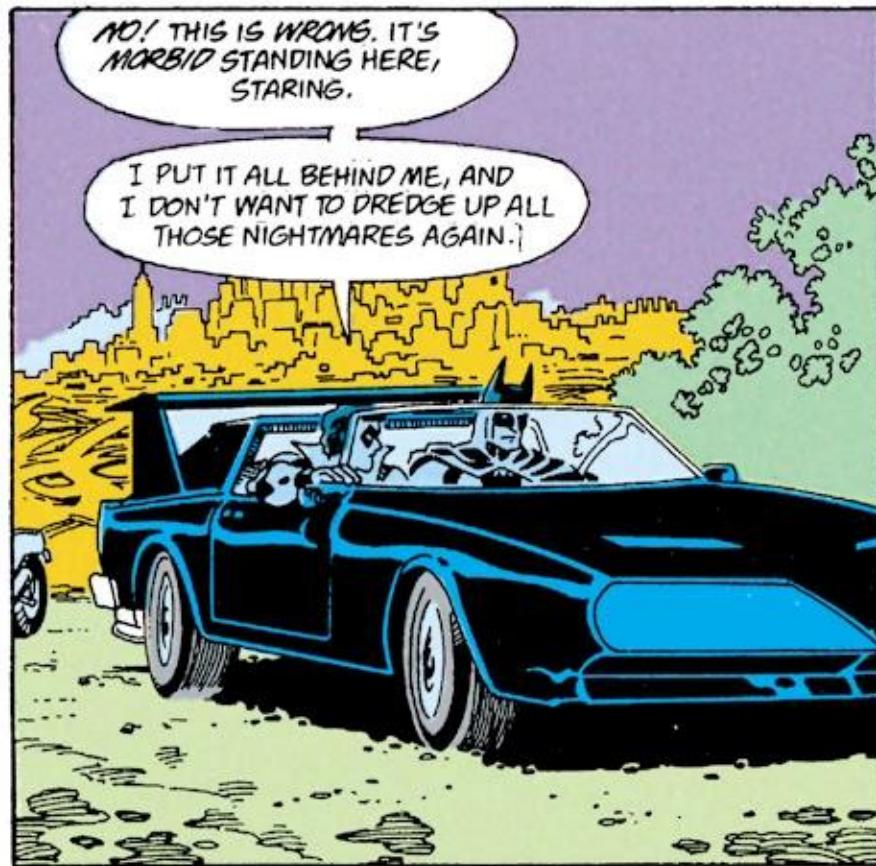
"So why am I going to watch as they let him walk?"

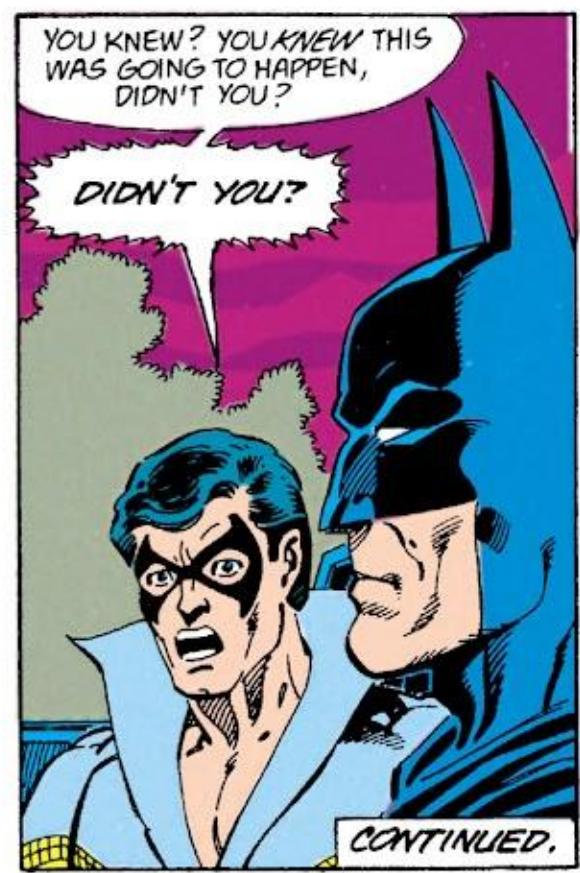
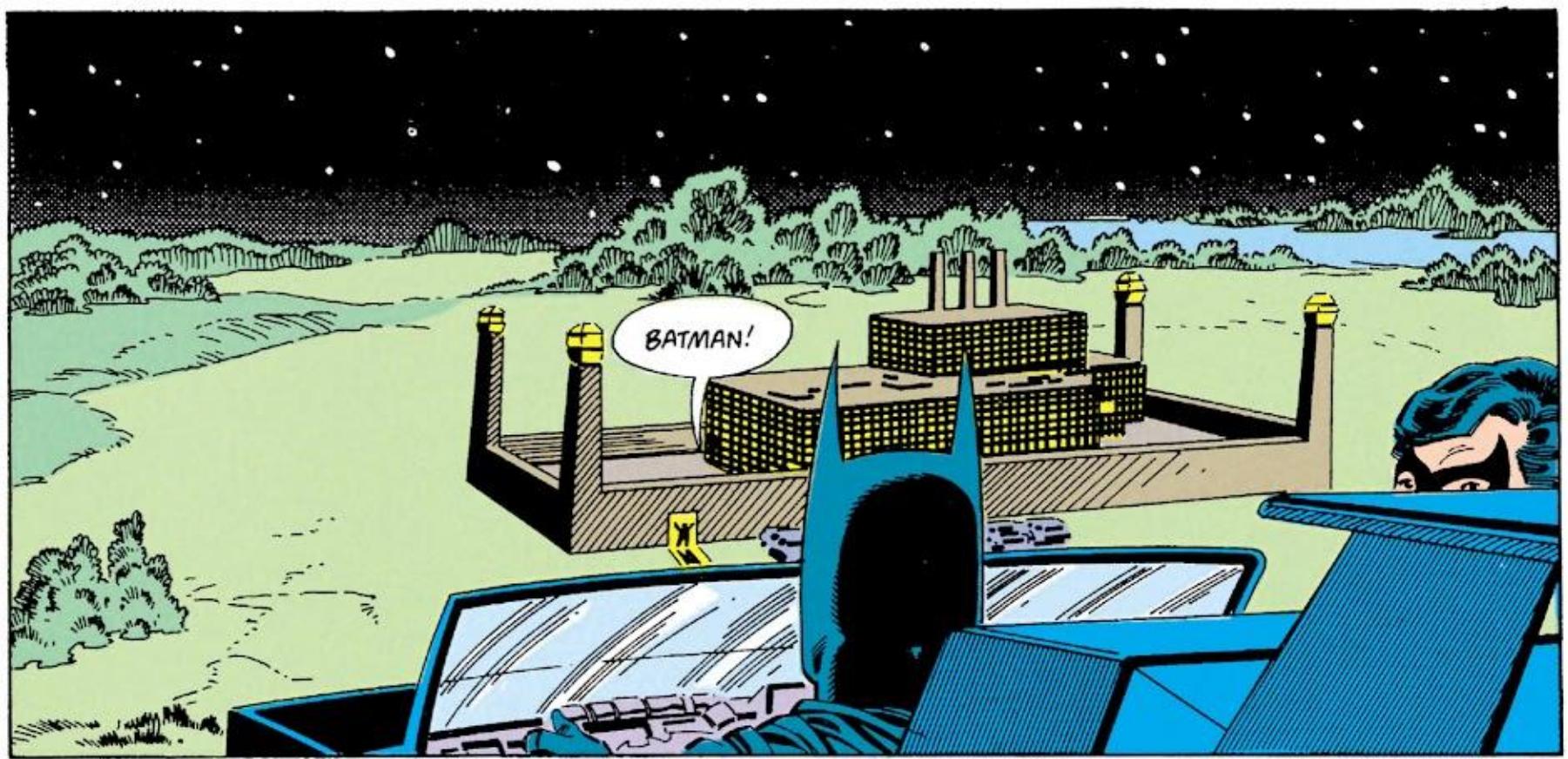
BATMAN? HOW
DID HE FIND
OU--

"I should know the answer by now. He knows because he's Batman. He's Batman because he knows."











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