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BATMAN



A SPINE-CHILLING
SHOCKER!
"SIGN OF THE
SKULL!"

FINALLY,
BATMAN--A
FATAL MISTAKE!

ONCE TOO
OFTEN YOU
MEDDLED
WITH THINGS
BEYOND YOUR
UNDERSTANDING
--AND YOUR
PENALTY
WILL BE THE
STRANGEST
ANYONE
EVER PAID!

ORPHANED AS A CHILD
WHEN A GUNMAN
MURDERED HIS PARENTS,
BRUCE WAYNE TRAINED
HIMSELF TO WAGE
RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST
CRIME. MASQUERADE BY
PAY AS A MILLIONAIRE-MAN-
ABOUT-TOWN, HE PROWL'S
THE NIGHT TO PREY ON
THE VERMIN OF THE
UNDERWORLD
AS THE DREAD...

BAT MAN

GET READY TO GET
SHOOK UP-- AND
SHARE THE BIZARRE
FATE OF THE BATMAN
AS HE MEETS THE
WEIRDEST OF THE
WEIRD--A MALEVOLENT
VISIONARY WHOSE
LIFESTYLE WAS HALF-
VULTURE, HALF-
VAMPIRE... IN--

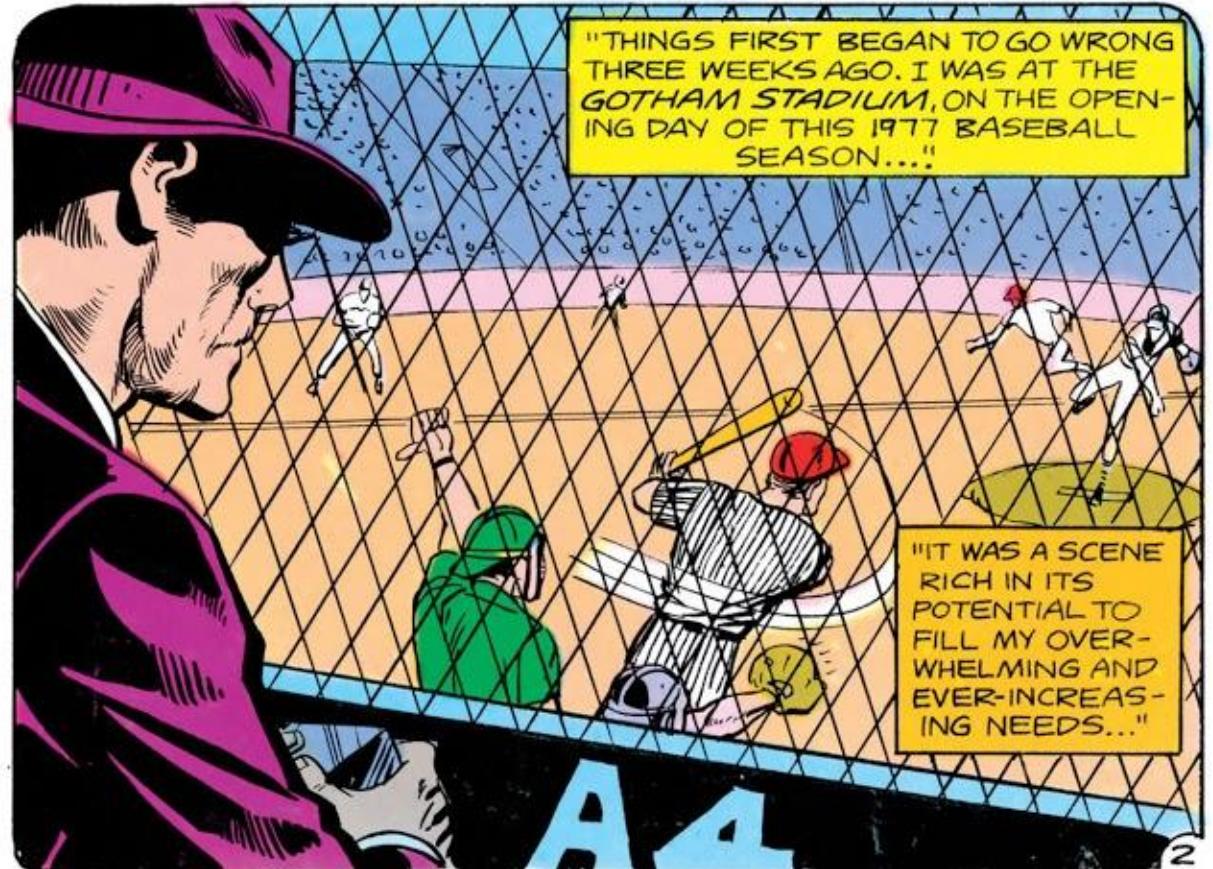
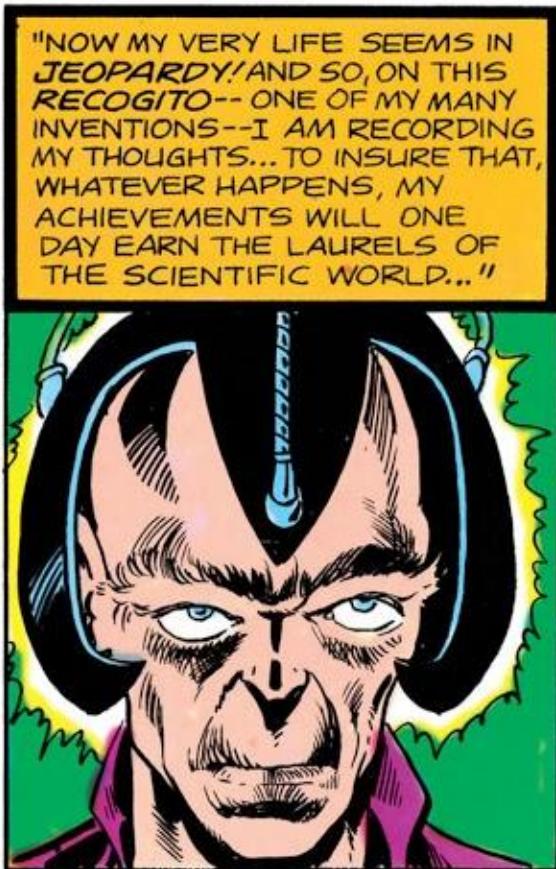
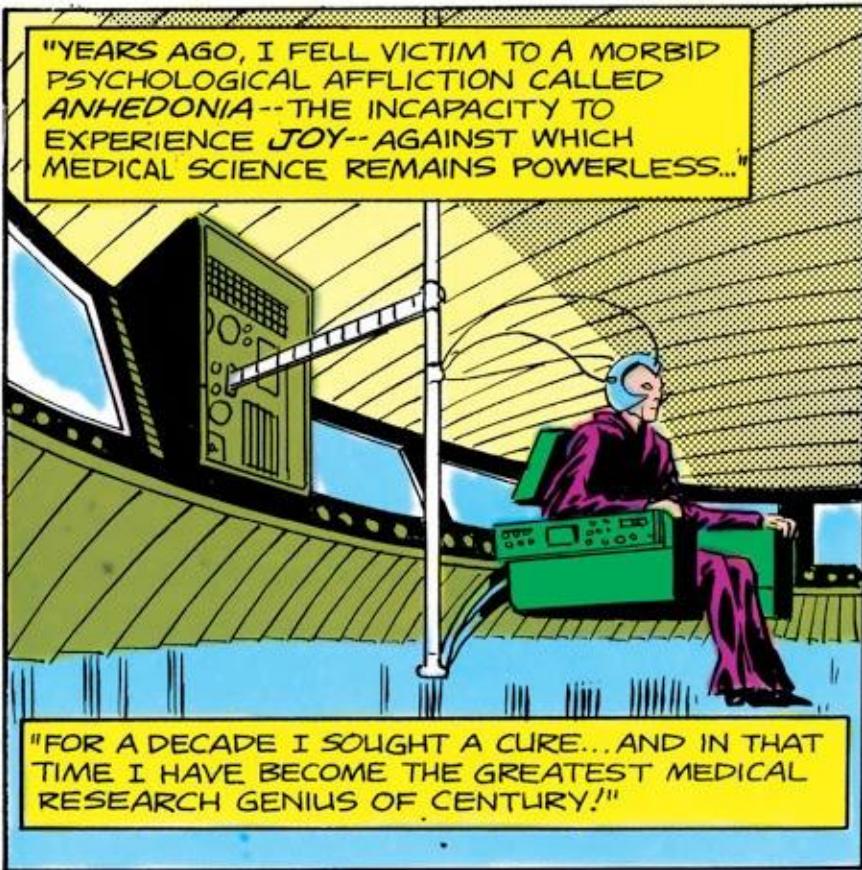
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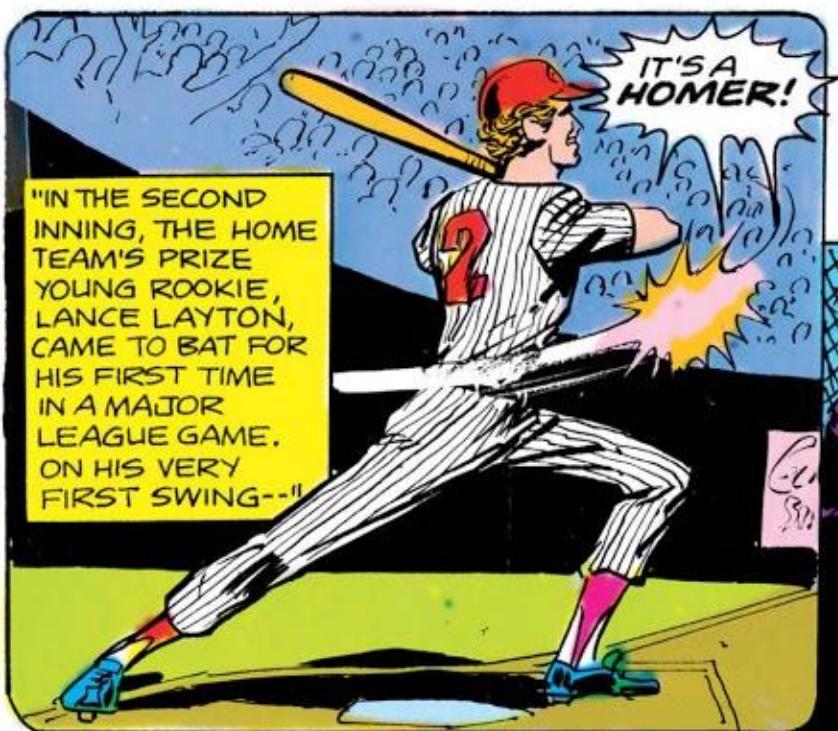
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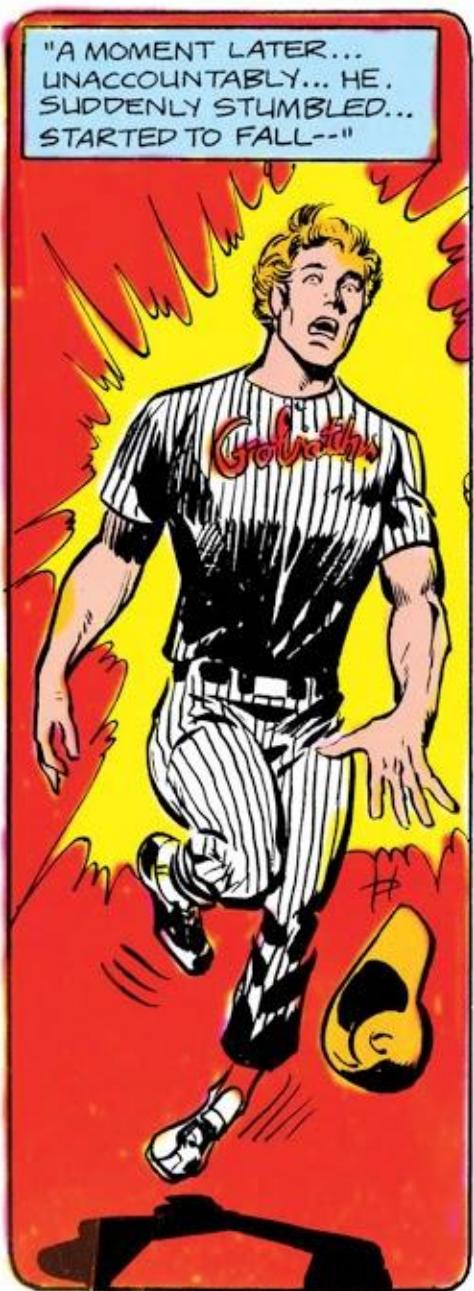
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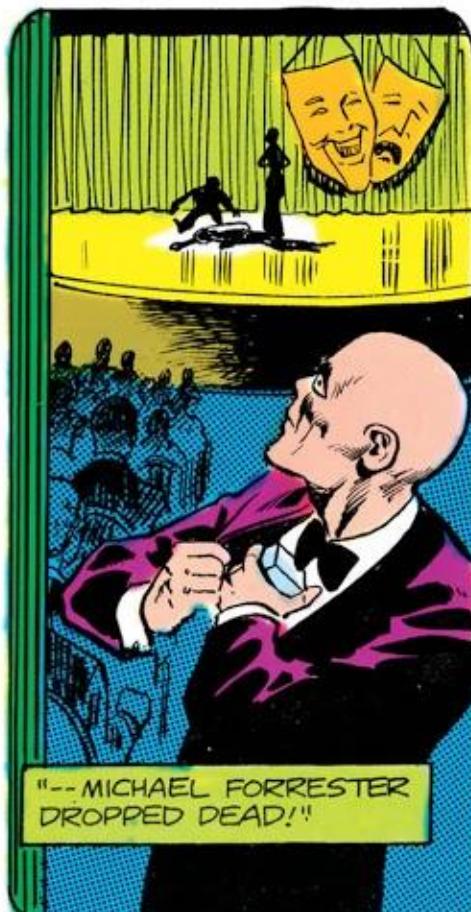
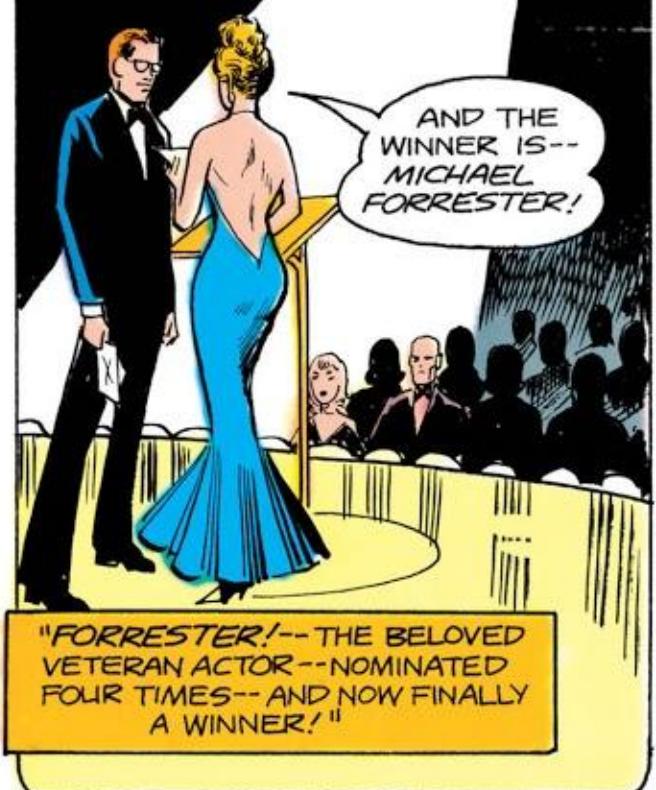
"ALL AROUND ME THERE WAS BOUNDLESS JOY AS LAYTON CIRCLED THE BASES... BUT MY CONCENTRATION WAS ON THE ONE WHOSE JOY WAS GREATEST OF ALL!"

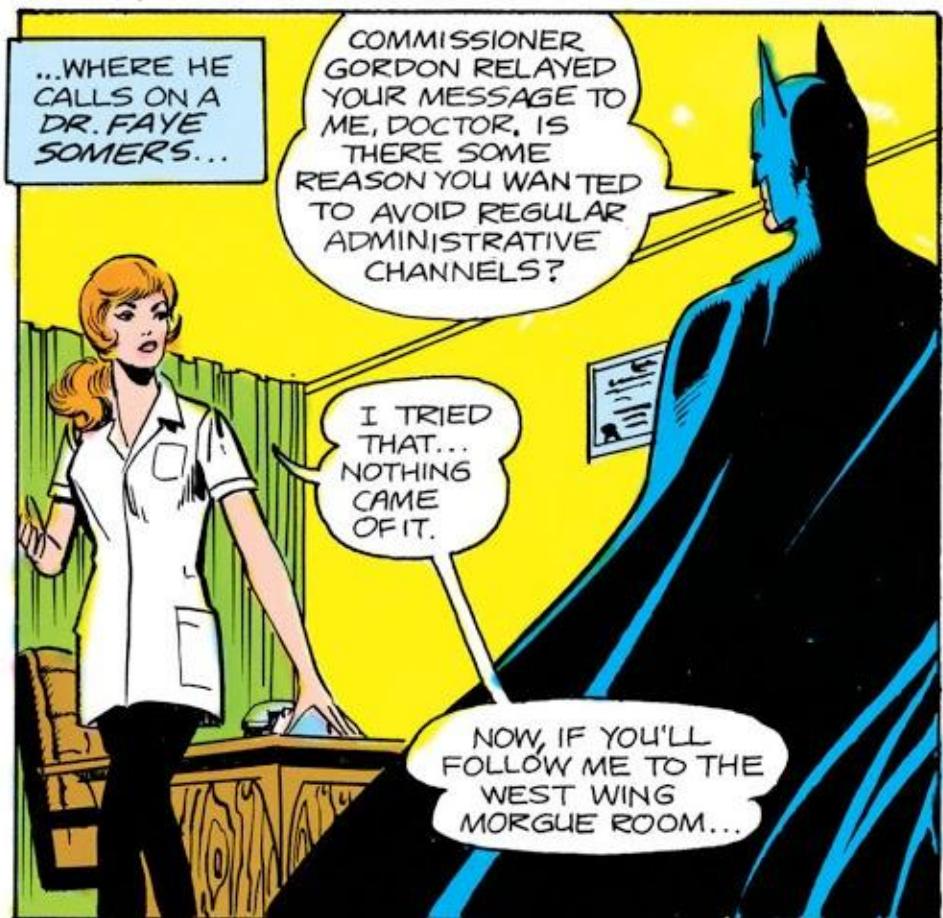
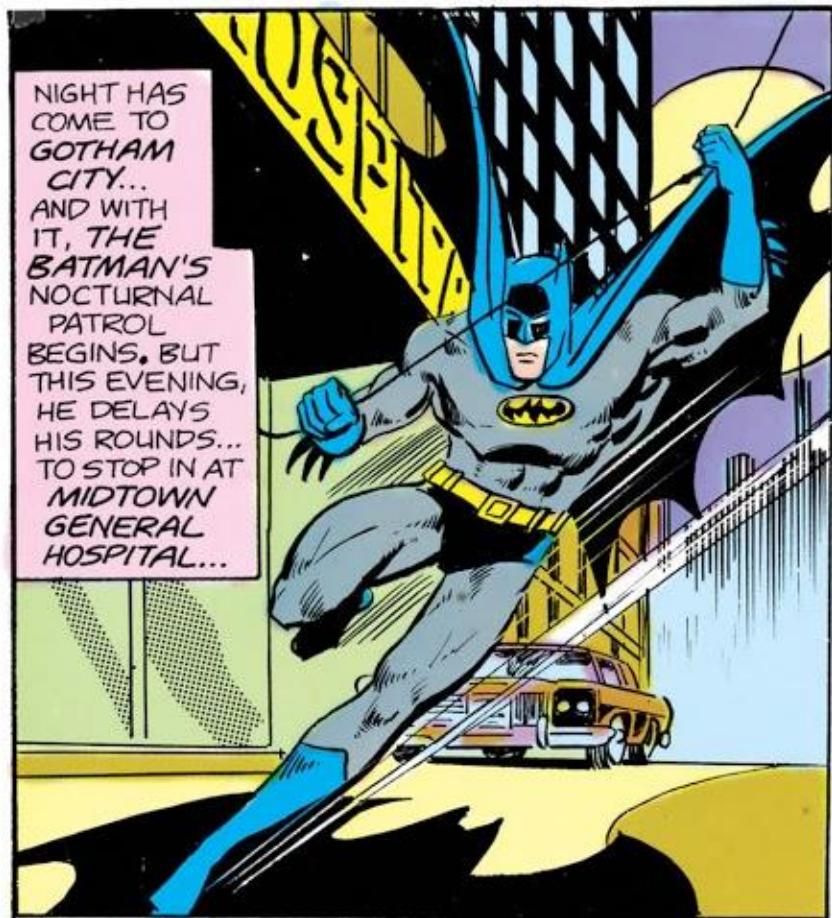


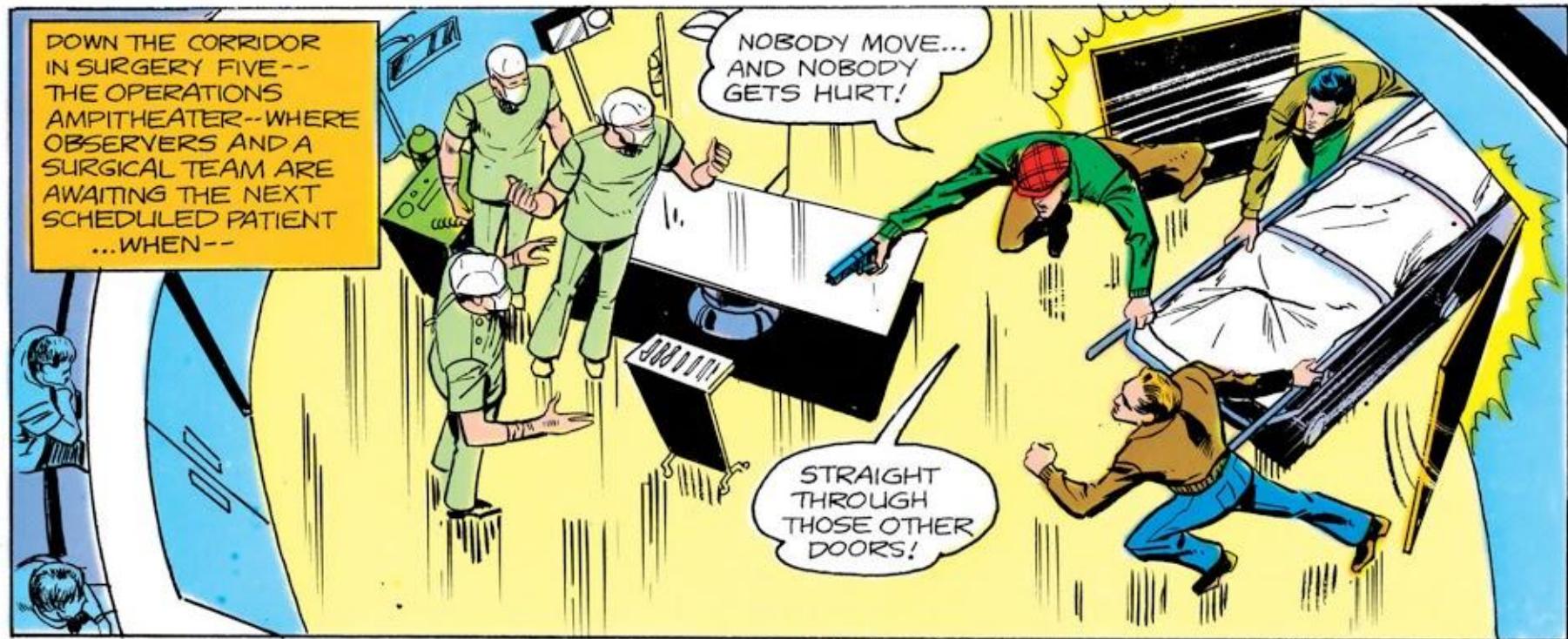
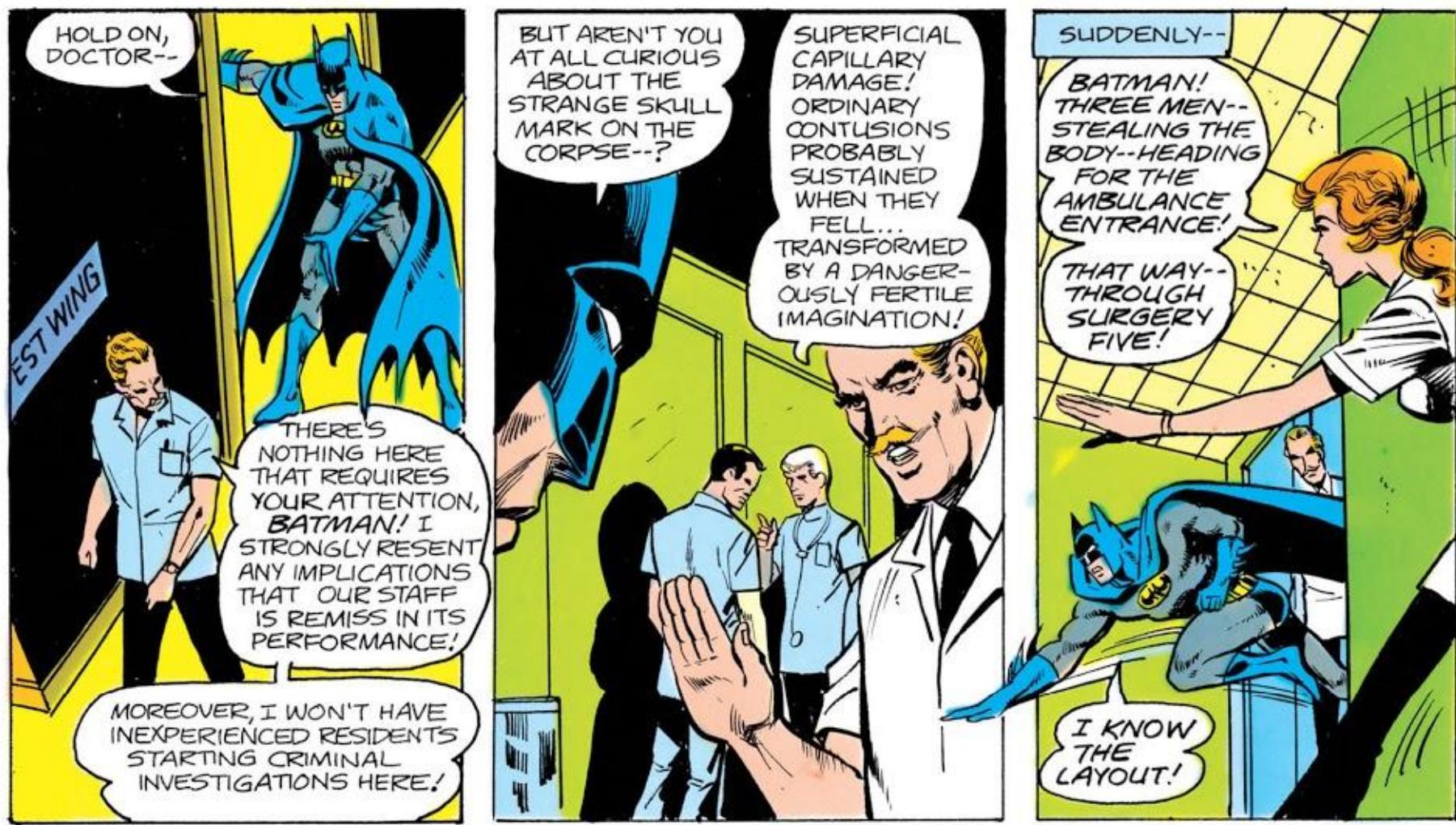
"TEN DAYS PASSED BEFORE I DARED MAKE MY NEXT FORAY... THIS TIME AT THE FILM CRITICS' ANNUAL GOLDEN MASQUE AWARDS..."

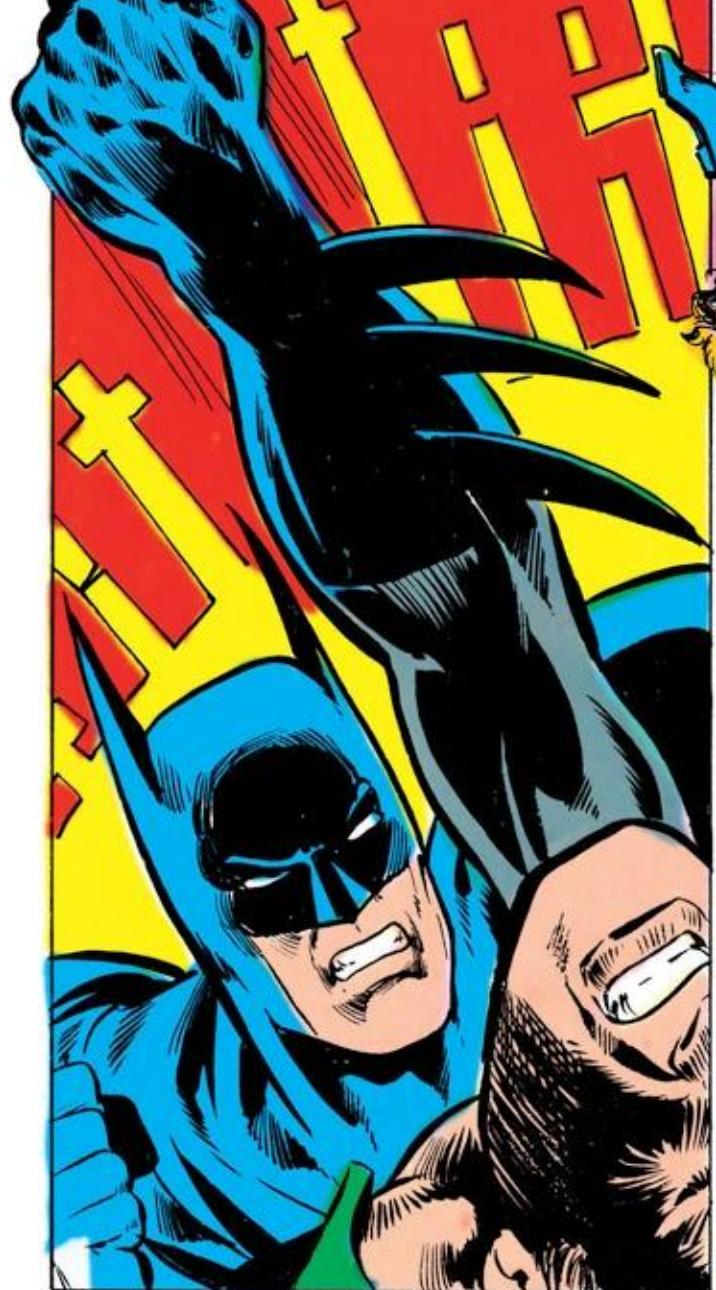
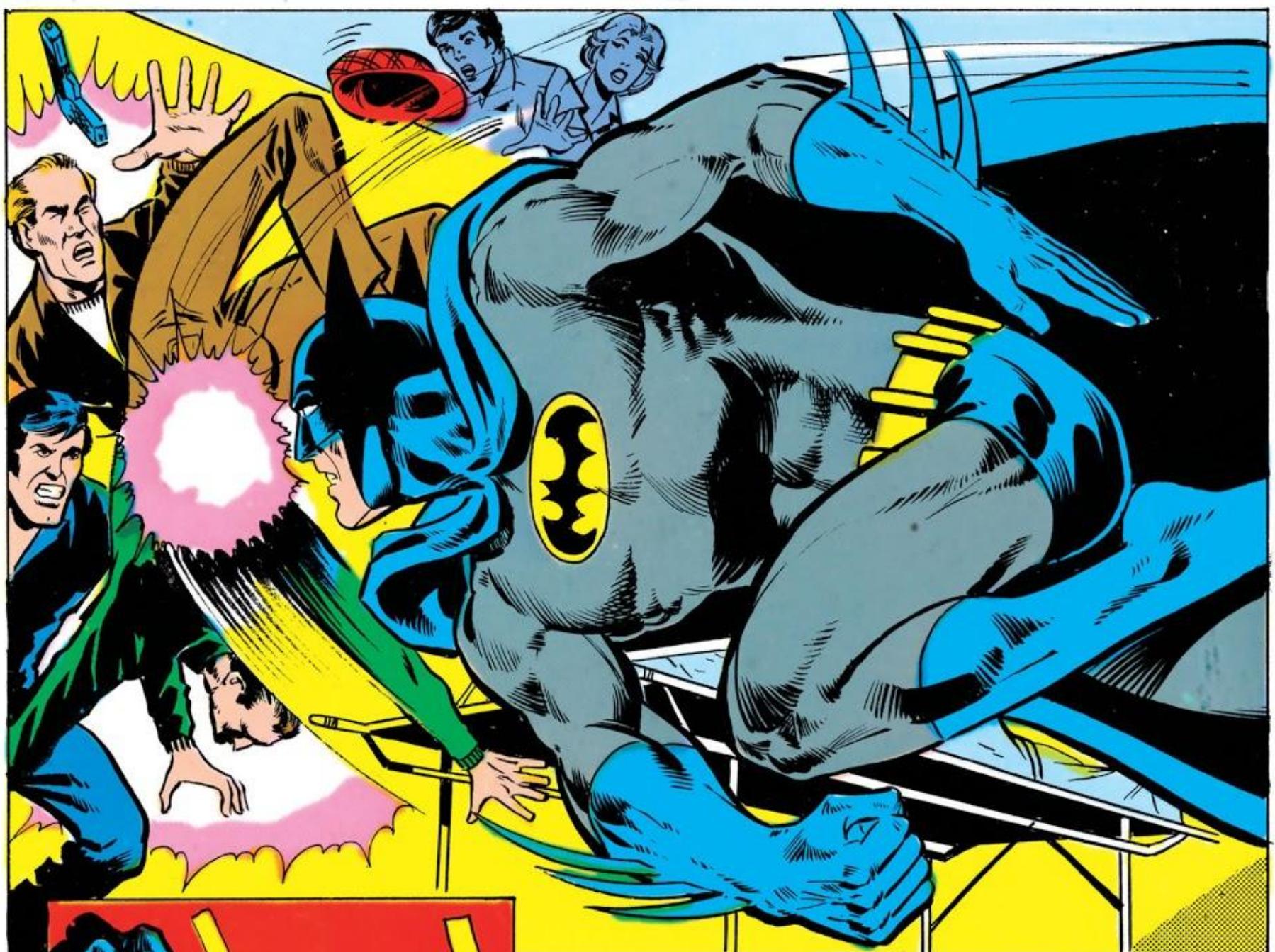


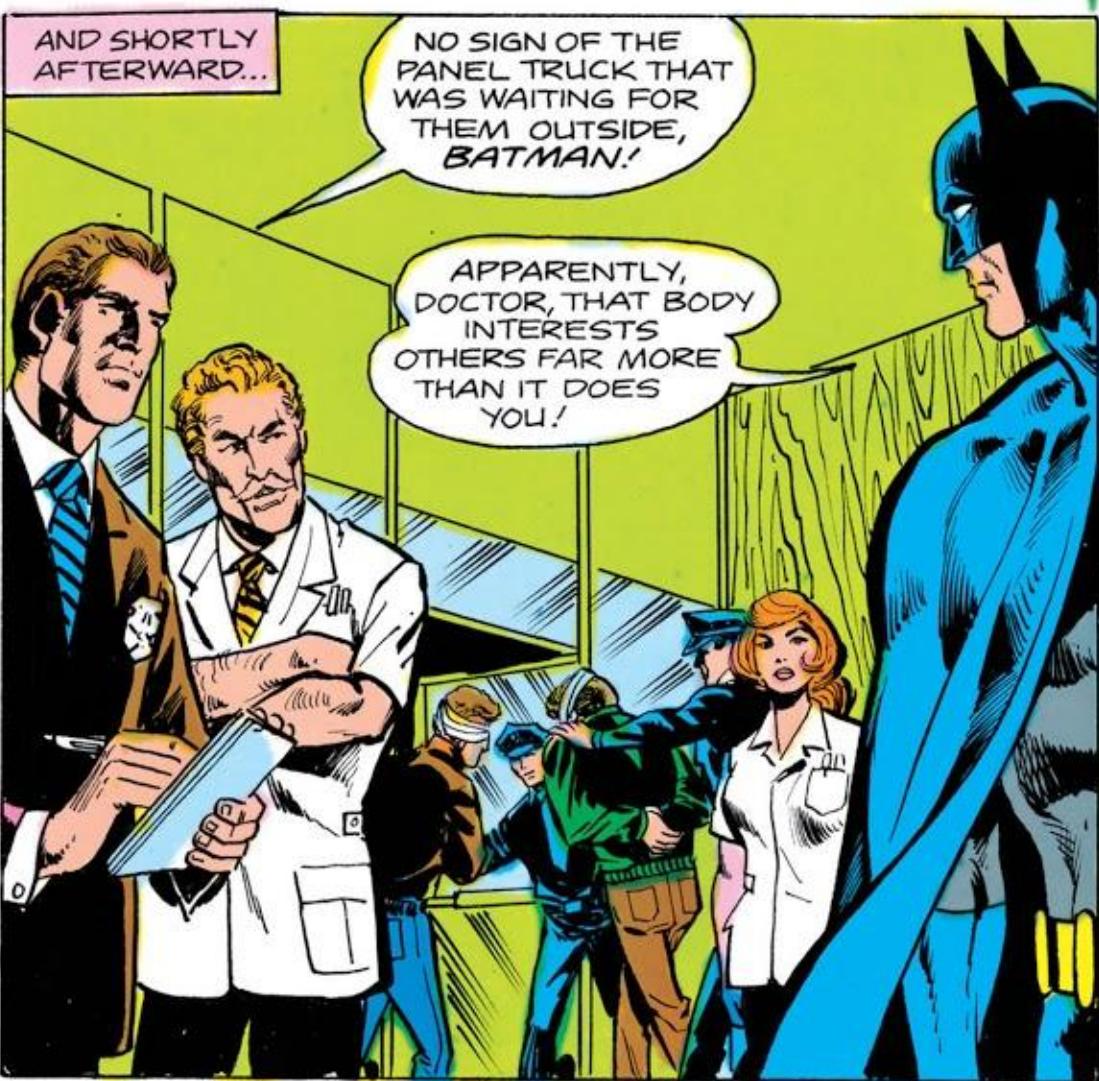
"BUT I BIDED MY TIME... WAITING FOR THE TOP--AND CLIMACTIC--ACTING AWARD..."

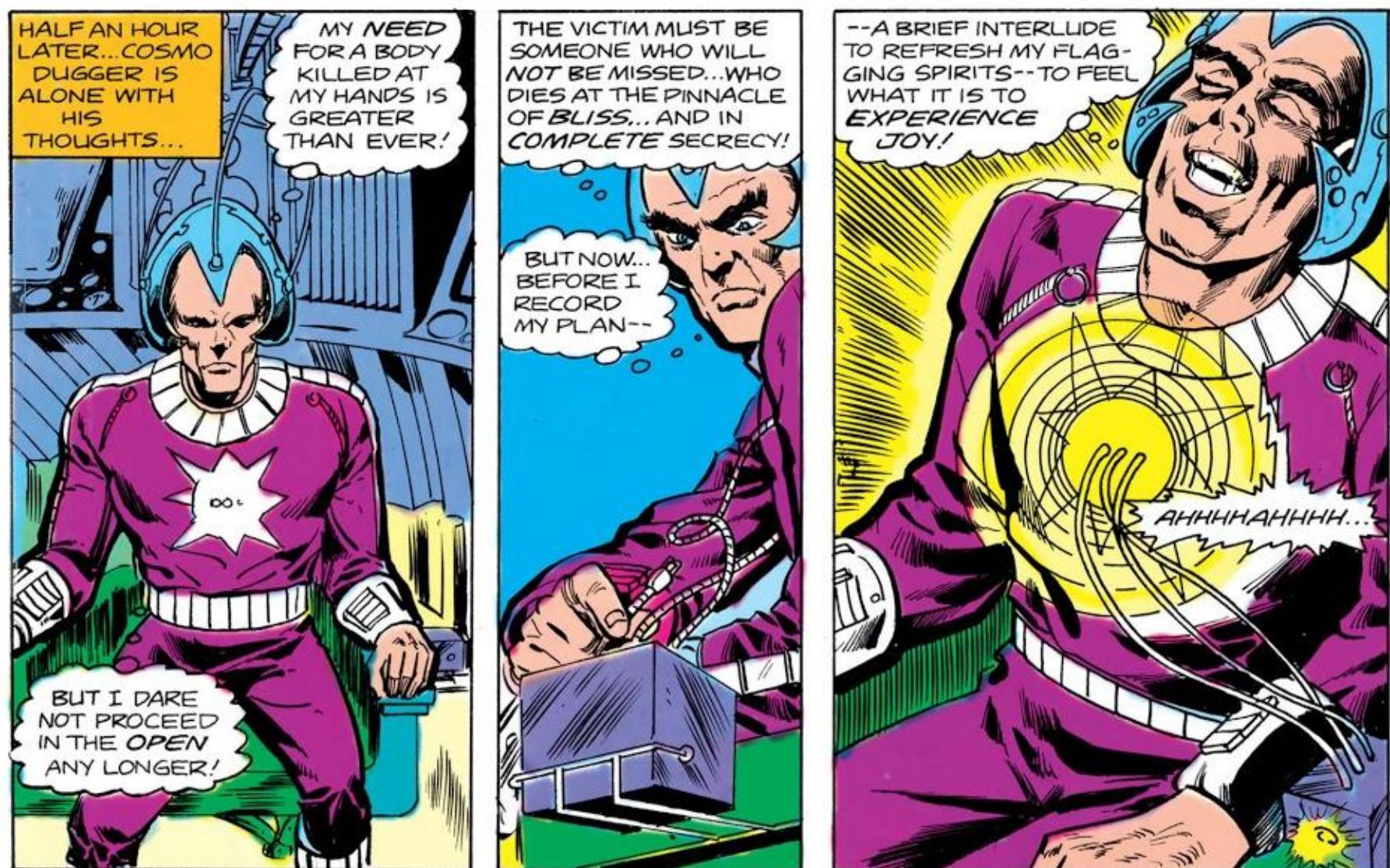


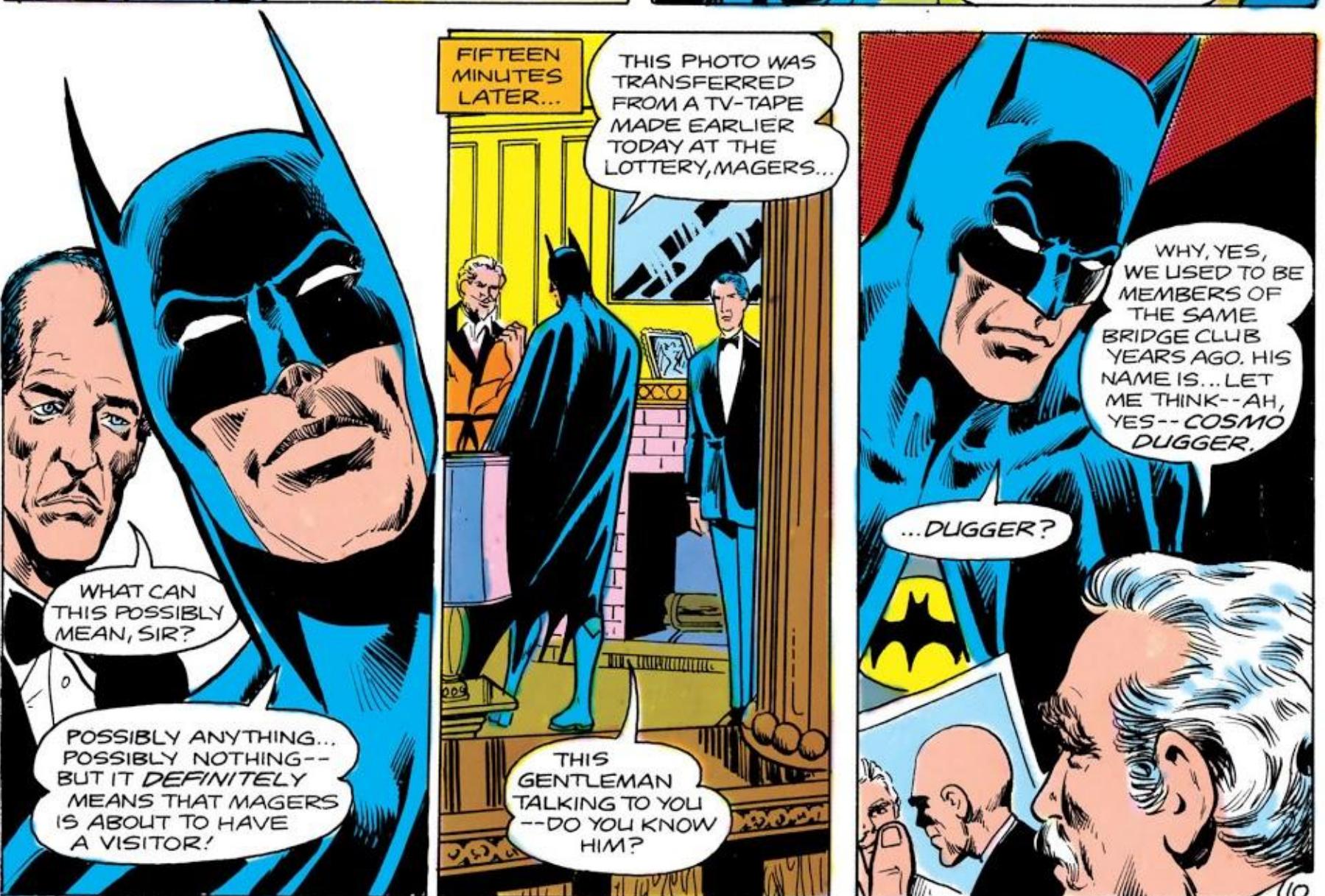


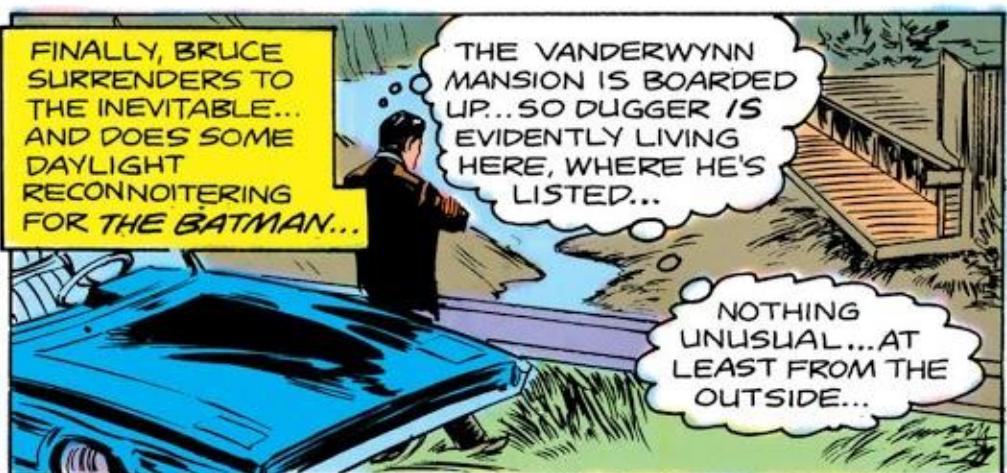
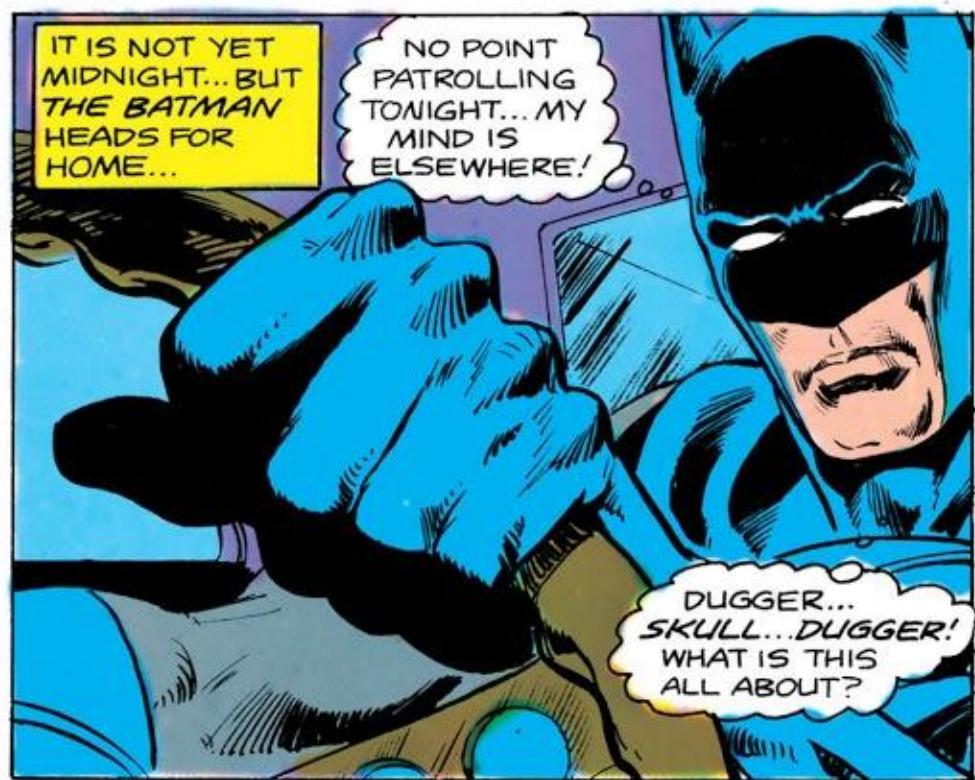


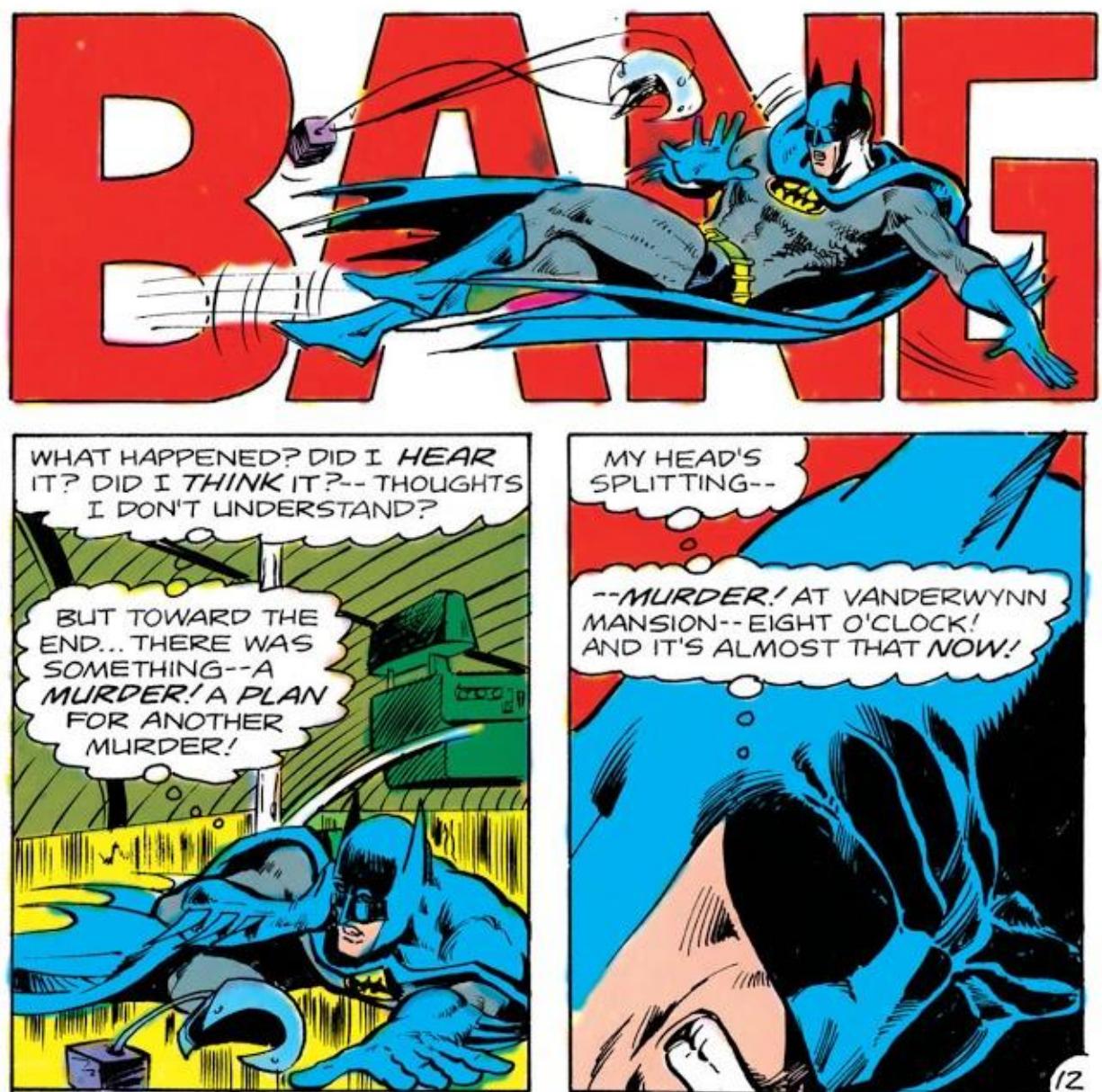
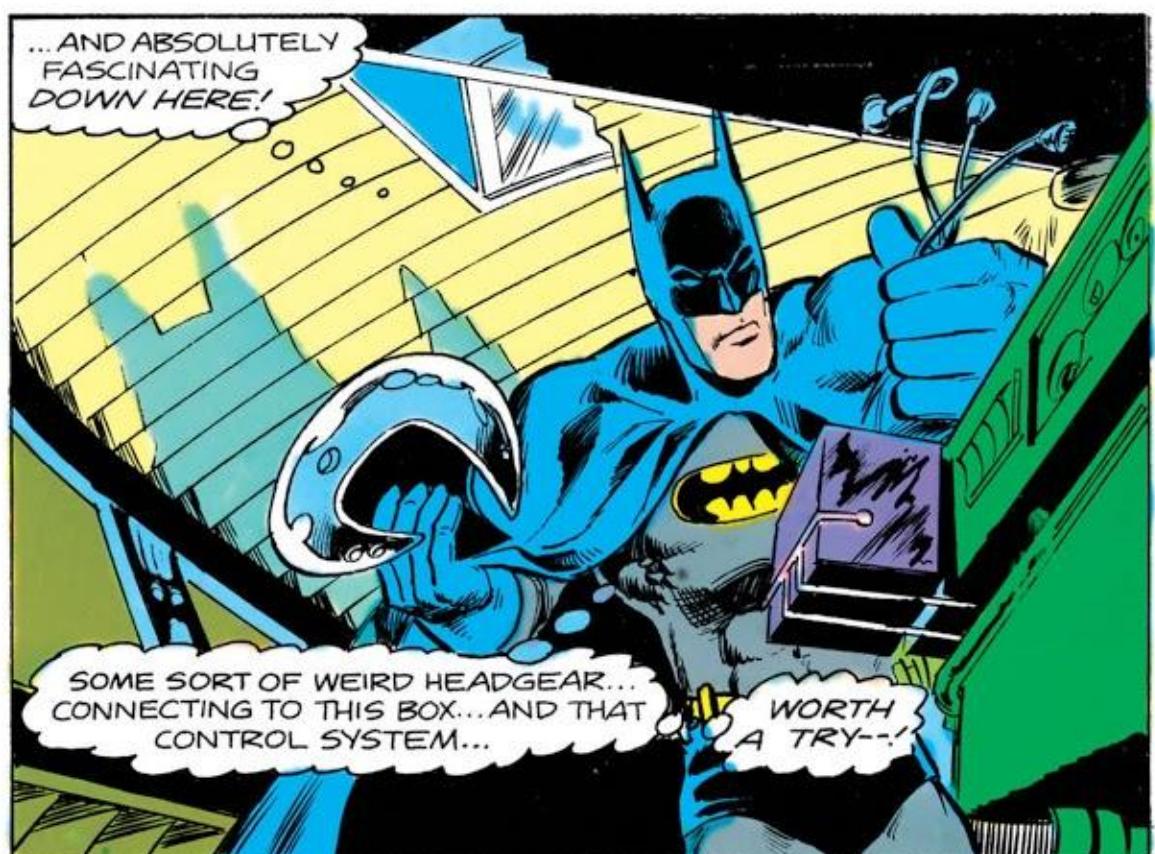


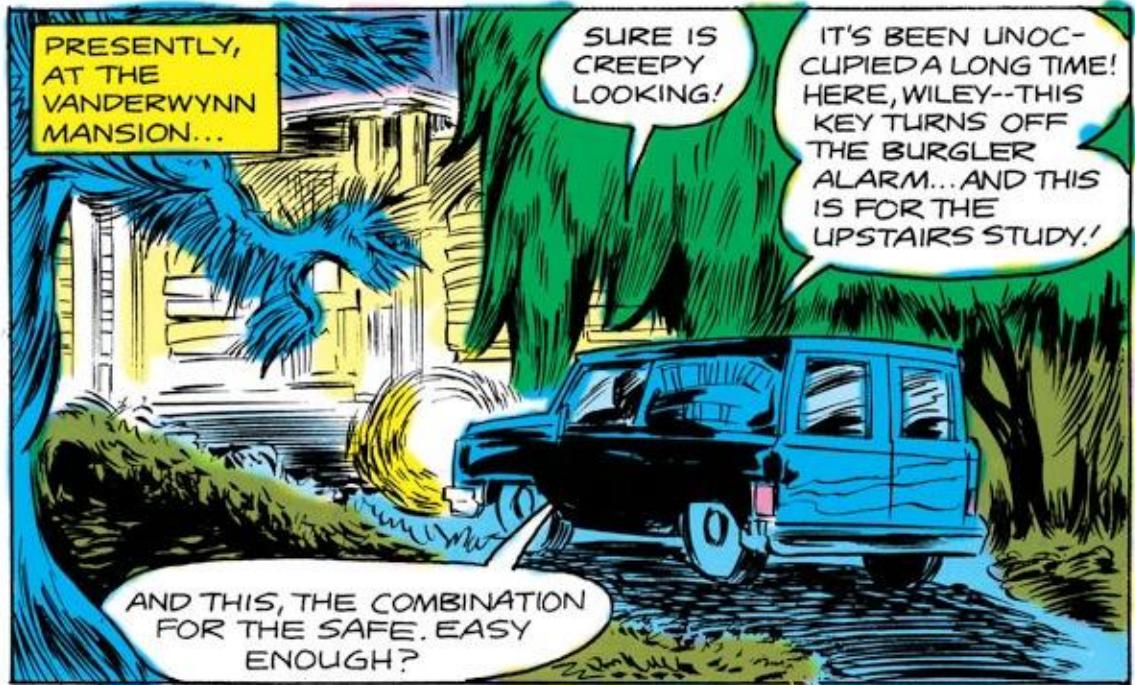
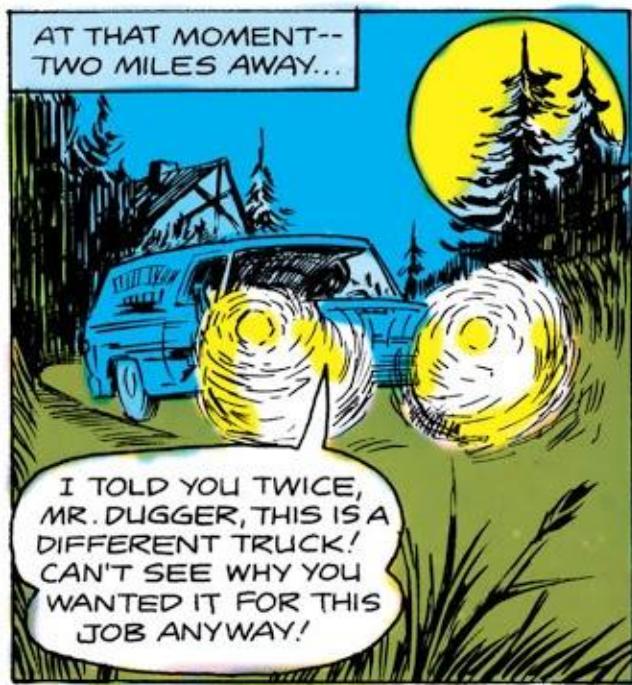


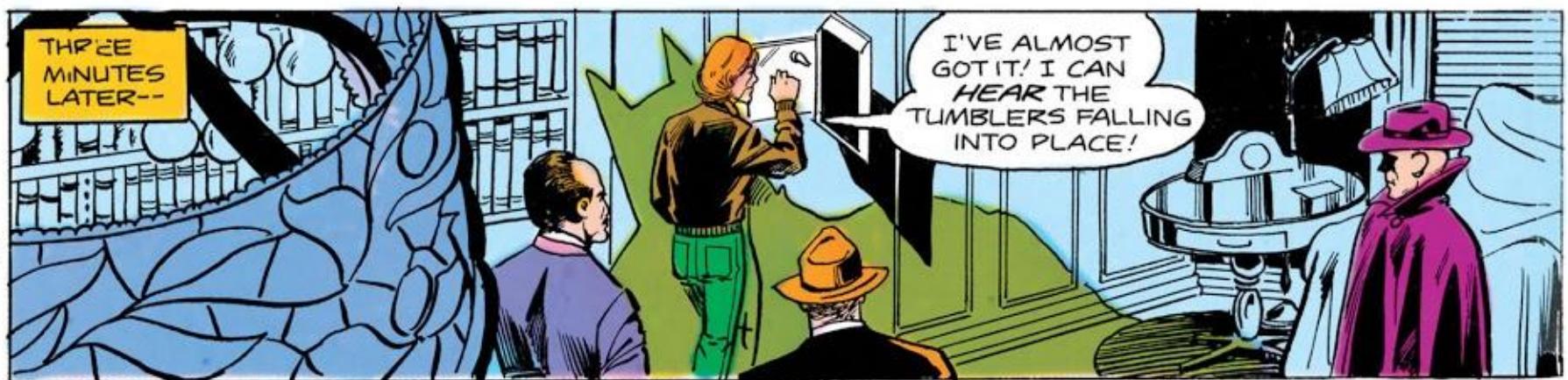






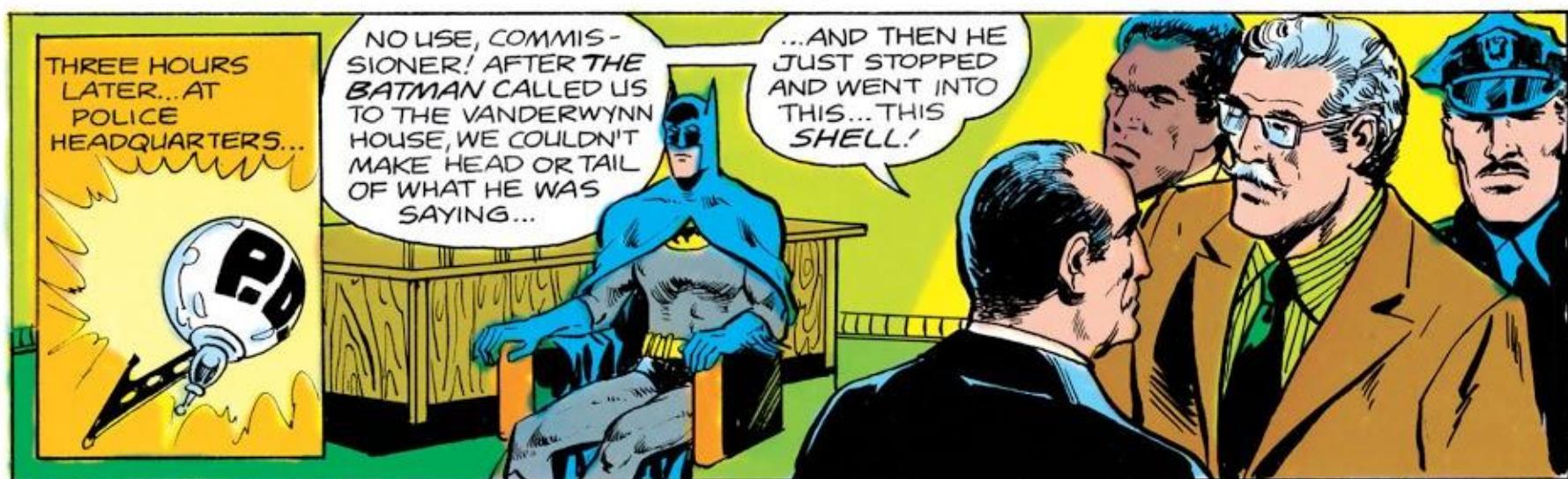














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