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BATMAN
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"SECOND CHANCE"

SIR-- YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE LINE. DO YOU WISH TO MAKE A DEPOSIT, OR A WITHDRAWAL?

I'M NOT JUST SURE YET... LET ME SEE...

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AH-- WITHDRAWAL IT IS!

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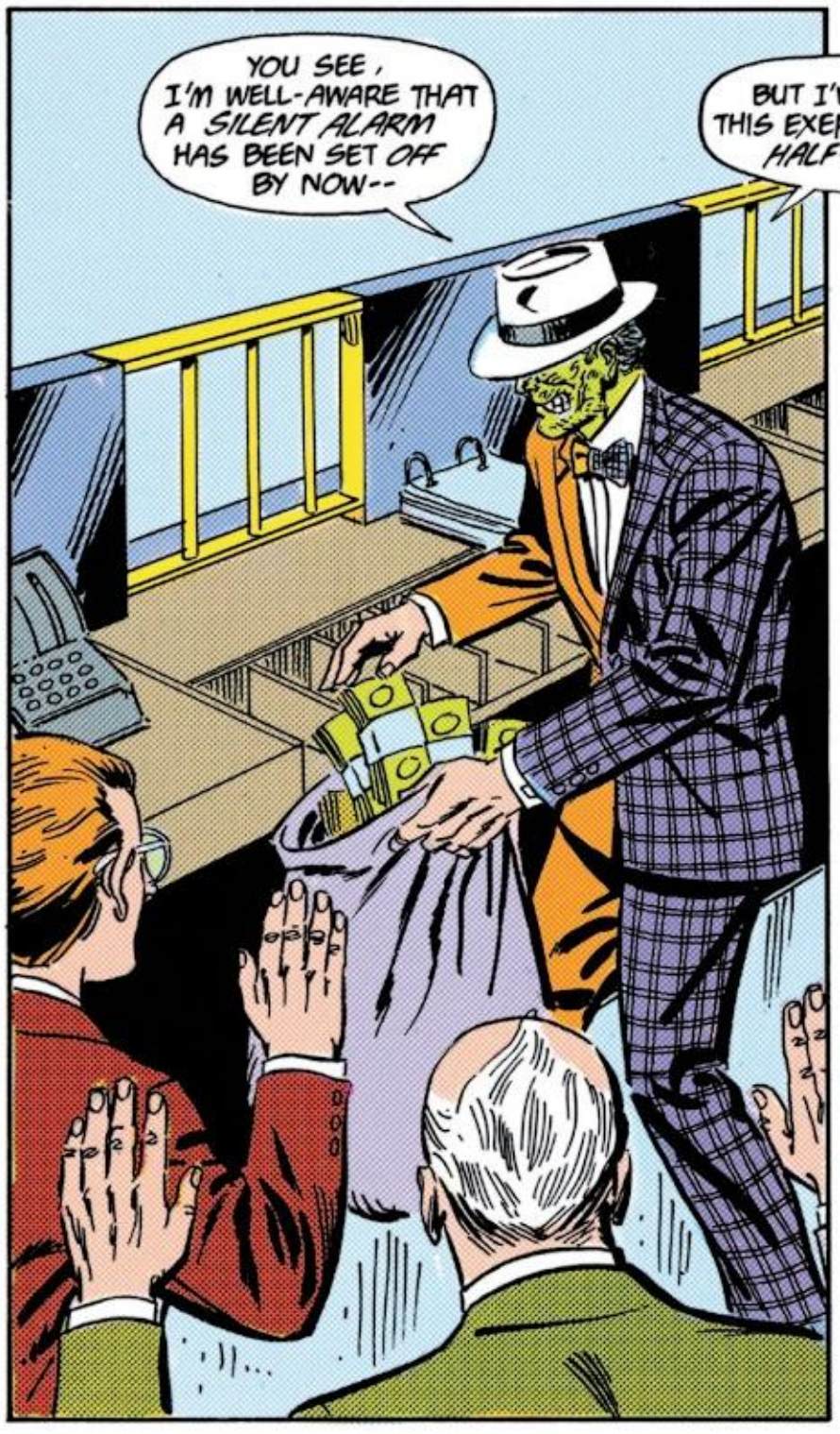
I'LL GET THE CASH FROM THE TELLERS' CAGES--YOU HIT THE VAULT.

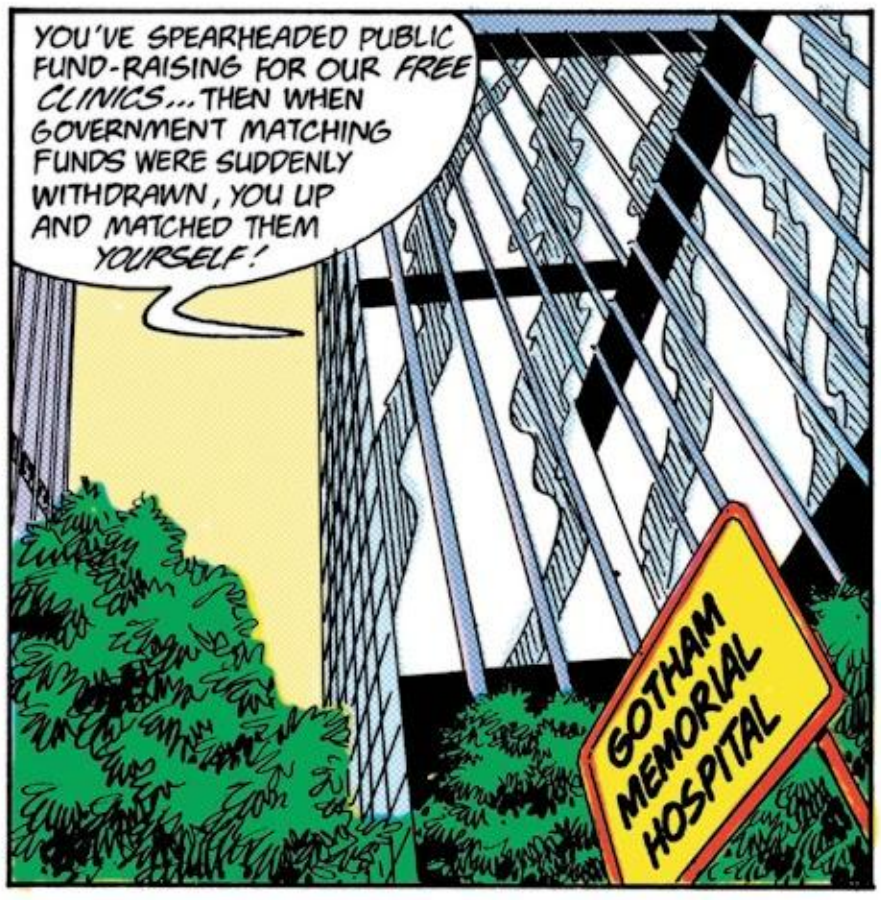

YOU SEE, I'M WELL-AWARE THAT A SILENT ALARM HAS BEEN SET OFF BY NOW--

BUT I'VE TIMED THIS EXERCISE TO THE HALF-SECOND...

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF GOTHAM
VERY NICE, GENTLEMEN-- TWO MINUTES EXACTLY.
BOSS, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
KNOCK IT OFF WITH THE BOUQUETS, ALREADY! LET'S GET OUTA HERE--

PULLIN' A JUG-HEIST IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM, IN BROAD DAYLIGHT-- IT'S CRAZY!
IT'S ONLY BEEN DONE ONCE BEFORE--

THIS MAKES TWICE-- AND AS FOR "BROAD DAYLIGHT"...



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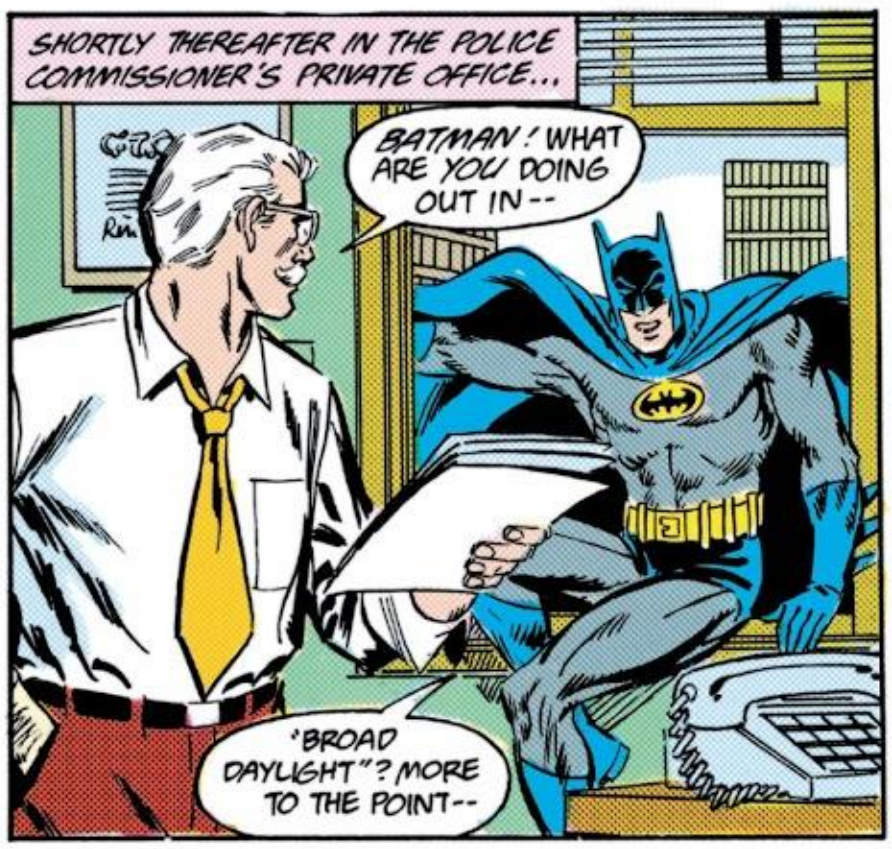
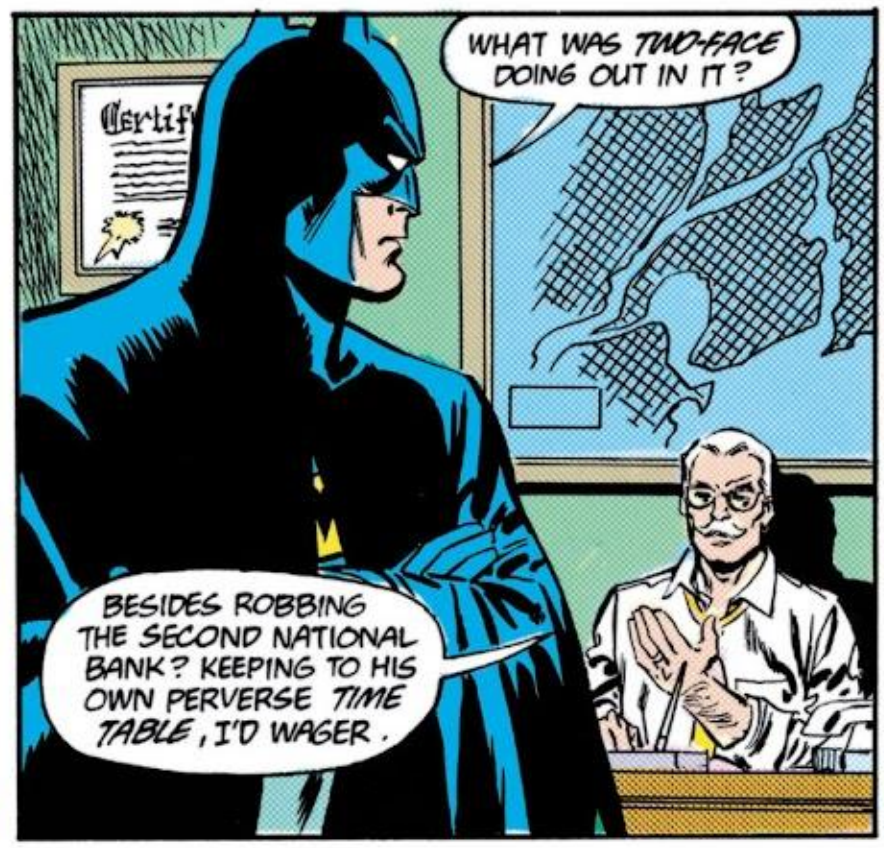
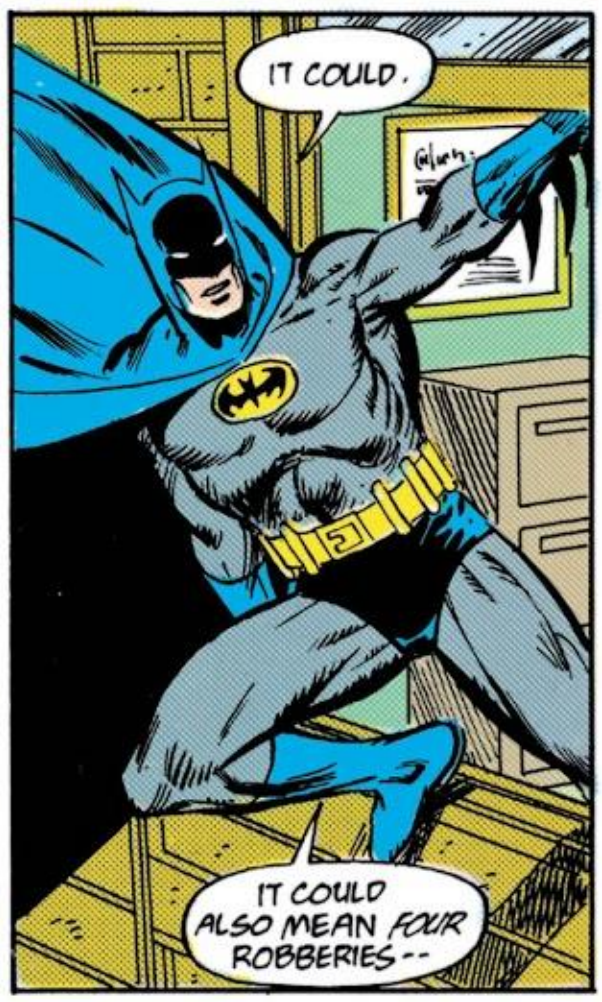

SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S PRIVATE OFFICE...
BATMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT IN--
"BROAD DAYLIGHT"? MORE TO THE POINT--


WHAT WAS TWO-FACE DOING OUT IN IT?
BESIDES ROBBING THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK? KEEPING TO HIS OWN PERVERSE TIME TABLE, I'D WAGER.

AFTER ALL, HE DID SEND US THESE PLAYING CARDS--THIS POKER HAND--BY WAY OF CHALLENGING YOU...

"...AND THESE 'CALLING CARDS' SUGGESTED A GAMBLING MOTIF WHICH LED YOU TO HIS CASINO HEIST LAST NIGHT, WHICH YOU MANAGED TO THWART--"

BUT WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO CATCH HIM.
TWO PAIR. COULD THAT MEAN TWO ROBBERIES?


IT COULD.
IT COULD ALSO MEAN FOUR ROBBERIES--

IN FOUR DAYS!
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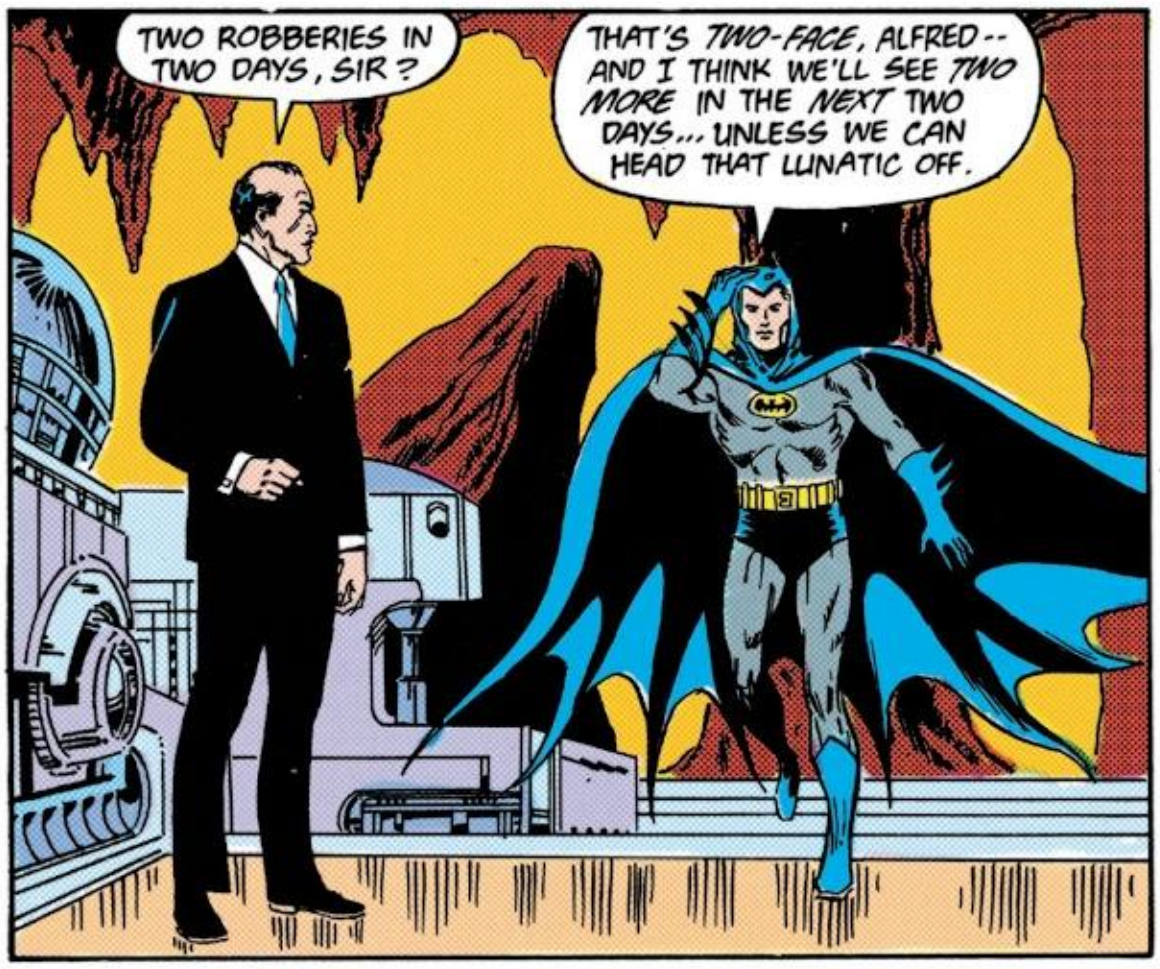

TWO ROBBERIES IN TWO DAYS, SIR?
THAT'S TWO-FACE, ALFRED-- AND I THINK WE'LL SEE TWO MORE IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS... UNLESS WE CAN HEAD THAT LUNATIC OFF.

WE'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS BRAINSTORMING TO DO-- WHERE'S JASON?
HE'S... HE'S SLEEPING, SIR.

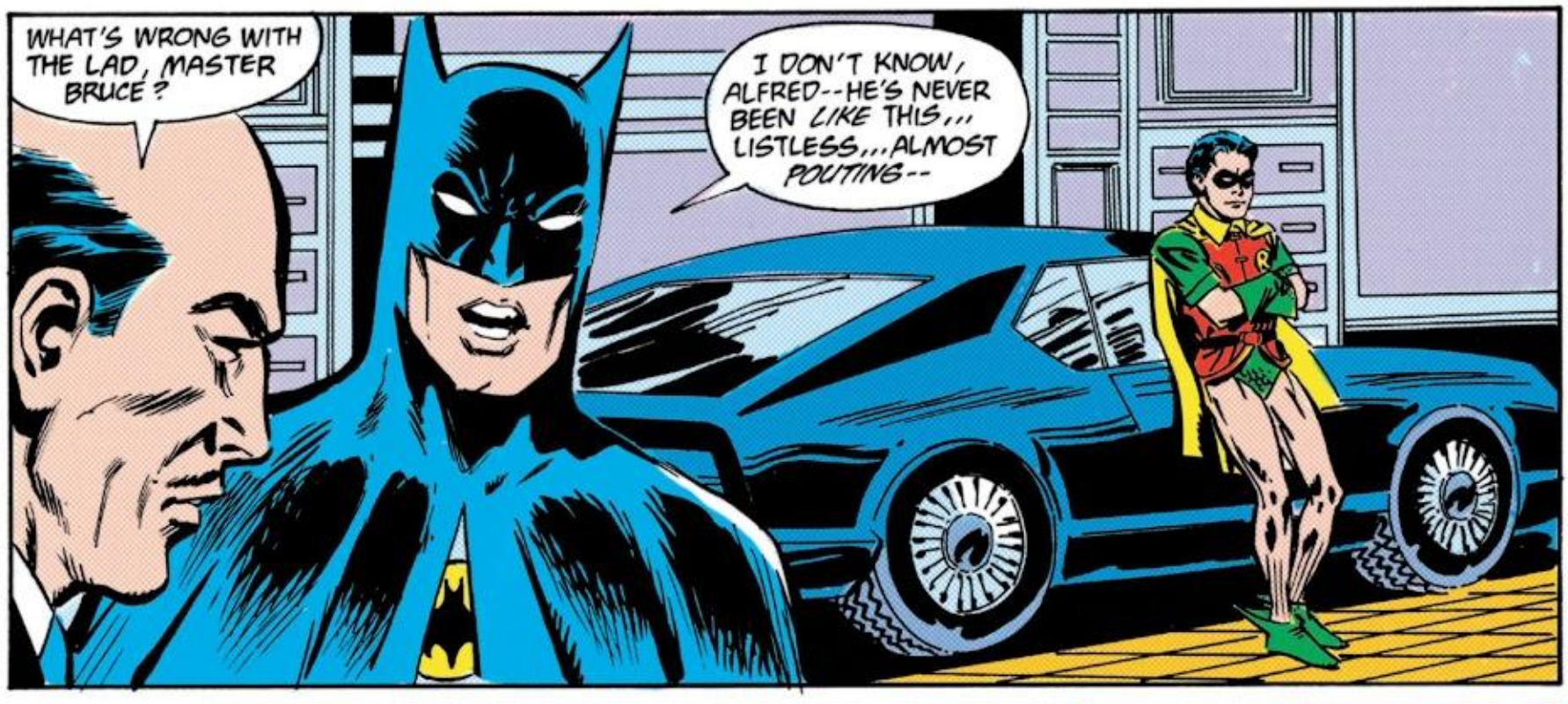
HE'S BEEN SLEEPING ALL DAY?!?
YES, SIR--OR AT LEAST HE'S STAYED IN BED ALL DAY--

JASON-- ARE YOU AWAKE?
YES.

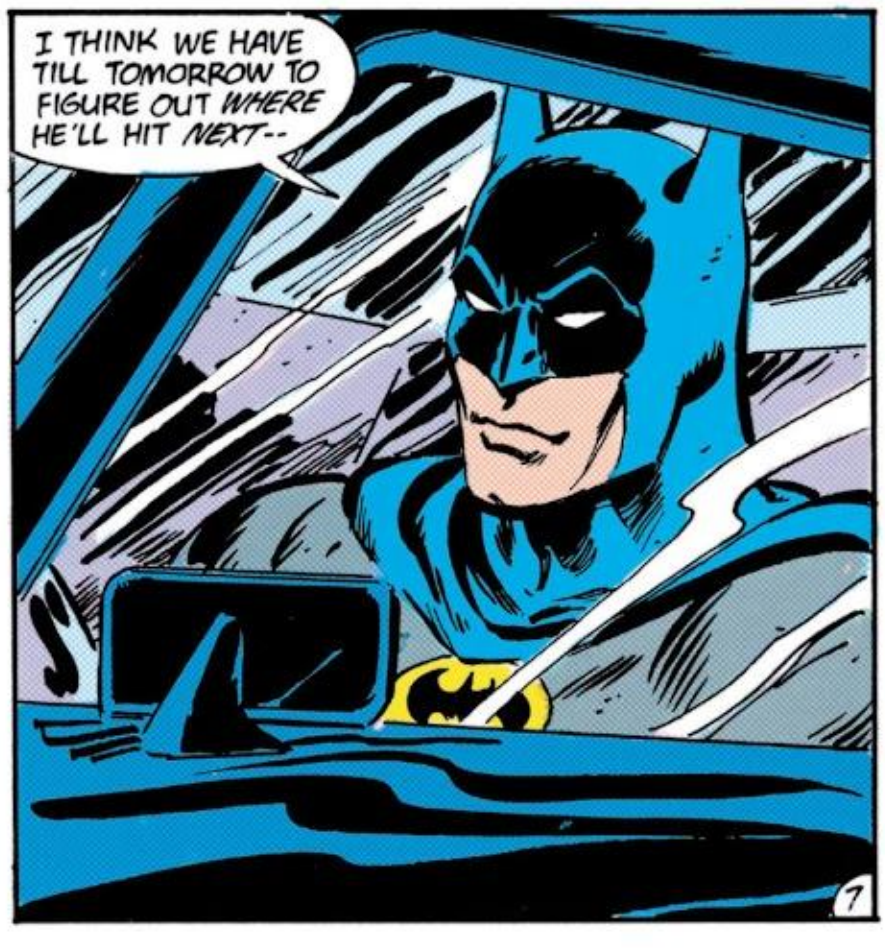
I KNOW YOU HAD A ROUGH FIRST NIGHT. OUT IN THE FIELD PLAYING ROBIN TO MY BATMAN IS DEMANDING... TIRING...

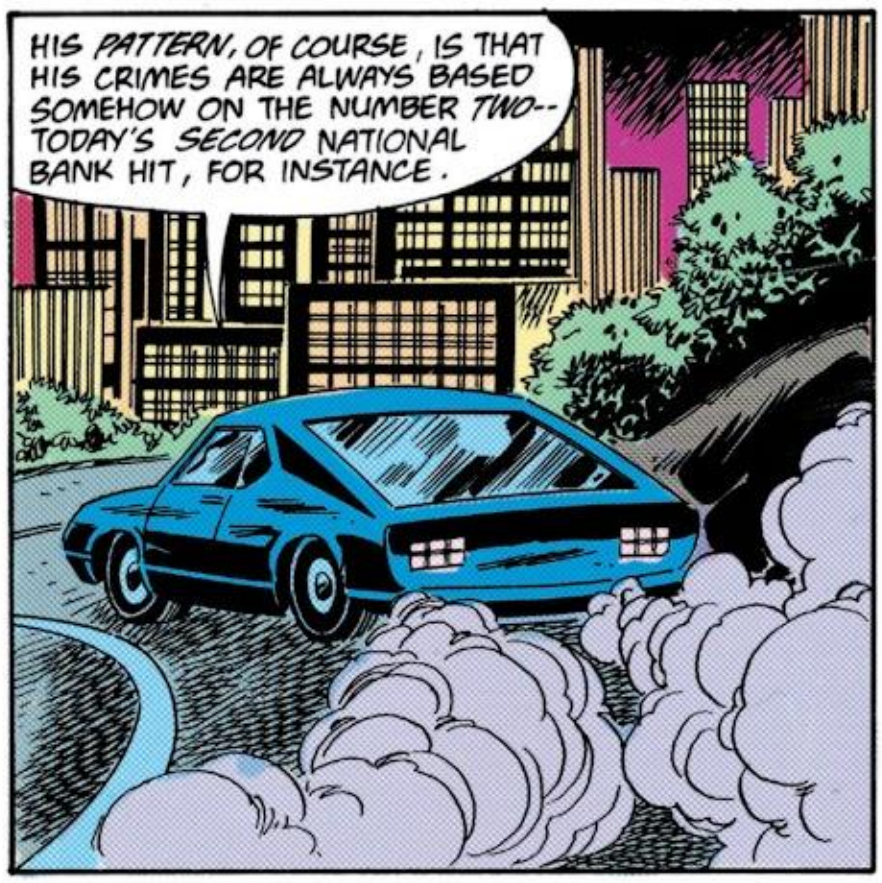
AT ANY RATE, I'M ABOUT TO GO OUT ON PATROL -- IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

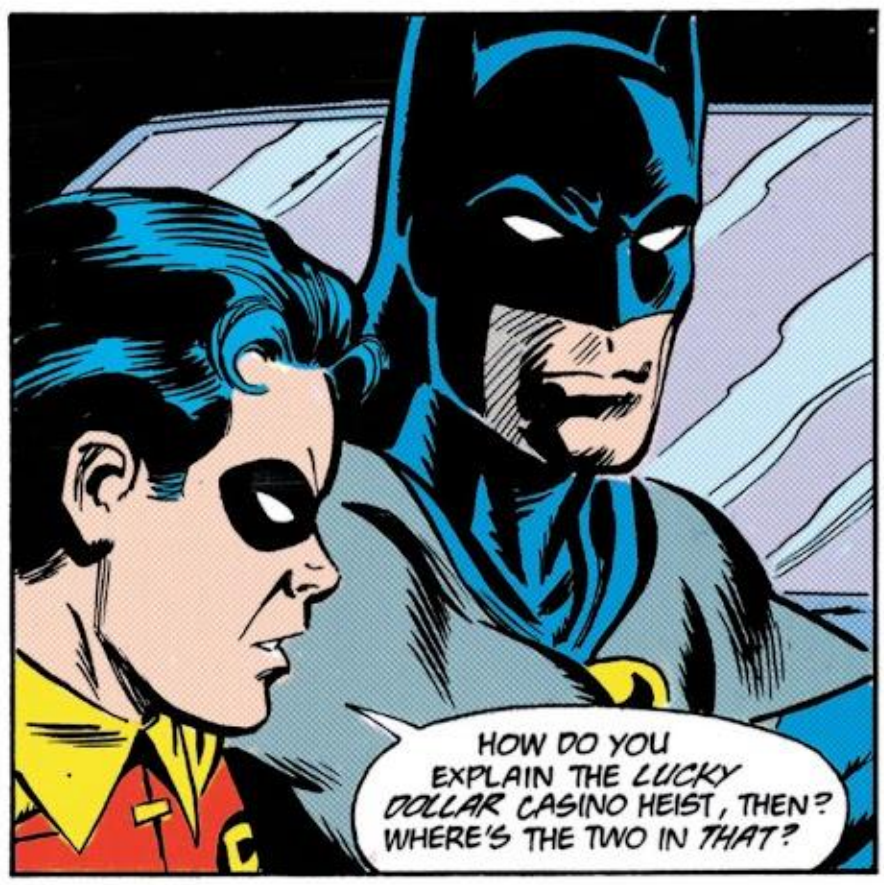
BY THE WAY, OUR TWO-FACED FRIEND FROM LAST NIGHT IS AT IT AGAIN.
A DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY, THIS TIME.

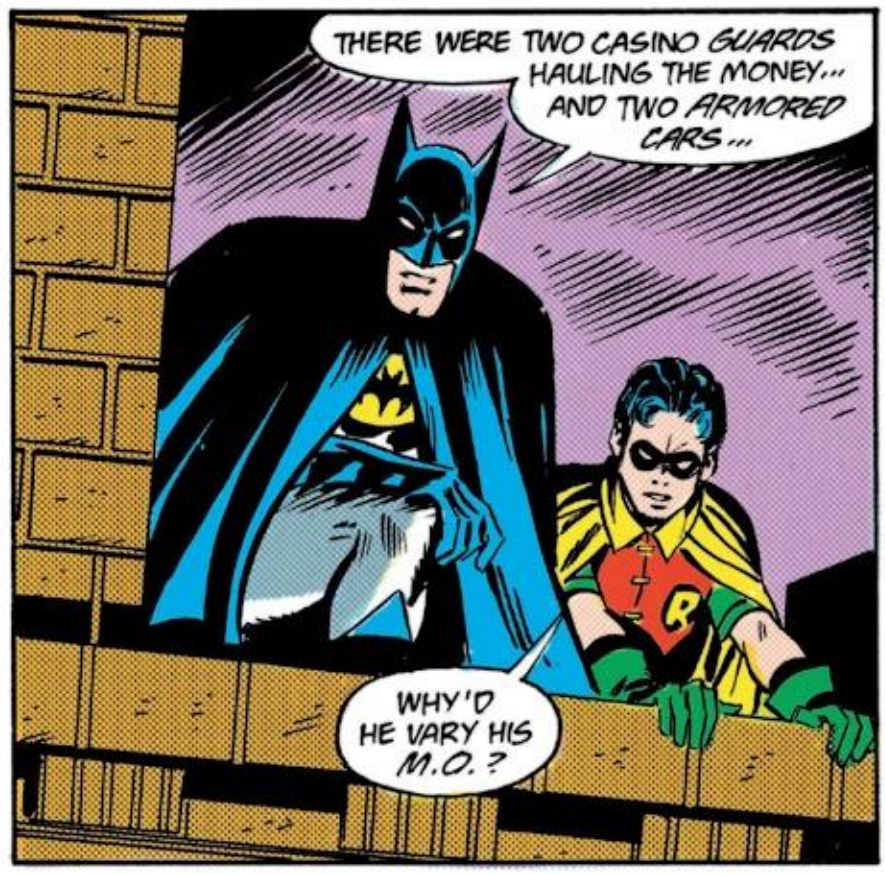

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE LAD, MASTER BRUCE?
I DON'T KNOW, ALFRED--HE'S NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS... LISTLESS...ALMOST POUTING--

WILL HE STRIKE AGAIN TONIGHT?
TWO-FACE? NO. AT LEAST, IT'S UNLIKELY.


I THINK WE HAVE TILL TOMORROW TO FIGURE OUT WHERE HE'LL HIT NEXT--







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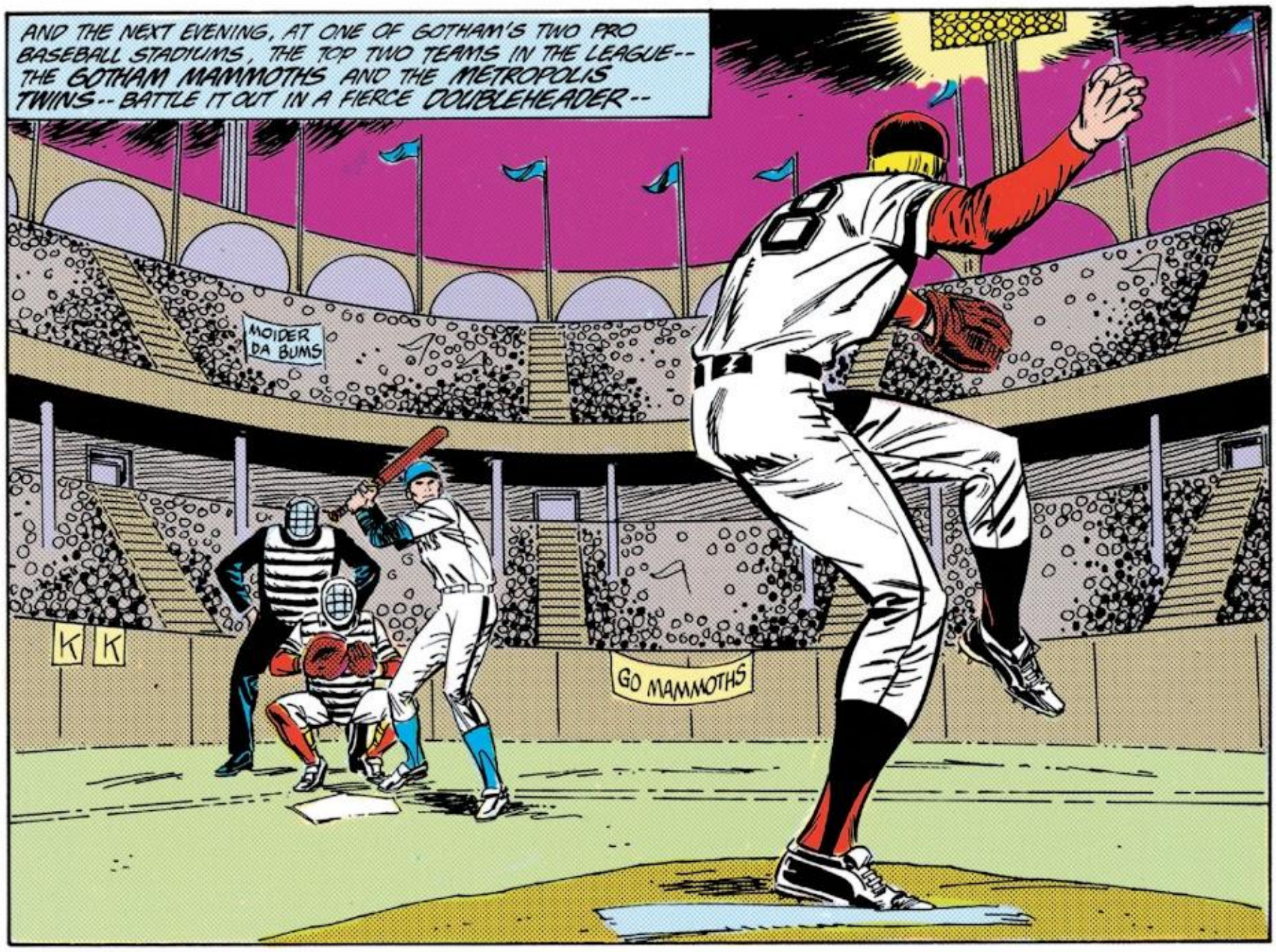
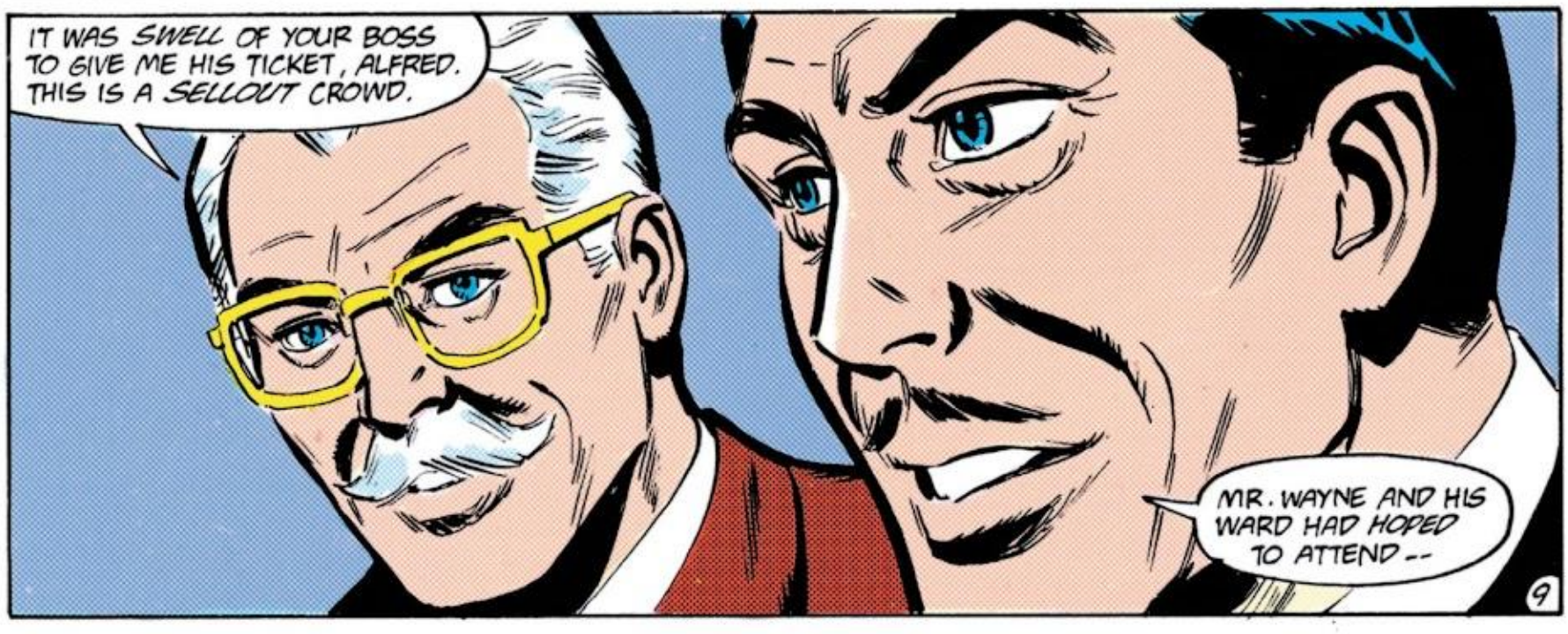
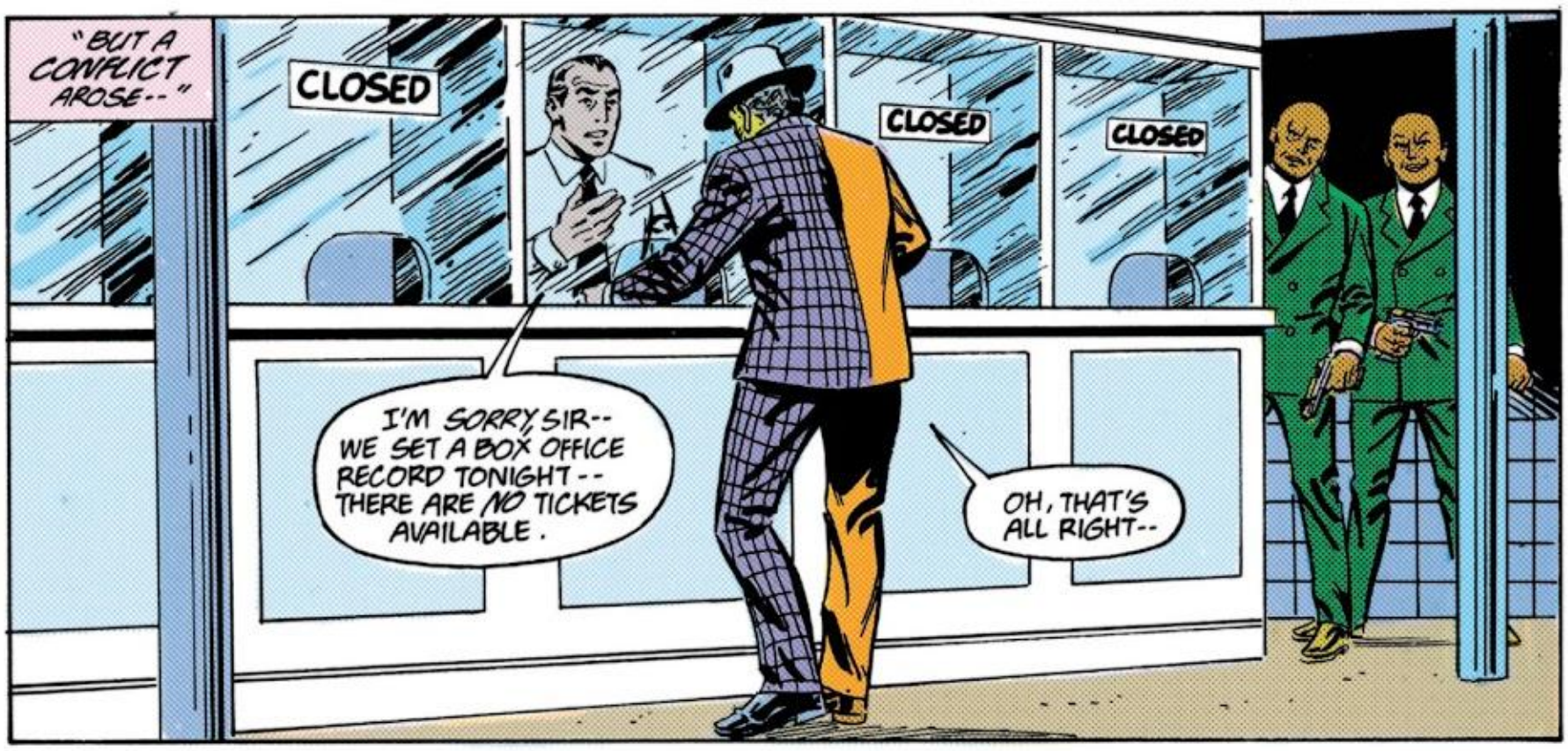

AND THE NEXT EVENING, AT ONE OF GOTHAM'S TWO PRO BASEBALL STADIUMS, THE TOP TWO TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE-- THE GOTHAM MAMMOTHS AND THE METROPOLIS TWINS-- BATTLE IT OUT IN A FIERCE DOUBLEHEADER--
MOIDER DA BUMS
K K
GO MAMMOTHS

TIE GAME, BOTTOM OF THE SECOND INNING, TWO STRIKES, TWO BALLS, TWO MEN ON BASE--
TOO EXCITING, SIR!


IT WAS SWELL OF YOUR BOSS TO GIVE ME HIS TICKET, ALFRED. THIS IS A SELLOUT CROWD.
MR. WAYNE AND HIS WARD HAD HOPED TO ATTEND--


"BUT A CONFLICT AROSE--"
CLOSED
CLOSED
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I'M SORRY, SIR-- WE SET A BOX OFFICE RECORD TONIGHT -- THERE ARE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE.
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT--

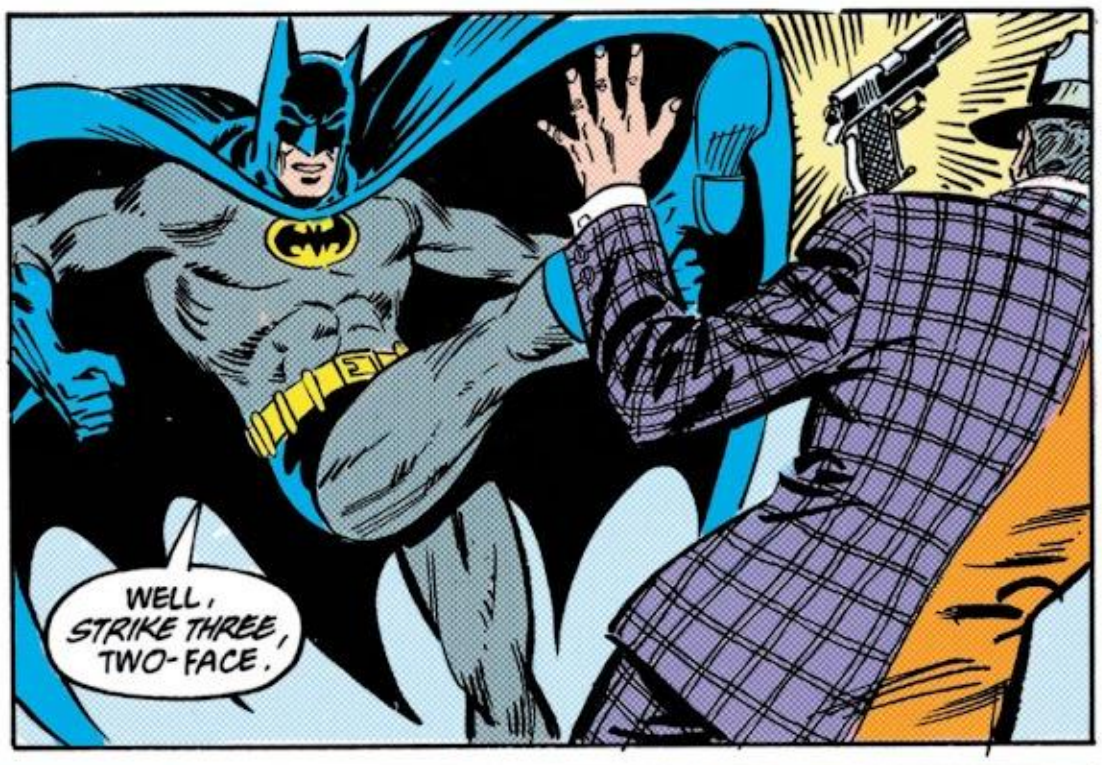
IT'S NOT TICKETS I'M AFTER-- NOW BUZZ OPEN THAT SIDE DOOR.

BOSS, YOU'RE A...
MITTANCE
BZZZZ
BZZZZ

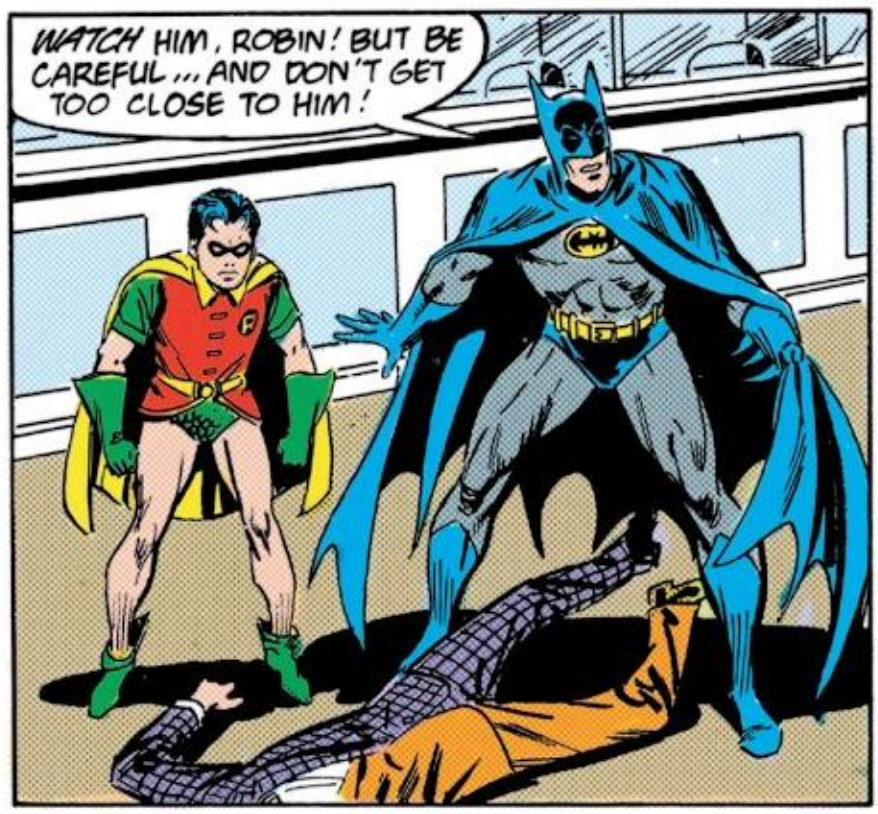
UGHH!
NO ADMITTANCE
SMAK!

BATMAN!
YOUR THIRD SCORE IN THREE DAYS, TWO-FACE. AMBITIOUS--BUT SUCH AN OBVIOUS TARGET--

SOMETIMES I AM TOO PREDICTABLE... BUT I COULDN'T RESIST A BASEBALL SCORE.


WELL, STRIKE THREE, TWO-FACE.

YOU'RE OUT!


WATCH HIM, ROBIN! BUT BE CAREFUL... AND DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HIM!

WRONG SPORT, I KNOW...

BUT EFFECTIVE, NONETHELESS.

YOU LOWLIFE SLIMEBALL... YOU MURDERING...

ROBIN!
I'LL KILL YOU... KILL YOU--
WHUMP!
ROBIN!
SECTION 2
GET HIM... GET HIM...
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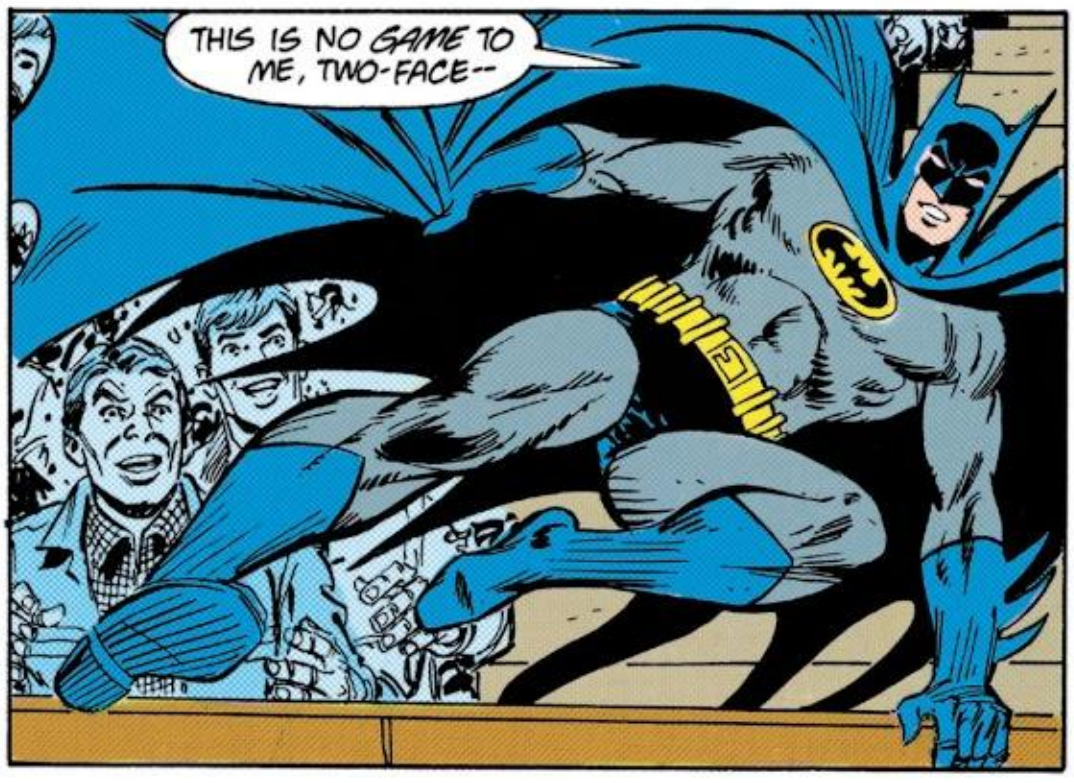
DON'T YOU ENVY MY STRIDE, TWO STEPS AT A TIME?!

JOIN ME ON THE PLAYING FIELD, BATMAN.


THIS IS NO GAME TO ME, TWO-FACE--

WHAT A BAD SPORT!
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1 2 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
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MAMMOTH
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18 CF RF SS
1 2
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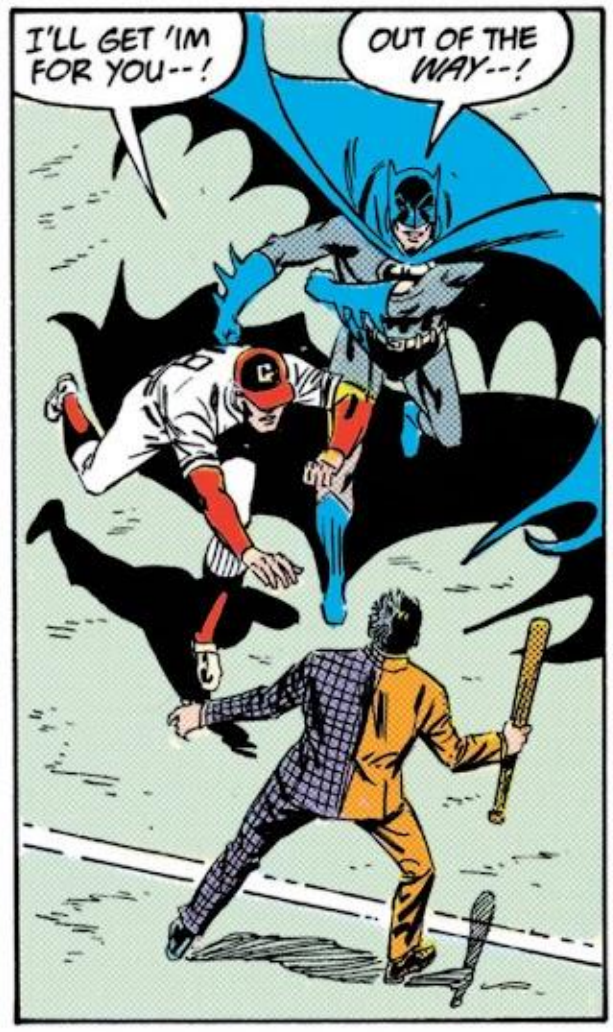
EXCUSE ME...
I HAVE A MAN TO BAT--!

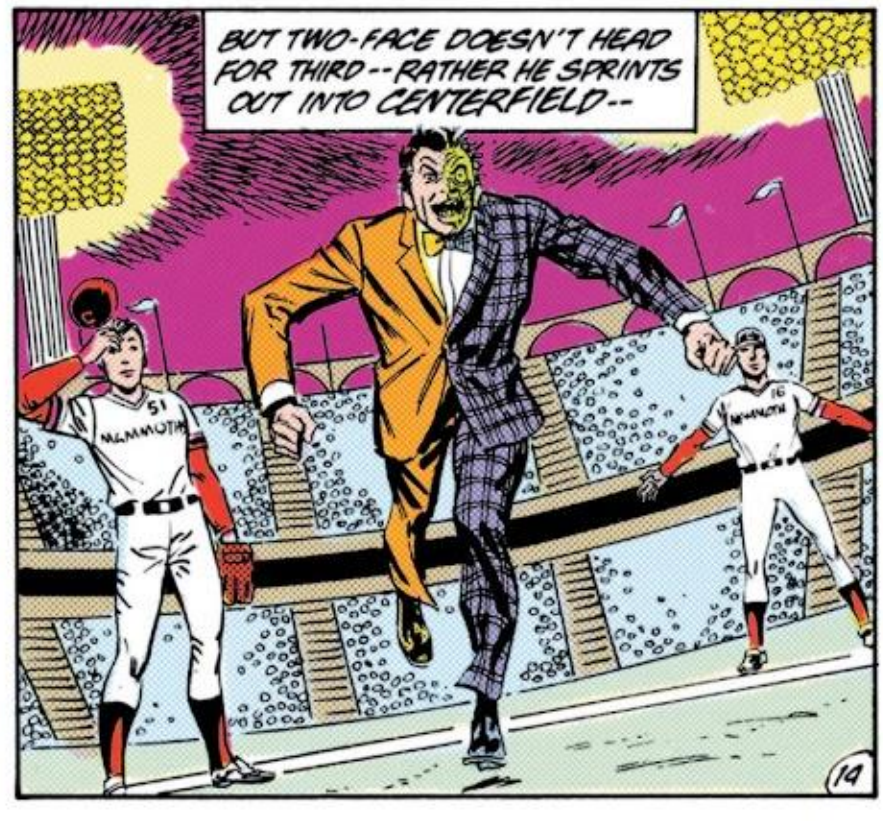

I'LL GET 'IM FOR YOU--!
OUT OF THE WAY--!

AH... A DOUBLE PLAY.

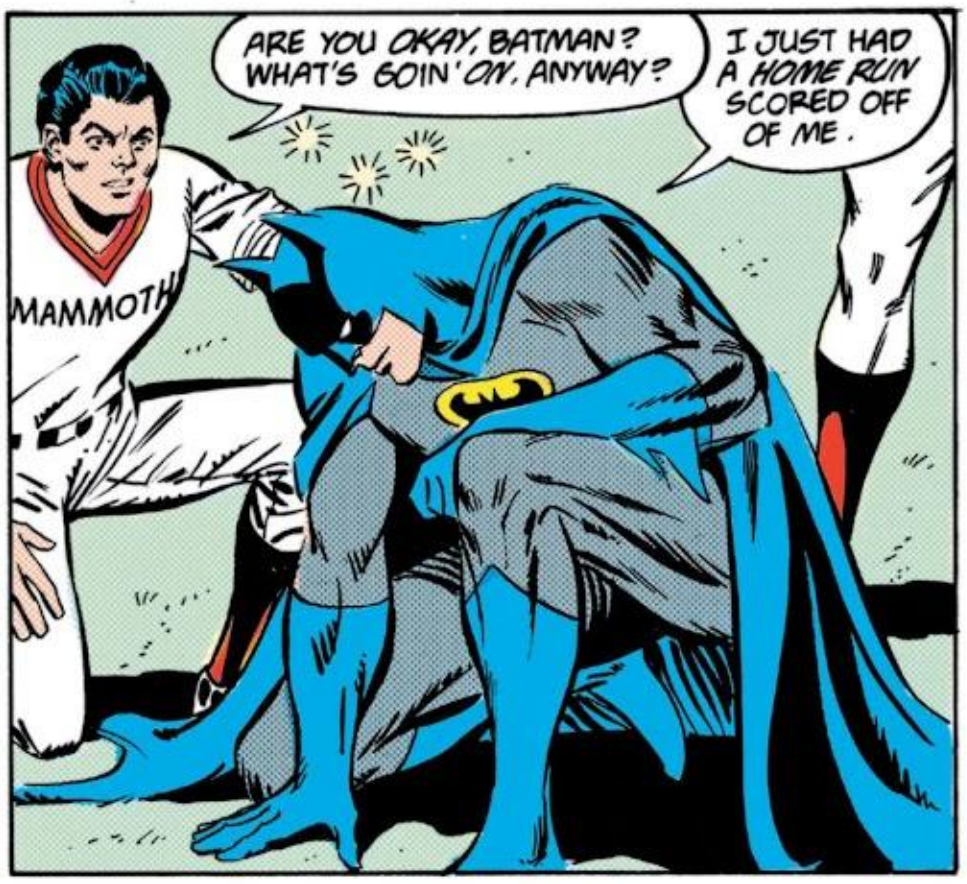
AND NOW TO MAKE A BOYHOOD DREAM COME TRUE--

WHAT'S THAT MANIAC DOING NOW?
I BELIEVE HE'S SLIDING INTO SECOND BASE, SIR.

SAFE!
MAMMOTHS

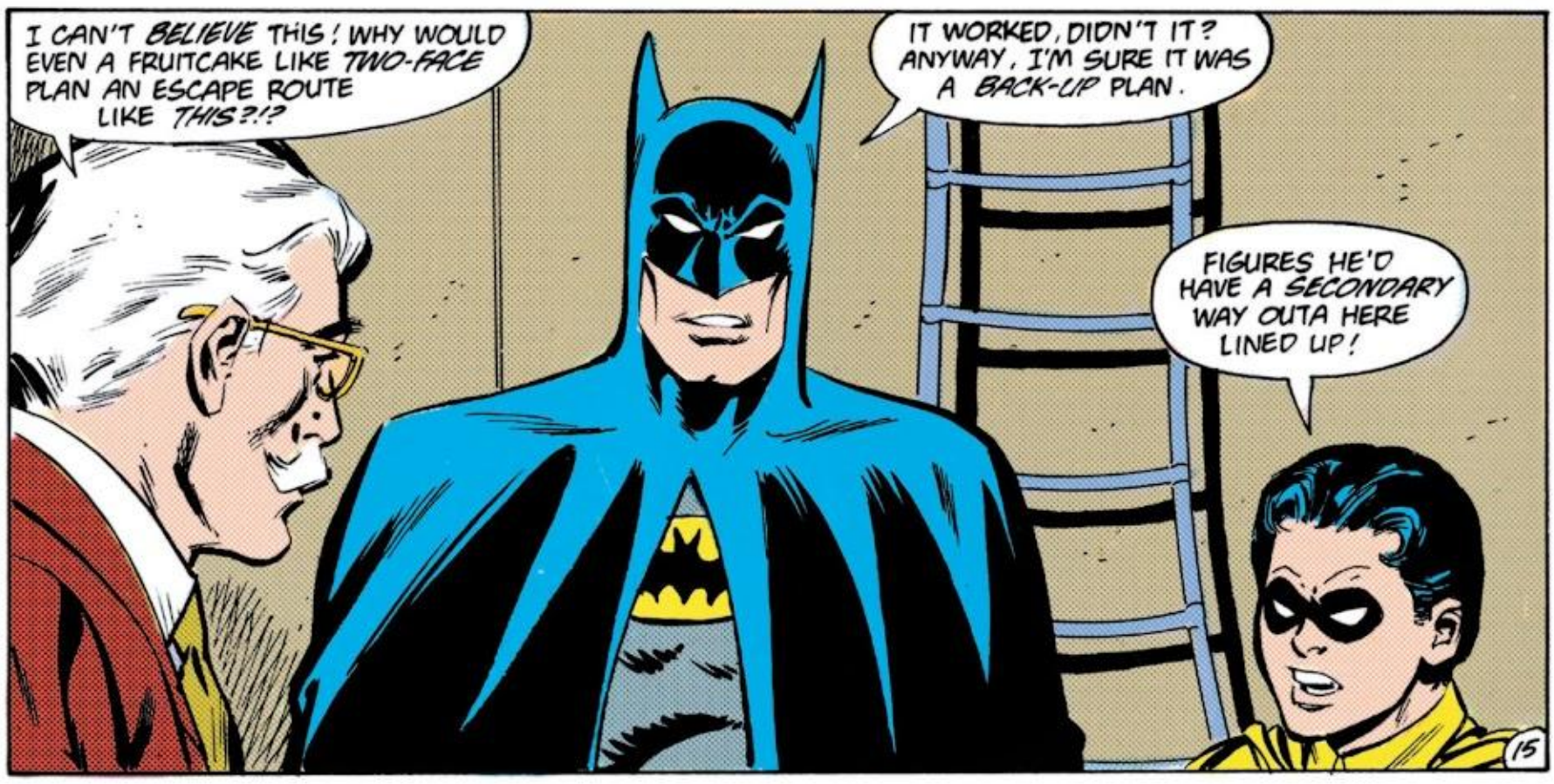

BUT TWO-FACE DOESN'T HEAD FOR THIRD--RATHER HE SPRINTS OUT INTO CENTERFIELD--

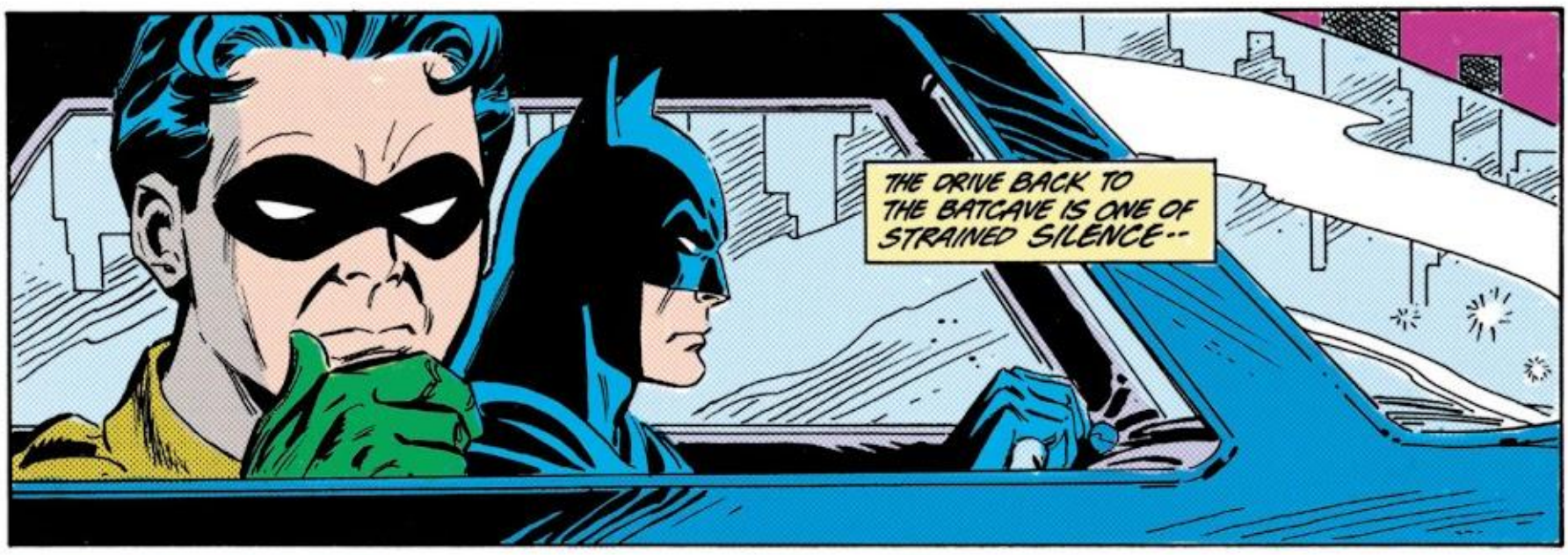
AND WHEN HE REACHES THE CENTERFIELD FENCE, A ROPE LADDER IS WAITING--

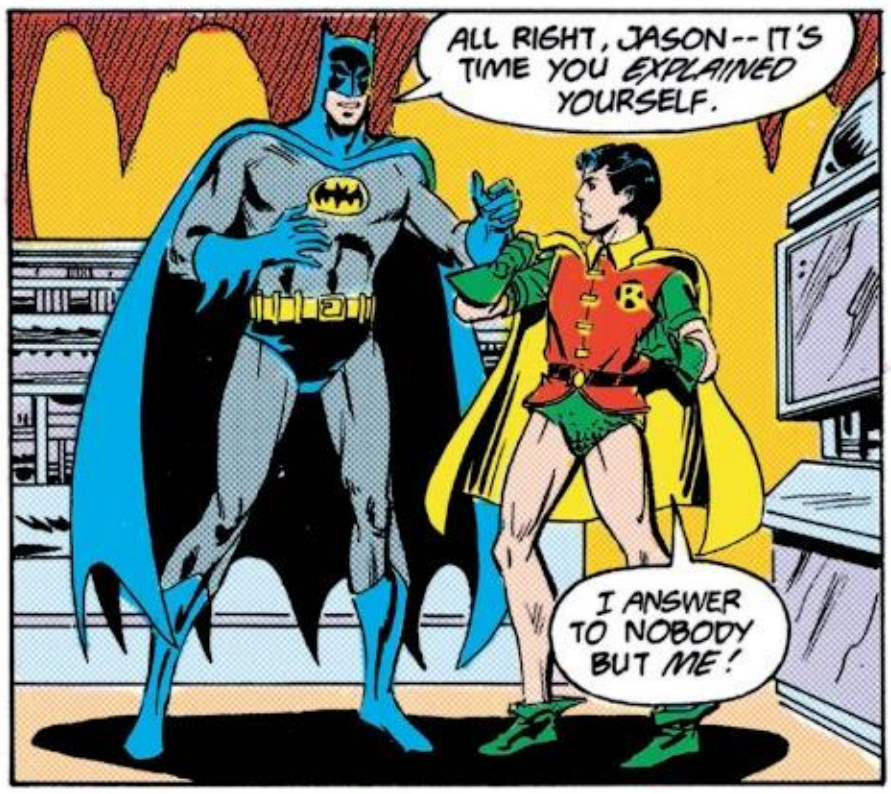

ARE YOU OKAY, BATMAN? WHAT'S GOIN' ON, ANYWAY?
I JUST HAD A HOME RUN SCORED OFF OF ME.
MAMMOTH

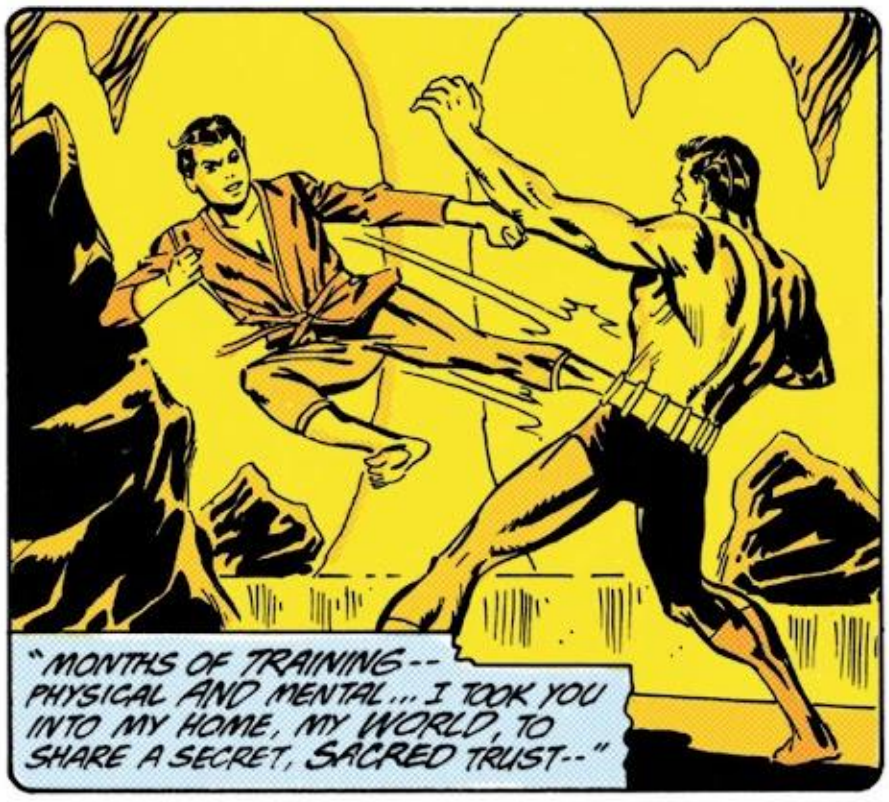
ROBIN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DID HE GET AWAY?

YES. A CAR WAS WAITING.
WE HAVE TO TALK--BUT NOT HERE--
BATMAN!


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! WHY WOULD EVEN A FRUITCAKE LIKE TWO-FACE PLAN AN ESCAPE ROUTE LIKE THIS?!?
IT WORKED, DIDN'T IT? ANYWAY, I'M SURE IT WAS A BACK-UP PLAN.
FIGURES HE'D HAVE A SECONDARY WAY OUTA HERE LINED UP!







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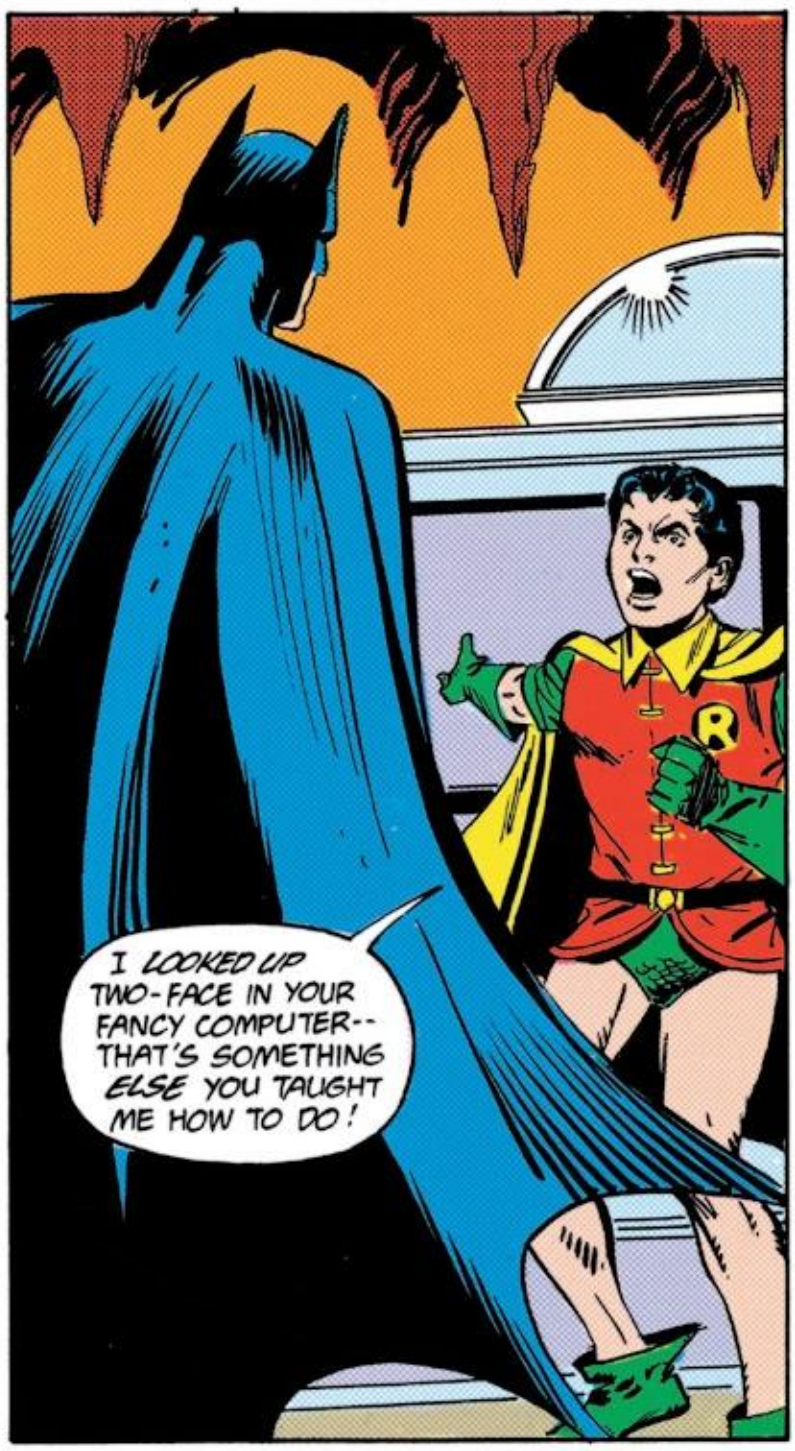
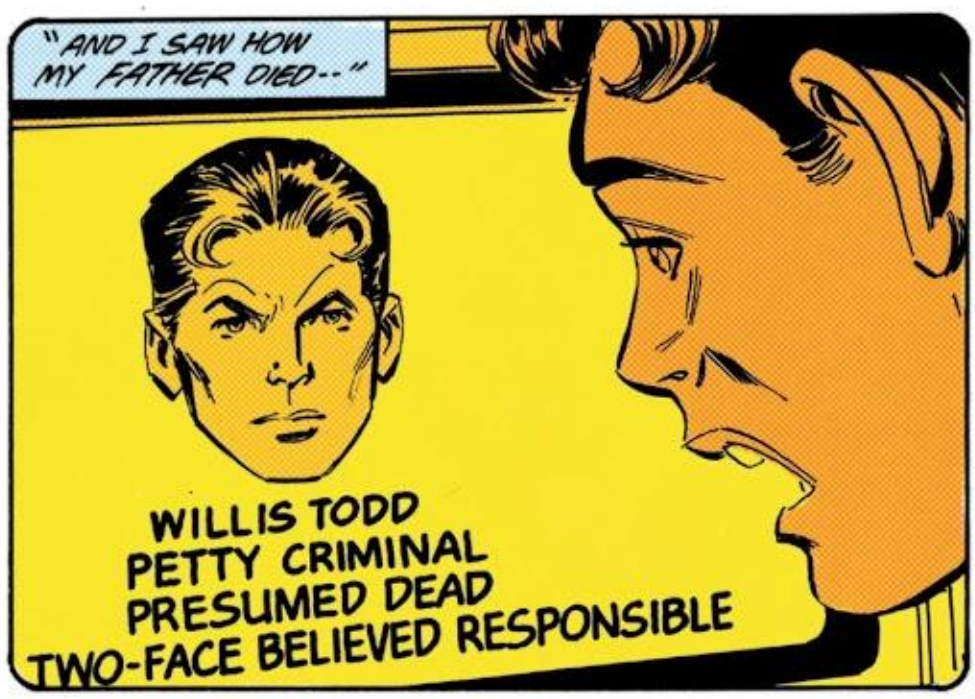
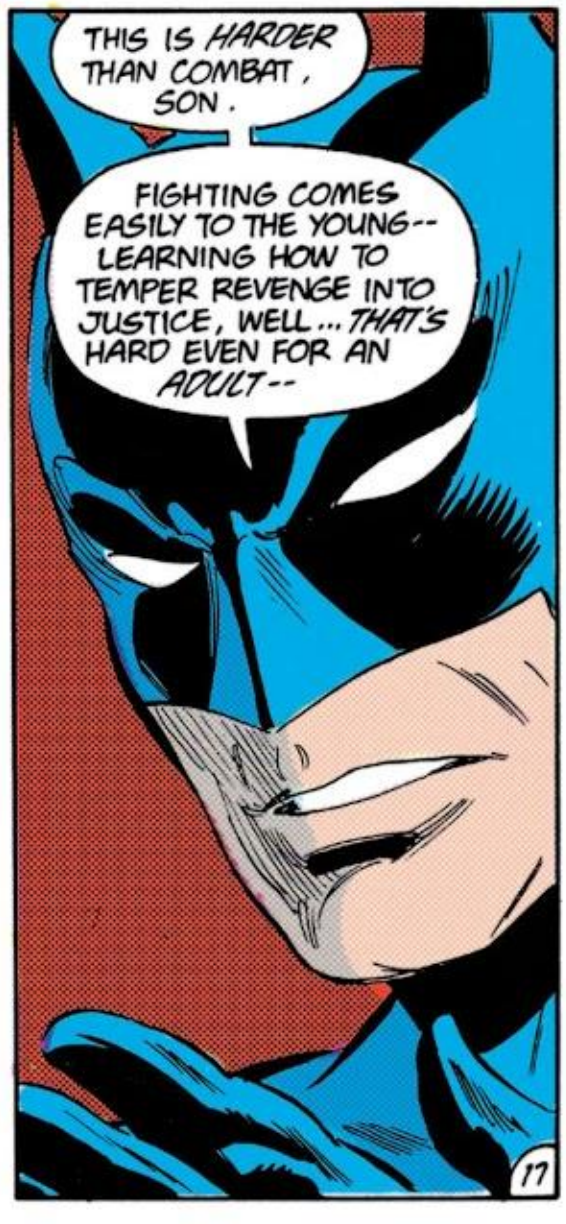

I LOOKED UP TWO-FACE IN YOUR FANCY COMPUTER-- THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO DO!


"AND I SAW HOW MY FATHER DIED--"
WILLIS TODD
PETTY CRIMINAL
PRESUMED DEAD
TWO-FACE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE

TWO-FACE MURDERED HIM! I HAD A RIGHT TO KNOW--WHY DID YOU KEEP IT FROM ME!?!

NO WONDER YOU LOST IT. JASON... I WAS WRONG. BUT I WAS TRYING TO PROTECT YOU.
PROTECT ME?

YOU'VE TAKEN ME OUT INTO COMBAT--BUT YOU SPARE ME THIS?


THIS IS HARDER THAN COMBAT, SON.
FIGHTING COMES EASILY TO THE YOUNG-- LEARNING HOW TO TEMPER REVENGE INTO JUSTICE, WELL... THAT'S HARD EVEN FOR AN ADULT--

YOU CARRIED UNCONTROLLED RAGE INTO BATTLE TONIGHT--AND THAT'S WHY YOU LOST...
AM I... WASHED-UP AS ROBIN?
HEY, TWO-FACE BEAT ME TONIGHT, TOO. NEXT TIME WE'LL BOTH KEEP OUR HEADS.
I BET I KNOW WHAT TWO-FACE IS PLANNING FOR TOMORROW'S FINAL SCORE--
WELL... MAYBE WE'LL GET ANOTHER CHANCE AT HIM, THEN.
AND MAYBE EVEN USE 'EM. I'VE BEEN THINKING...
THE FOLLOWING EVENING IN NEARBY CASINO CITY--
THE MINT CASINO
CASINO
HI-ROLLE
CASINO
THE LUCKY $ DOLLAR CASINO
ONE WEEK ONLY
FEGHOOT THE MYSTIC
EXCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT
MOO GOO GAI SCHWARTZ AND HIS FORTUNE COOKIES

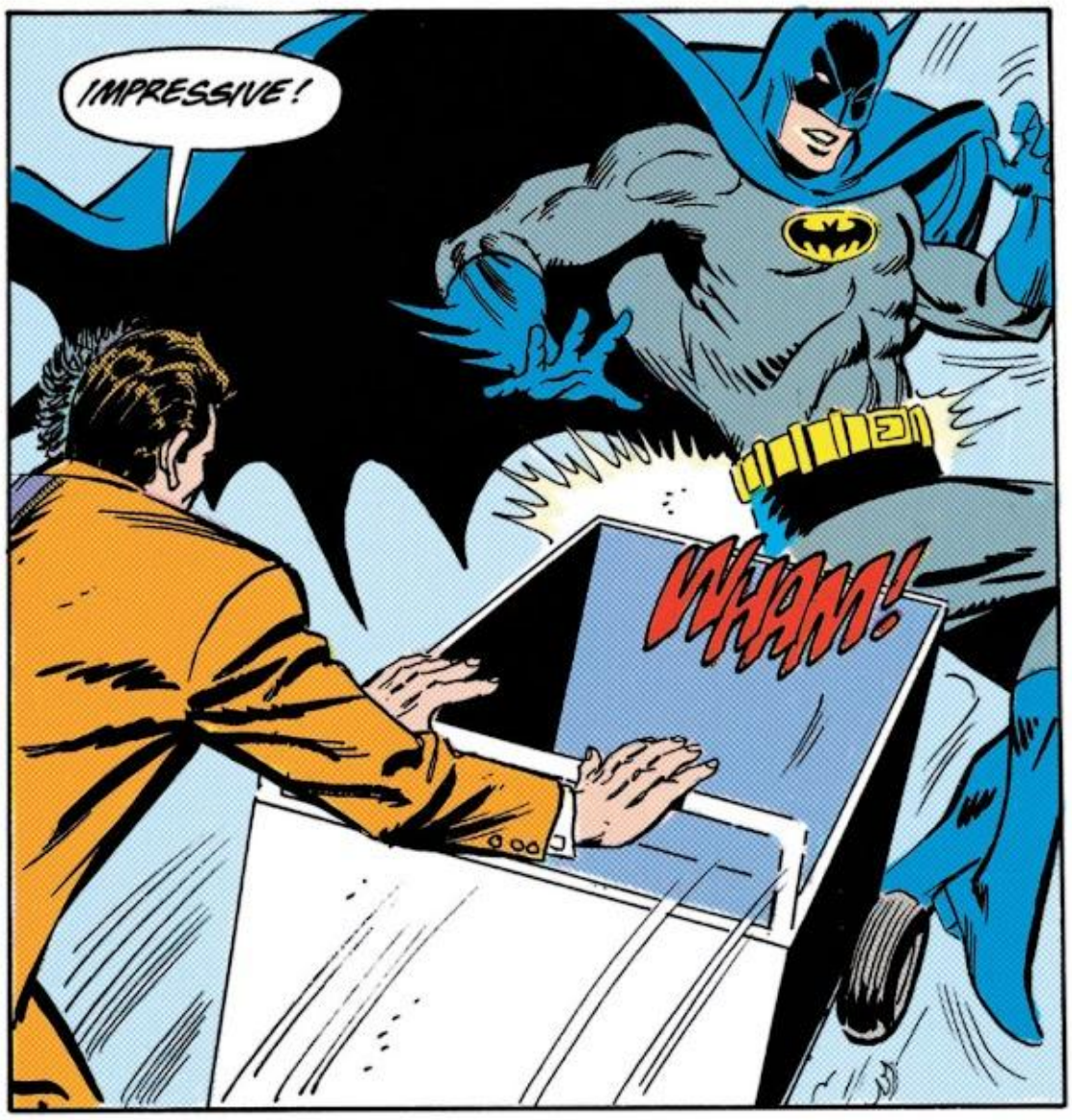
SMAK!

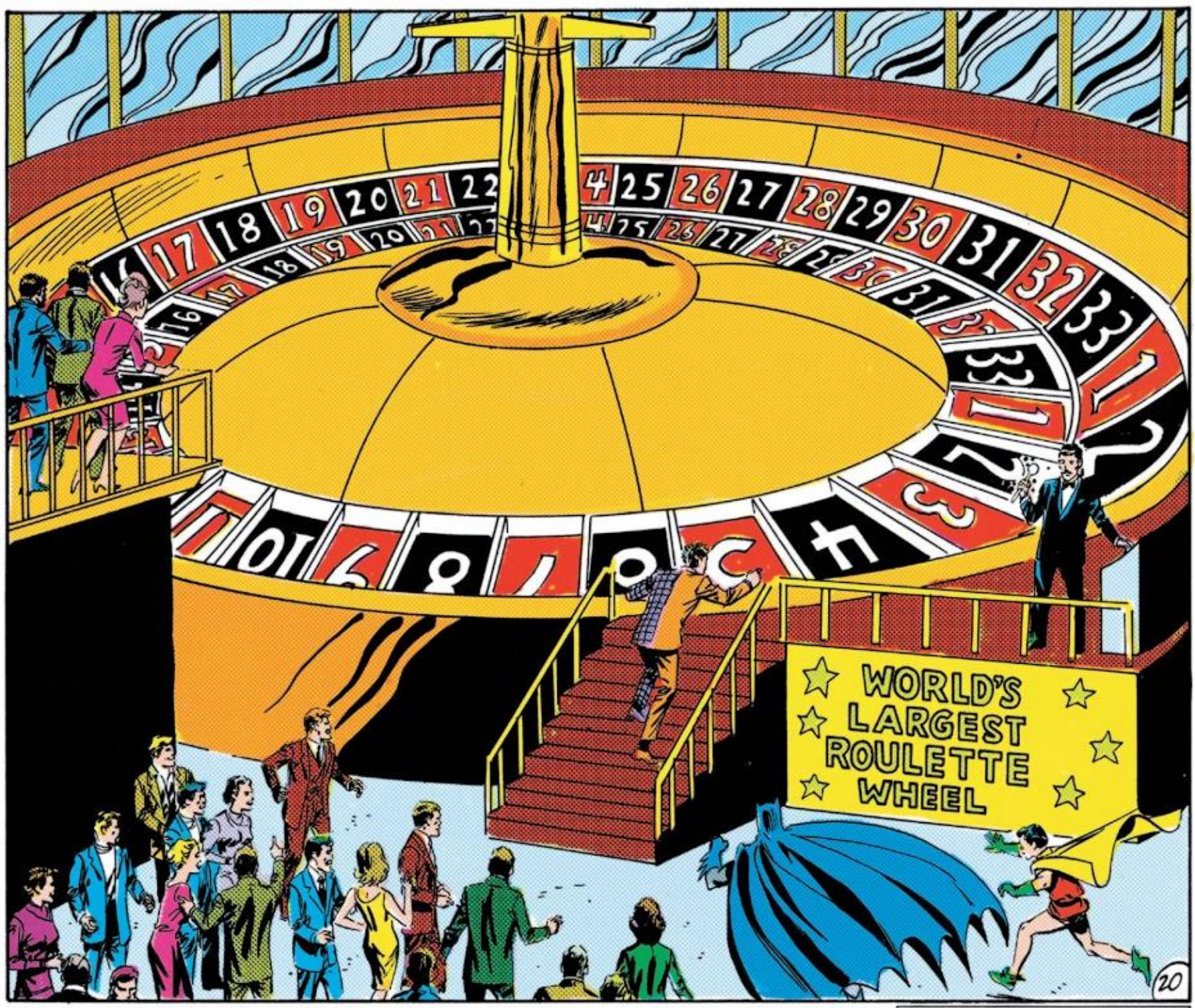
SMAK!

HOW DID YOU KNOW...?

THAT YOU'D PULL YOUR FIRST ROBBERY A SECOND TIME? ROBIN...

IT WAS THE ONLY WAY THE CASINO HEIST COULD FIT INTO YOUR "DEUCED" PATTERN, UGLY!





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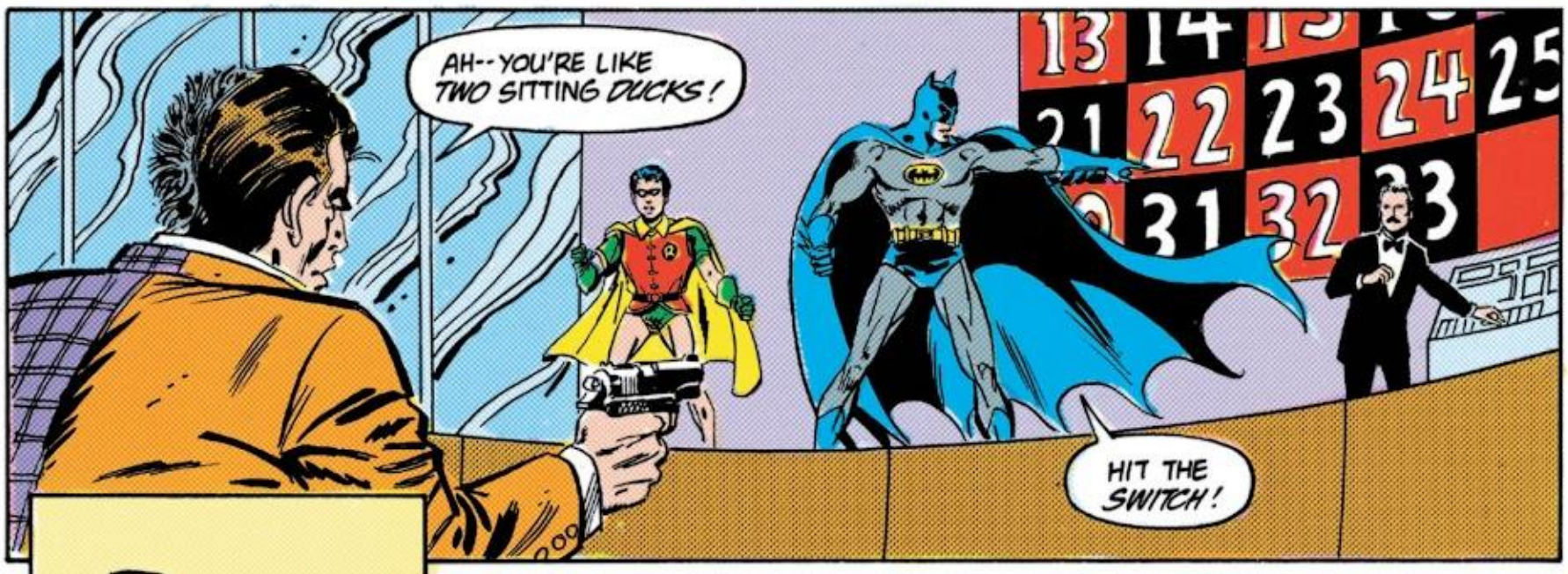
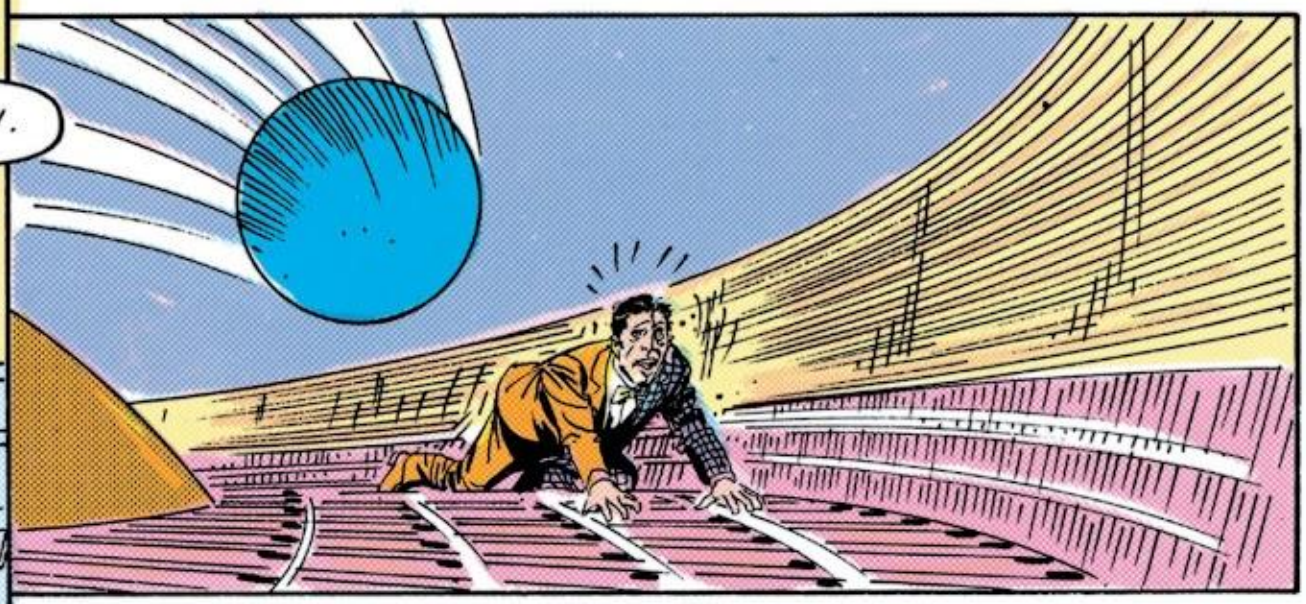
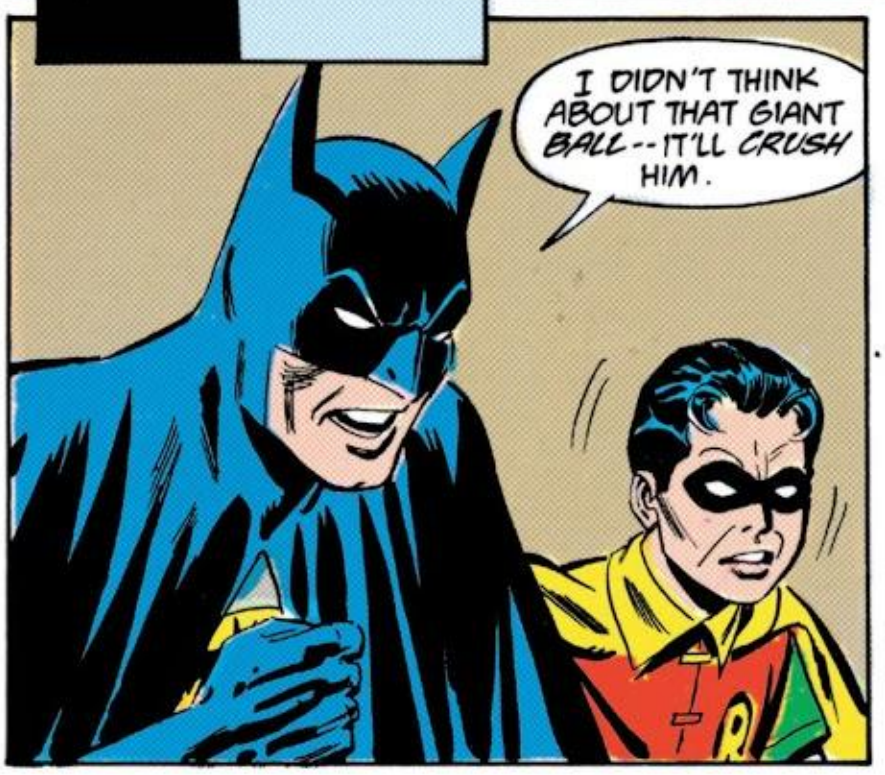
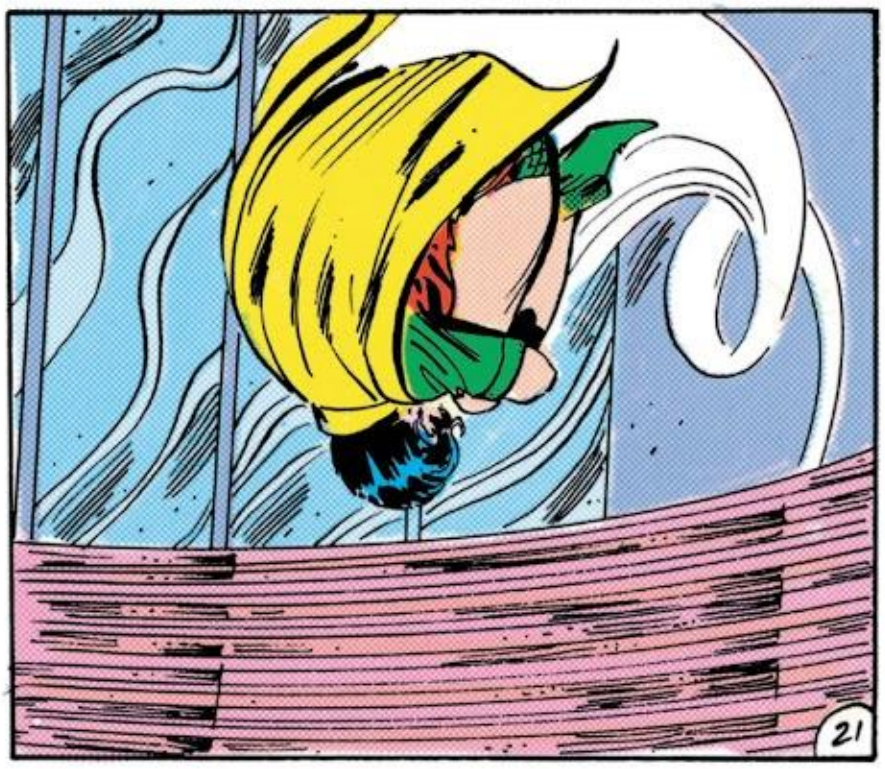
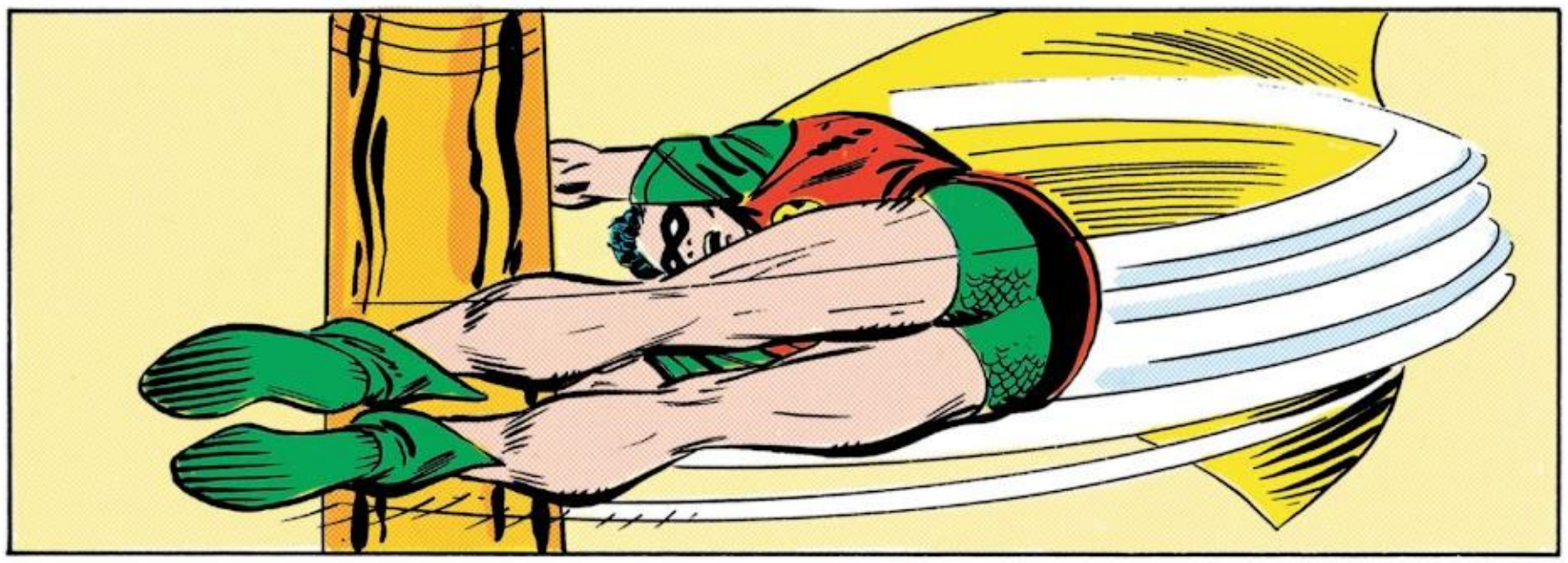

AH--YOU'RE LIKE TWO SITTING DUCKS!
HIT THE SWITCH!

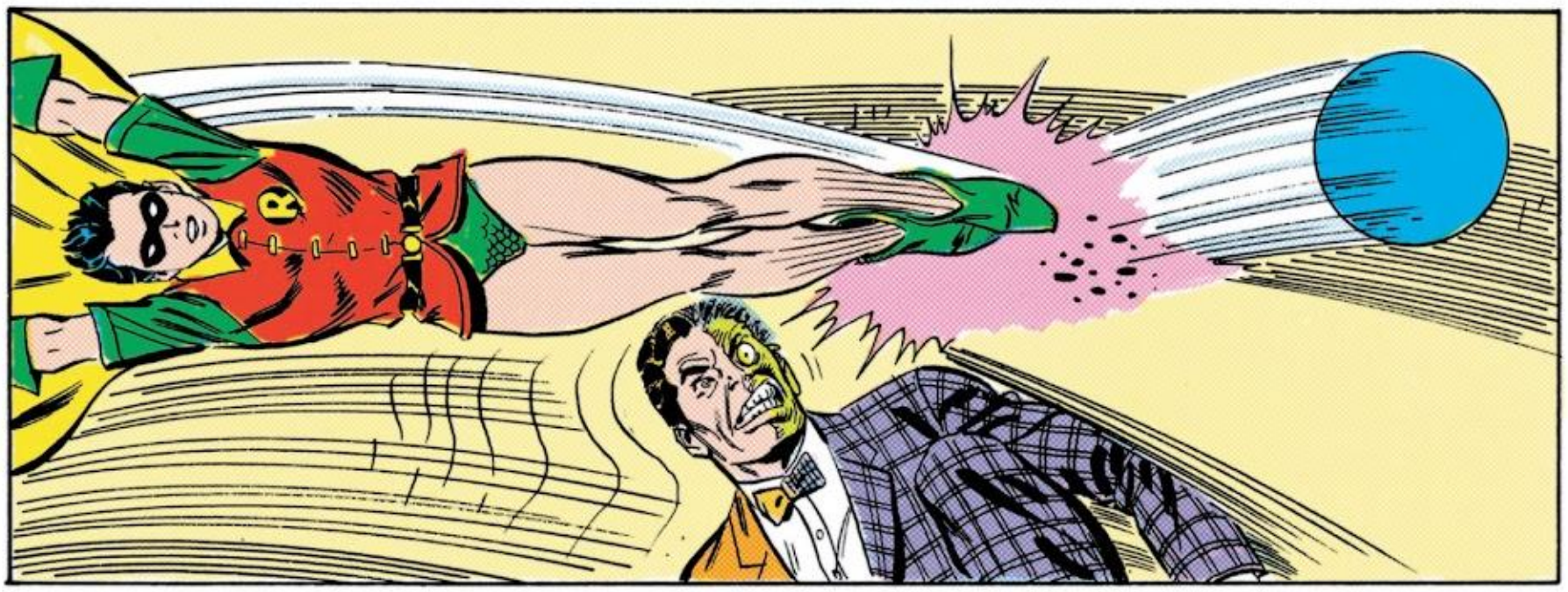
OKAY.

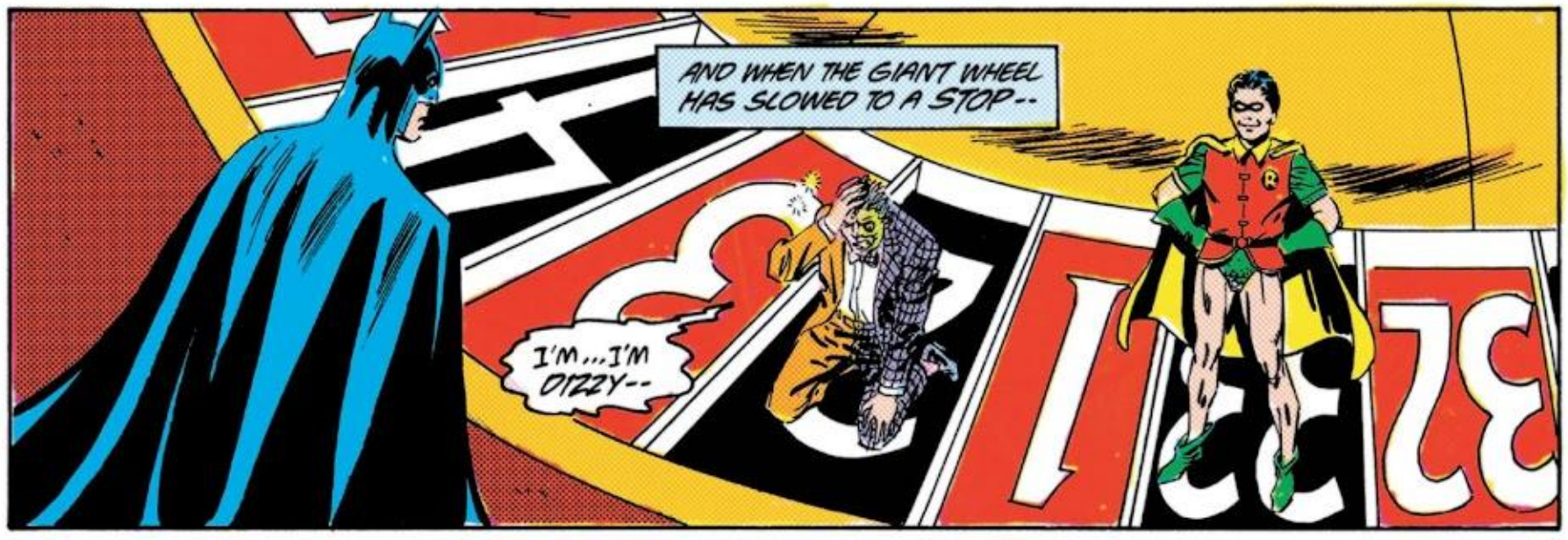



I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT GIANT BALL--IT'LL CRUSH HIM.








AND WHEN THE GIANT WHEEL HAS SLOWED TO A STOP--
I'M...I'M DIZZY--

SEEING... SEEING DOUBLE--
HE MAY BE SEEING DOUBLE-- BUT I THINK I'M FINALLY SEEING THINGS STRAIGHT.
I THINK YOU ARE, TOO... ROBIN.
POLICE
THE END

EMPIRE
McFARLANE