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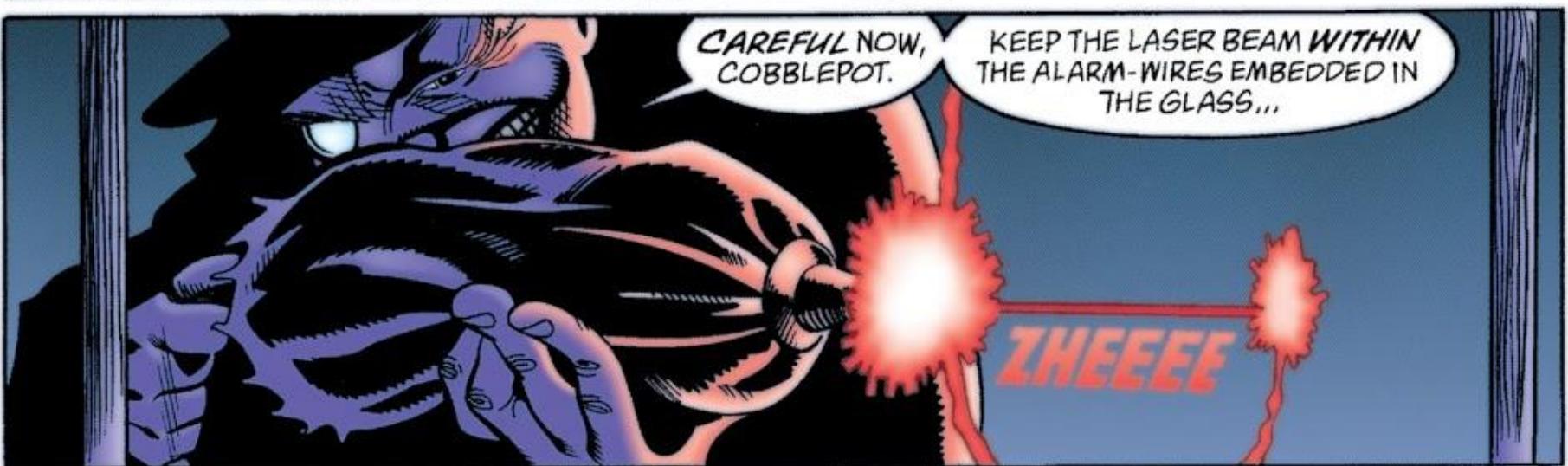
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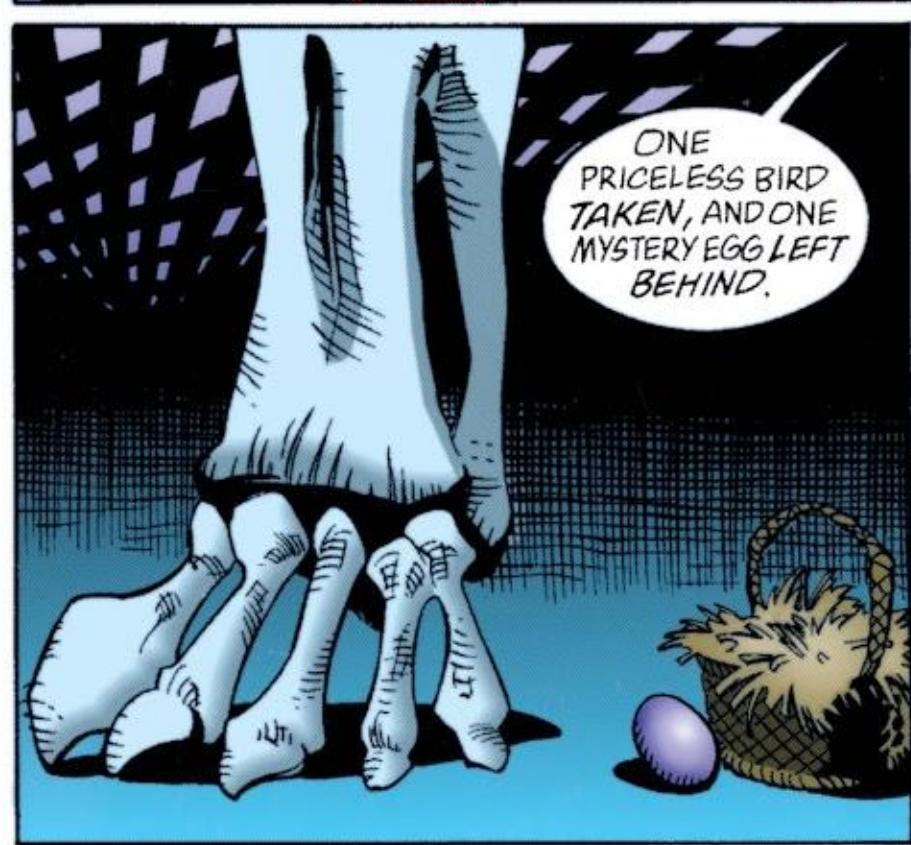
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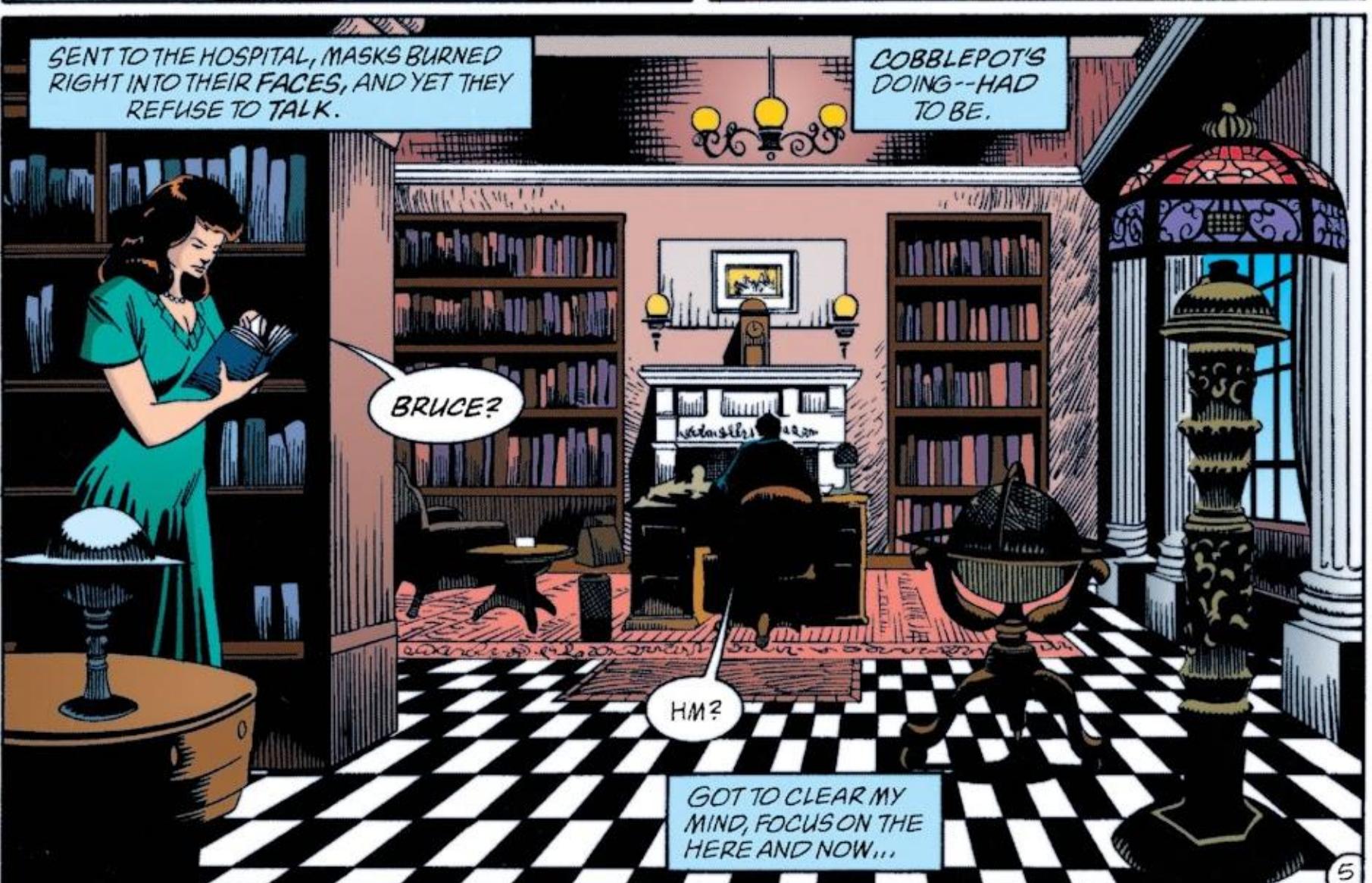
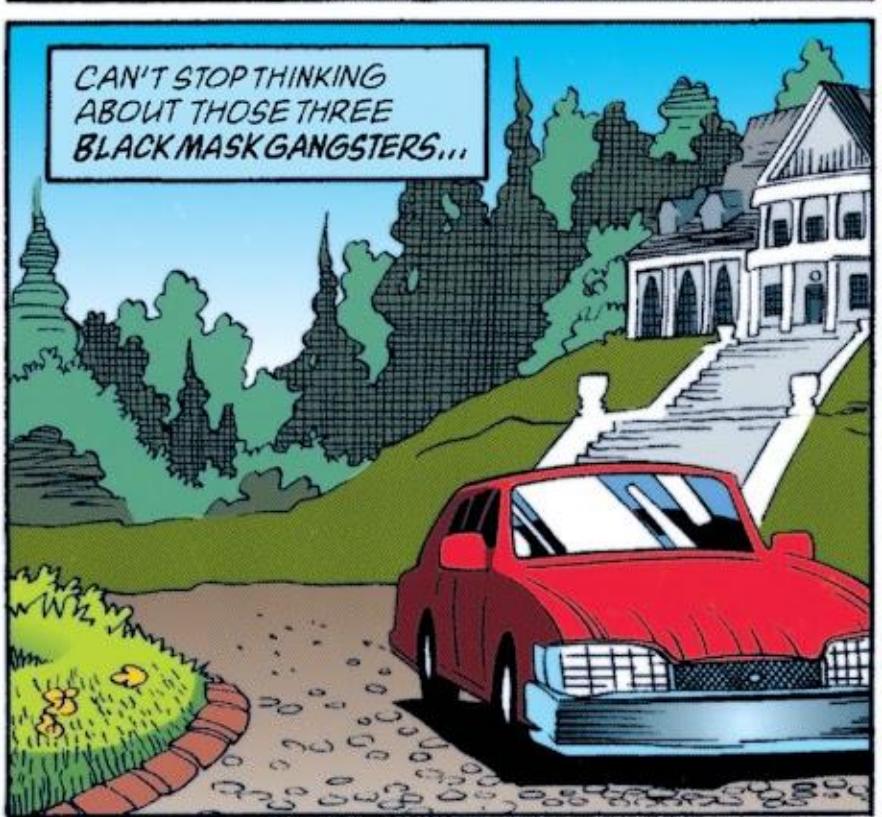
THE PENGUIN RETURNS PART TWO: THE EGYPTIAN FALCON

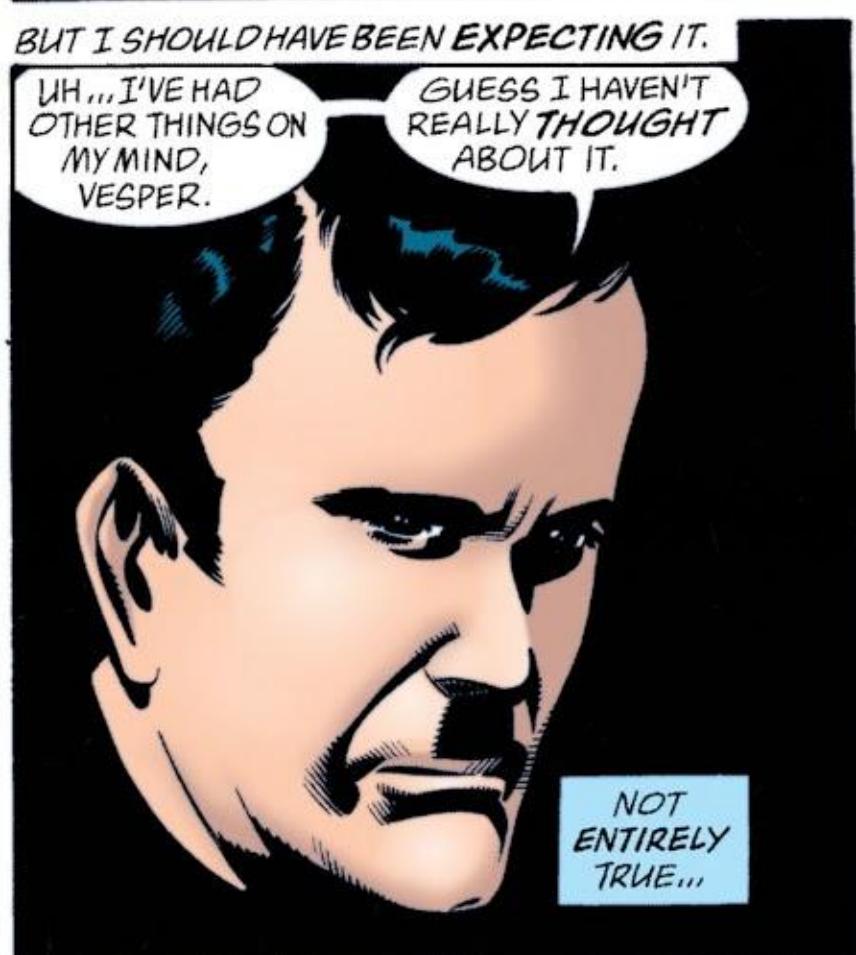


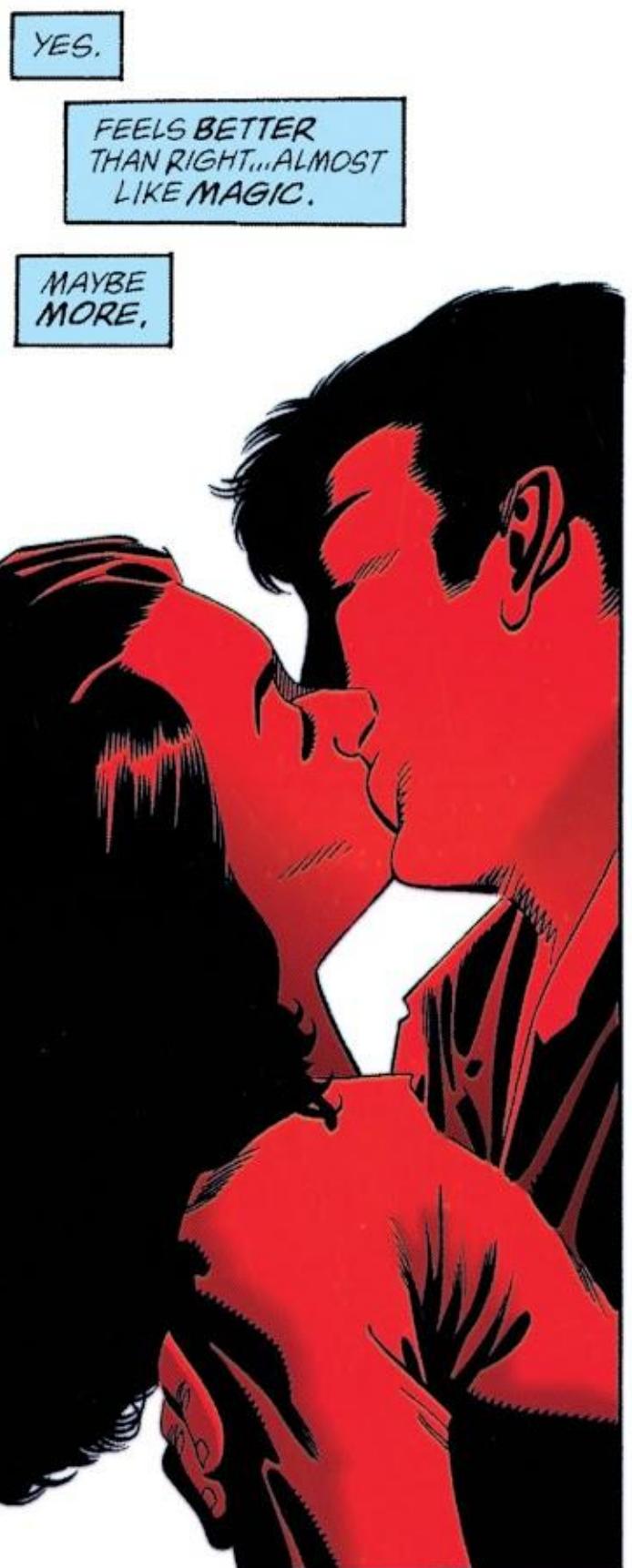


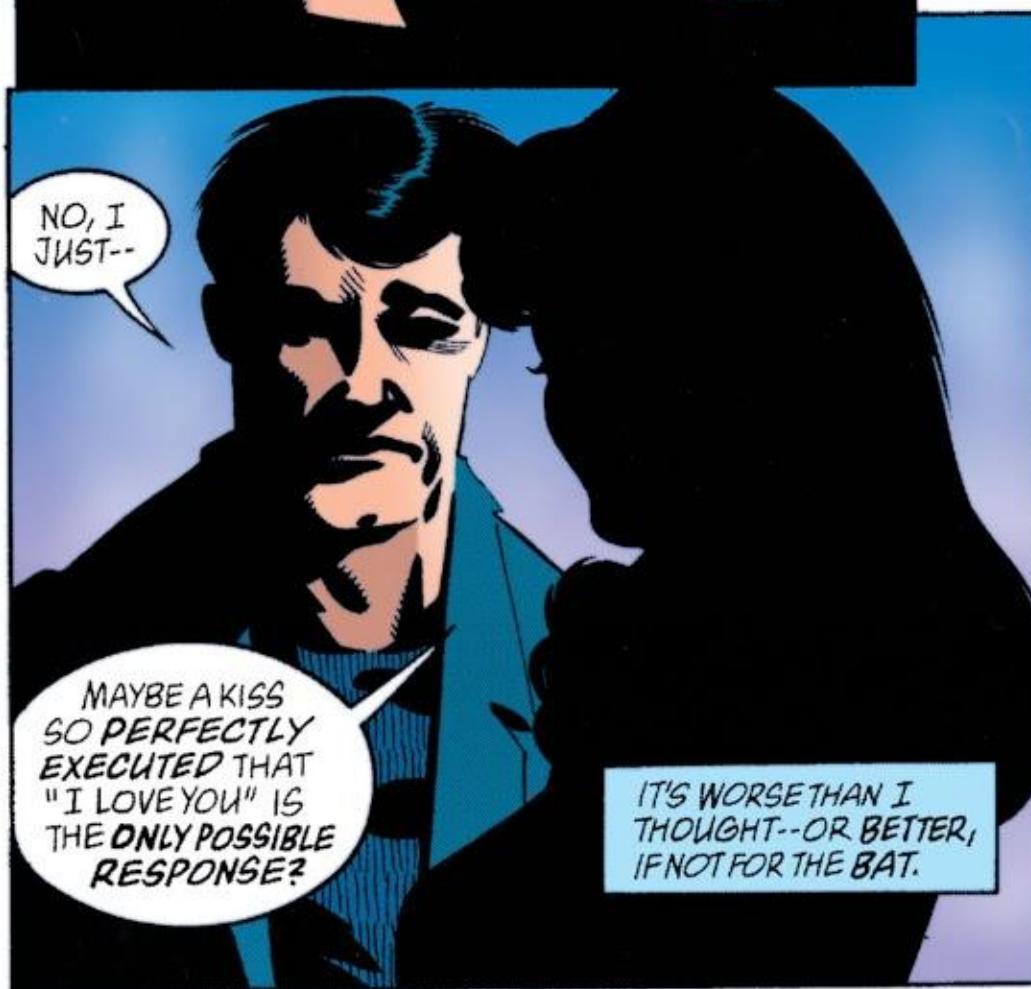


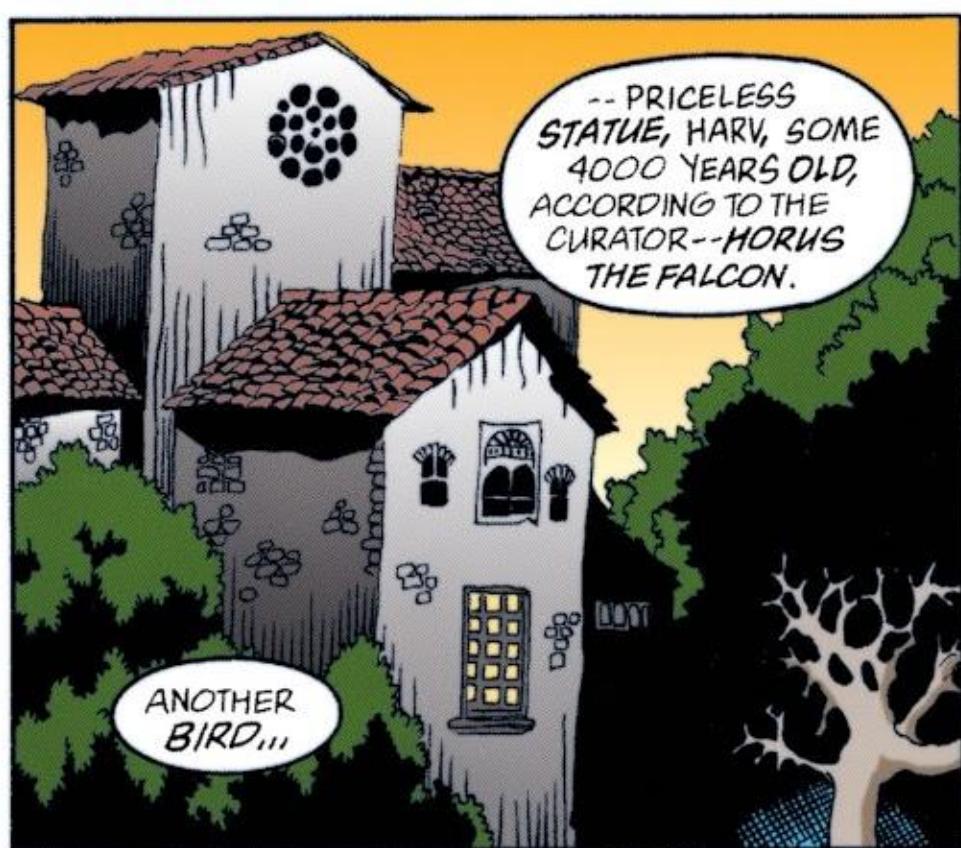
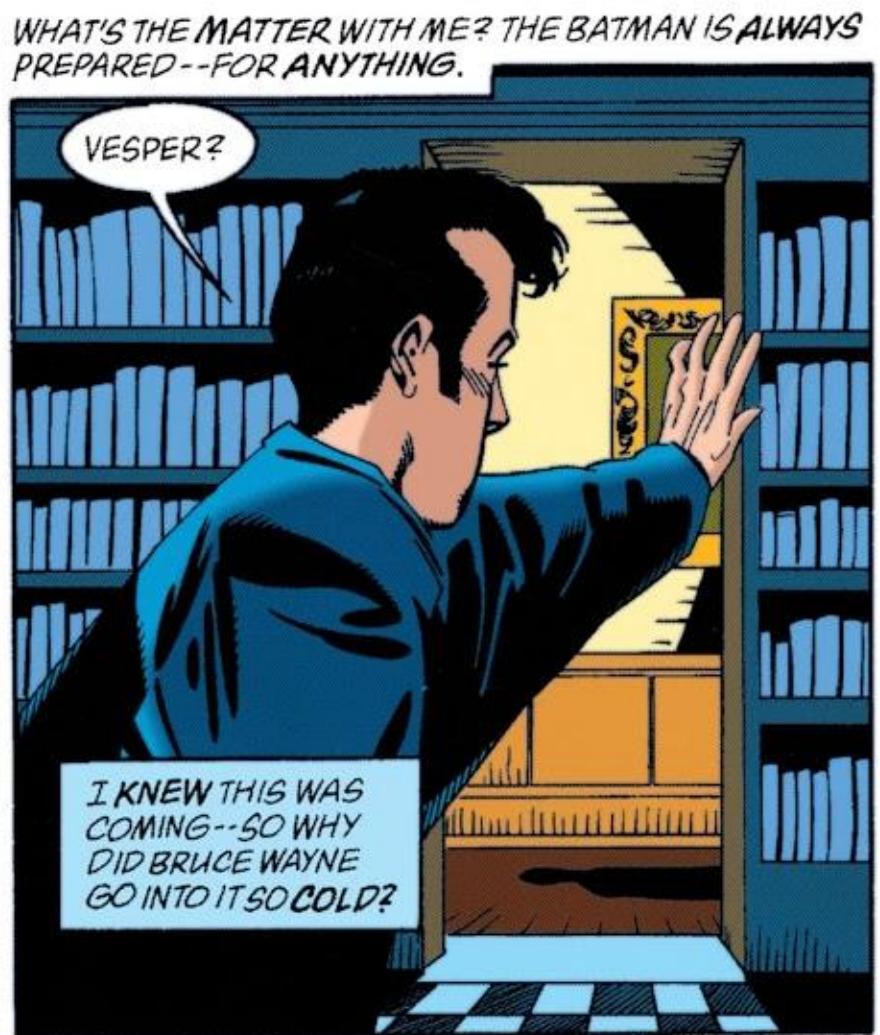


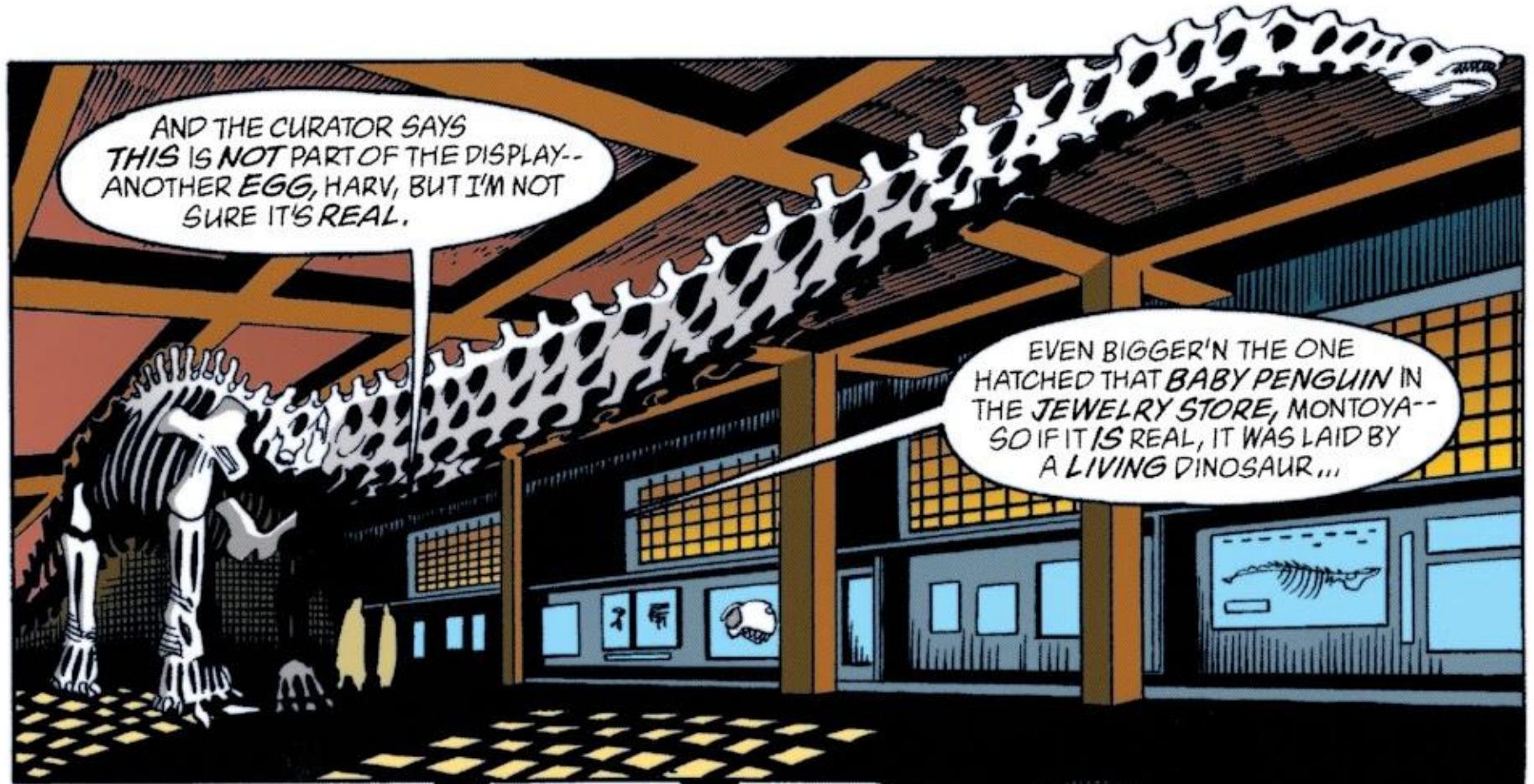














THE MUSEUM BOMB WAS
A DANGEROUS STUNT.

VICIOUS--FOR NO
REASON OTHER
THAN PENGUIN'S
VANITY AND EGO.

A SPLASHY
SIGNATURE...

...AND IT'S TIME HE
WAS SIGNED OFF.

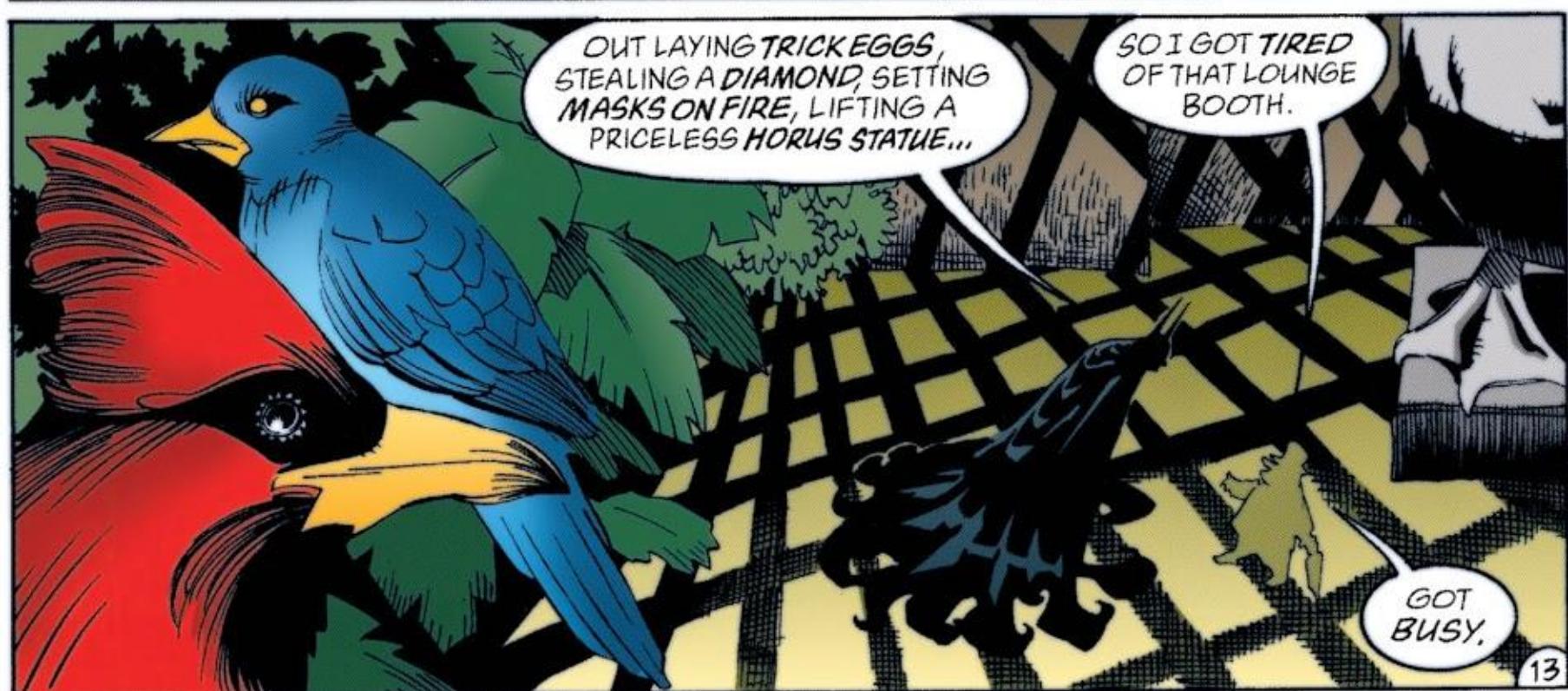
COBBLEPOT'S CAR--
OUTSIDE HIS OLD
AVIARY.

FINALLY.

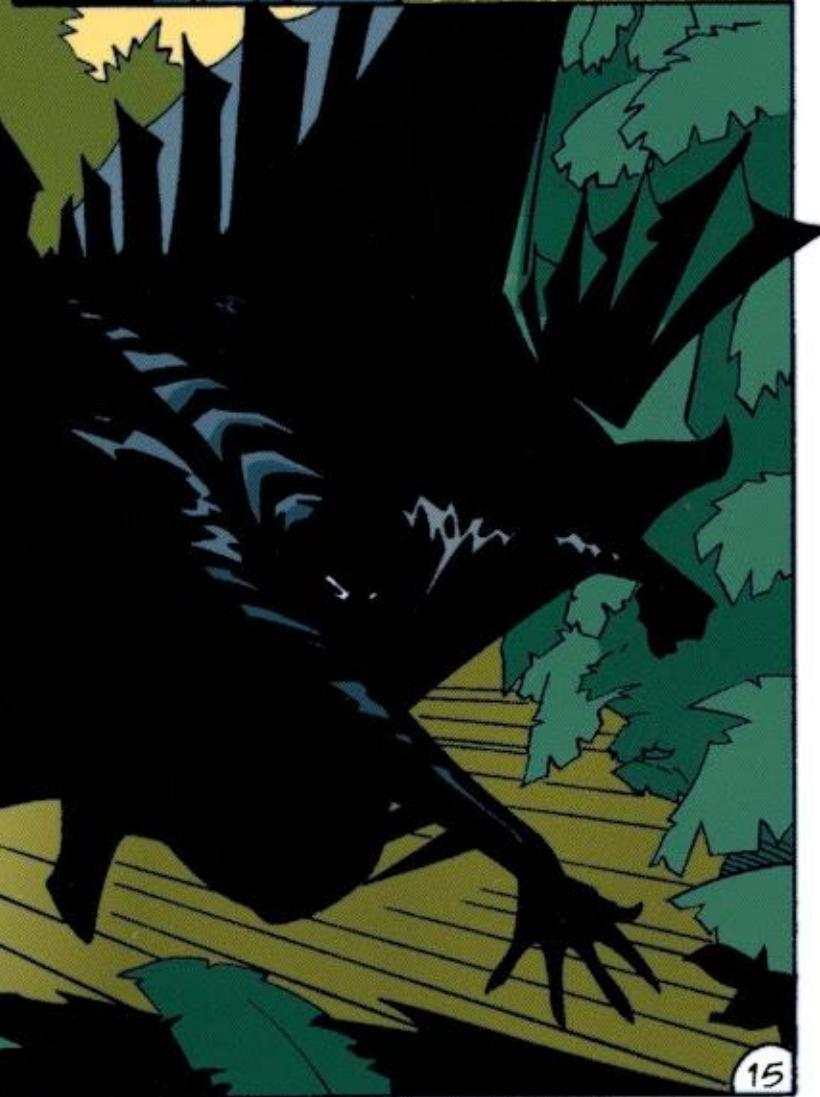
BUT JUST UNTIL
THE HEAT'S OFF...
AND THEN WE'LL HAVE
A NICE HATCHING
PARTY.

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...HOW MUCH MENACE
HE SOMEHOW BRINGS
TO BEAR.

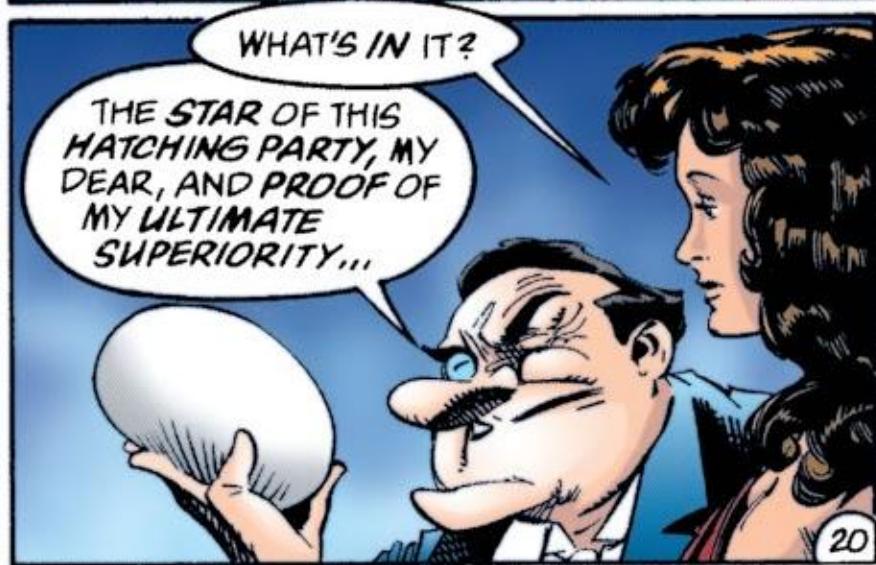
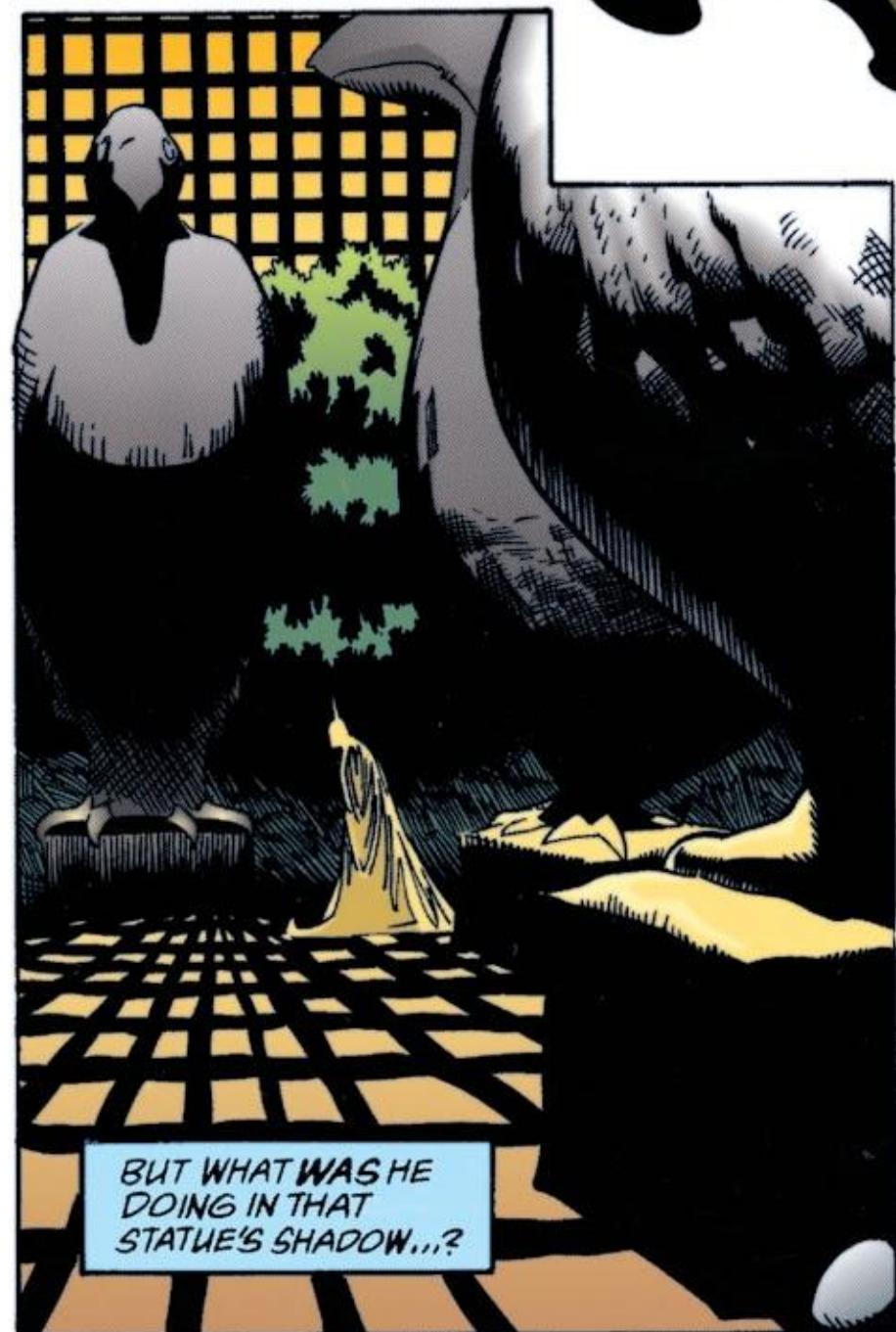
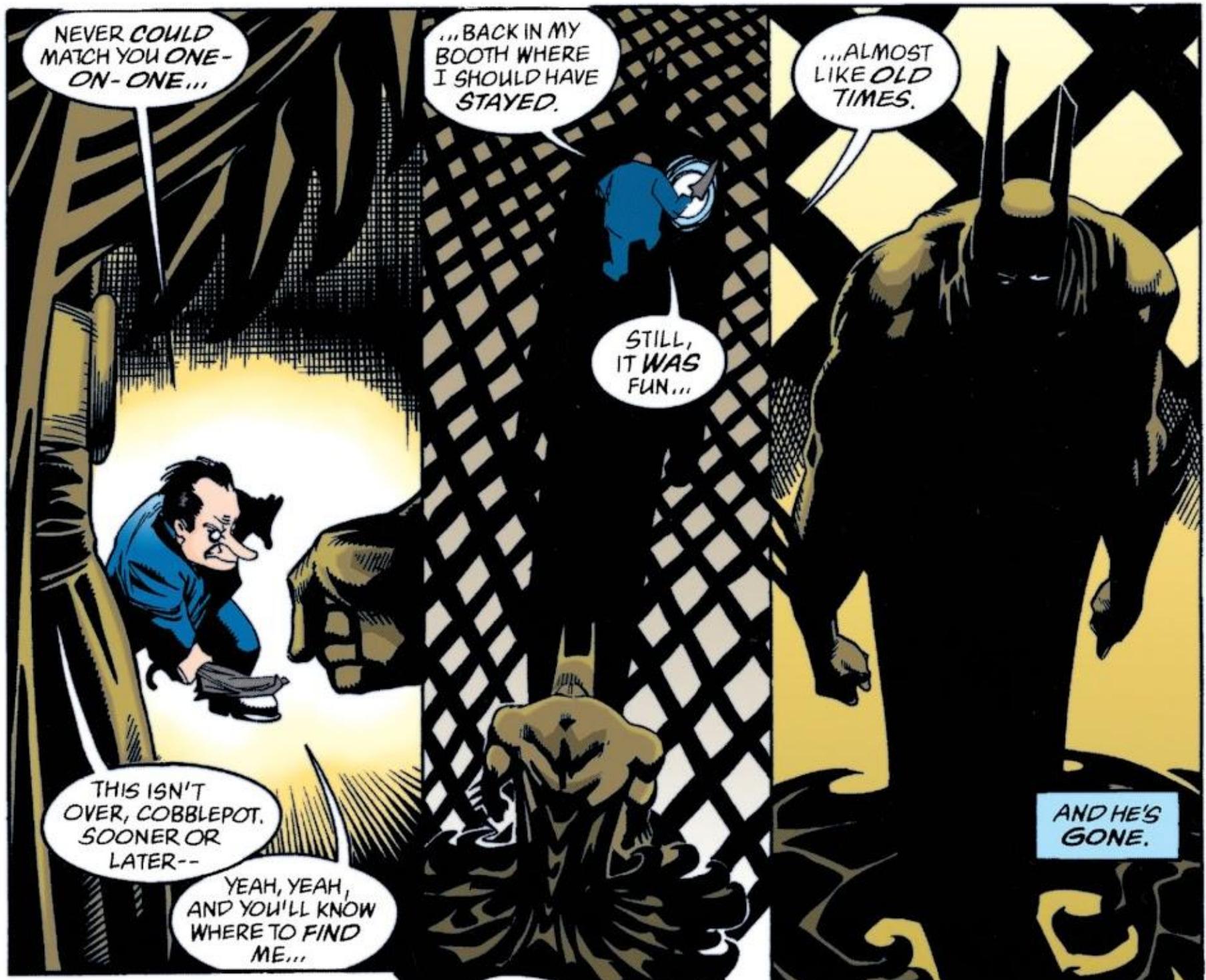


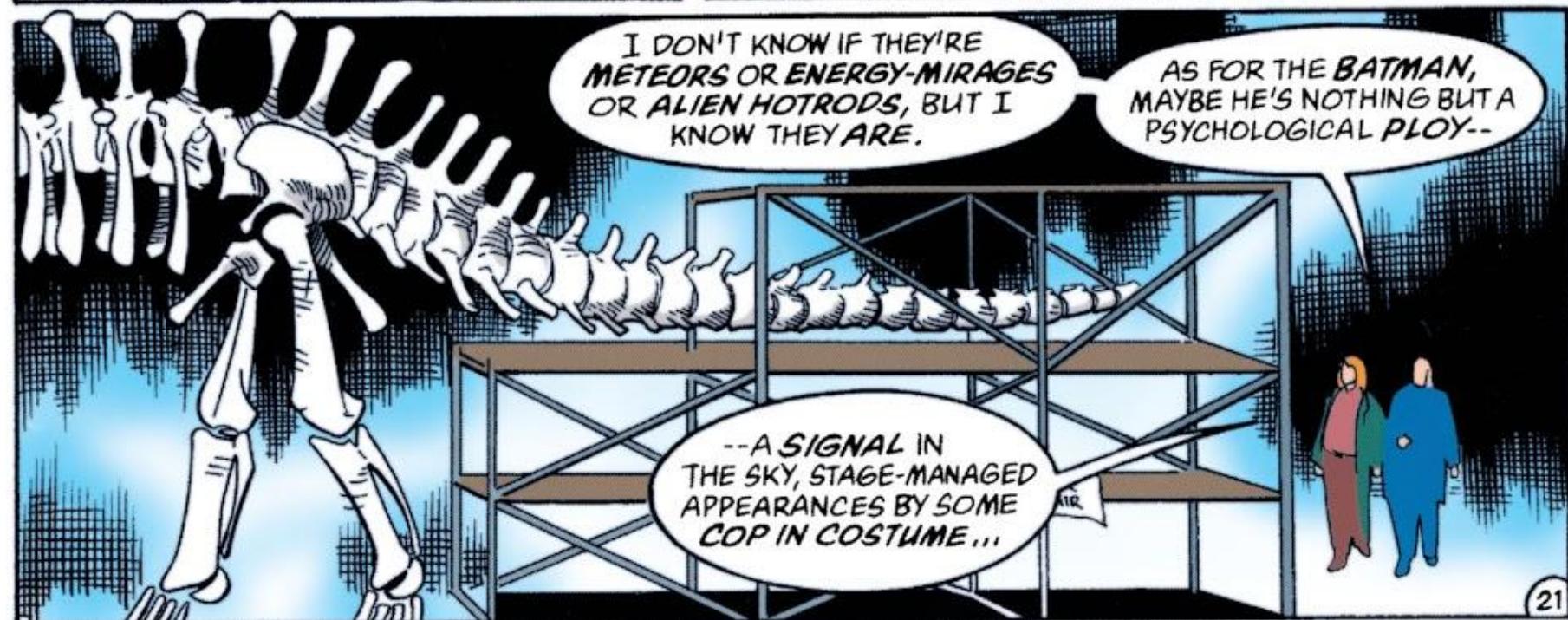
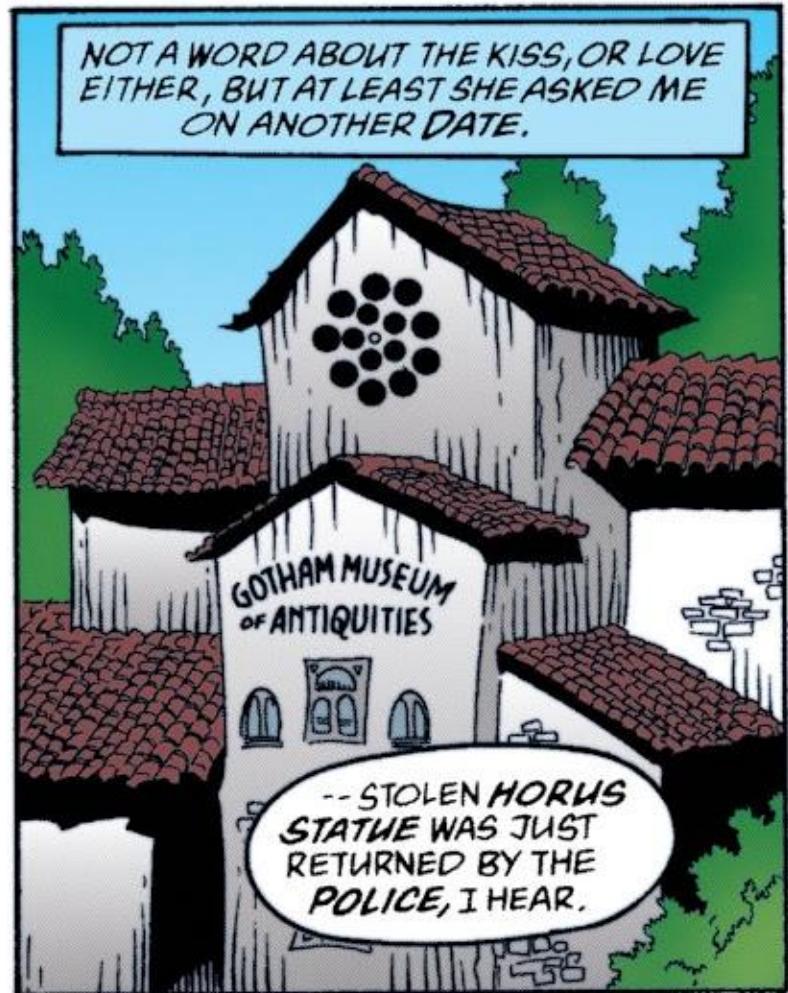
AS GROTESQUE AS HE IS, HE'S MORE PATHETIC THAN ANYTHING.











OR MAYBE BATMAN'S EXACTLY WHAT HE'S ALLEGED TO BE--A LIVING, BREATHING SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD.

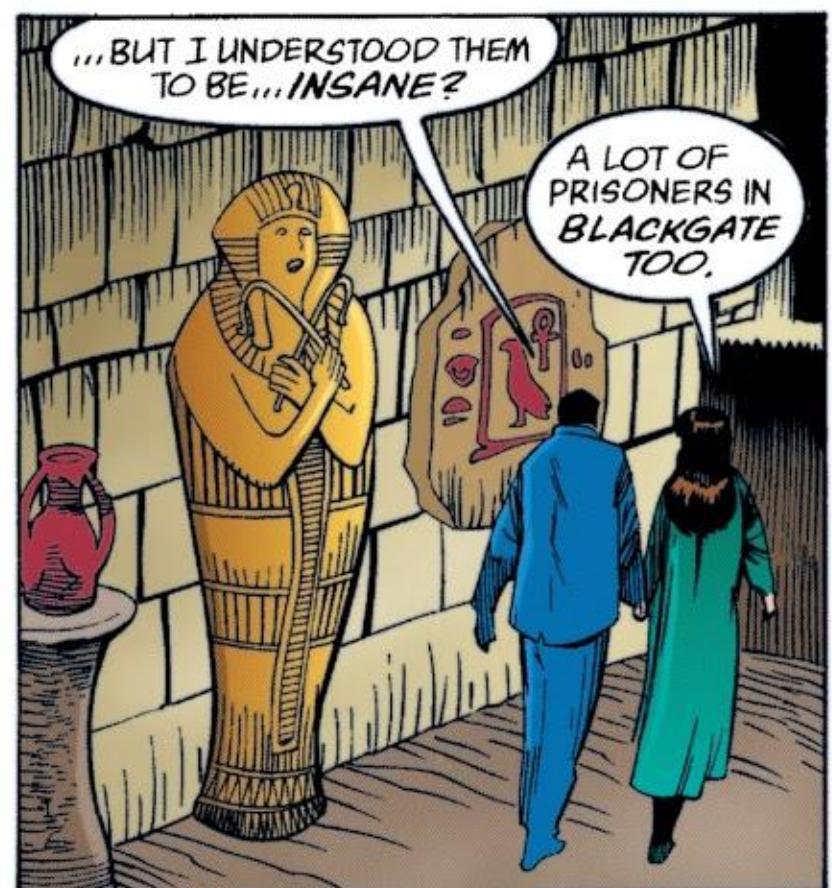
YOU THINK?

THAT'S WHAT EVERY INMATE IN ARKHAM CLAIMS.

EXCUSE ME...

...BUT I UNDERSTOOD THEM TO BE...INSANE?

A LOT OF PRISONERS IN BLACKGATE TOO.



AND JUST LOOK AT IT--MORE THAN 4000 YEARS OLD, BUT AS BRIGHT AND REAL AS TODAY...

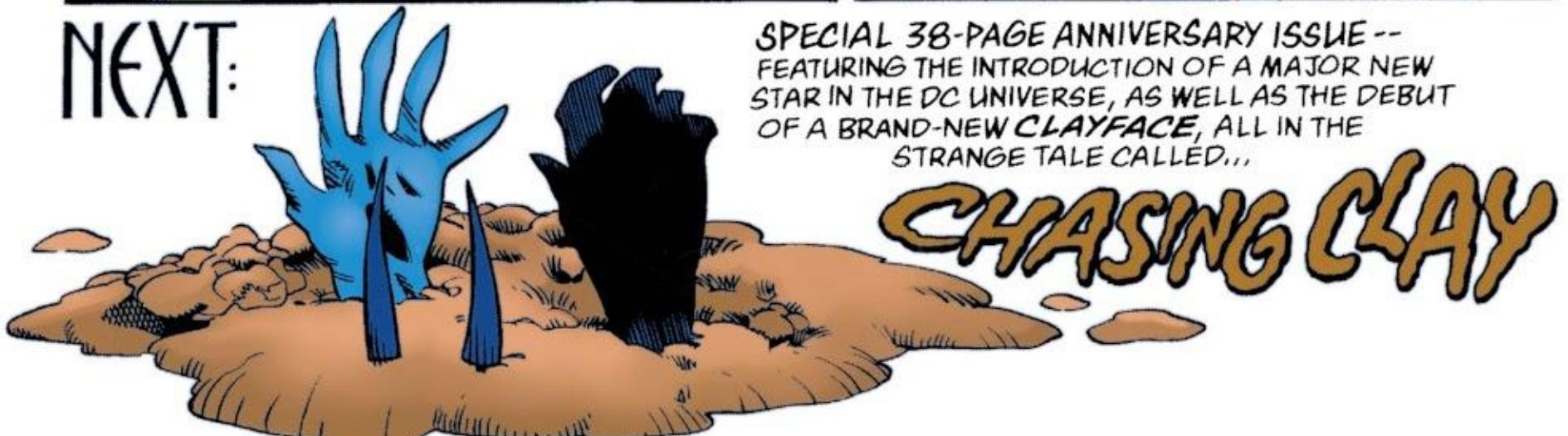
...ALMOST AS "IMMORTAL" AS THE GOD HIMSELF.

INDEED.

JUST LIKE AN "URBAN LEGEND," SOME BIRDS NEVER QUIT.



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