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BATMAN

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GOTHAM CITY'S
STRANGEST
CRIME WAVE
BEGINS...

...WHEN
THE
CALENDAR
MAN
STRIKES!



ORPHANED AS A CHILD WHEN HIS PARENTS WERE MURDERED BEFORE HIS EYES, BRUCE WAYNE HAS TRAINED HIMSELF TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST CRIME AS THE DREAD AVENGER OF THE NIGHT...

BAT MAN

CREATED BY
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"A CAPER A DAY KEEPS THE BATMAN AT BAY!"

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WEDNESDAY, 9:47 PM -- AND THE AIR OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY'S METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IS SUDDENLY FILLED WITH THE SHRILL WHINE OF A SOARING WHIRLY-BAT... THE ANGRY GROWL OF A REMARKABLE MOTORCYCLE...

... AND THE CLAMOR OF SHOUTING VOICES!

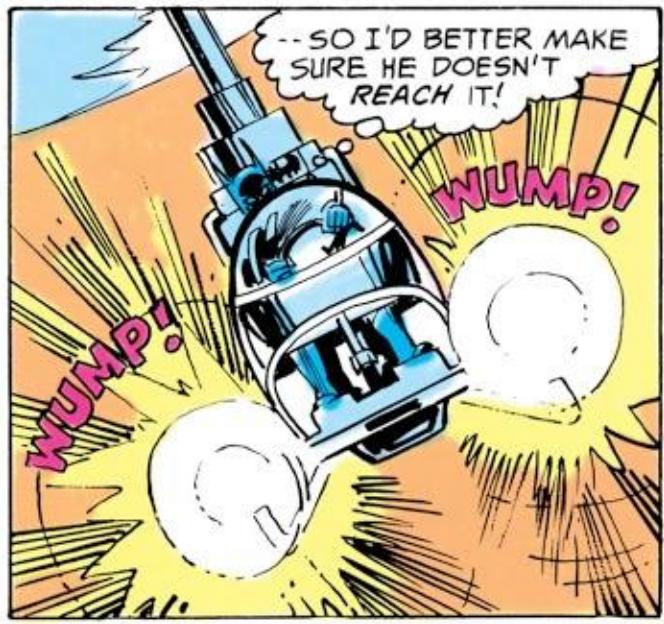
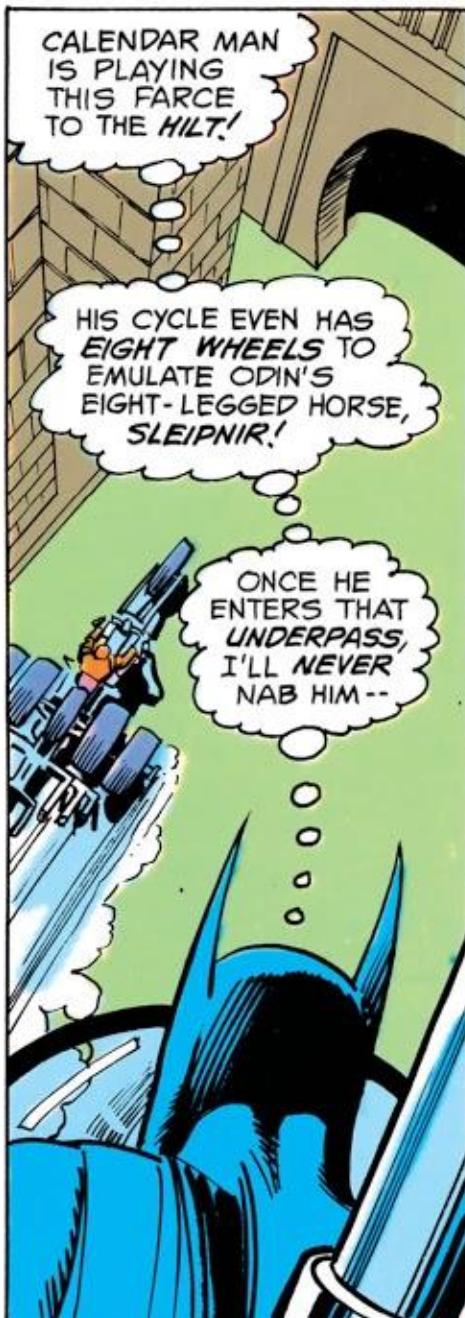
THE CALENDAR MAN HAS ROBBED THE MUSEUM!

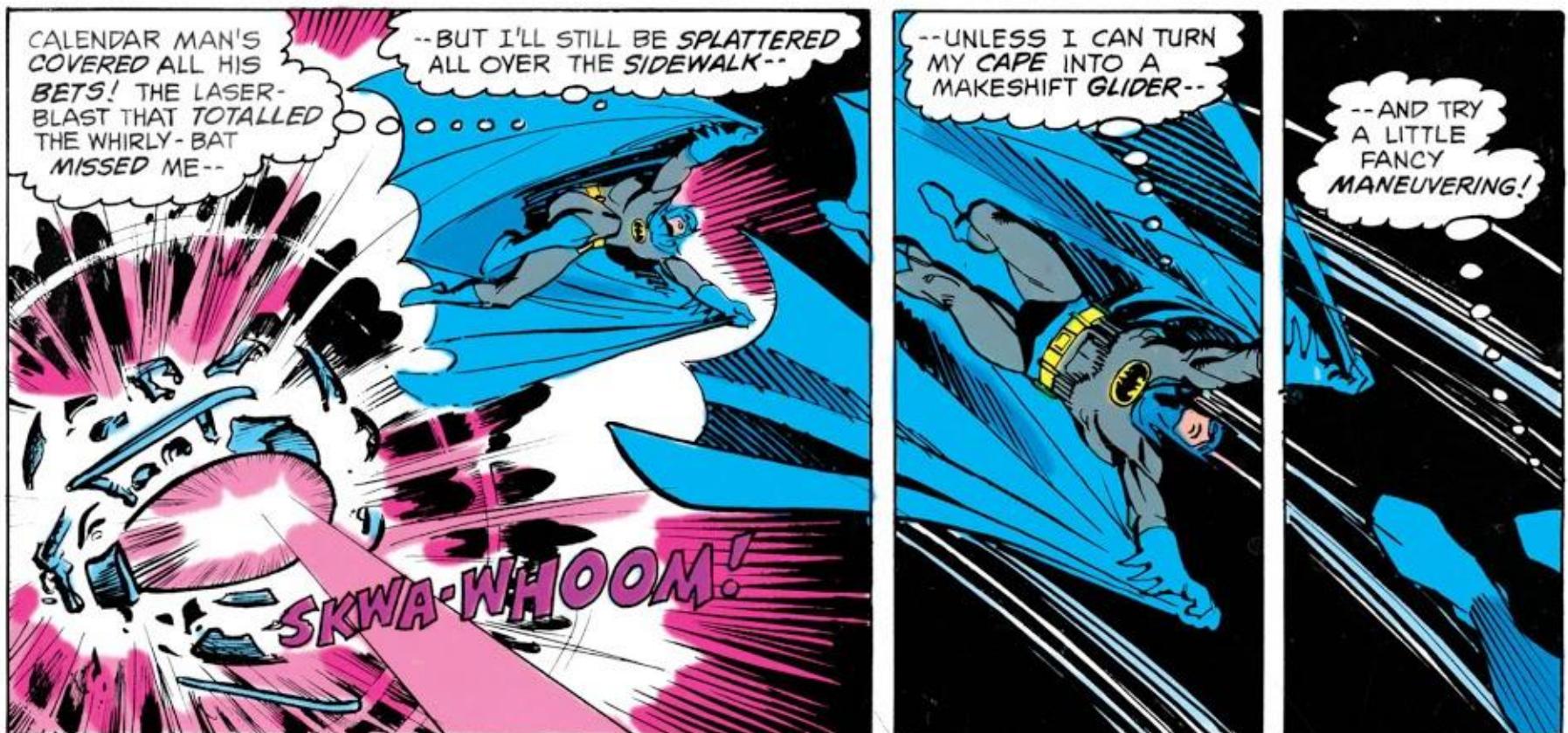
HE'S CERTAINLY WELCOME TO TRY--

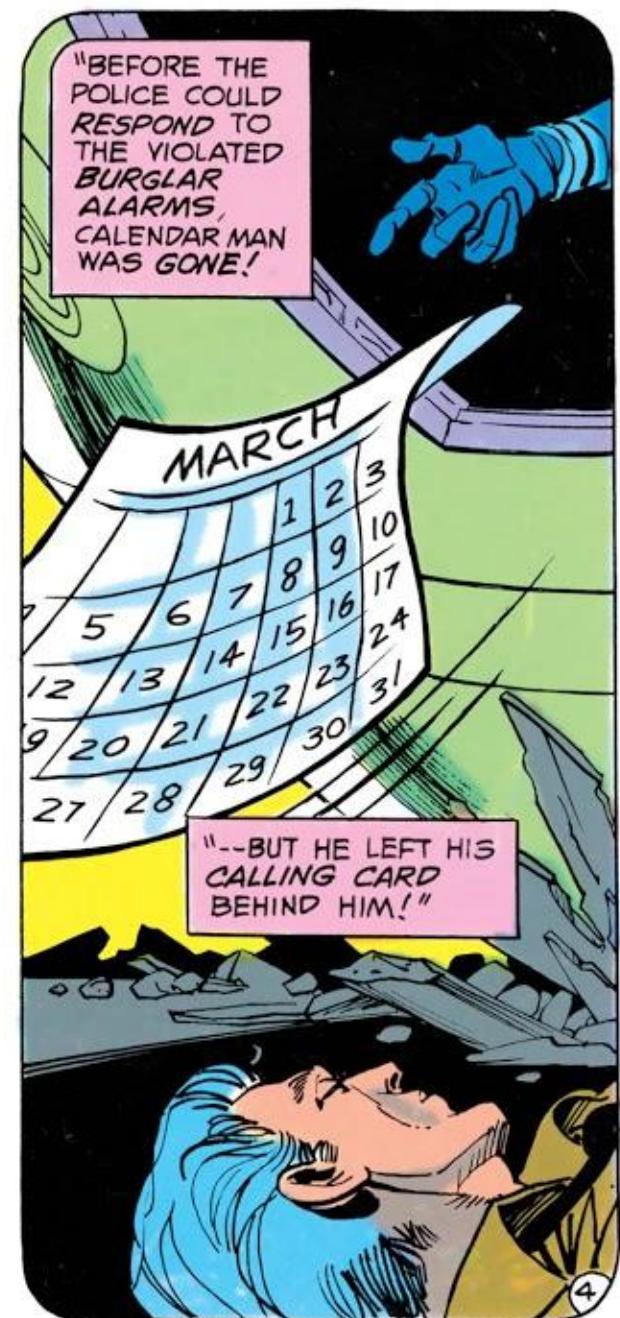
-- BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T WAIT!

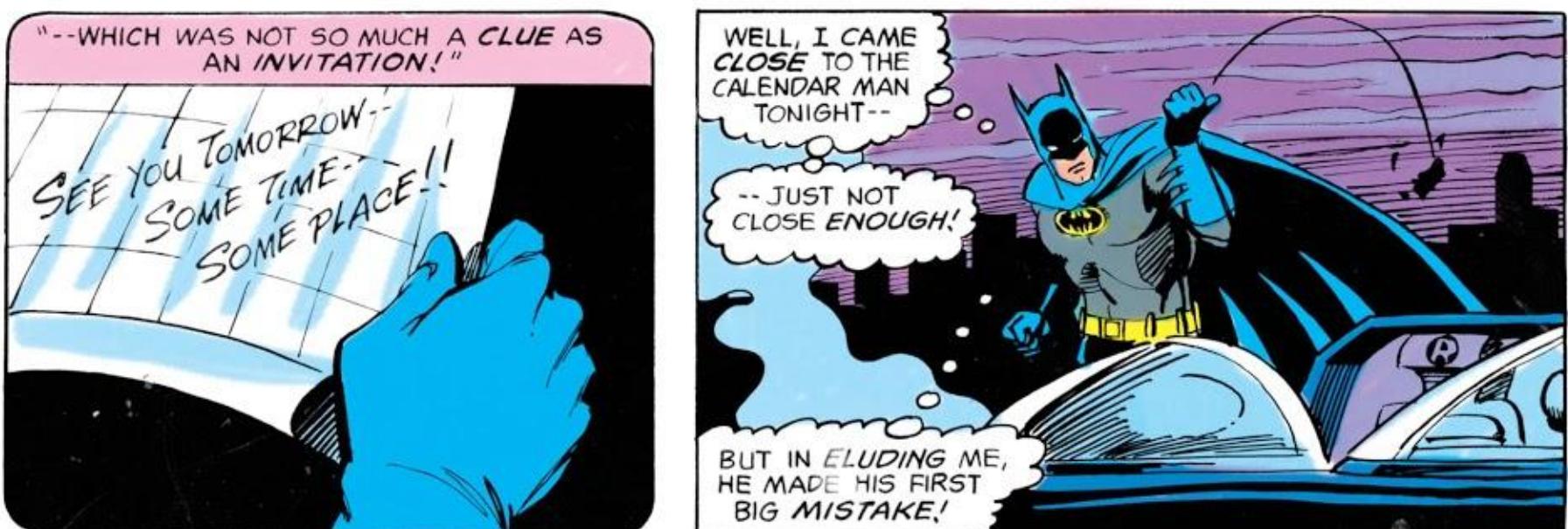
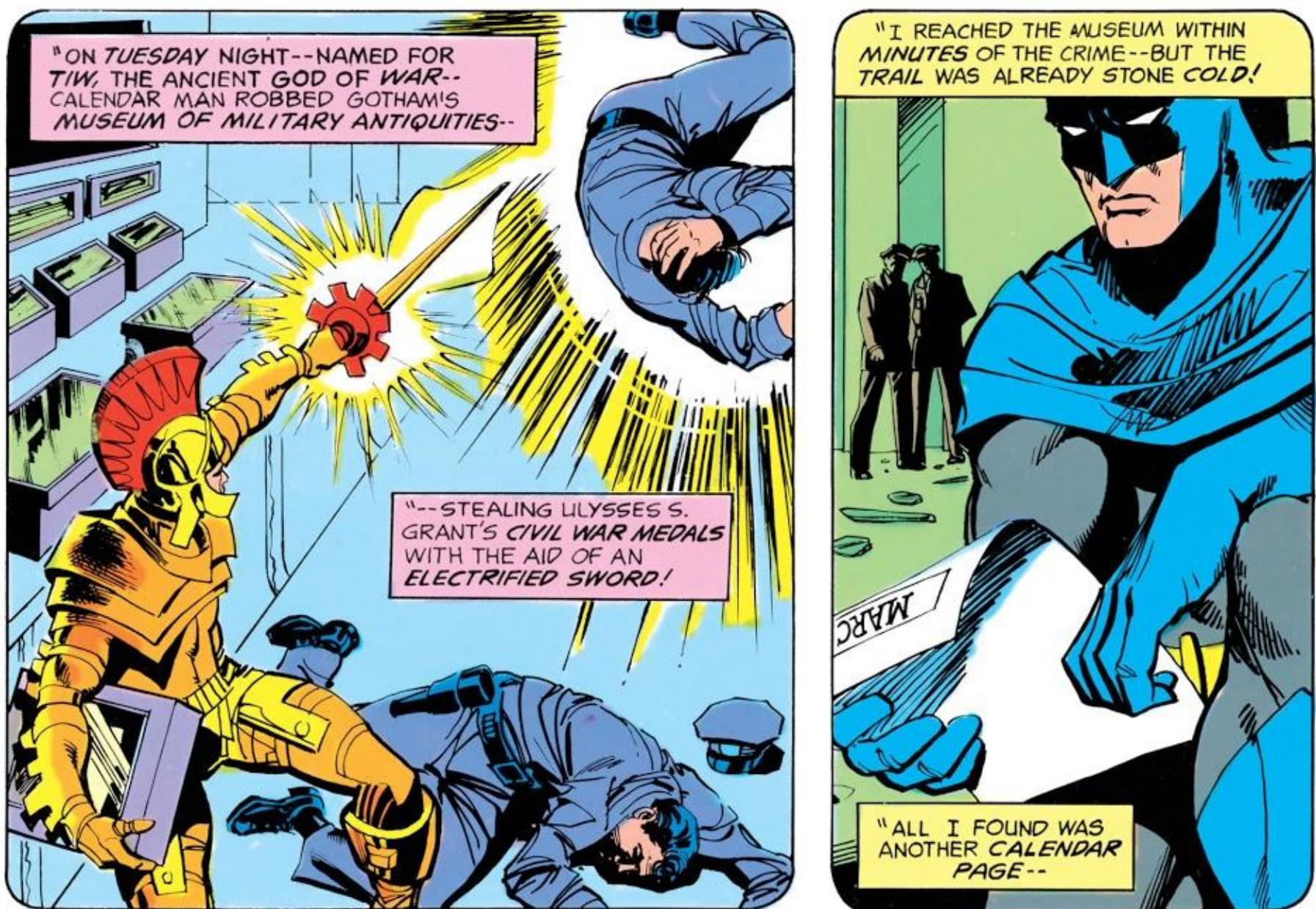
STOP HIM,
BATMAN --
STOP HIM!!

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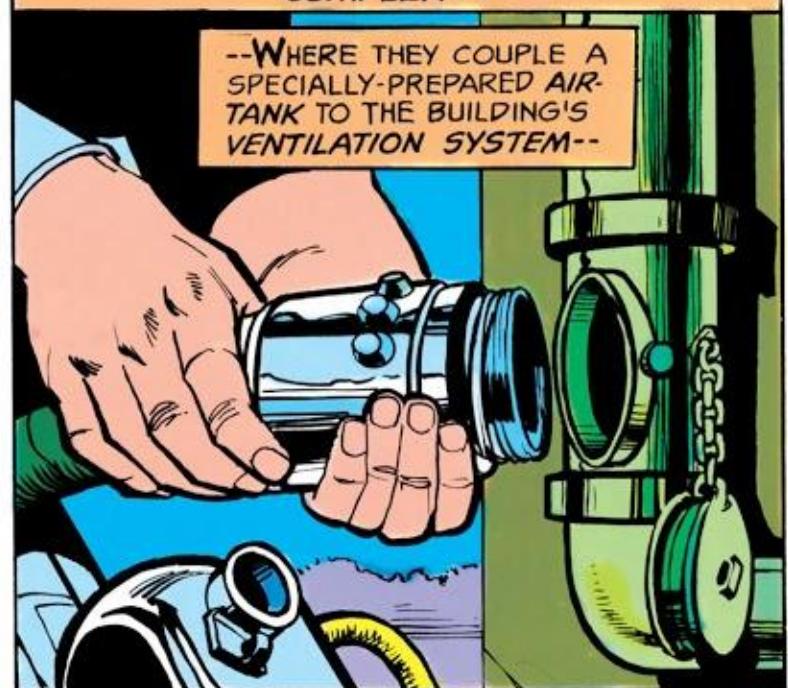




THURSDAY, 2:22 AM-- HAVING DISABLED THE ALARM SYSTEM, THREE GRIM FIGURES CUT CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH THE SECURITY FENCE WHICH SURROUNDS A NATIONAL DEFENSE INSTALLATION...



SWIFTLY, THEY STEAL ACROSS THE COMPOUND TO THE SIDE OF THE CENTRAL COMPUTER COMPLEX--



--AND THEN WAIT PATIENTLY FOR A MOMENT--

-- WHILE THE PARALYZING NERVE-GAS THUS PUMPED INTO THE BUILDING DOES ITS GRISLY WORK!



CONSIDERING WHAT IT COST, SPECS-- I DIDN'T DOUBT IT!

WILL IT TAKE YOU LONG TO EXTRACT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM THE COMPUTER?

I'M NOT SURE, BOSS! I GOTTA DO THIS EXACTLY RIGHT --OR RISK ERASING THE INFO ENTIRELY!

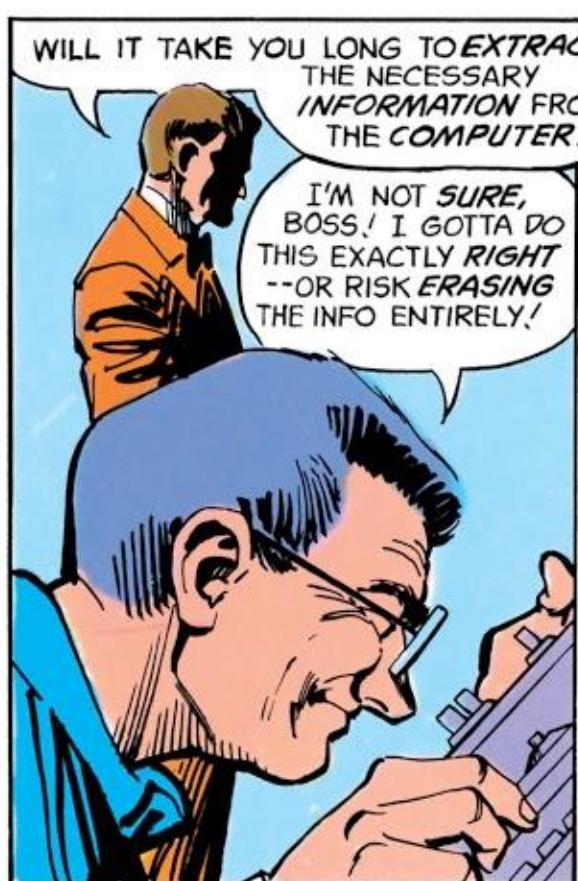
SECONDS PASS LIKE HOURS AS THE COMPUTER'S MYRIAD CIRCUITS CLICK AND HUM, UNTIL AT LAST...

YOU'RE SMILING, SPECS! I ASSUME THAT MEANS--?

YOU BET IT DOES, BOSS! THE BINARY CODE FOR AMERICA'S NEWEST MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM IS OURS!

THEN WE'VE DONE IT, GENTLEMEN-- WE'VE DONE IT!!

WE HOLD THE FATE OF THIS NATION IN OUR HANDS!!





THURSDAY, 8:51 PM-- AS THE WELL-APPOINTED HALLS OF THE VAN DYKE ART GALLERY ON GOTHAM'S UPPER EAST SIDE RESOUND WITH THE ARMORED TREAD OF AN INCREDIBLY-CLAD INTRUDER...

--AND WITH A FEW SWIFT STROKES OF A MINIATURE LASER BLADE--

--HE MAKES THE PAINTING HIS!



SOFTLY WHISTLING TO HIMSELF, THE CALENDAR MAN CAREFULLY STUDIES EVERY PAINTING THAT HE PASSES--PAUSING AT LAST BEFORE A PRICELESS ABSTRACT CALLED "THE STORM KING"--



THE QUESTION NOW IS--HOW LONG CAN HE KEEP IT HIS?

IT'S ABOUT TIME, PUNK! I WAS GETTING TIRED OF WAITING OUT HERE!

WHO--?!

DO I REALLY HAVE TO ANSWER THAT?



YOU MIGHT AS WELL, BATMAN--SINCE IT'S THE LAST THING YOU'RE EVER GOING TO SAY!

THURSDAY, YOU'LL RECALL, WAS NAMED FOR THE NORSE GOD OF THUNDER--

--SO I'VE ARMED MYSELF WITH THE HAMMER OF THOR!

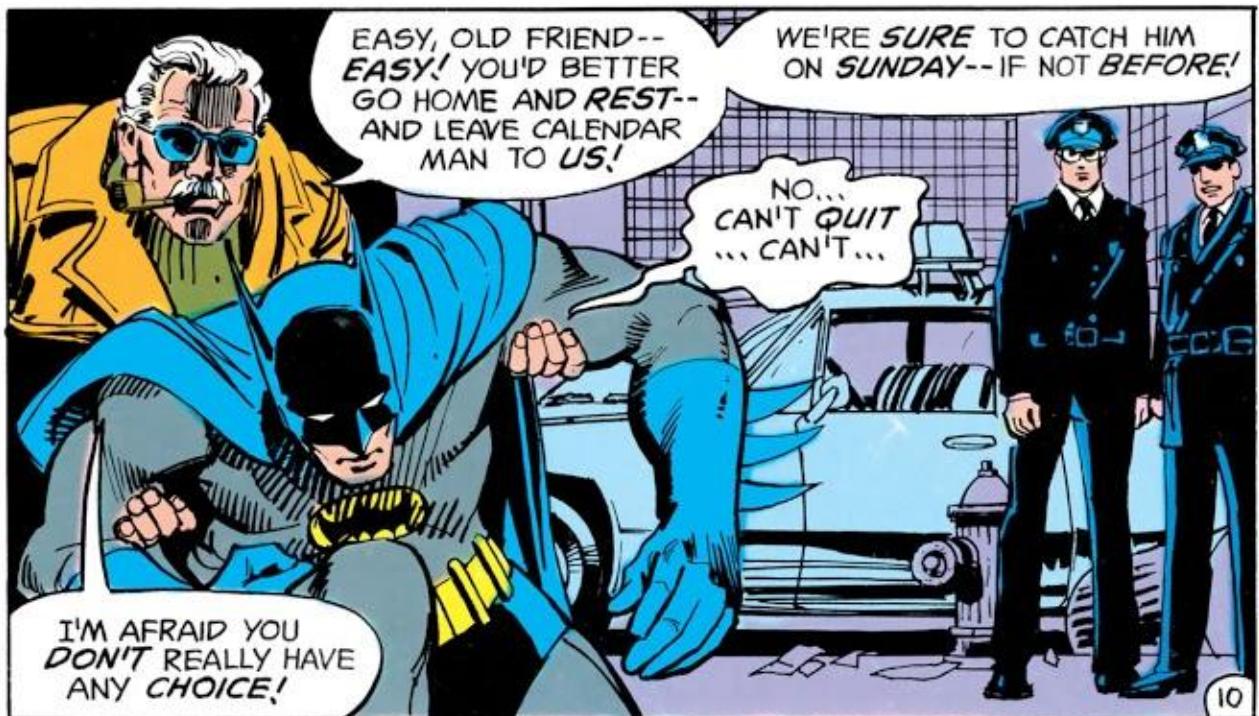


YOU COULD ARM YOURSELF WITH A NUCLEAR WARHEAD --BUT IT STILL WOULDN'T HELP YOU!

YOU OWE A DEBT TO SOCIETY, CALENDAR MAN--







FRIDAY, 12:05 AM --IN THE PENTHOUSE APARTMENT OF A BATTERED BRUCE WAYNE...

--OR YOU MAY MAKE THAT DAMAGE PERMANENT!

IS MASTER BRUCE ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR DUNDEE?

BETTER THAN HE SHOULD BE, ALFRED! THE ULTRASONIC DAMAGE TO HIS INNER EAR WILL HEAL--IF IT'S ALLOWED TO!

MEANING--?

MEANING YOU STAY IN BED FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS NO MATTER WHAT--

ALFRED, I LEAVE HIM IN YOUR HANDS!

DUNDEE'S A GOOD MAN-- BUT HE WORRIES TOO MUCH!

YOU'LL DO NOTHING OF THE KIND, SIR!

BUT THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE, ALFRED!

THEN I'M AFRAID SOMEONE ELSE WILL HAVE TO DO IT!

NOW I'D BETTER GET DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE AND START CHECKING ON--

YOU ARE STAYING IN BED, MASTER BRUCE-- IF I'M FORCED TO SIT ON YOU TO KEEP YOU THERE!

ALFRED, HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU YOU'D MAKE A GREAT MOTHER?

FRIDAY, 9:28 PM--

--DRESSED TO HONOR FRIGGA, GODDESS OF LOVE AND THE FUTURE, THE CALENDAR MAN ARRIVES UNINVITED AT A SOCIETY WEDDING, AND MAKES OFF WITH A FORTUNE IN JEWELS AND SILVER...



SATURDAY, 11:43 AM-- AS A BEDRIDDEN BRUCE WAYNE CONFERS WITH HIS FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE, LUCIUS FOX...

--AND THAT ABOUT COVERS EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO DISCUSS, BRUCE.

THE ONLY REALLY PRESSING BIT OF WAYNE ENTERPRISES BUSINESS IS THE DENNISON MERGER!

AND THAT'S LIABLE TO BE A TOUGH ONE, LUCIUS.

MAYBE I'D BETTER GET DRESSED AND HELP YOU FINALIZE THE--

SHAME ON YOU, BRUCE! ALFRED WARNED ME YOU'D PROBABLY TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS-- SO DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH!

I ALREADY HAVE A SEAT BOOKED TOMORROW ON THE WESTERN SUN EXPRESS!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF ANY LAST MINUTE DETAILS ON THE TRAIN-- AND BE IN CENTRAL CITY IN PLENTY OF TIME TO SIGN THE MERGER PAPERS!

WELL, YOU CAN'T BLAME A GUY FOR TRYING, CAN YOU?

CAN'T I?

BELIEVE ME, MASTER FOX-- I KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE.

YOUR CHICKEN SOUP, MASTER BRUCE!

WHOOPEE!

YOU JUST STAY IN BED AND GET OVER THAT FLU, BRUCE--AND LEAVE THE BUSINESS TO ME!

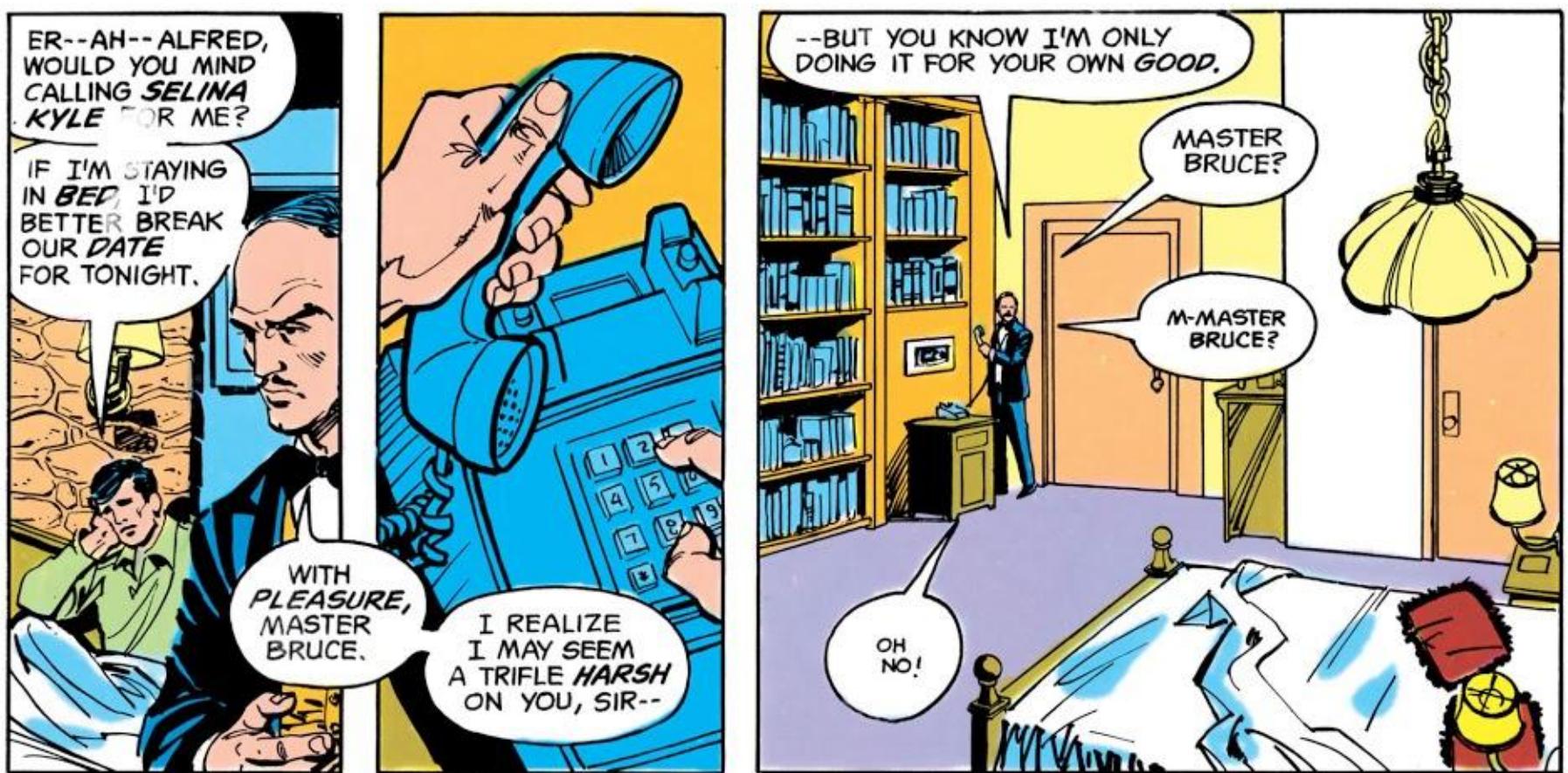
THAT'S WHY YOU FIRST HIRED ME, REMEMBER?

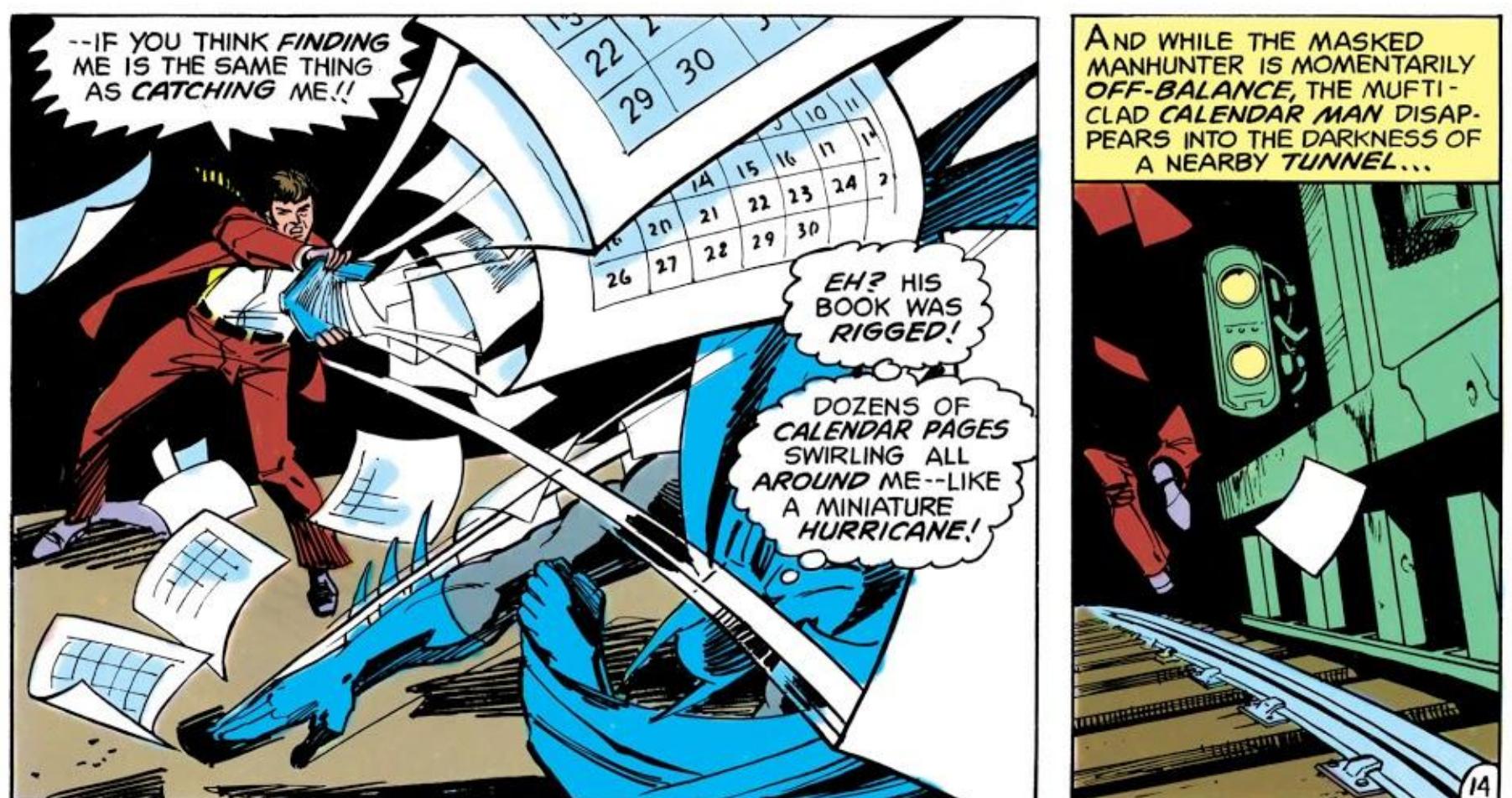
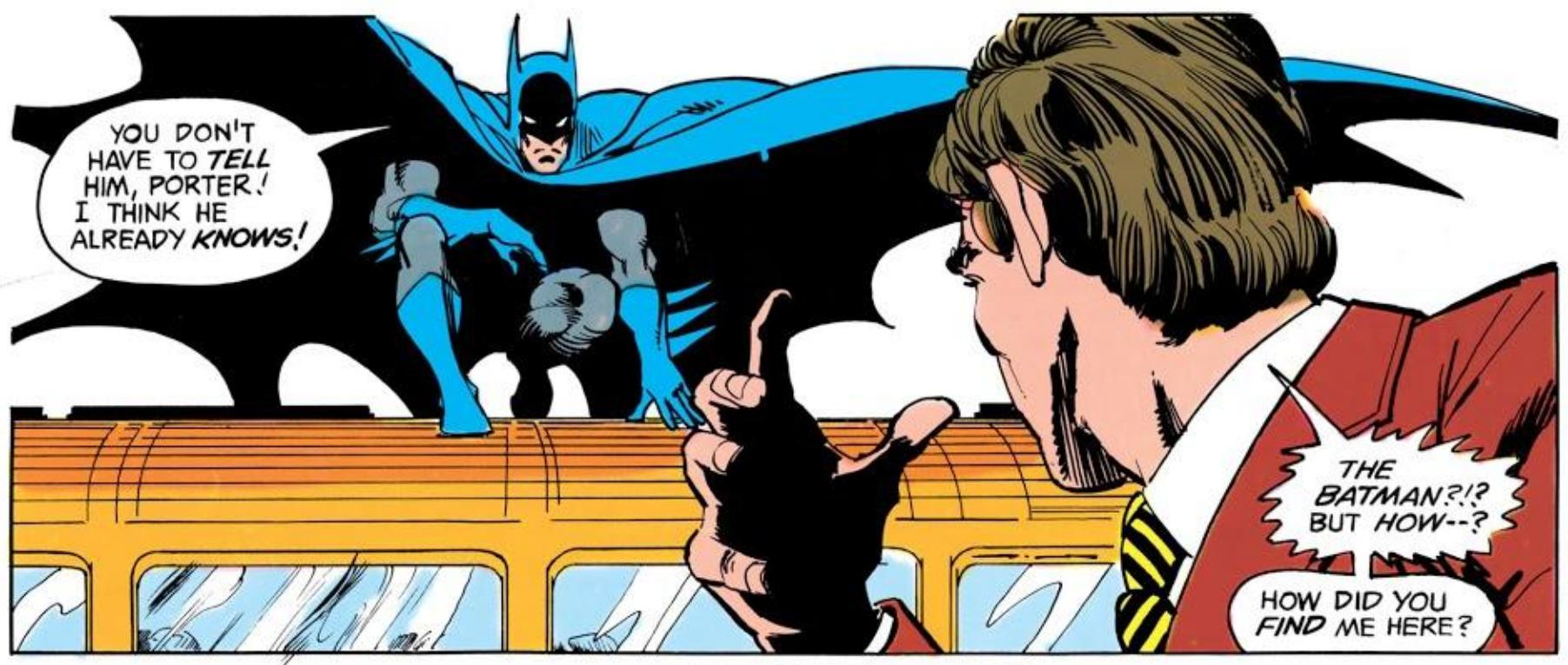
I'LL CALL YOU FROM CENTRAL CITY AND LET YOU KNOW HOW EVERYTHING WENT!

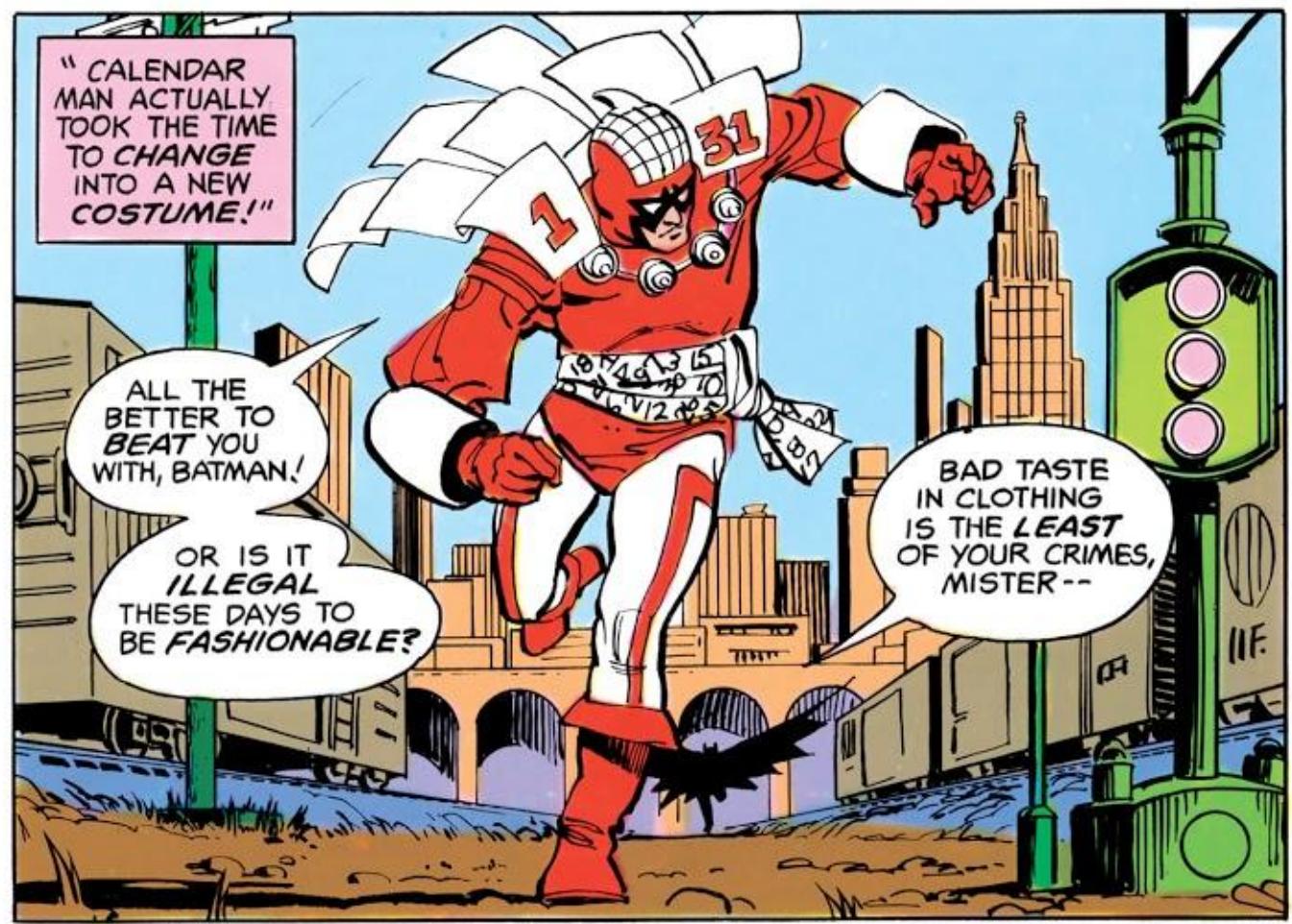
ALFRED, YOU'D BETTER KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOUR BOSS--HE'S A TRICKY ONE.

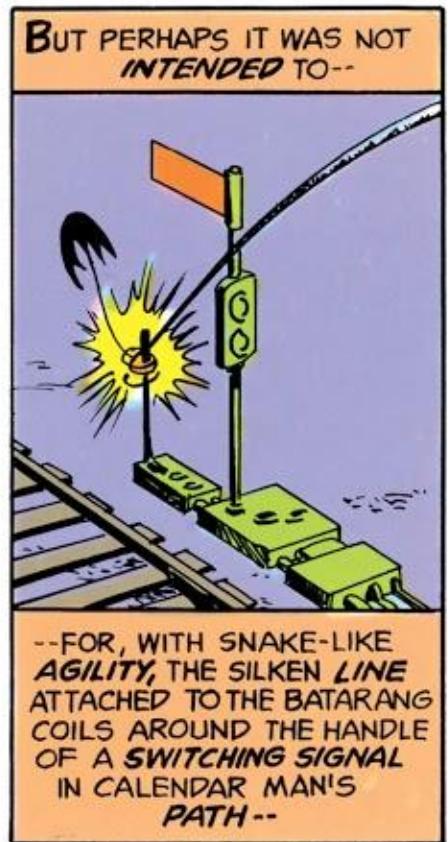
SATURDAY, 8:26 PM--IN A COSTUME SYMBOLIC OF SATURN, ROMAN GOD OF AGRICULTURE, THE CALENDAR MAN STEALS THE CASH RECEIPTS FROM A CROWDED ECOLOGY BENEFIT RALLY AT GOTHAM SQUARE GARDEN...

...AND EXITS LAUGHING!









SUNDAY, 9:17 PM-- AS A SLEEK TWO-DOOR COUPE SLIDES TO A STOP BEFORE AN UNASSUMING SPLIT-LEVEL HOUSE IN A QUIET SUBURB OF GOTHAM CITY...

IN THE SURROUNDING HOMES, PEOPLE SETTLE DOWN TO PREPARE FOR THE START OF THE NEW WORK WEEK-- LITTLE SUSPECTING THE TERRIBLE MENACE THAT DWELLS AMONG THEM ...

GENTLEMEN,
IT'S DONE!
OUR
ULTIMATUM
IS ON ITS WAY!

IF THE UNITED STATES WANTS ITS STOLEN BINARY CODE RETURNED, IT WILL COST IT 22 MILLION DOLLARS!

AN' WHAT IF THEY DON'T WANNA PAY, BOSS?

THEN I'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF SENDING A SIMILAR OFFER TO A CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT!

HEY, C'MON, BOSS! BLACKMAILING AMERICA IS ONE THING, BUT THIS-- THIS SOUNDS LIKE TREASON!

NOT AT ALL, SPECS-- IT IS MERELY A CLASSIC DOUBLE-CROSS!

AND WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU EXPECT FROM--

--TWO-FACE!

NEXT ISSUE:
THE DARKKNIGHT DETECTIVE BATTLES HIS MOST INCREDIBLE FOE-- WITH THE AID OF THE MOST UNEXPECTED GUEST-STAR OF ALL! JOIN US FOR ...

"TWO FOR THE MONEY!"

YOU'LL HATE YOURSELF IF YOU MISS IT!



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