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THE NIGHT BEFORE Zero

A RAIN-PUDDLED BYWAY
DEEP IN SHADOWED
GOTHAM:

CAN'T
EVEN GET
AWAY WITH
MURDER IN
THIS TOWN.

NOT
THAT I EVER
COULD, BUT I'D
USUALLY GET
ONE OR TWO
IN...

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...BEFORE
THE BAT
WOULD
SHOW
UP!







WHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUPWHUP

I CAN'T SEE A THING!

I MUST BE EXHAUSTED... PAYING TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO YOU...

UP HERE, BATS! WHAT'S WRONG...



NO WAY TO FOLLOW HIM!

WE'LL HUNT HIM DOWN LATER.

THERE'S OTHER WORK TO BE DONE FIRST.

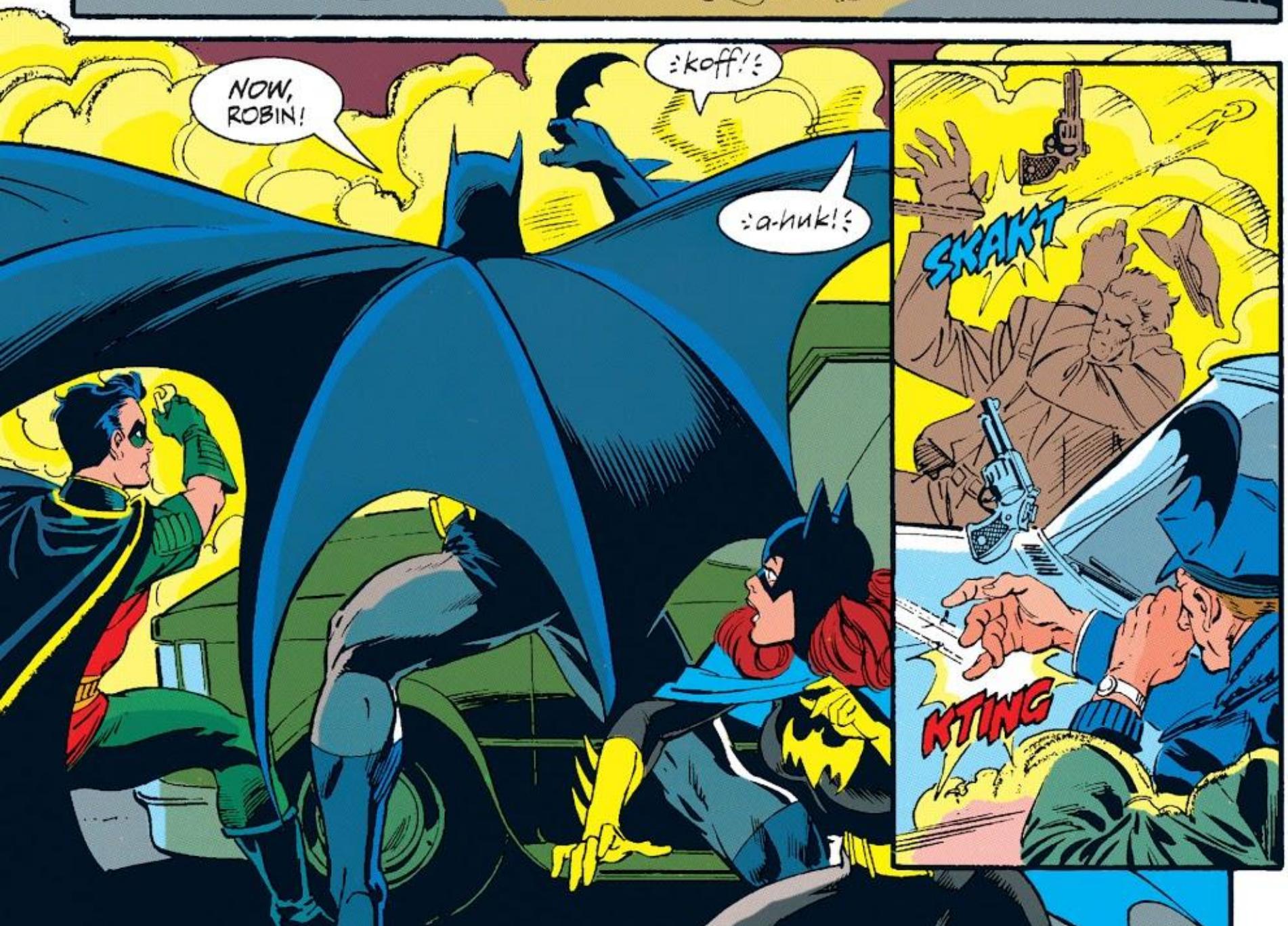
YOU SHOULD BE... OLDER.

HELICOPTER! TOO FAR AWAY!

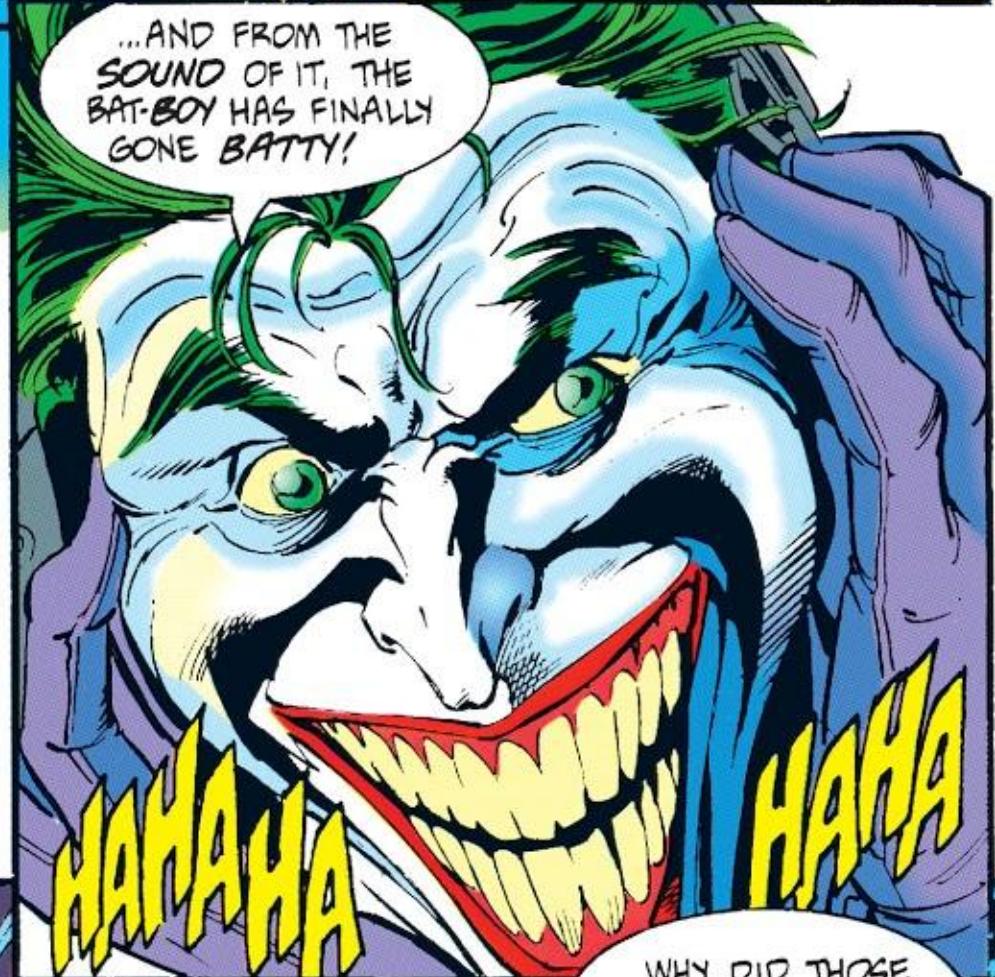
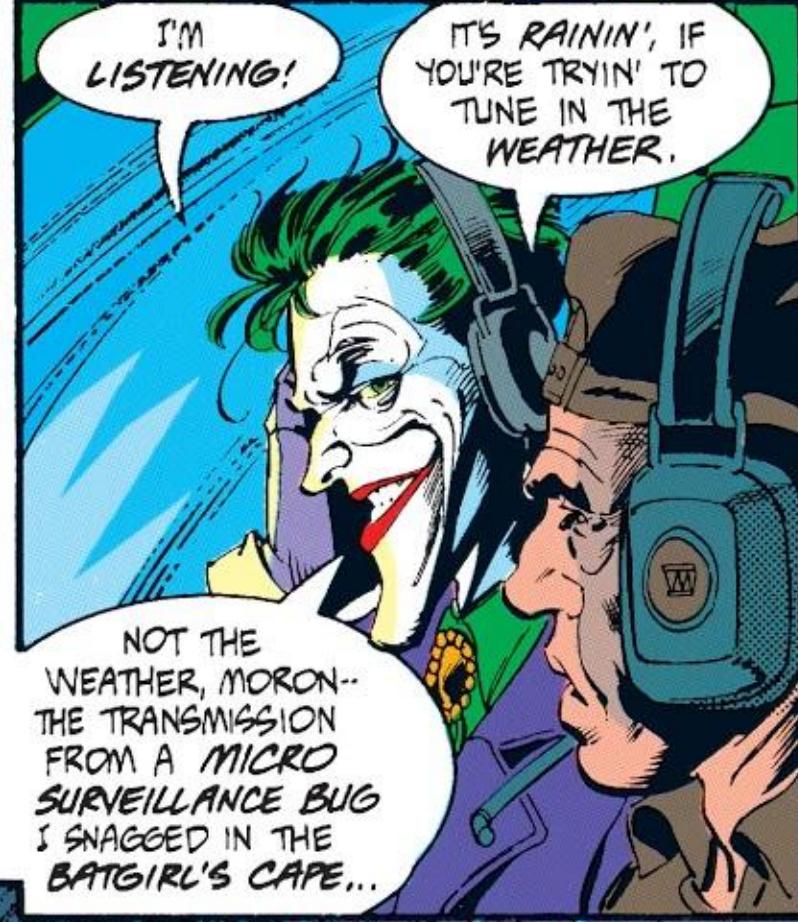
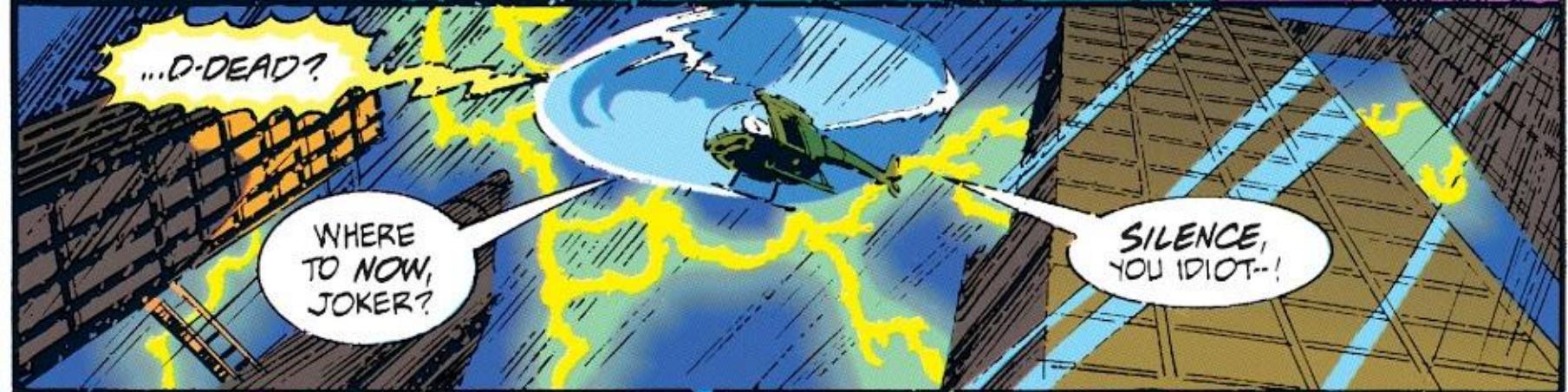
--NOT AS QUICK AS THE IMPOSTER YOU HAD RUNNING AROUND?











I WAS AT HOME... WITH DAD... HE HAD A RARE NIGHT OFF.

WE WERE GOING TO PLAY SCRABBLE, OF ALL THINGS... WITH NO INKLING THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG OR GOING TO HAPPEN...

"THE DOOR BURST OPEN... AND THE ROOM, MY LIFE, EVERYTHING JUST... EXPLODED."

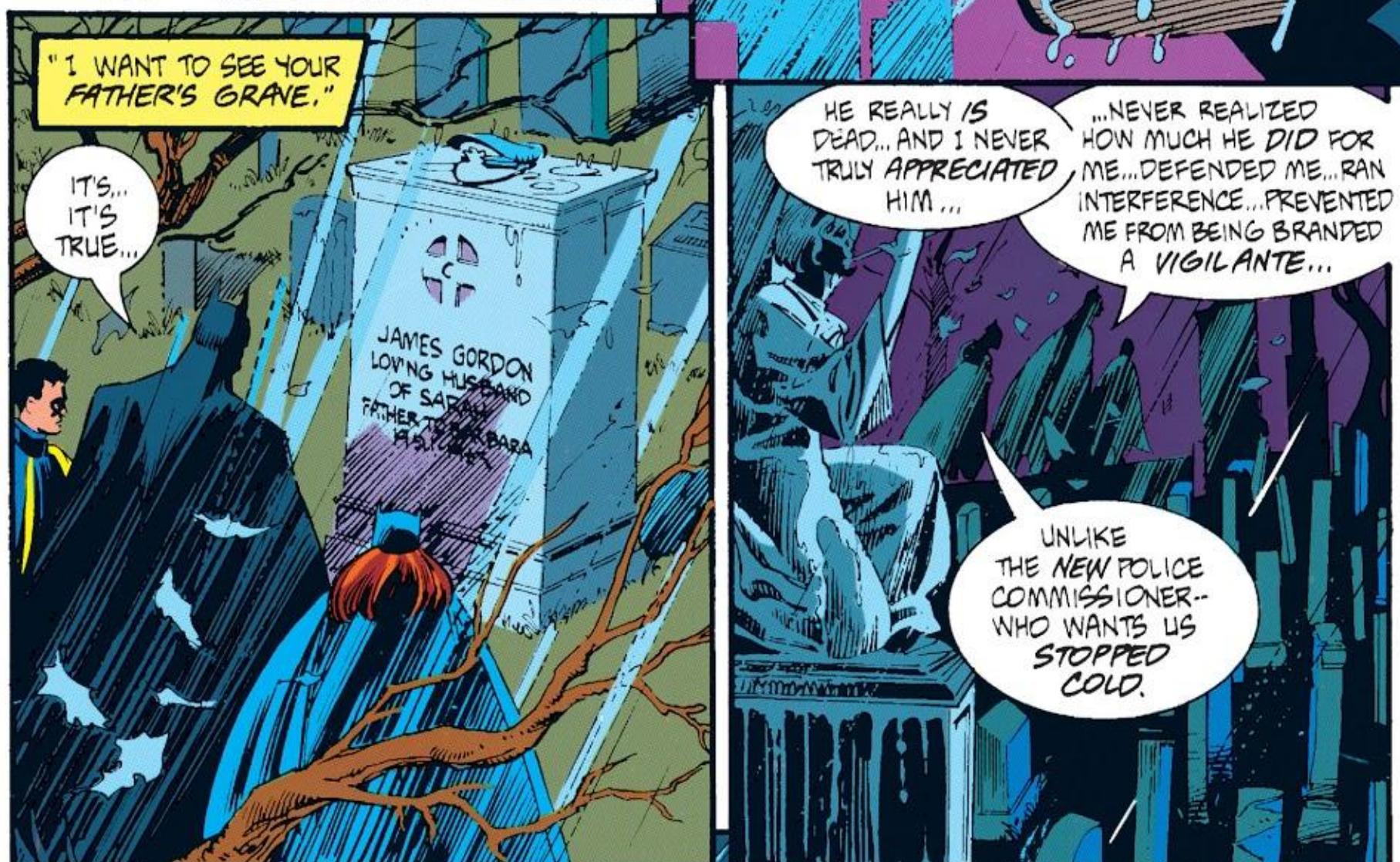
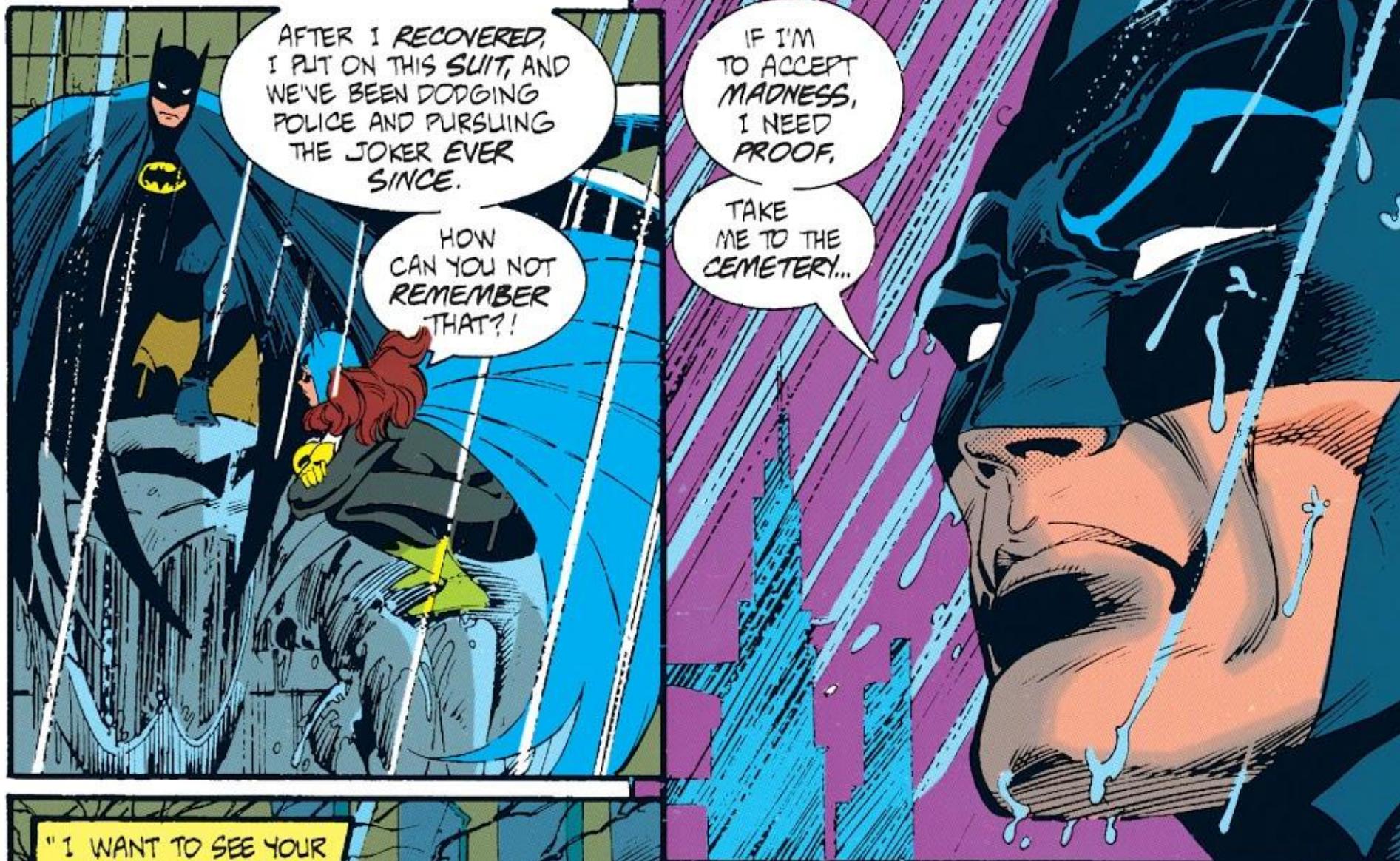
"THE CORONER LATER SAID DAD DIED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY--SHOT THROUGH THE HEART."

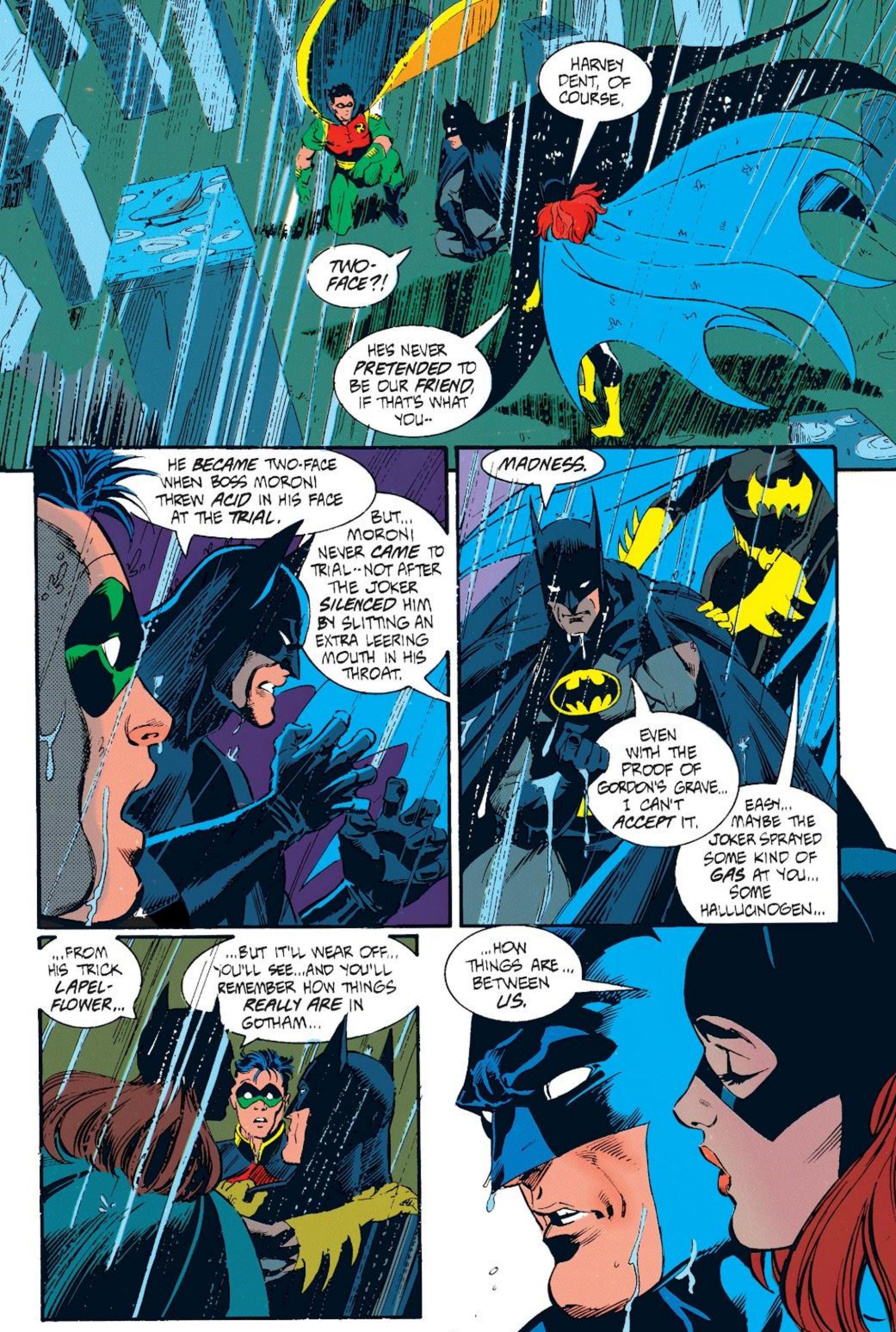
"I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT... I WAS IN A STATE OF SHOCK... MY EARS RINGING... EVERYTHING TOO BRIGHT..."

"HE TOOK ME TO THE ABANDONED AMUSEMENT PARK... BUT I STILL DON'T REMEMBER TOO MUCH OF WHAT HAPPENED..."

"...EVEN AS I WAS THE ONE THE JOKER ABDUCTED."

"...EXCEPT THAT YOU RESCUED ME... ALTHOUGH THE JOKER ULTIMATELY ESCAPED."





STOP
IT!

WHAT
HAS THE JOKER
DONE TO YOU...?

WH-?

MADE
YOU FORGET
EVERYTHING...
EVEN ME?!

LET
HER GO,
ROBIN.

IT'S TIME
TO GET TO THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS--
ELSEWHERE.

YEAH...
BUT
BRUCE...
?

I...I
THINK
I'M...
SCARED.

WITH
REALITY
CRUMBLING
UNDER OUR
FEET...

...ALWAYS
A WISE
RESPONSE.



WHATEVER'S BUGGING BATS,
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE HE VISITS
COMMISSIONER DENT...

...WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR US TO BEAT HIM TO THE PUNCH.

AFTER ALL, I'VE ALREADY KILLED ONE COMMISSIONER--
AND WHY NOT NAIL THE DEUCE?

YOU MEAN YOU WANNA GO TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, JOKER?

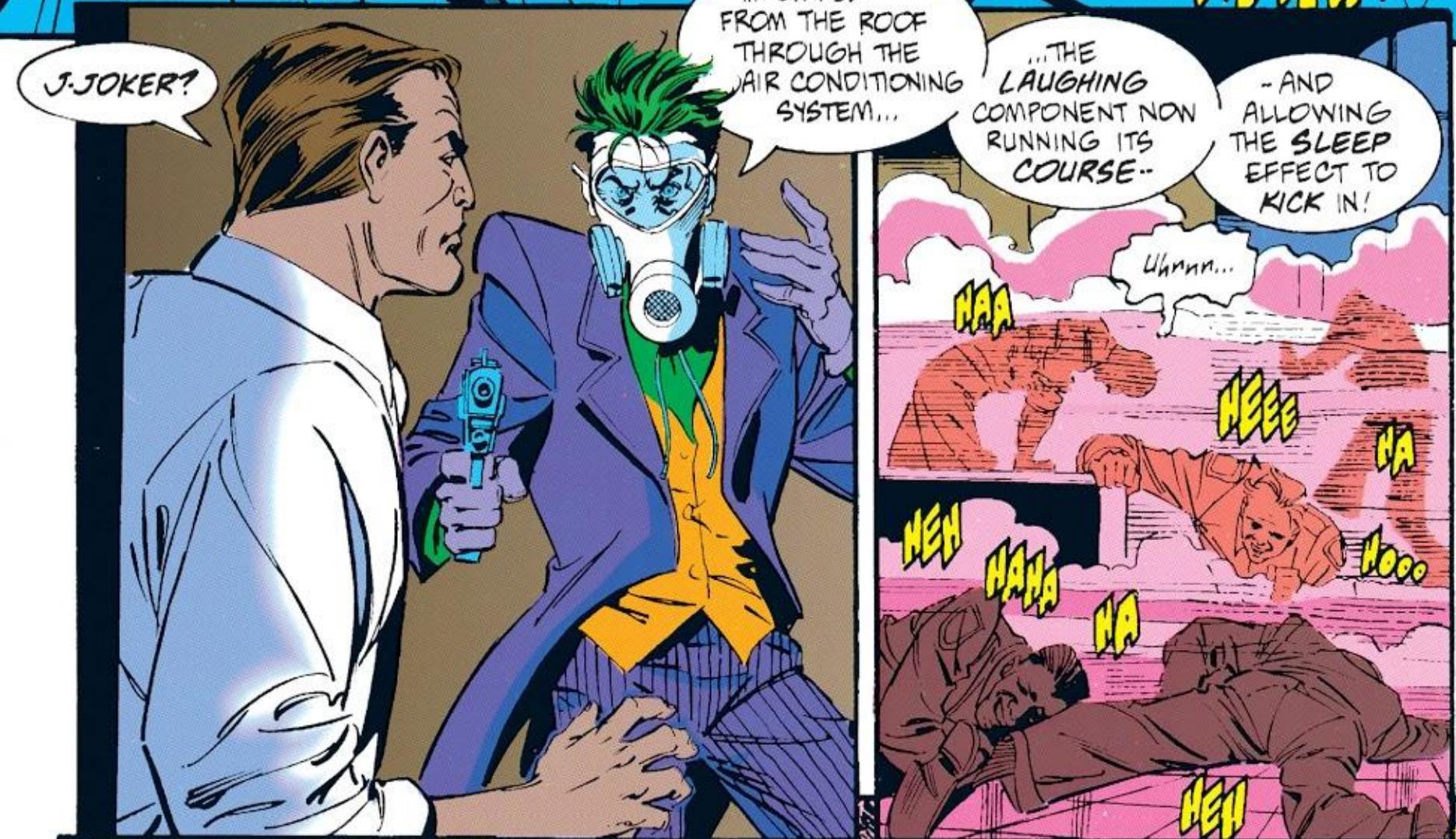
BELL'S THEOREM?

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL RESEARCH IT.

OF COURSE NOT,
YOU FOOL--NOT UNTIL
WE PICK UP SOME SPADES
AND SEE HOW THE GOOD
EX-COMMISSIONER IS
FARING!

YES...
THANKS FOR
THE INFORMATION,
ORACLE...





AND
NOW, TIME TO
SHARE YOUR OFFICE
WITH ITS FORMER
TENANT-- SINCE,
SAD TO SAY...

"...HE'S JUST BEEN
EVICTED FROM HIS
NEW ABOODE."

GO GET
GORDON,
DOLT!

YOU
GOT IT,
JOKER!

GOT IT,
BRUCE.

ACCORDING
TO THE QUANTUM
PHYSICS OF
BELL'S THEOREM--
IF THE THEOREM'S
ACCURATE,
ANYWAY-- AT LEAST
TWELVE PARALLEL
UNIVERSES
EXIST ABOVE THE
"FREQUENCY" OF
OUR REALITY.

MAYBE AN
INFINITY OF
THEM.

AND EVENTS HAVE
APPARENTLY TAKEN SLIGHTLY
DIFFERENT TURNS IN AT
LEAST ONE OF THESE
ALTERNATE
REALITIES...

AND THE REPERCUSSIONS
OF THOSE DIFFERENT EVENTS
ARE NOW "BLEEDING OVER"
INTO OUR REALITY.

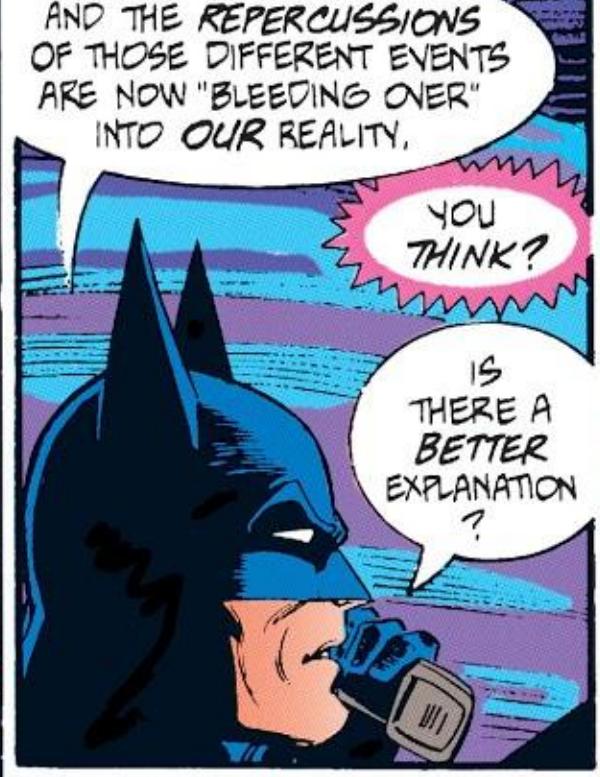
YOU
THINK?

IS
THERE A
BETTER
EXPLANATION
?

UM...

NOT
THAT I CAN
THINK OF.

NOR
I.





TIME
FOR "DEATH
OF A COMMISSIONER
II" FOLLOWED BY
THE MOVIE I'VE
ALWAYS YEARNED
TO MAKE--DEATH
OF THE
BATMAN."



NO, BATGIRL!
DON'T TRY IT!



GO ON, BATS, MAKE YOUR
MOVE--AND WATCH ME BLOW
OFF HALF OF DENT'S
FACE BEFORE YOU
SO MUCH AS
FLINCH!



EH? FELL FOR THE
OLDEST TRICK IN THE
BOOK--A VERITABLE
CLICHÉ OF
MELODRAMA?!

YOUR
OWN FAULT,
JOKER--

--FOR
REMINDING
ME OF BAD
MOVIES.



SWOON







LOOKS
LIKE YOU WERE
RIGHT--THE PLOT IS
OWNED BY GORDON
AND HIS WIFE, BUT
THERE'S NO
GRAVE!

WHATEVER
IT WAS, IT'S
DONE.

FAR FROM IT,
ROBIN--BUT JUST
STAY PUT IN
GOTHAM.

HUH? BUT
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING NOW?

TO
CONTACT...

"SOMEONE."

The Mystery Deepens in
ZERO HOUR #4
and **SUPERMAN:
THE MAN OF STEEL #37**

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