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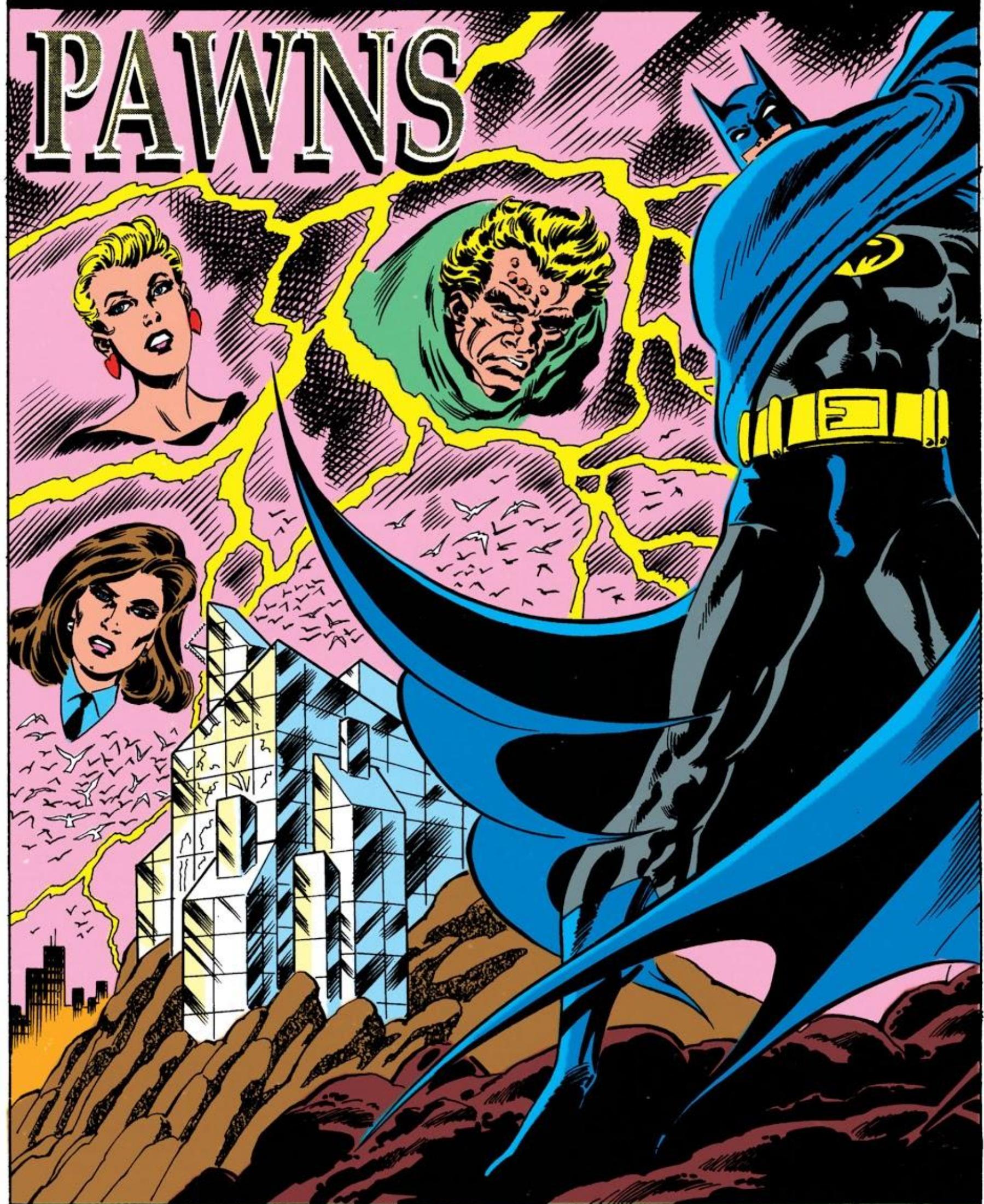
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# The Penguin Affair: I

# PAWN'S



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THREE MONTHS AGO:

HIS DARK MOODY EYES SWEEP ACROSS THE FLATNESS AS DYING BROWN SHRUBS CRACK AND SPILL QUIETLY TO THE PARCHED GROUND.

GET A FACE, UGLY!

OH, JEEZ--  
LOOK, CLIFF,  
YUCCHHHH!

A WELCOME SILENCE BLANKETS HIM, ALMOST PROTECTS HIM. HE AWKWARDLY LUMBERS FORWARD.

OR PUT A BAG OVER WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

HEY, STOP THE CAR, HUH?

HMM. LARK, PULL OVER, PLEASE.

I SEE A KINDRED SPIRIT SOON TO BE IN PAIN.

FACE LIKE YOURS SHOULD BE HID UNDER A ROCK.

MAN, YOU MAKE ME WANNA PUKE!

YEAH--ALL OVER YOU.



"I HOPE THAT HE  
WOULD RESPOND TO  
A REPORT OF DIS-  
TURBANCE AT THE  
STOCK EXCHANGE--  
AND HE HAS."

GOTHAM STOCK EXCHANGE

"TODAY."

"OF COURSE I WAITED UNTIL THE  
BUILDING WAS CLOSED. I CERTAINLY  
WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE ANY  
INNOCENT PEOPLE HARMED."

"BUT BATMAN -- HE'S AS  
GUILTY AS THE ORIGINAL  
SIN."

"LOOK AT THE PEOPLE HE FIGHTS: THE JOKER!  
TWO-FACE, KILLER CROC AND ME: FREAKS!  
MISFITS! THOSE WITH PHYSICAL DEFORMITIES."

"SUCH BLATANT BIGOTRY DEMANDS PUNISHMENT.  
TO EXTRACT IT IS CERTAINLY NOT WRONG."

"HE'D PUNISH YOU IF HE HAD THE CHANCE, AND YOU KNOW HE WOULD."

"AUTHORITY FIGURES, THEY ARE CALLED. TO BE RESPECTED, TO BE HONORED."

"MY LITTLE MUTE FRIEND -- HE'S NO DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MOTHER."

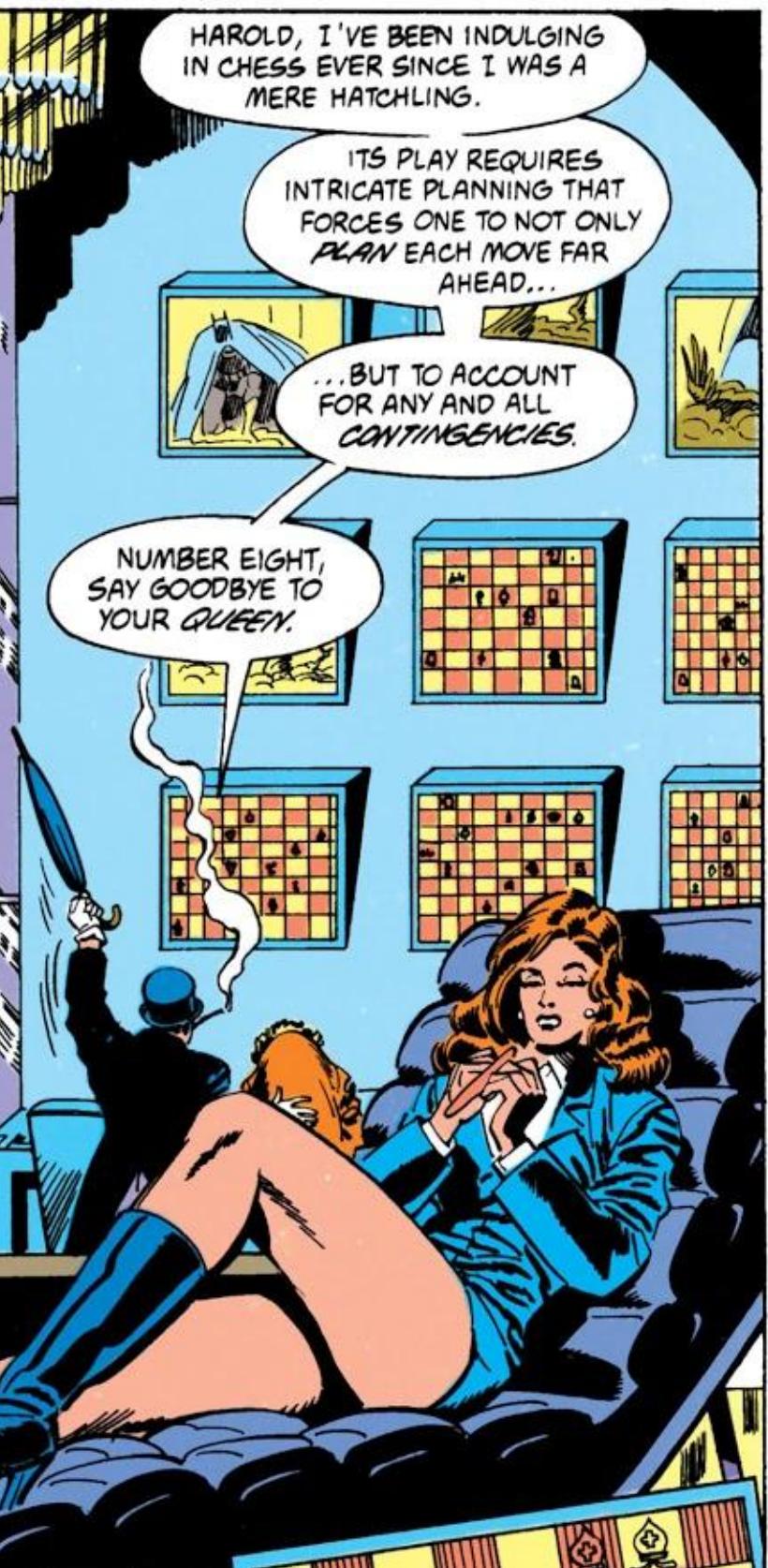
"BUT ALL THEY DO IS WANT TO HURT."

"WE'VE PUT UP WITH ENOUGH HURT, HAVEN'T WE, HAROLD?"

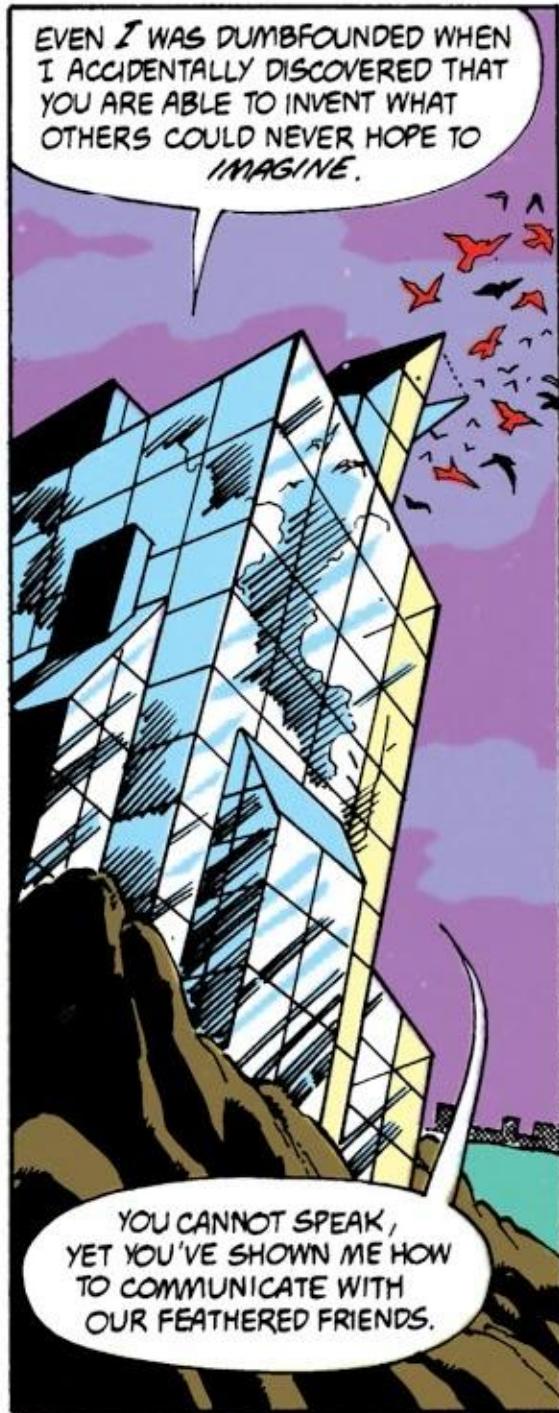
"AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANY MORE, RIGHT?"

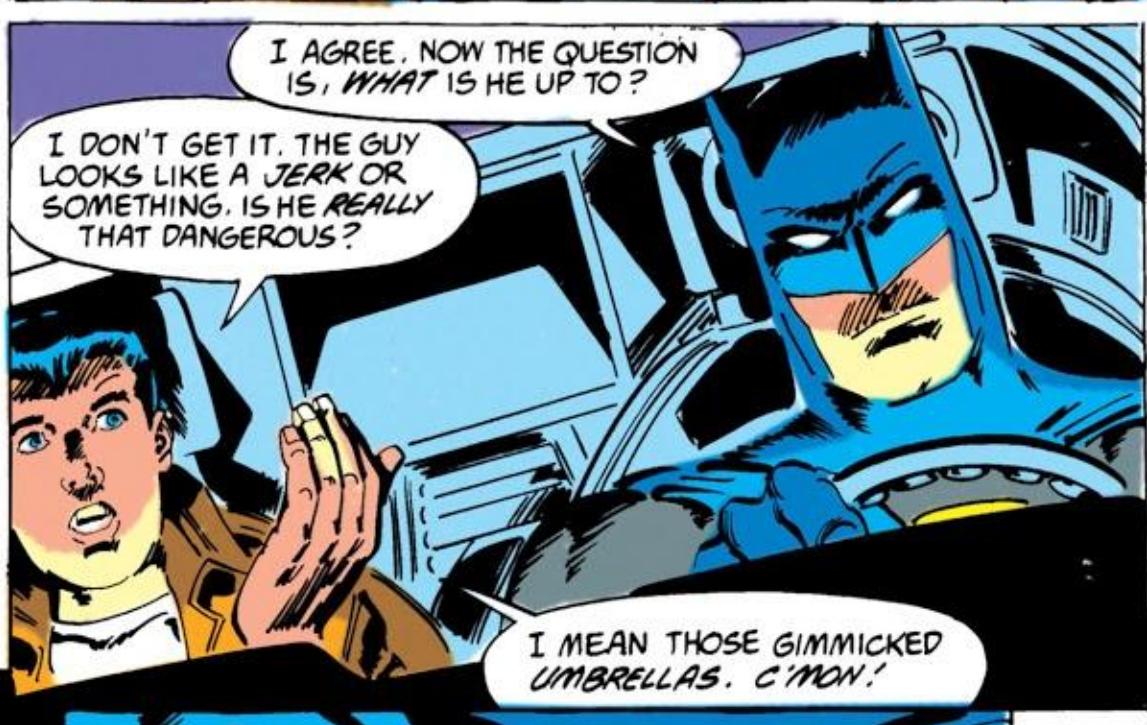
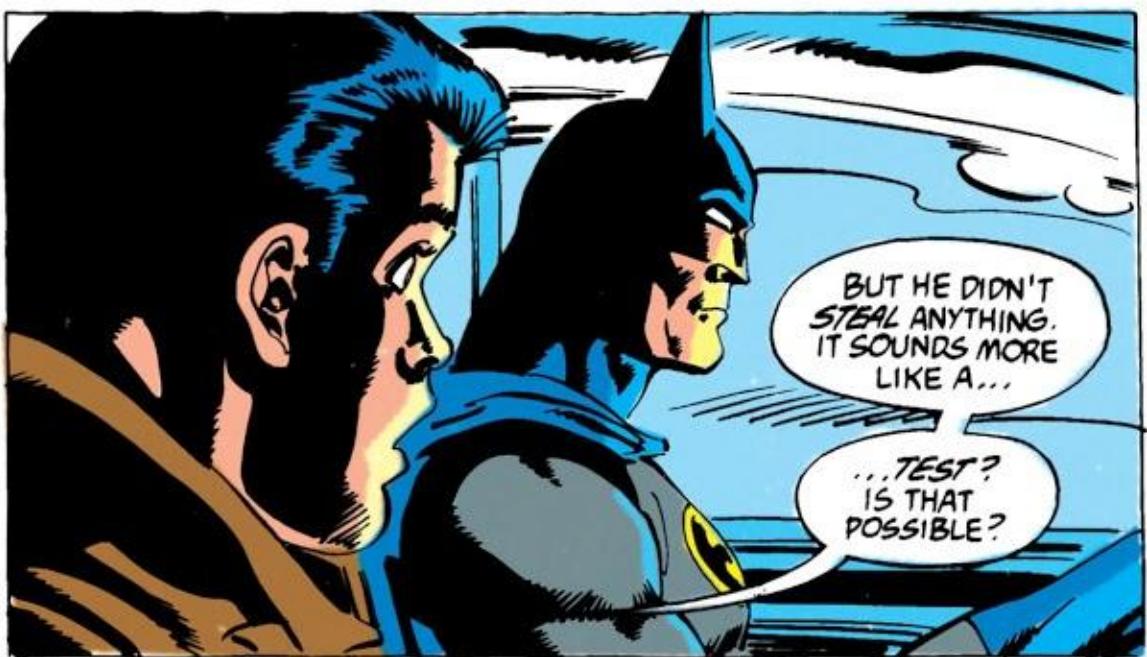
"AND WE ARE TIRED OF IT ALL, AREN'T WE?"











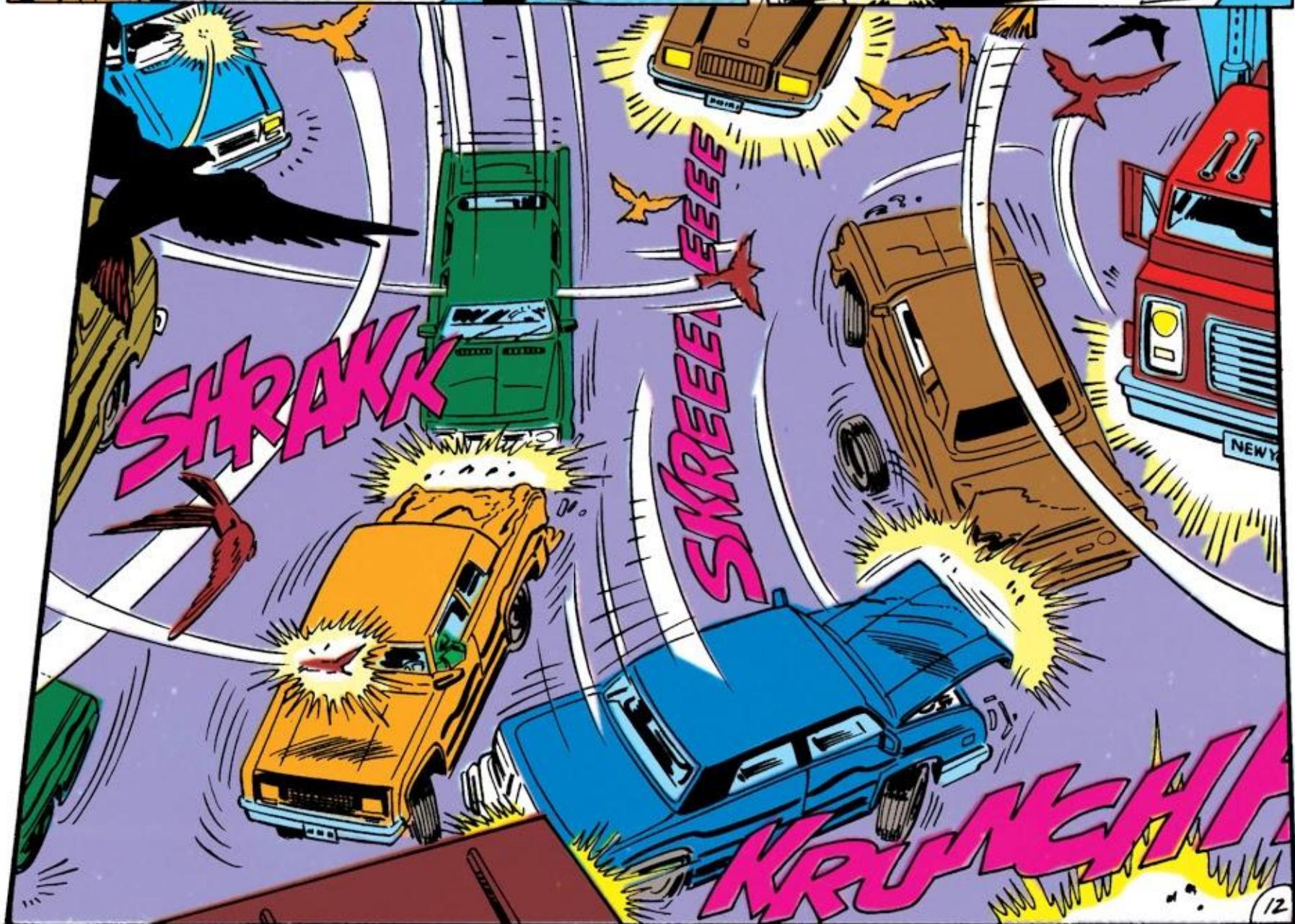
AHHH, YOUR FIBER-OPTIC COLLAR CAMERA WORKS PERFECTLY. YOU SEE THERE-- BATMAN ON THE PROWL.

THAT'S RIGHT, OLD ENEMY, KEEP TO THE GROUND AND YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT YOU.

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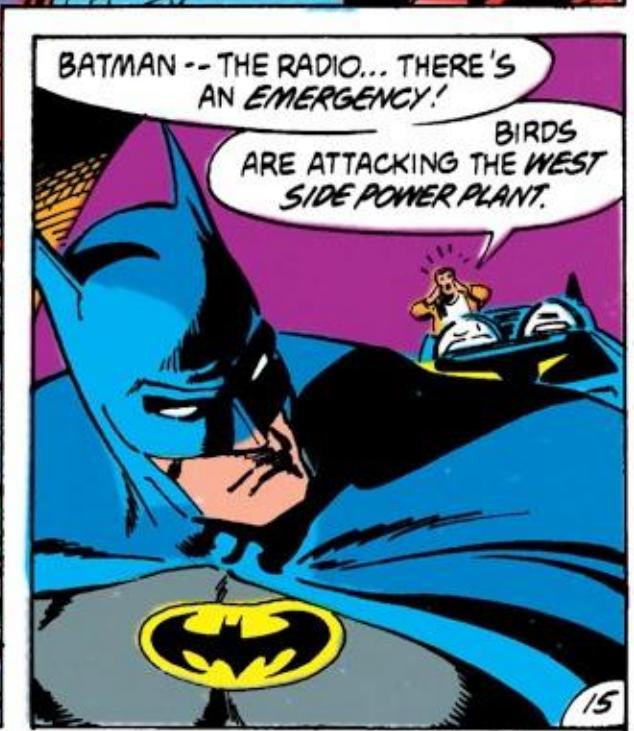


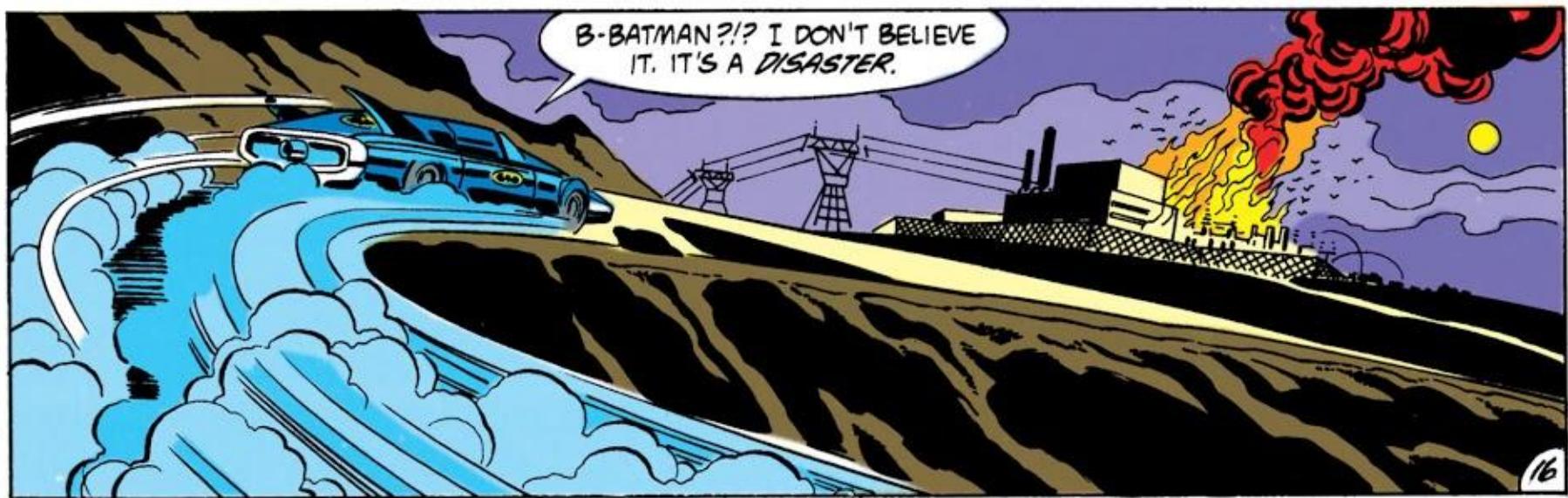
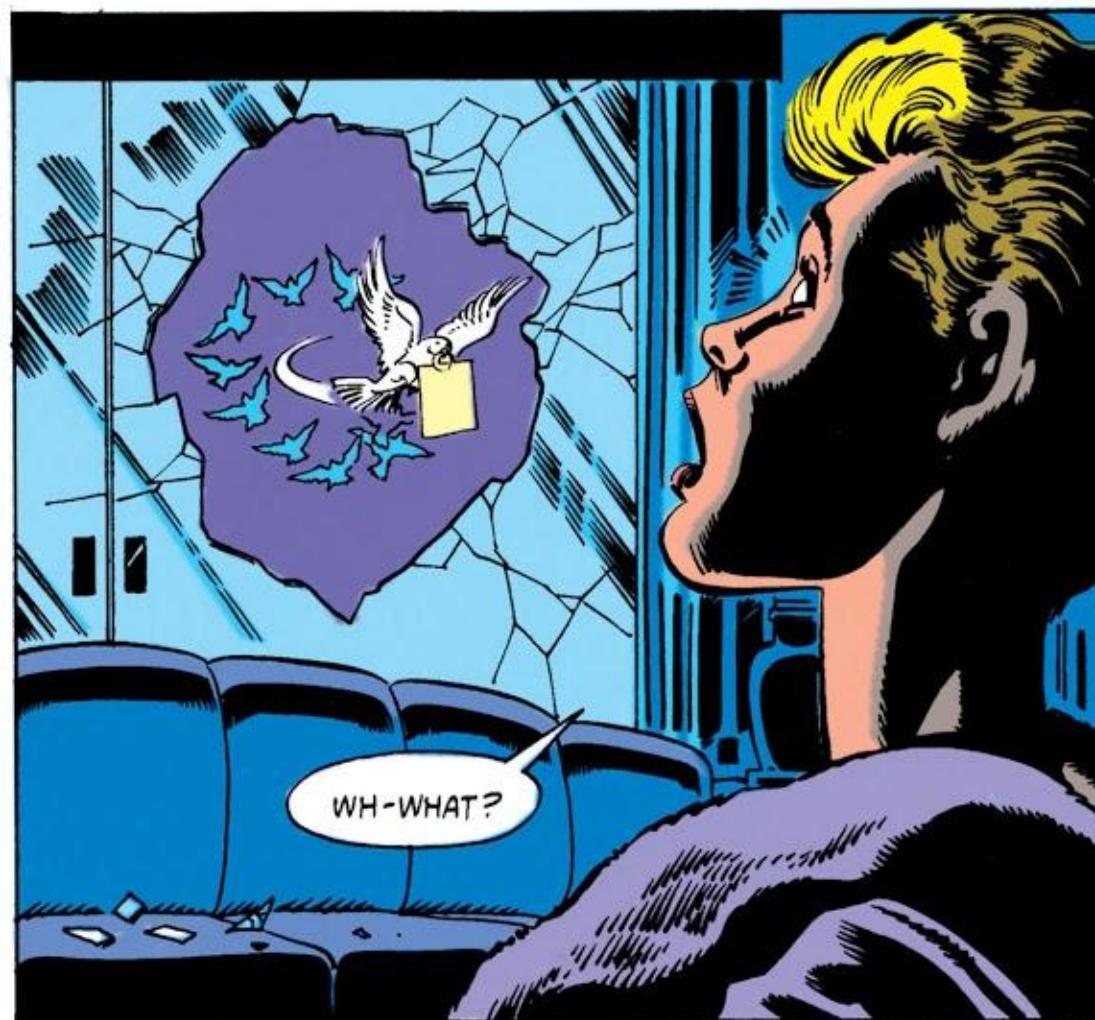
"AND WHY WASTE A TEST WHEN WE CAN ALSO CASH IN ON IT? EXCELLENT. PLASTIQUE IN PLACE.

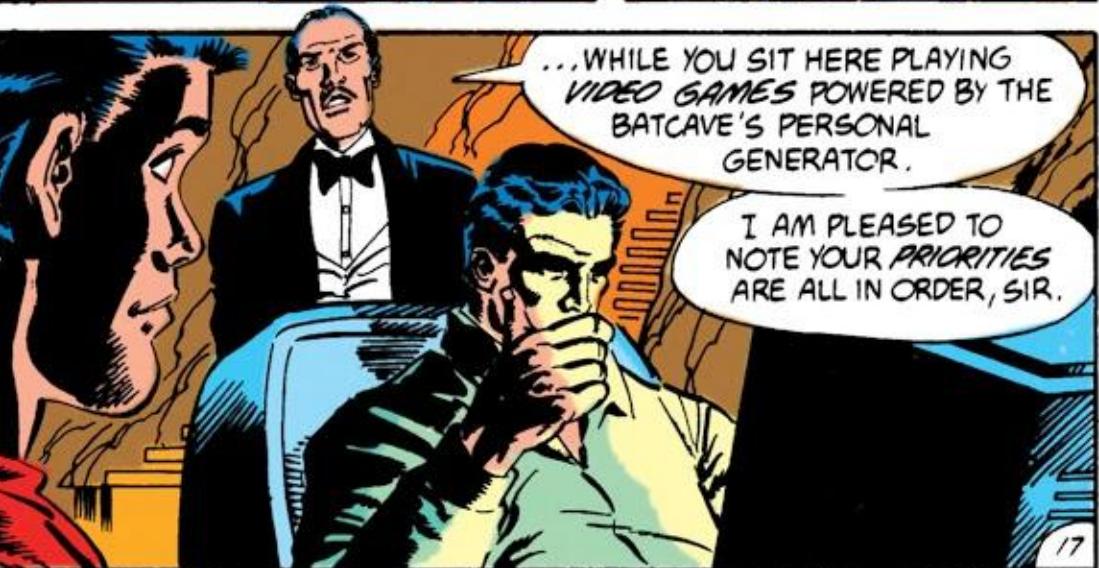
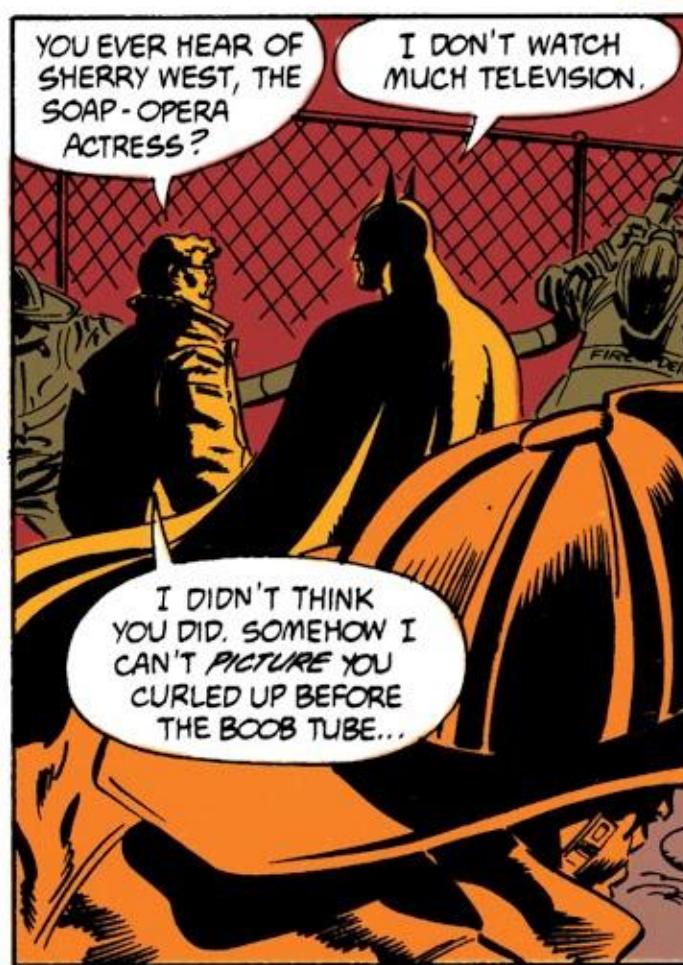


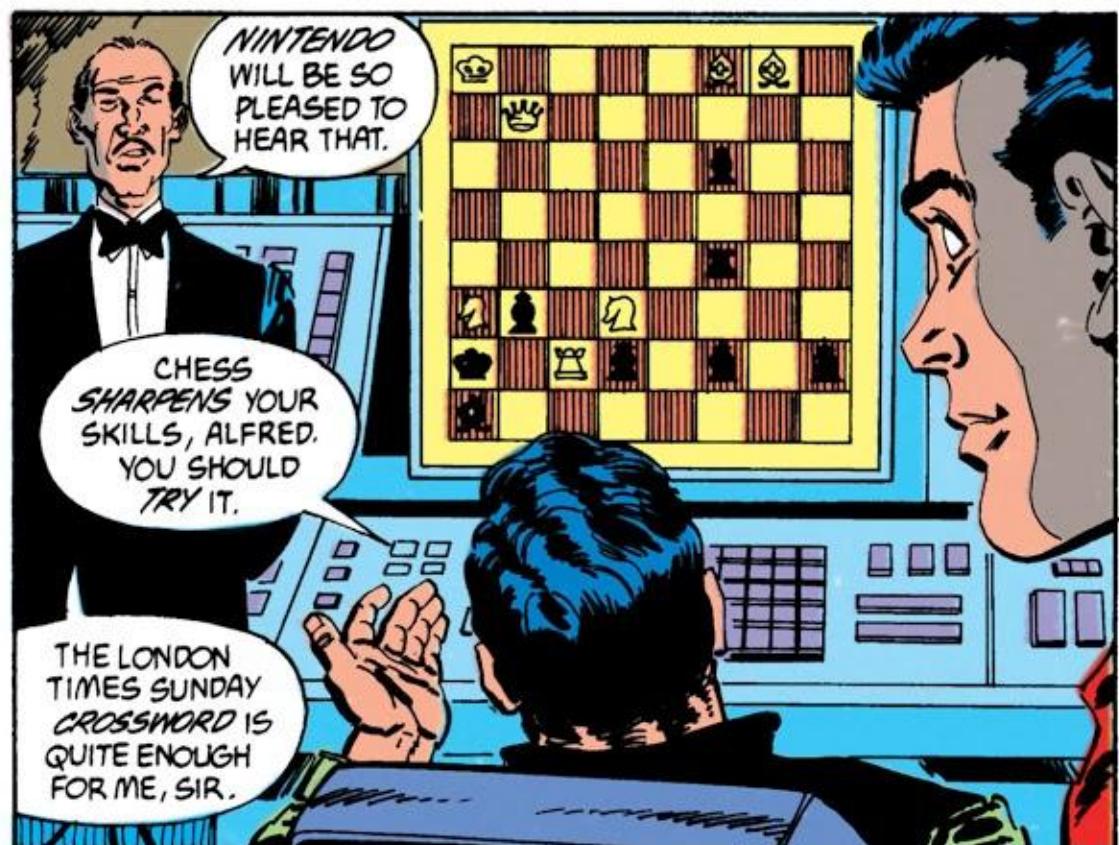


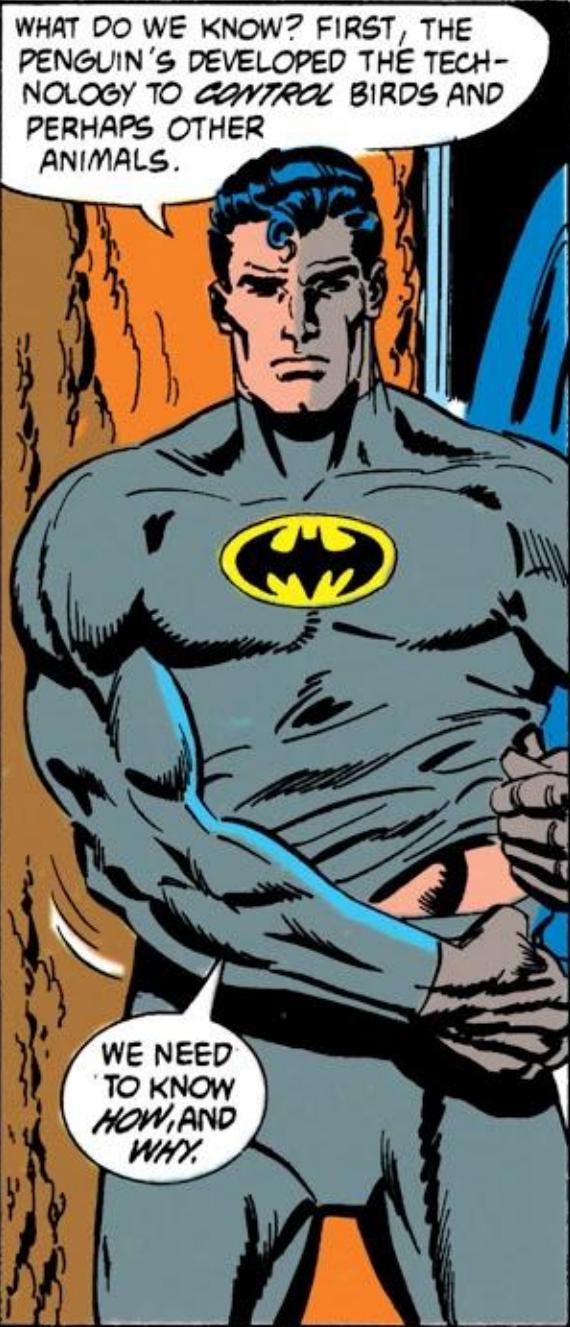




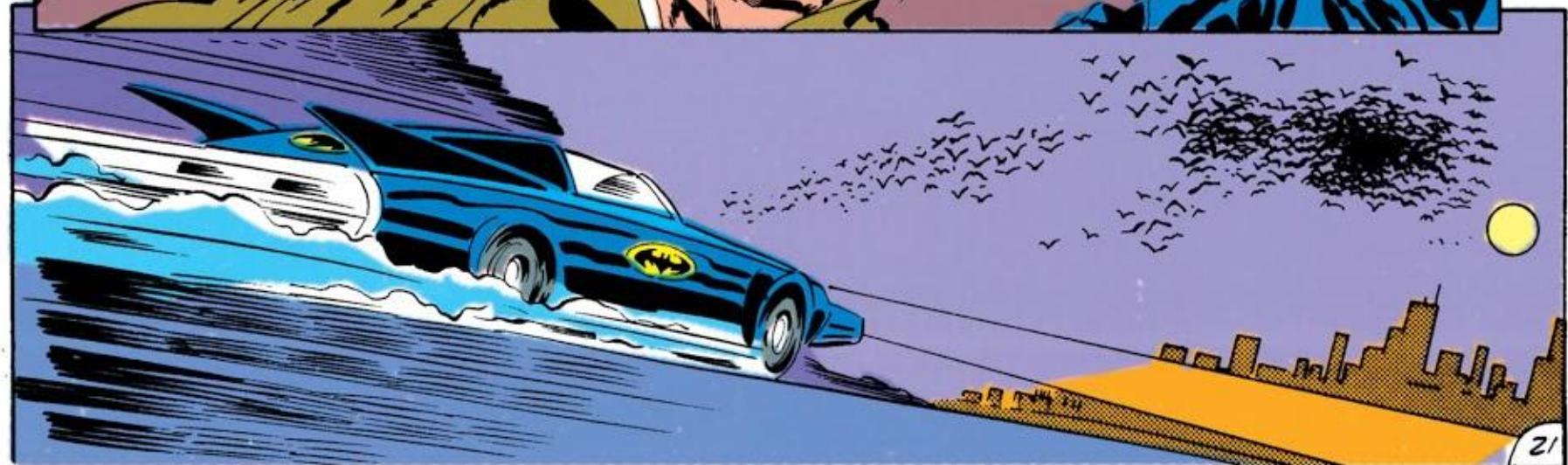














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