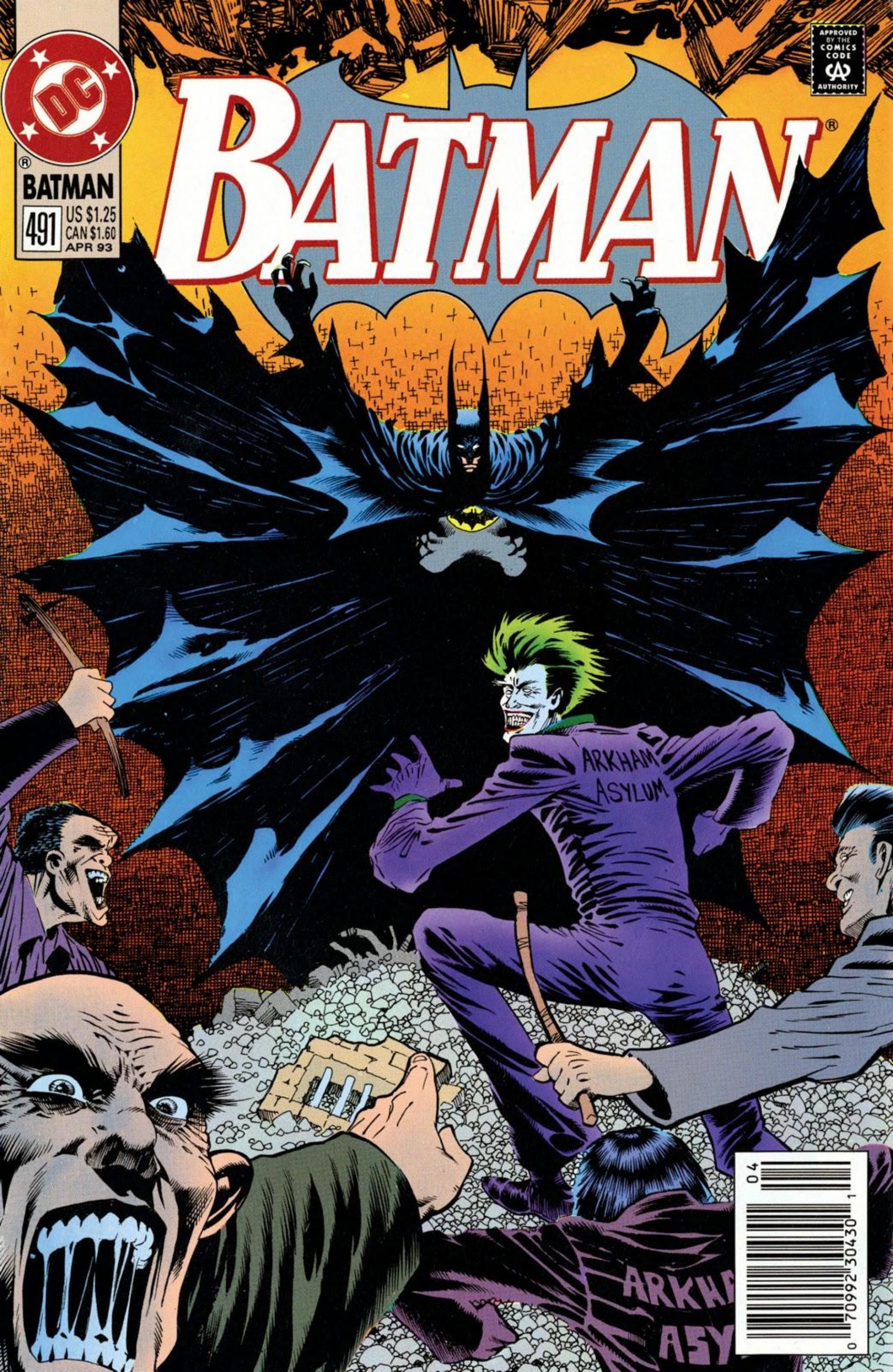




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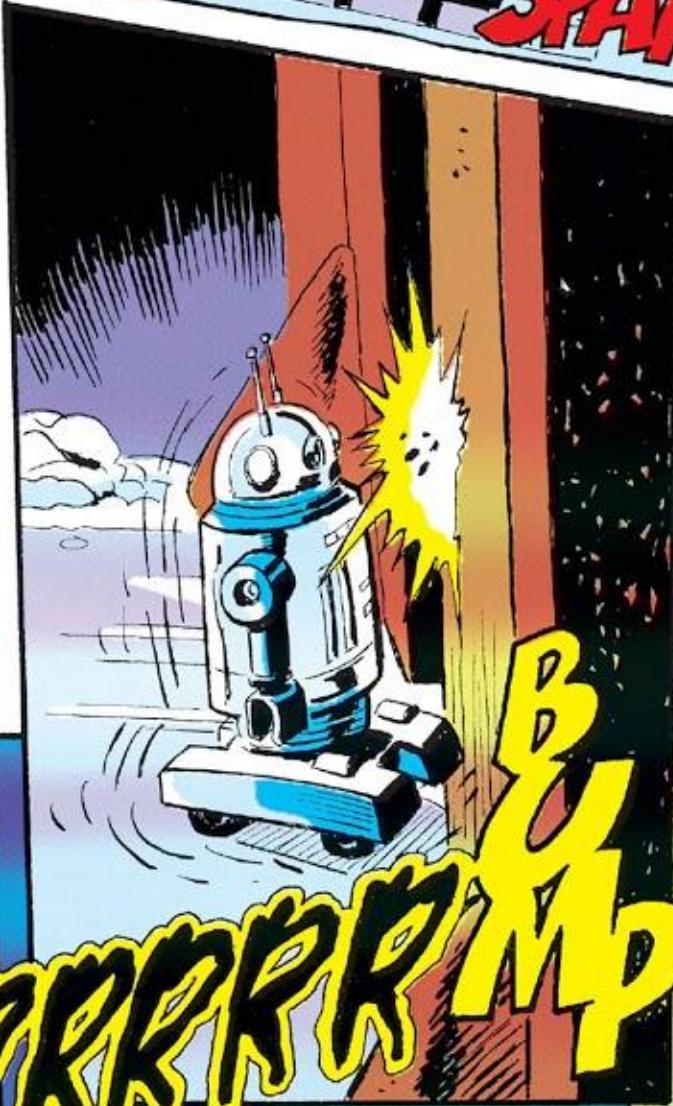
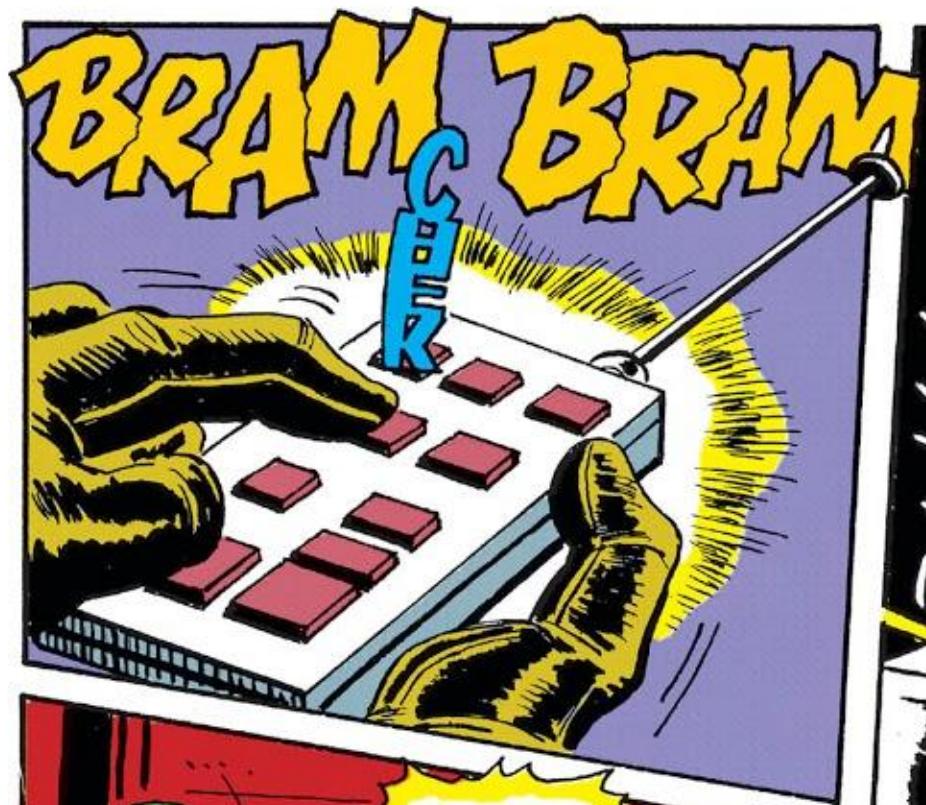
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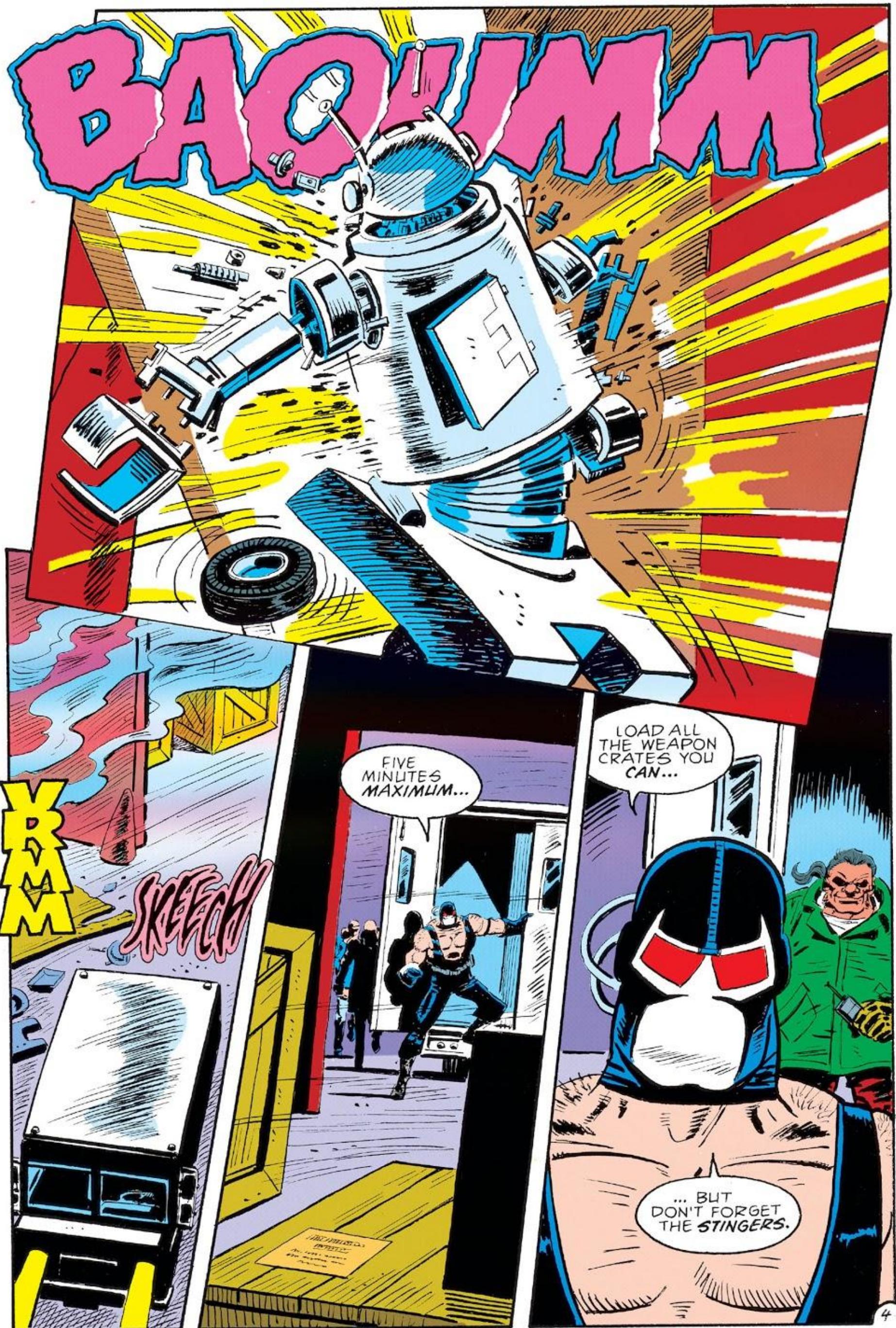
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IT'S LIKE
AN ORDNANCE
INVENTORY FOR
WORLD WAR
THREE,
COMMISH...

AUTOMATIC ASSAULT
RIFLES, ANTI-
PERSONNEL MINES,
MORTARS, HEAVY
MACHINEGUNS,
FRAGMENTATION
GRENADES...

...AN' EVEN
A FEW CRATES O'
SHOULDER-LAUNCHED
STINGER MISSILES.

AND THE
ONLY BRIGHT
SIDE IS THAT
NO ONE WAS
HURT...

THEN YOU THINK THOSE
MUNITIONS WERE STOLEN
FOR DOMESTIC USE,
MONTOYA?

NOT AFTER
THE ARMORY GUARDS
RAN AWAY FROM THEIR U.F.O.
MONSTER... BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME
THERE'S STILL A BODY COUNT TO COME.

WITH THAT M.O.,
COMMISSIONER, I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO THINK...

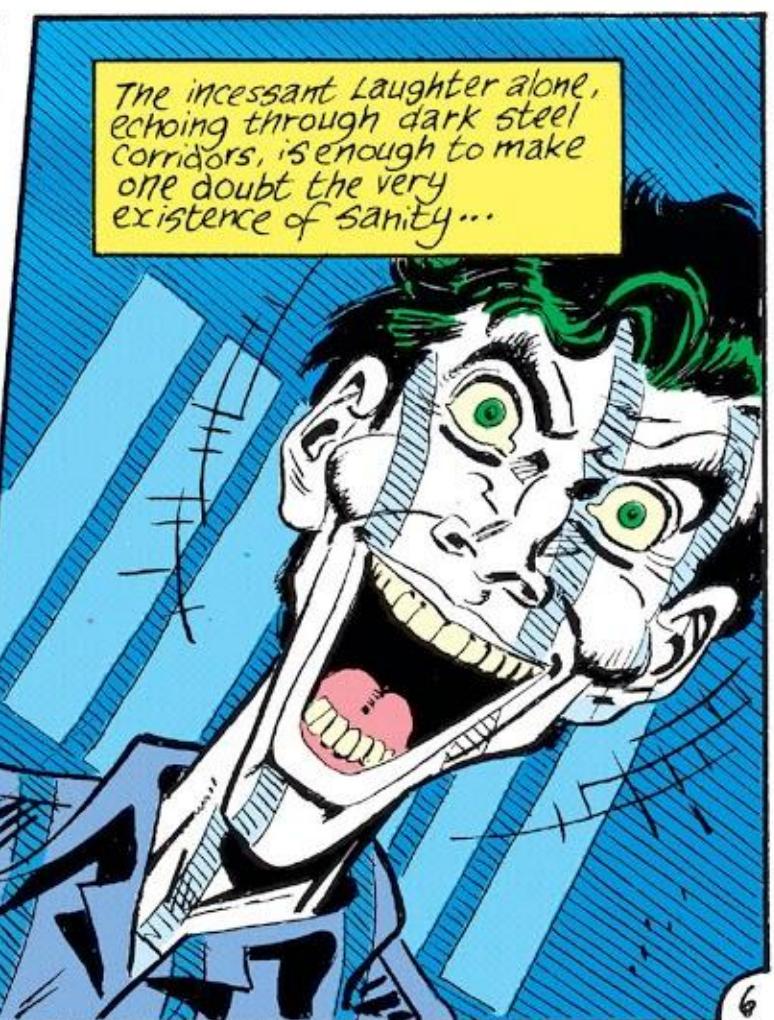
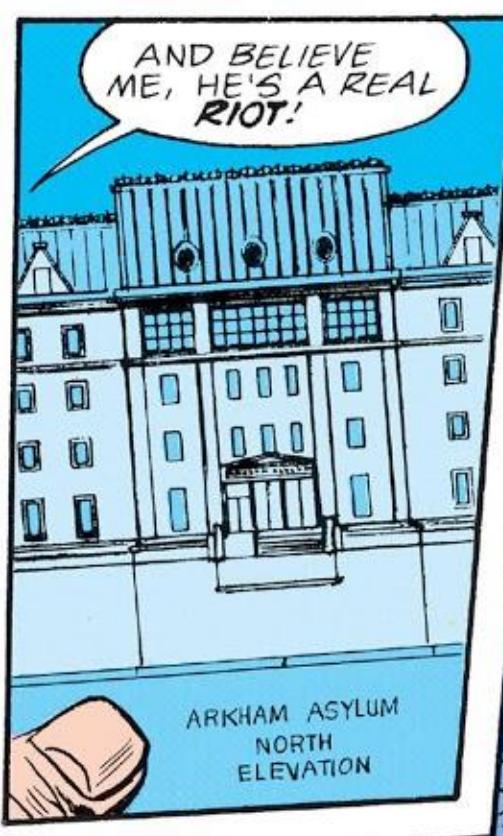
MY GUESS IS
NICARAGUA --
ROGUE C.I.A.
ELEMENTS.

...BUT ONE THING'S READY
FOR THE BANK - THAT WAS
A WHOLE TRUCKLOAD OF
MIGHTY EXOTIC WEAPONRY...

YES...

...BUT
IN WHOSE
HANDS?

...AND RIGHT
NOW IT'S LOOSE
ON OUR STREETS!



Add to that all the shrieks and whimpers, the snarls and whispers, all the cunning drool-garbled incantations of paranoia and revenge, and one sees that this is NOT, in fact, an ASYLUM.

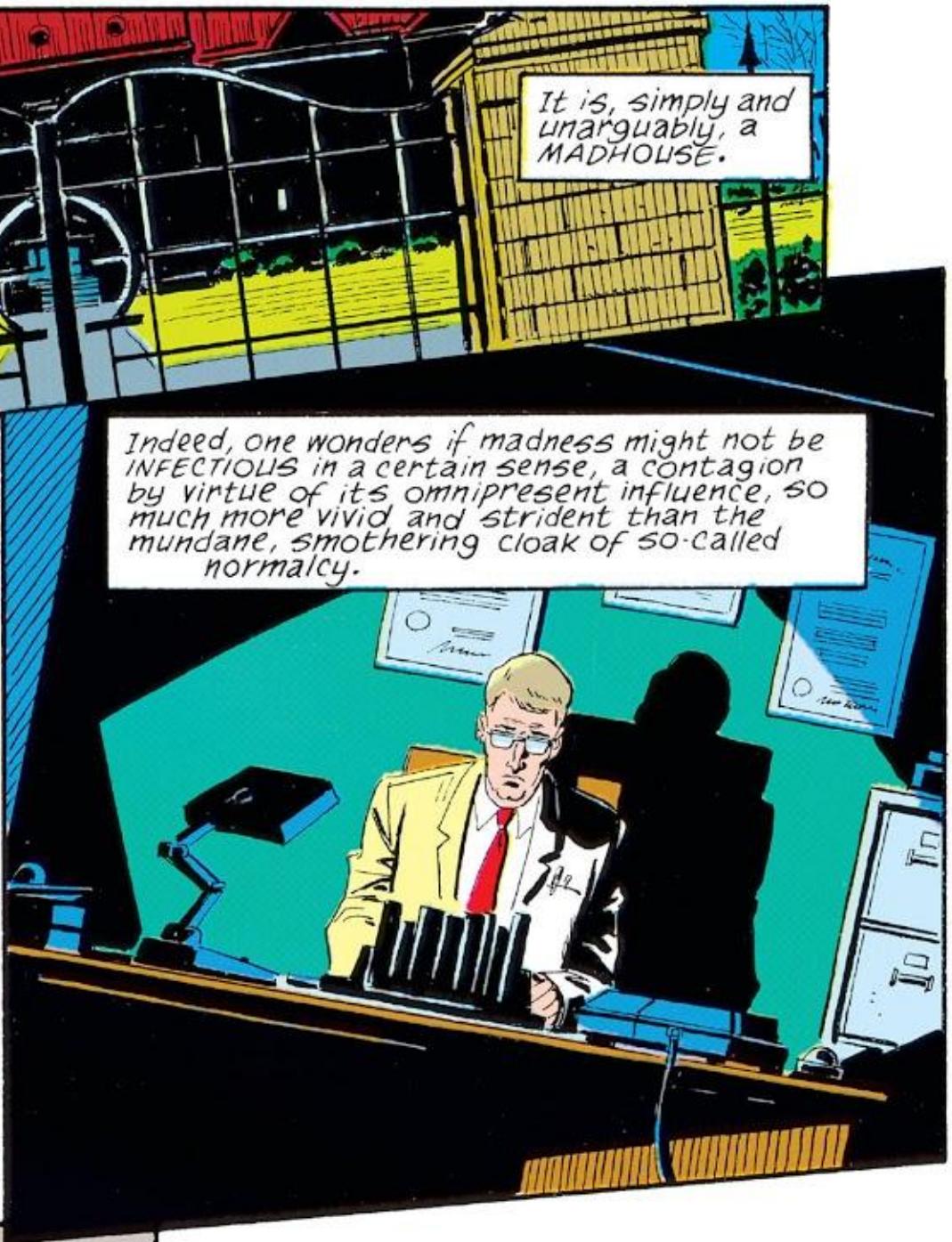
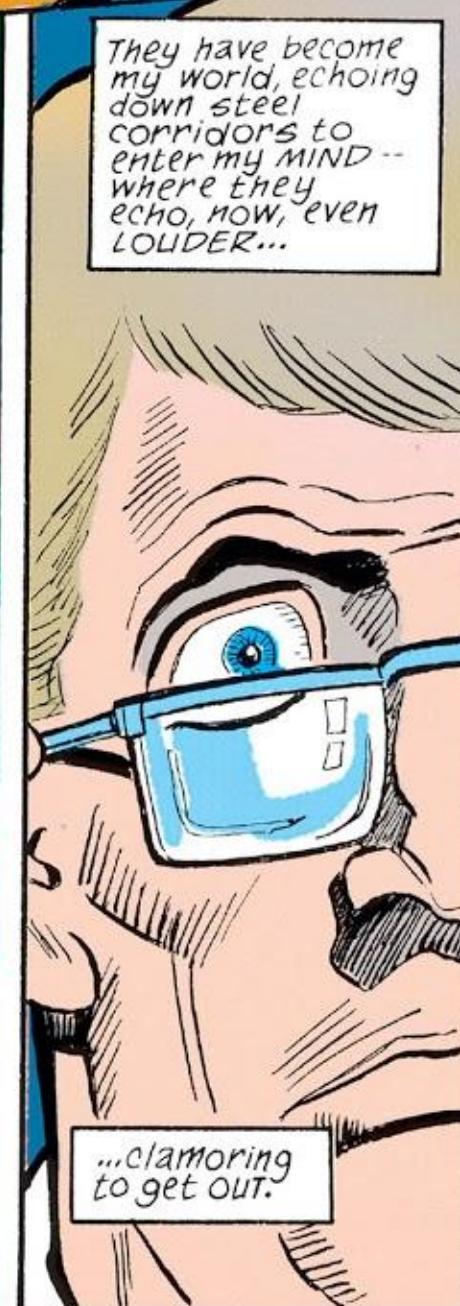
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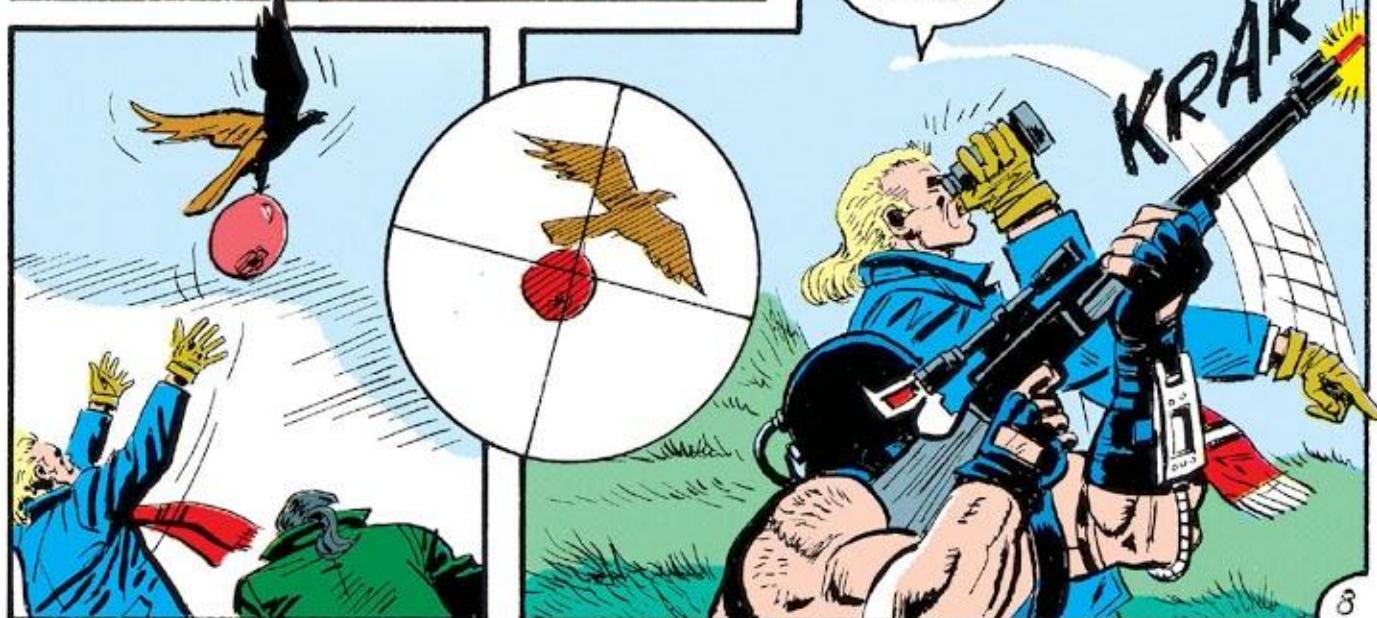
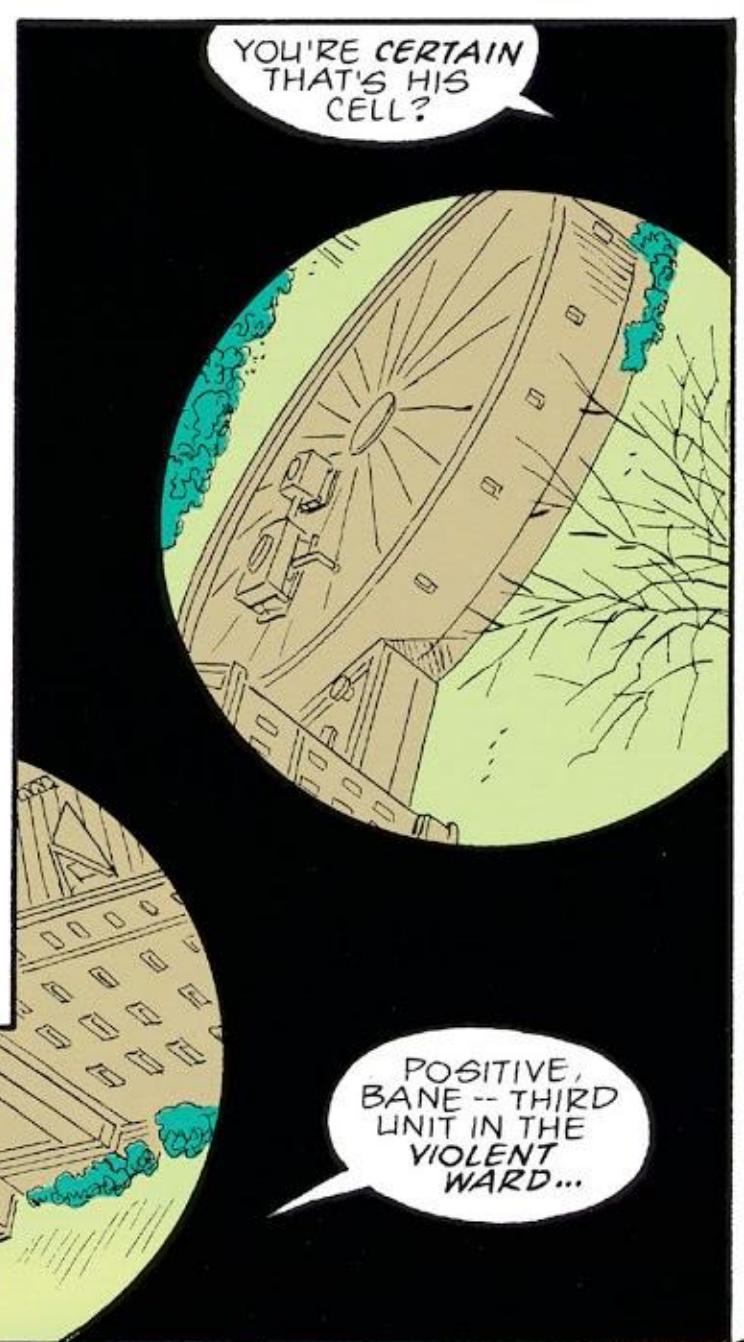
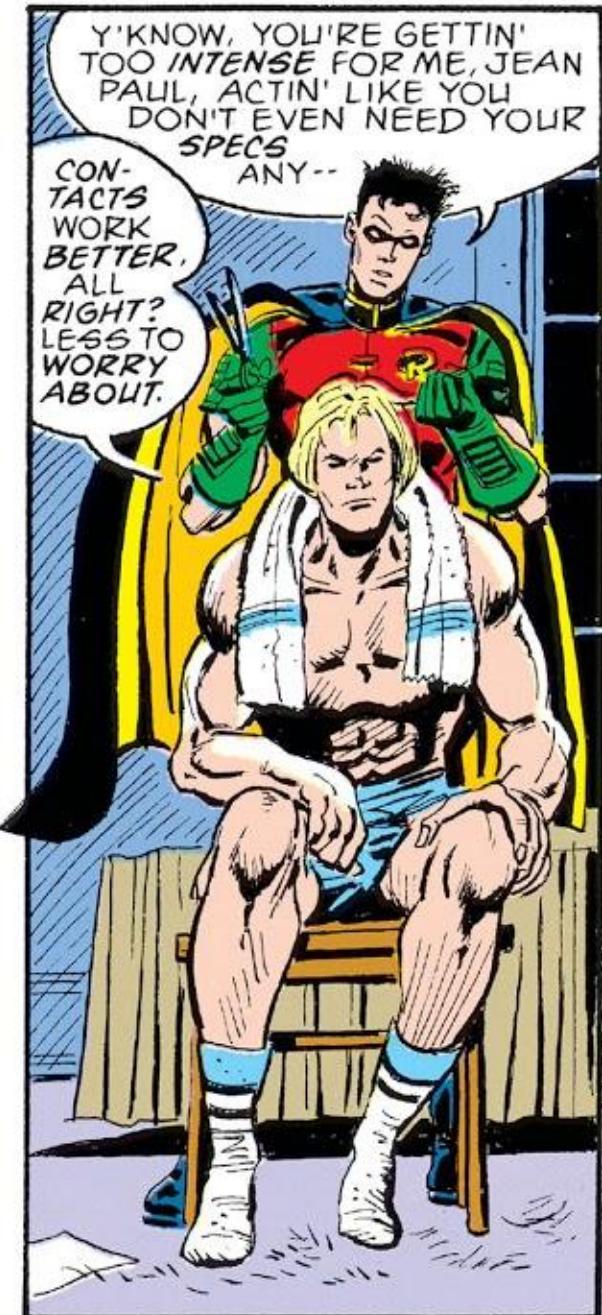
NOT, in fact, an ASYLUM.
It is, simply and unarguably,

a MADHOUSE.
And if one is the keeper
and controller of such a place,
does that make one SANE --
or merely the KING OF
the MAD?
Indeed, one won

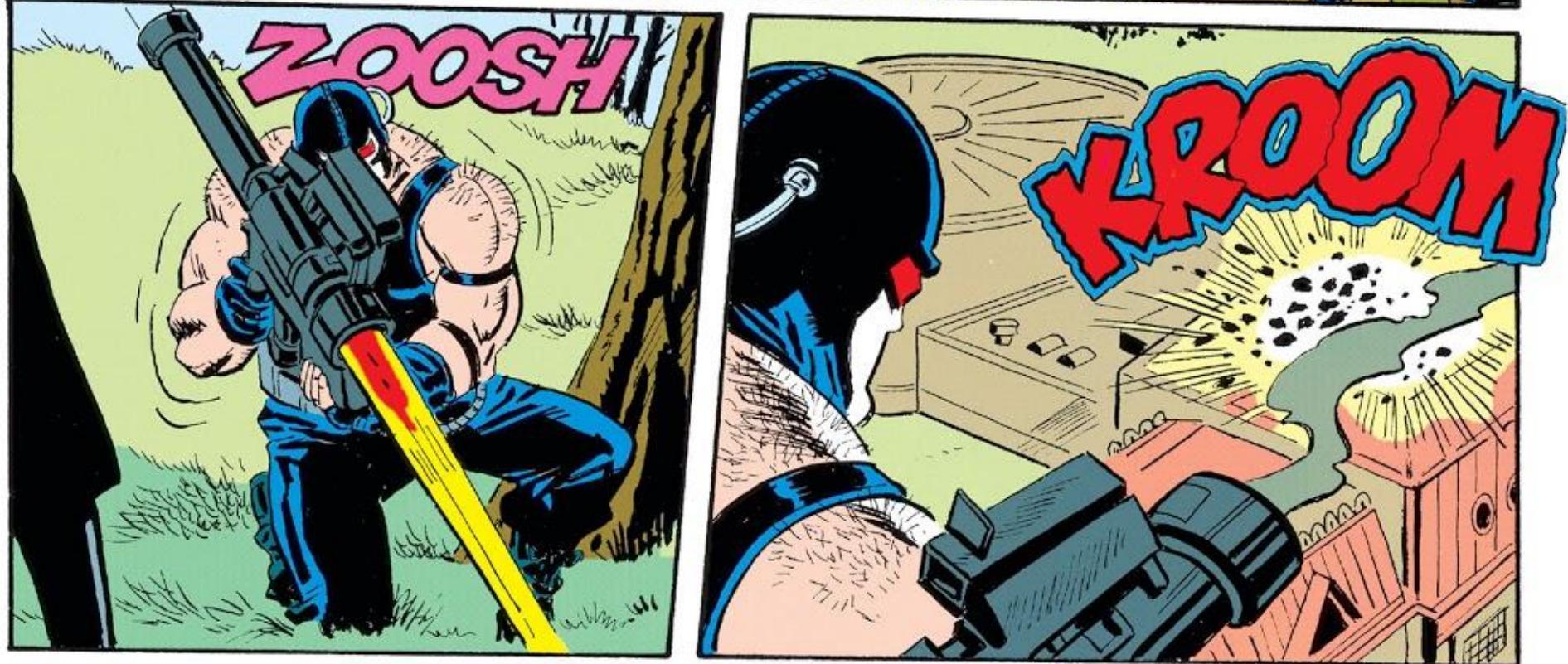
to
shrieks and
whimpers, all the
incantations
and one sees

Indeed, one wonders if madness might not be INFECTIOUS in a certain sense, a contagion by virtue of its omnipresent influence, so much more vivid and strident than the mundane, smothering cloak of so-called normalcy.



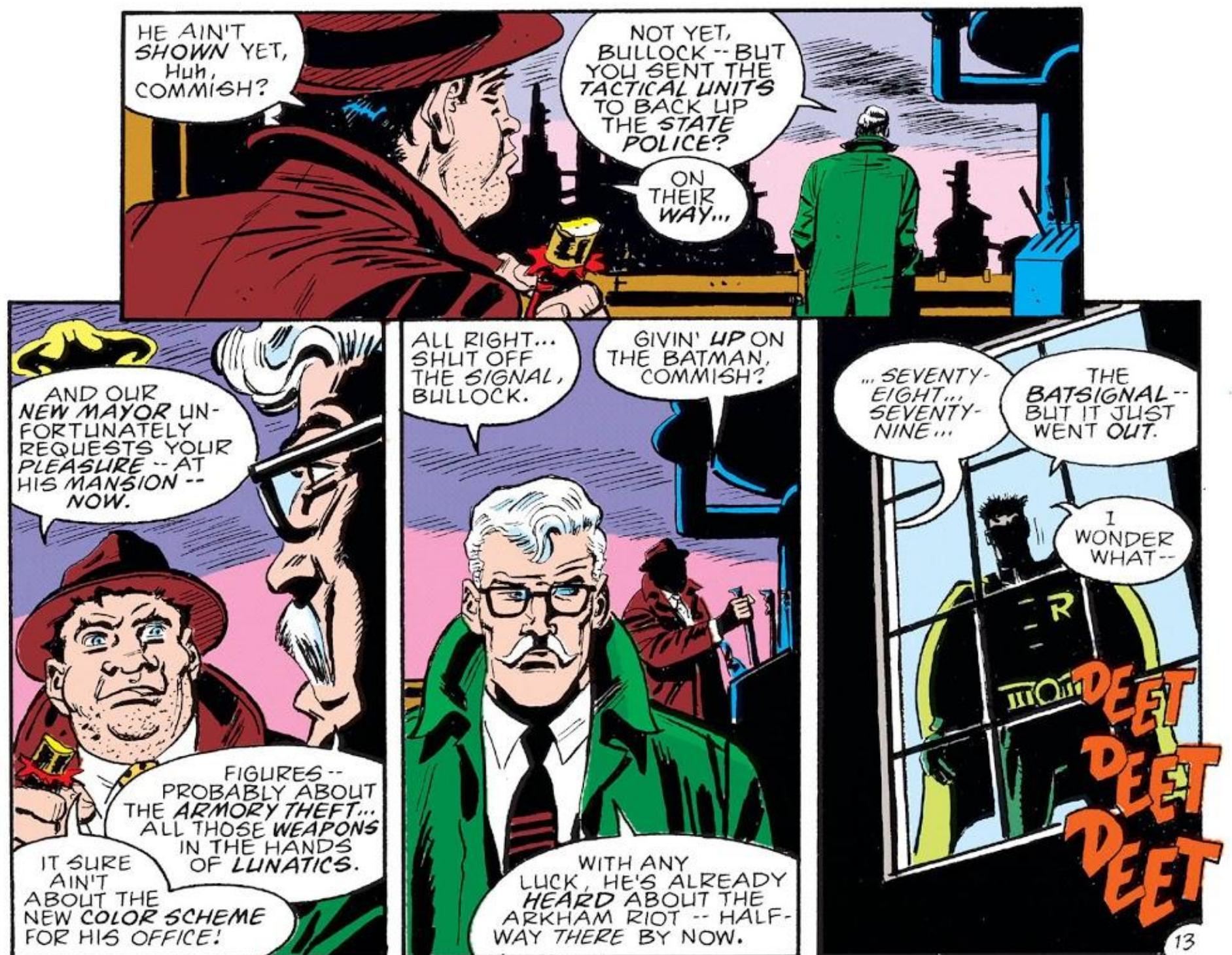


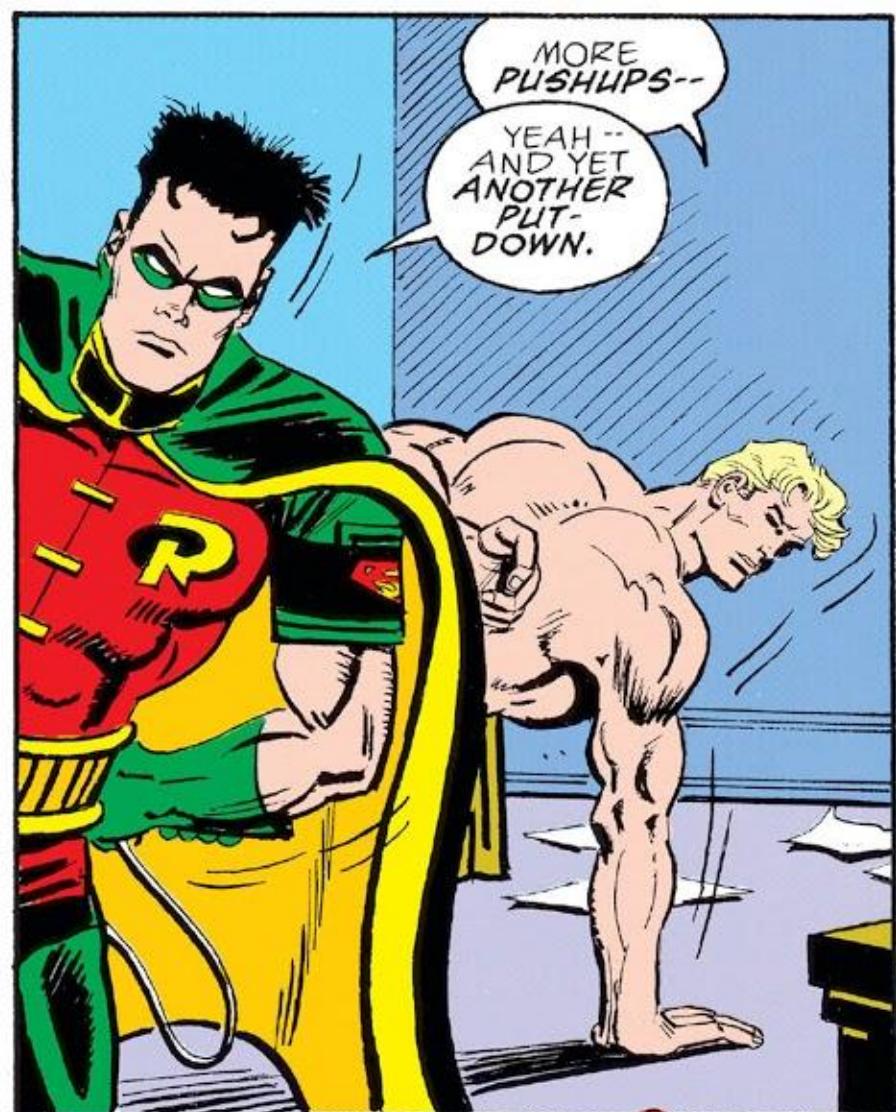


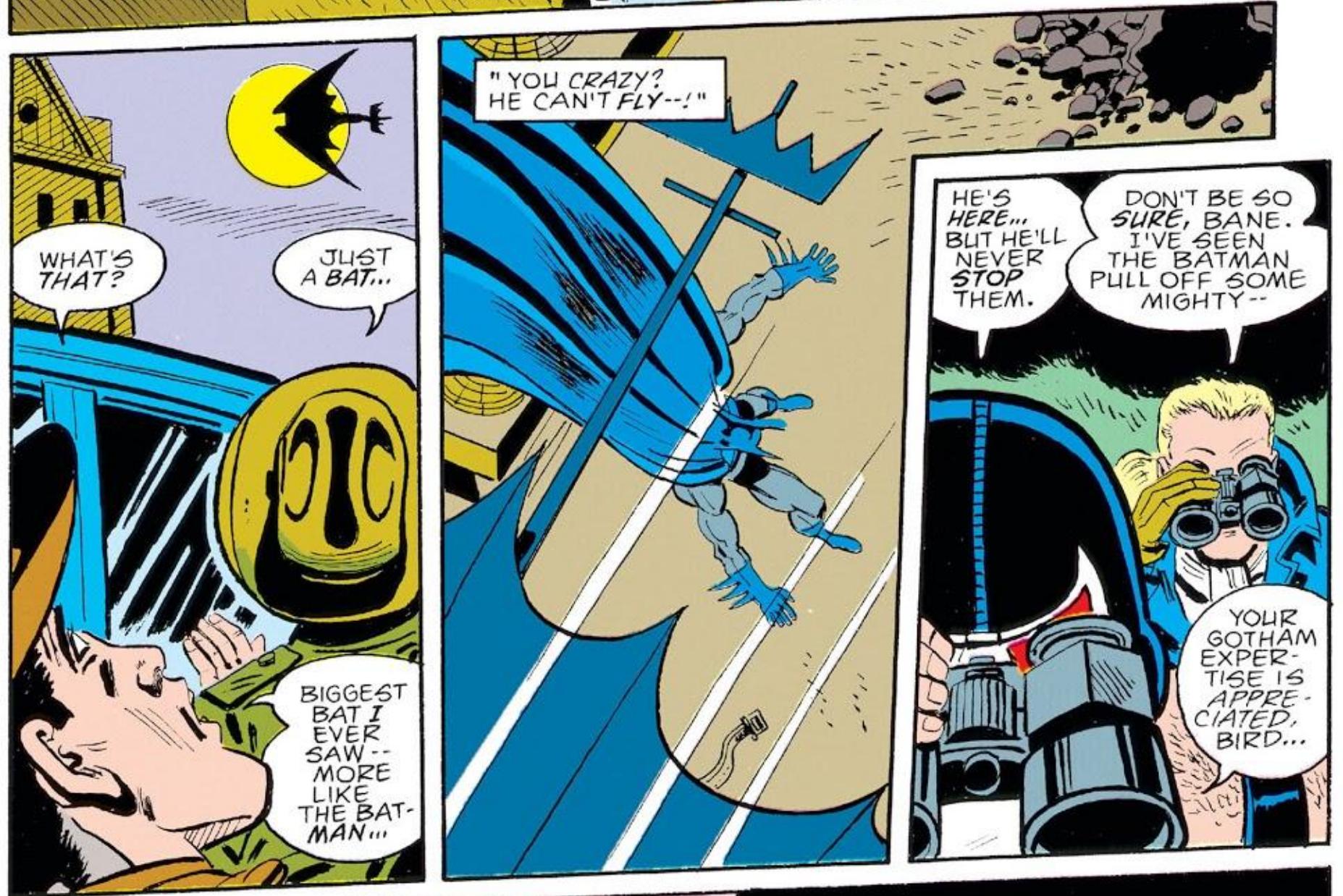


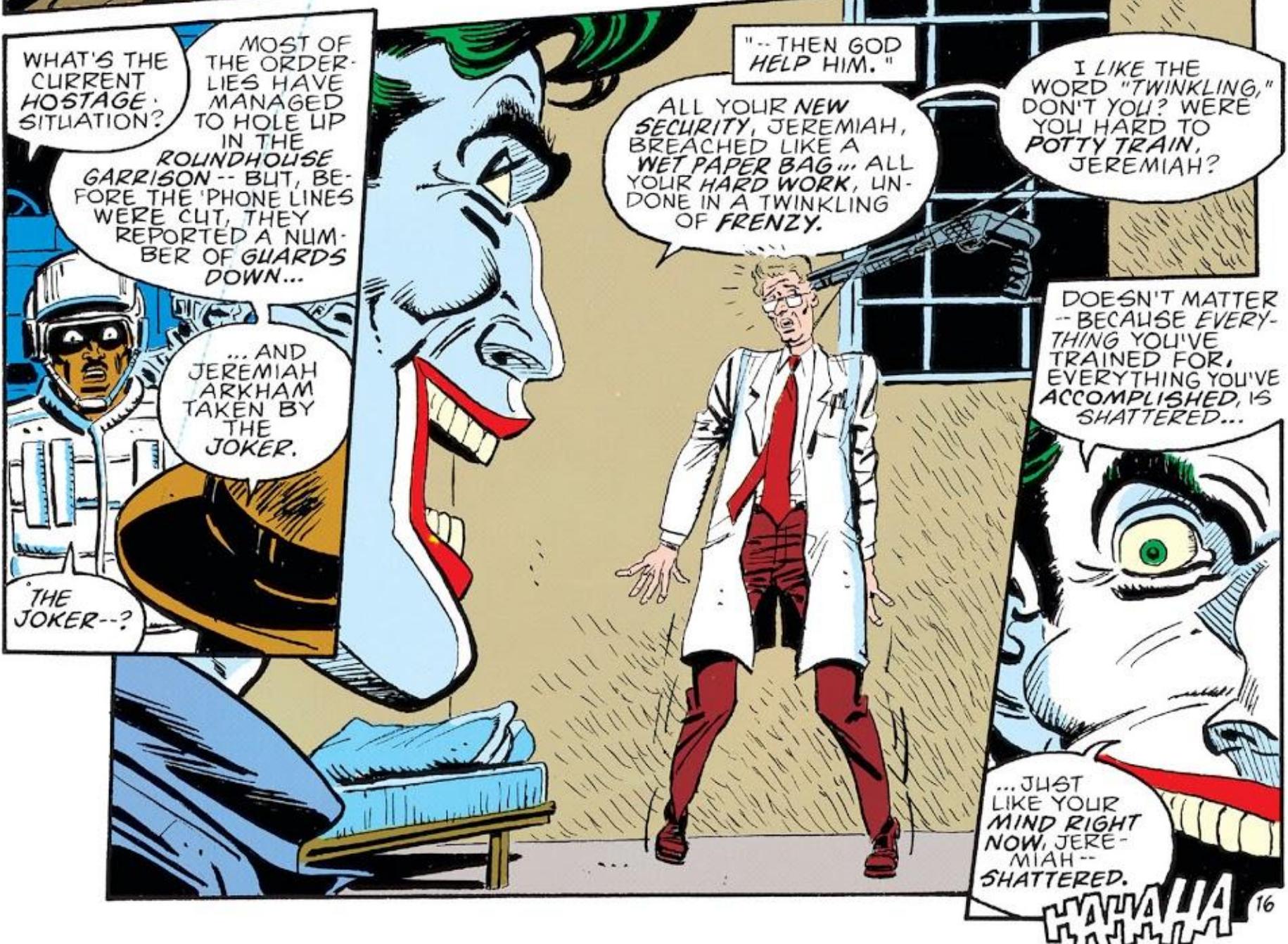
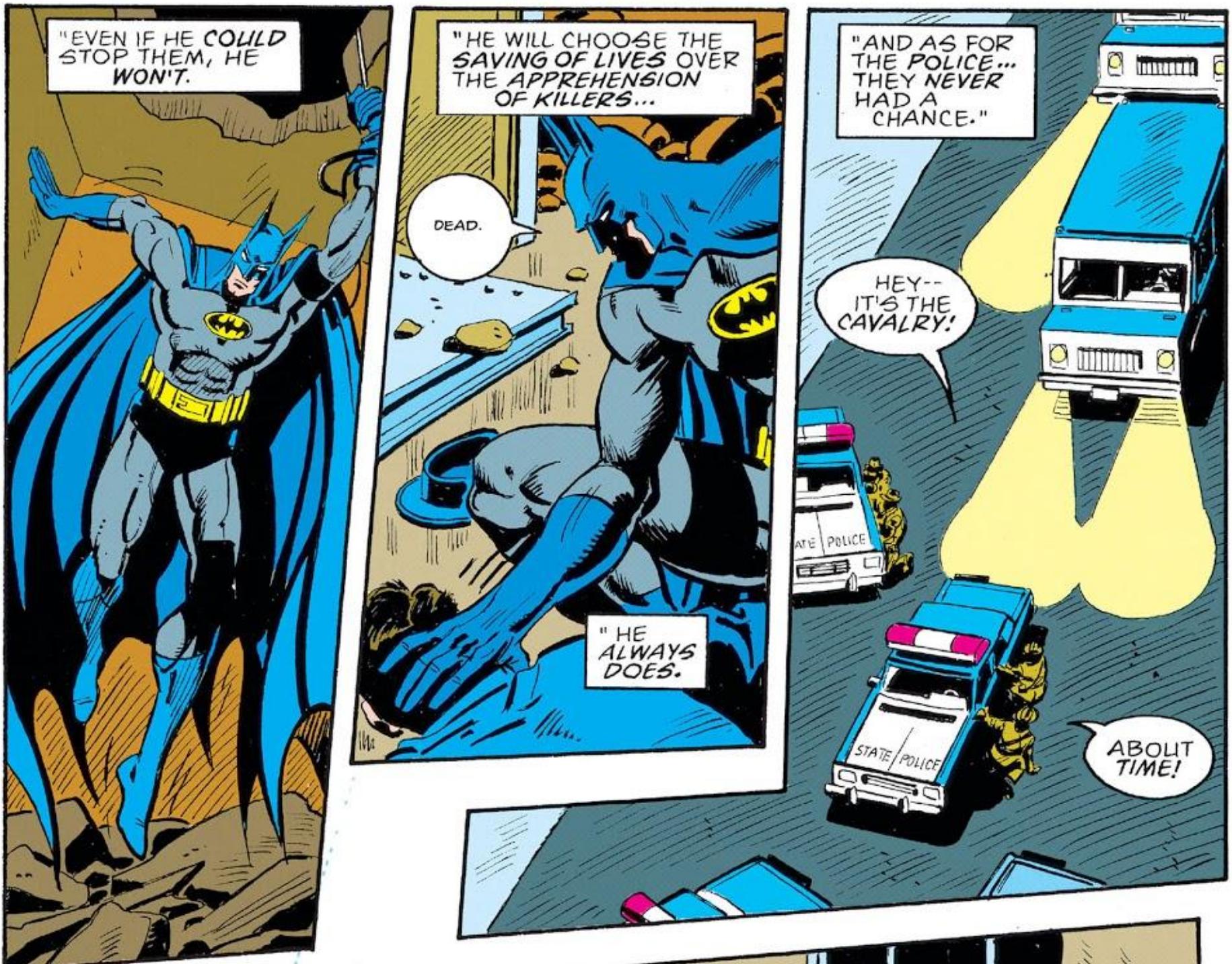


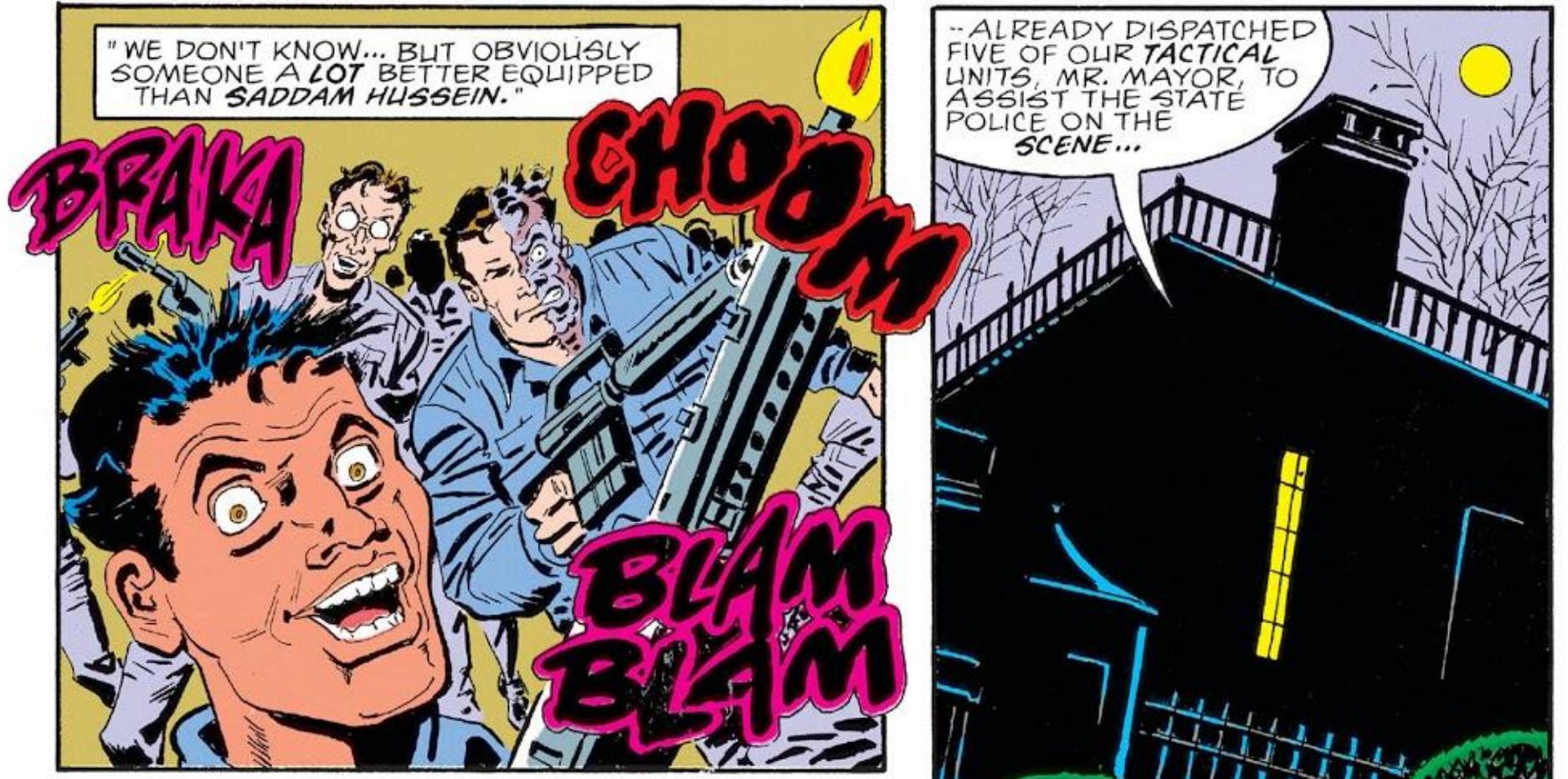


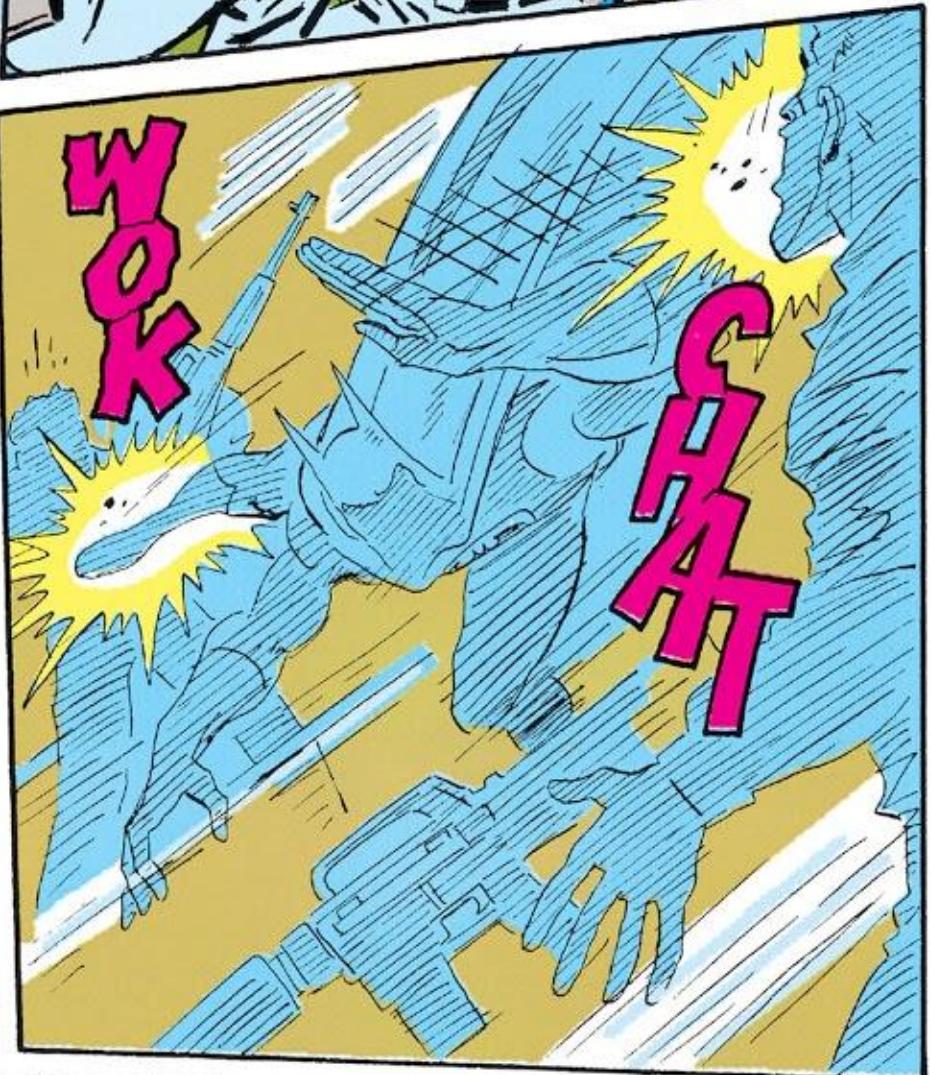
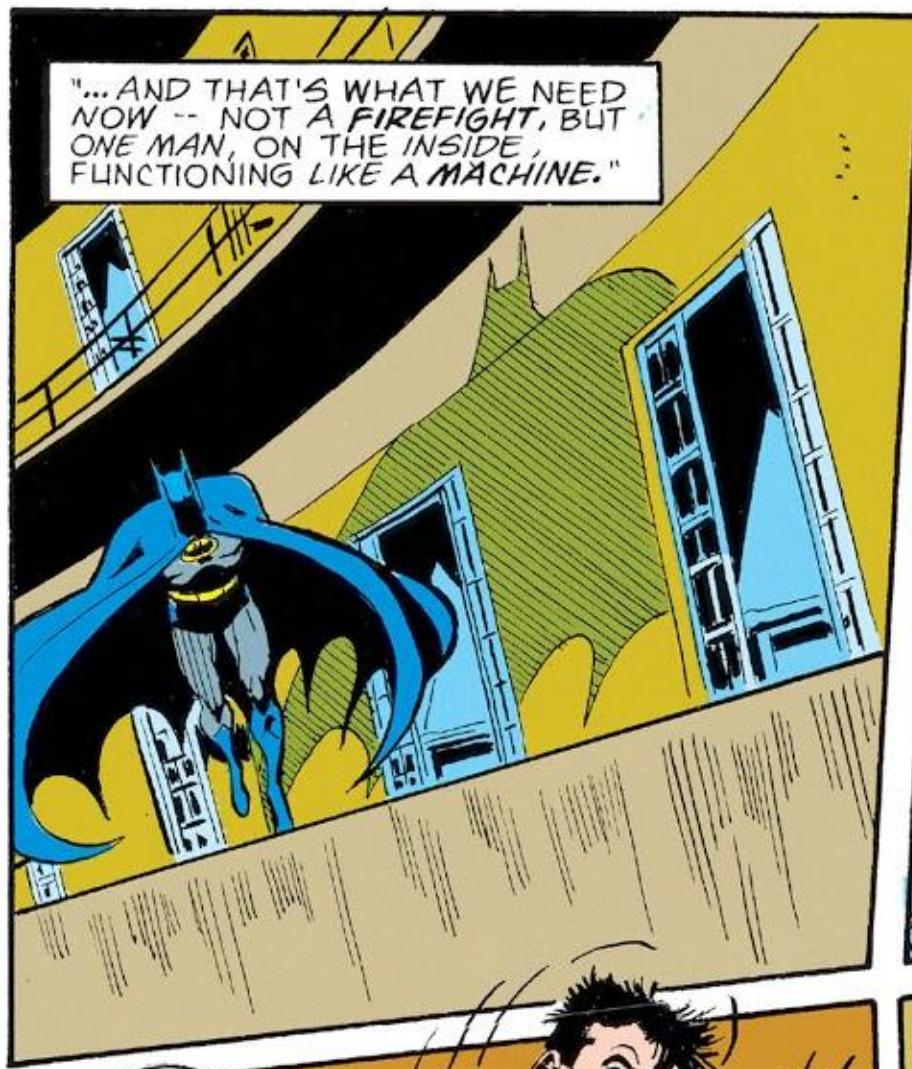




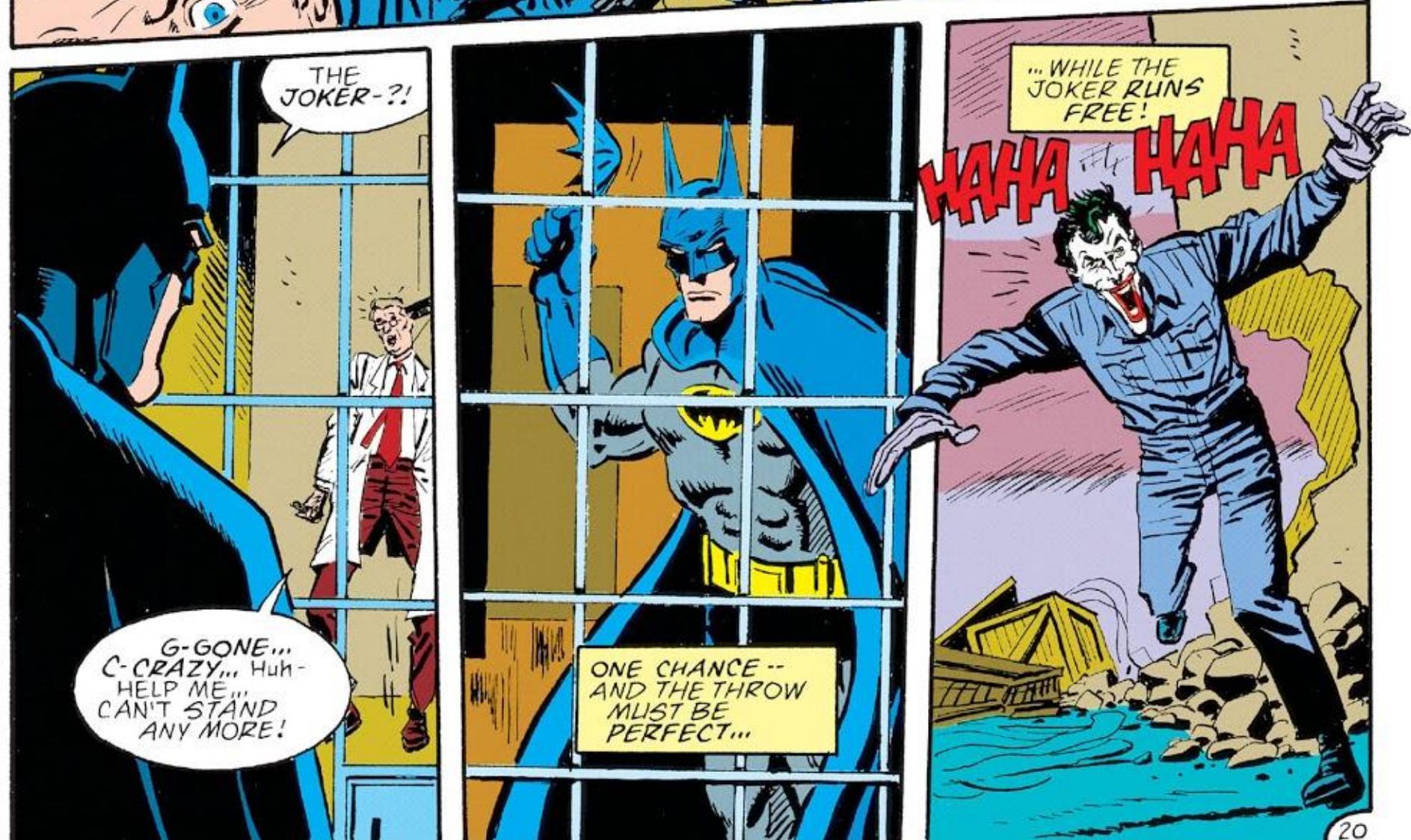




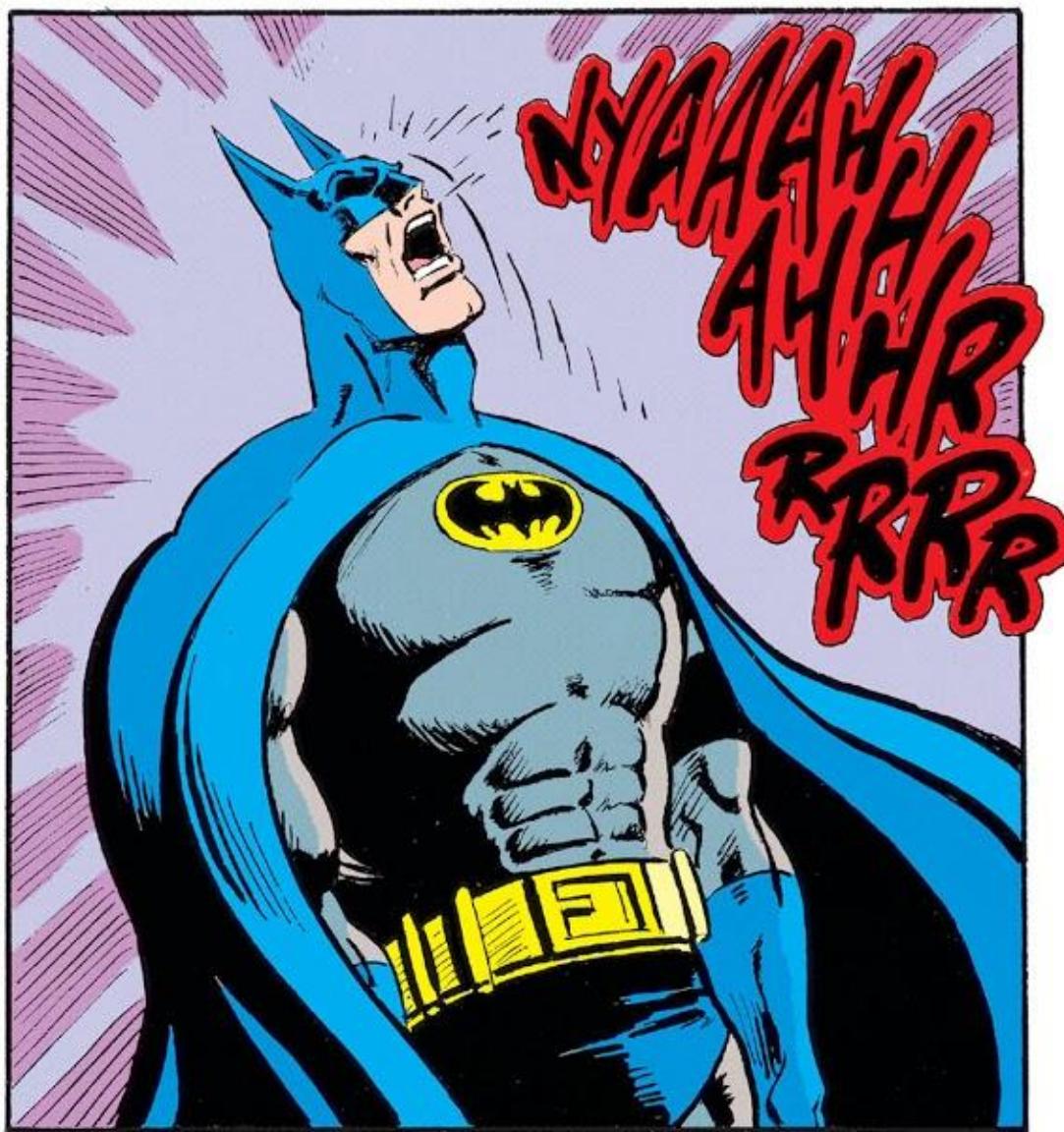
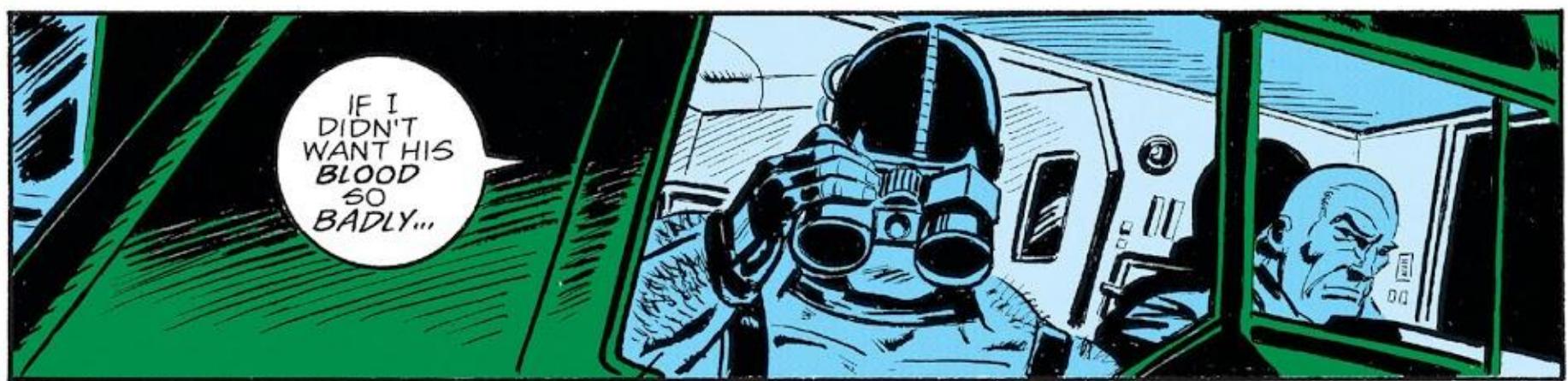
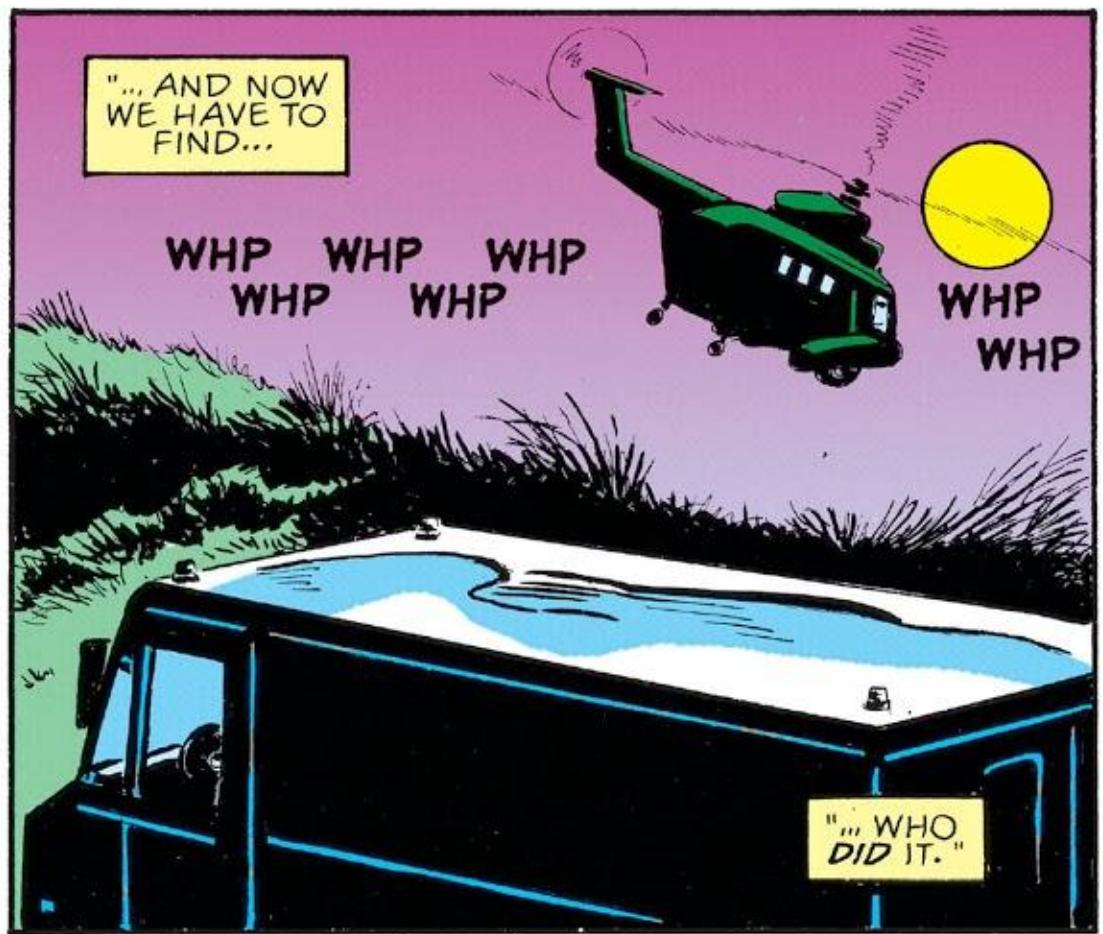
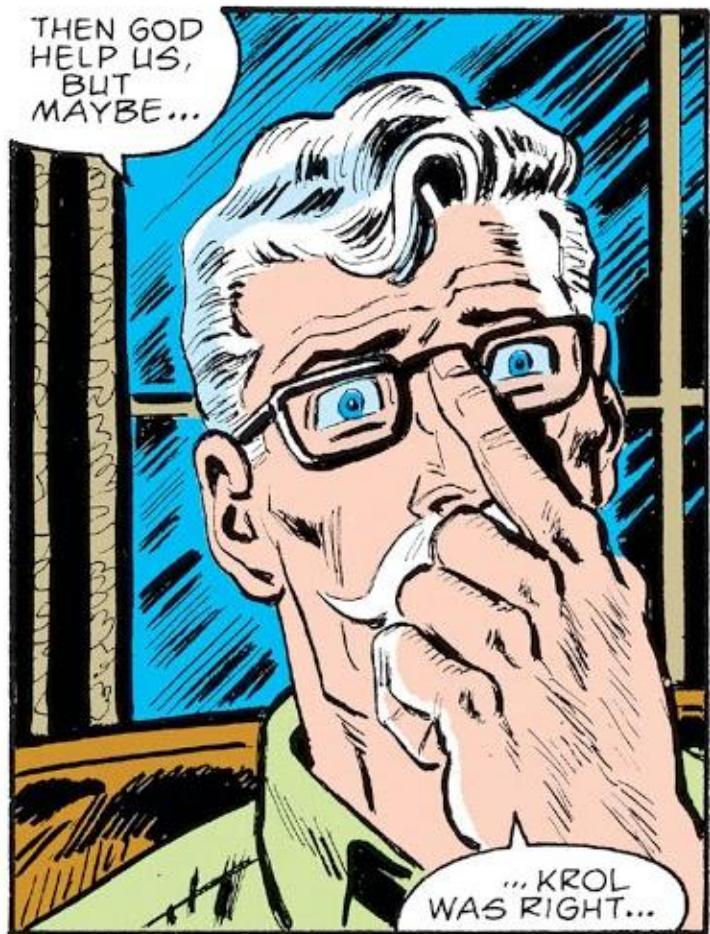












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