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# BATMAN

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BACK OFF,  
**BATMAN--**  
OR THIS  
**MAGIC SHOW**  
BECOMES A  
**TRAGIC SHOW!**

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THE ANGRY MAGICIAN



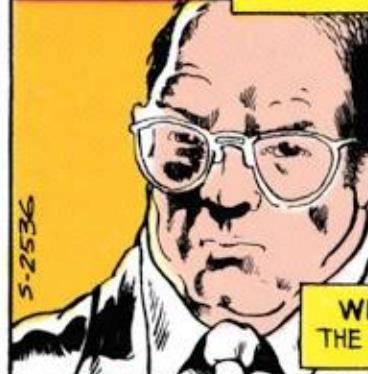
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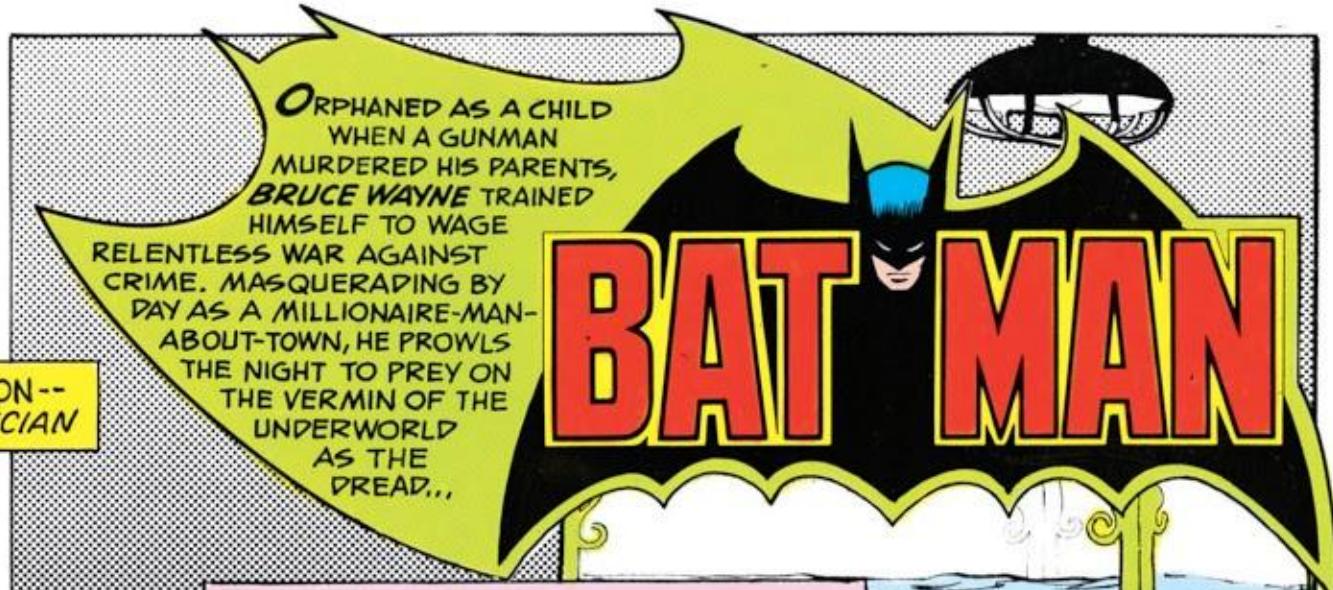
MARTIN MONROE --  
THE AMBITIOUS APPRENTICE



LISA MORROW --  
THE SULTRY PSYCHIC



WINSTON BENNETT --  
THE TACITURN MANAGER



# BATMAN

PERHAPS THE DEADLIEST CASE OF THE  
DARKNIGHT DETECTIVE AND THE LEAGUE  
OF SLEUTHS WHO CALL THEMSELVES  
THE MYSTERY ANALYSTS OF GOTHAM CITY!

CREATED BY

BOB  
KANE

EVEN HOUDINI  
HIMSELF COULDN'T  
HAVE ESCAPED  
THIS DEATHTRAP,  
BATMAN!

FOR INTERFERING  
WITH MY PLANS, I  
CONDEMN YOU --

-- TO  
DIE!!

BUT WHO?

ONLY ONE MAN KNOWS THE ANSWER--  
AND HE'S ABOUT TO DROWN! SEE IF  
YOU CAN UNCOVER THE SECRET BEHIND--

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## "THE ADVENTURE OF THE HOUDINI WHODUNIT!"

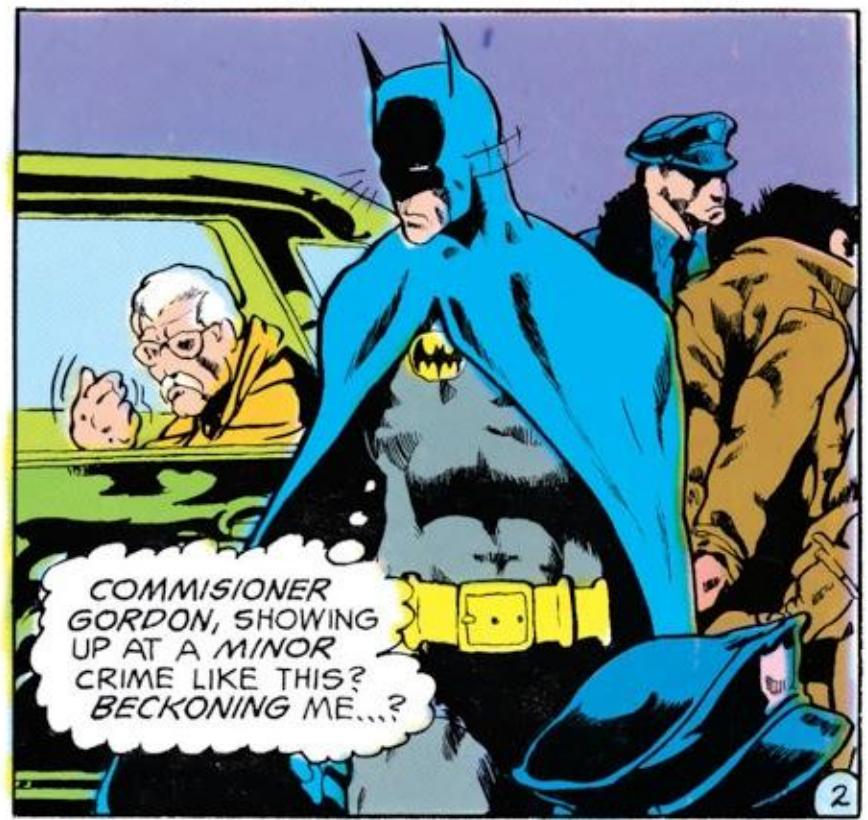
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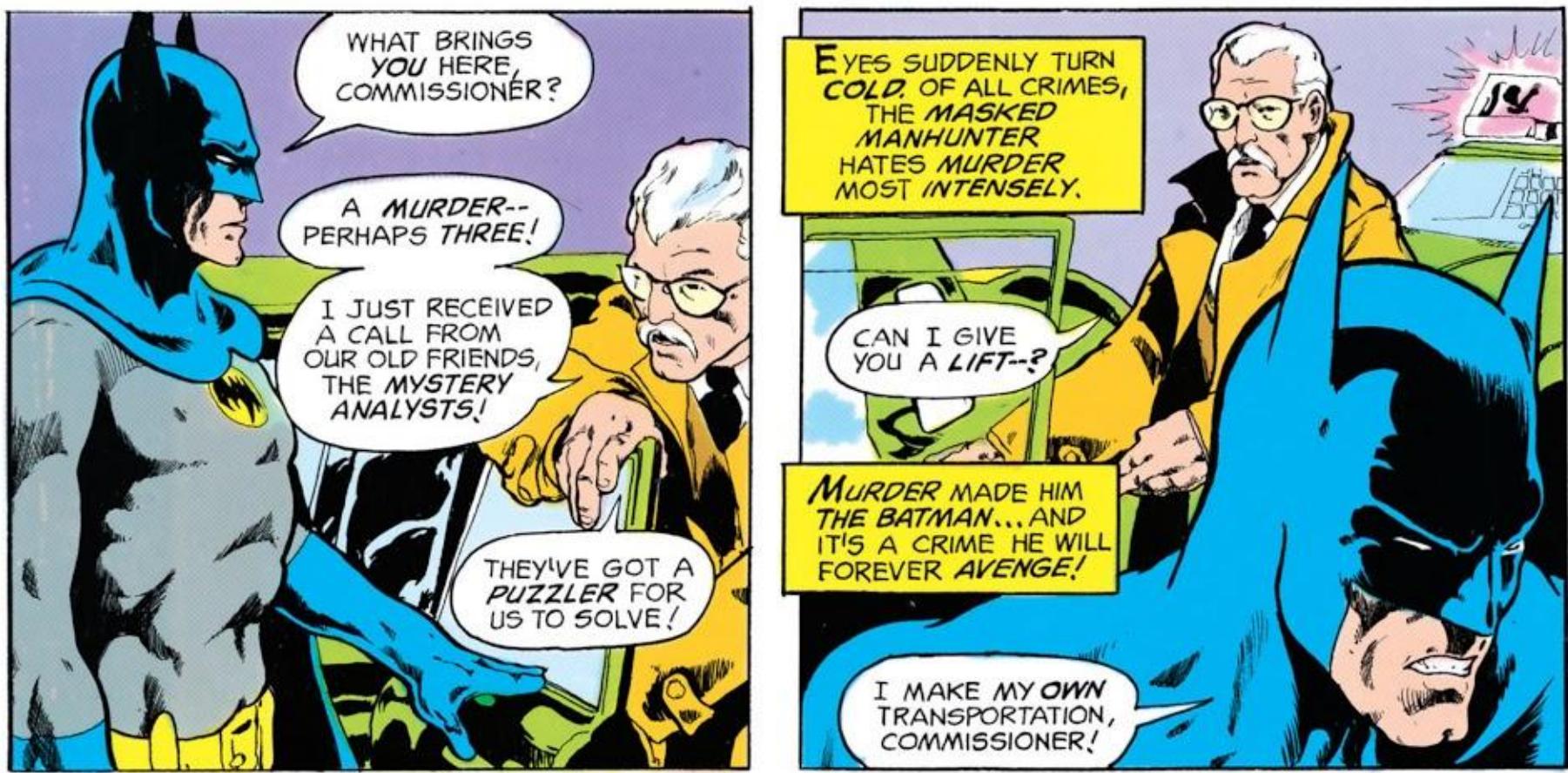
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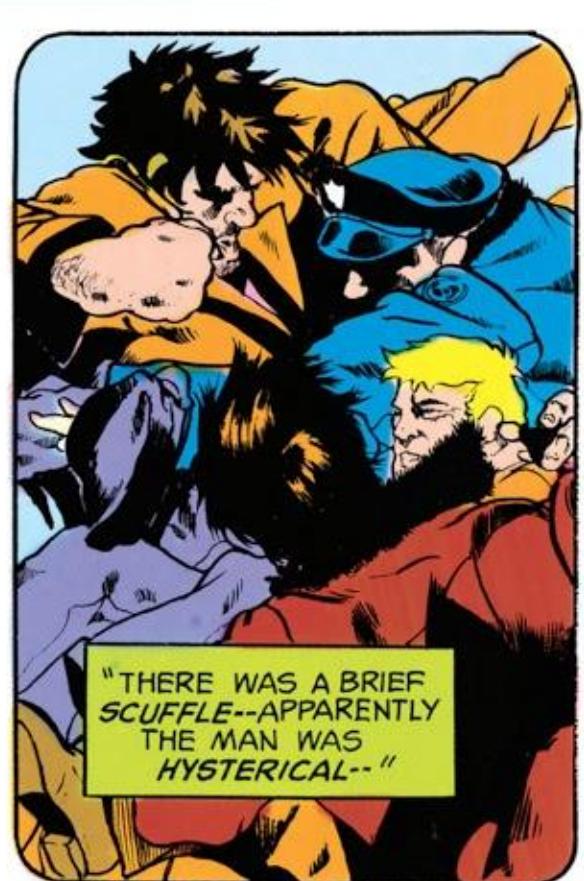
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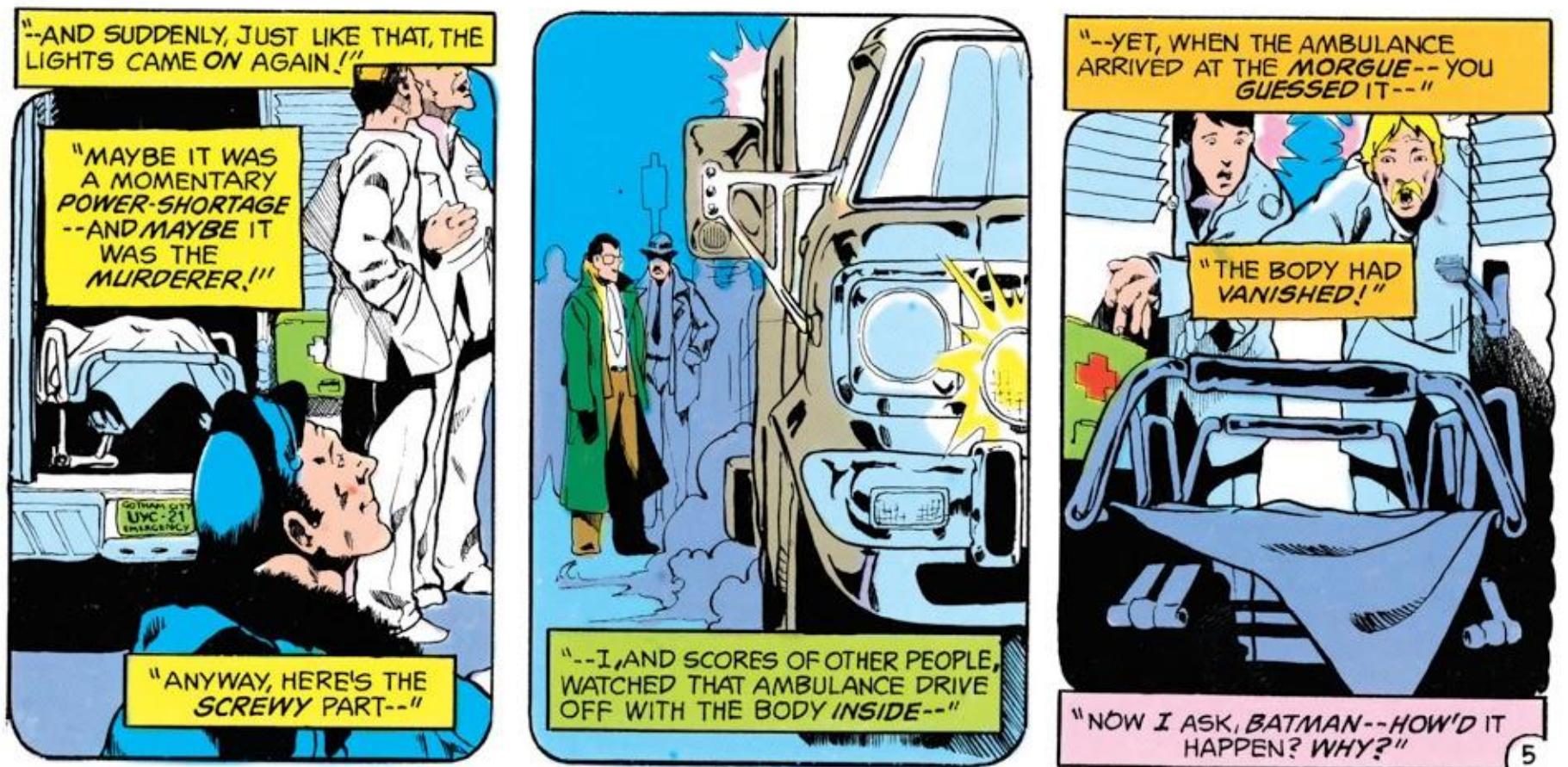
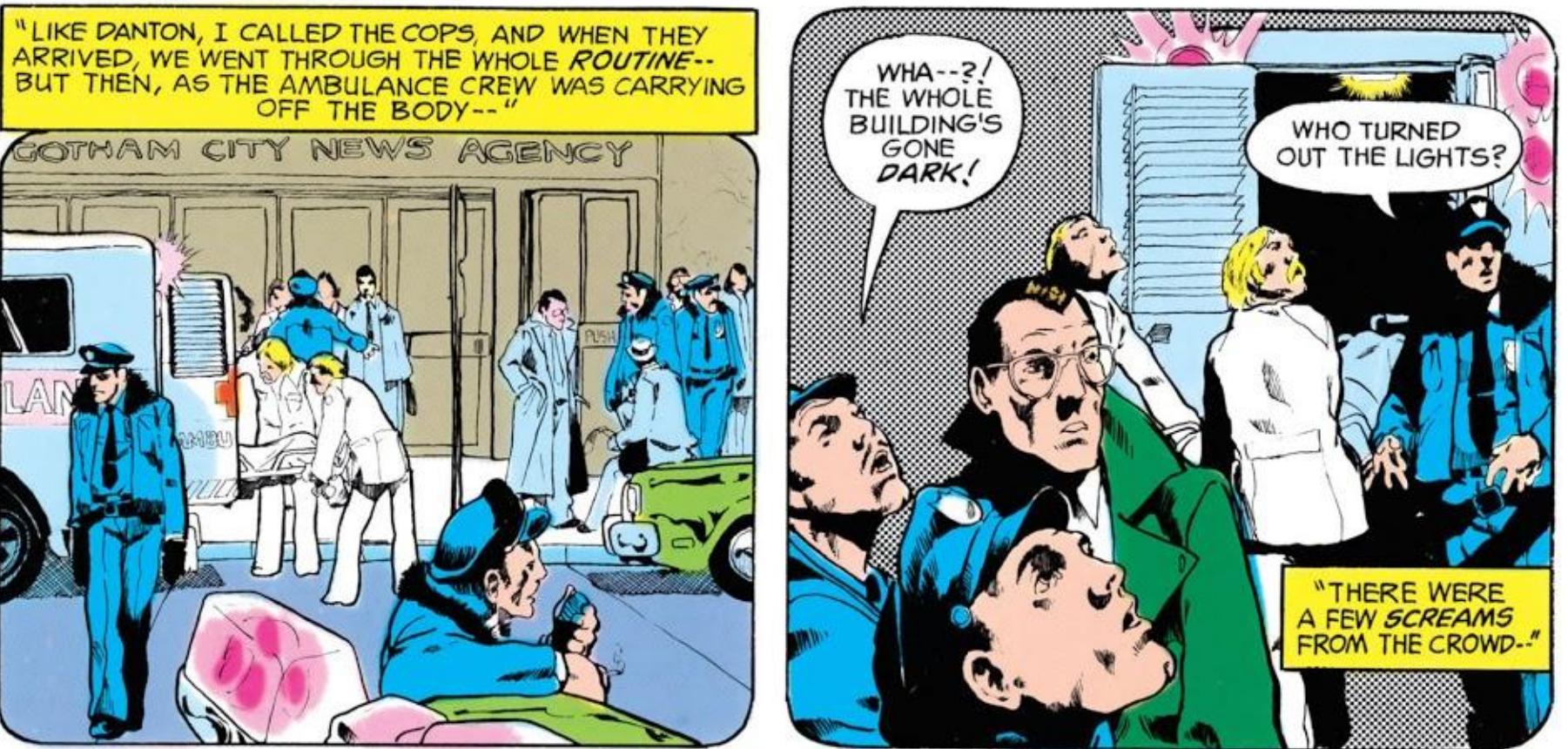


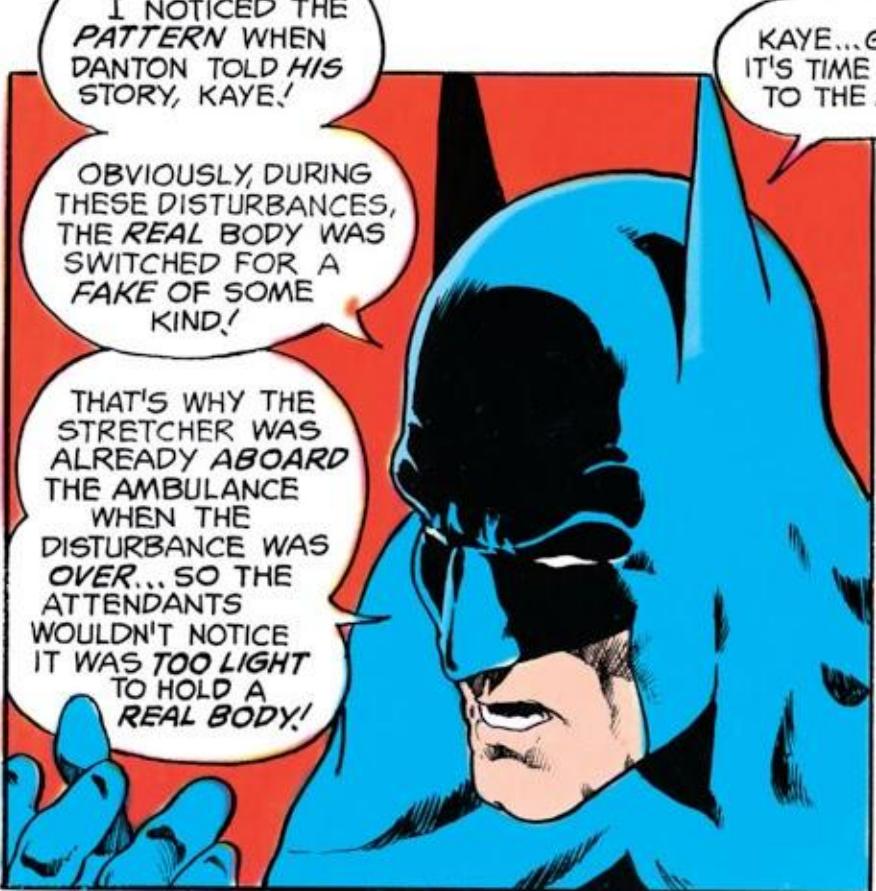
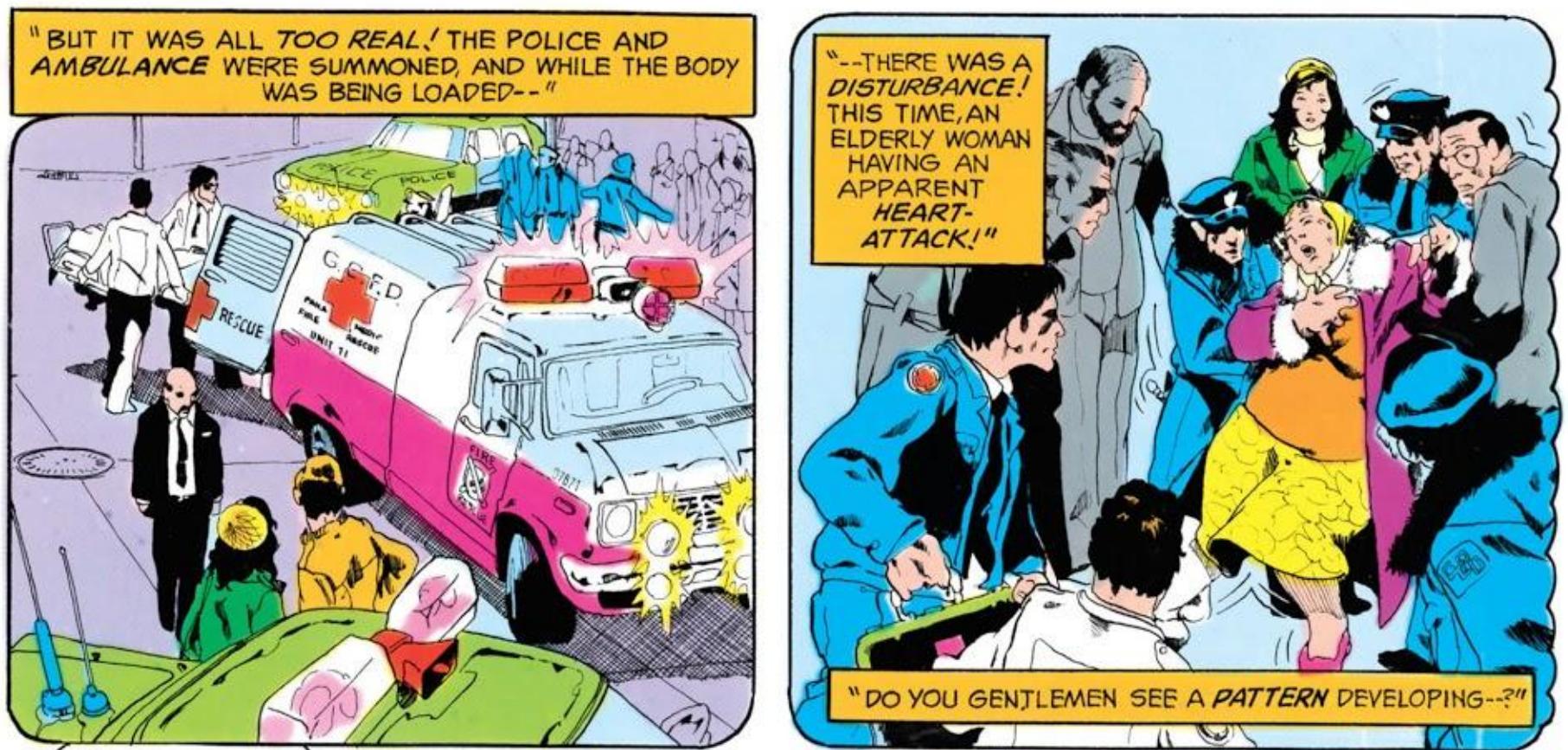
9:13 P.M.--AND, AT THE END OF ONE CASE, THE FIRST GLIMMERINGS OF ANOTHER...











## CHAPTER TWO: "...WRAPPED IN A MYSTERY..."

10:08 P.M. --THE GOTHAM CITY MORGUE...

--MEAN TO STAND THERE AND TELL US YOU SAW NOTHING? A BODY IS SNATCHED RIGHT FROM UNDER YOUR NOSES-- AND YOU'RE ALL *BLIND*?

A WIRE SUB-STRUCTURE SO THIN IT'S ALMOST INVISIBLE...

...PROPPED UNDER THE SHEET TO MAKE IT *APPEAR* THERE WAS A BODY PRESENT!

IT COLLAPSED WHEN THE SHEET WAS REMOVED!

I'VE SEEN THAT SORT OF THING *BEFORE*-- BUT I CAN'T PLACE WHERE--

YOU TELL THEM, COMMISSIONER!

IN A MAGIC SHOW, KAYE-- SUCH AS THE SHOW CURRENTLY APPEARING AT THE MAGIC PALACE NIGHT CLUB!

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--WE'VE GOT SOME UNINVITED *COMPANY*-- SOMEONE I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO!

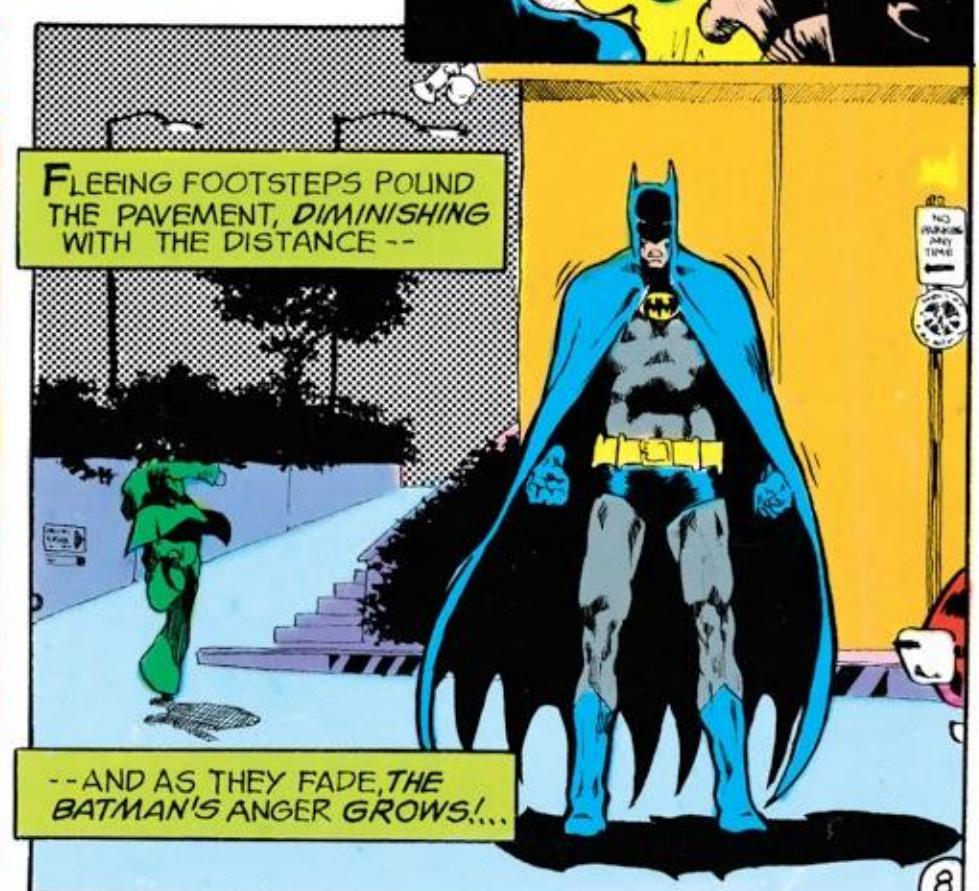
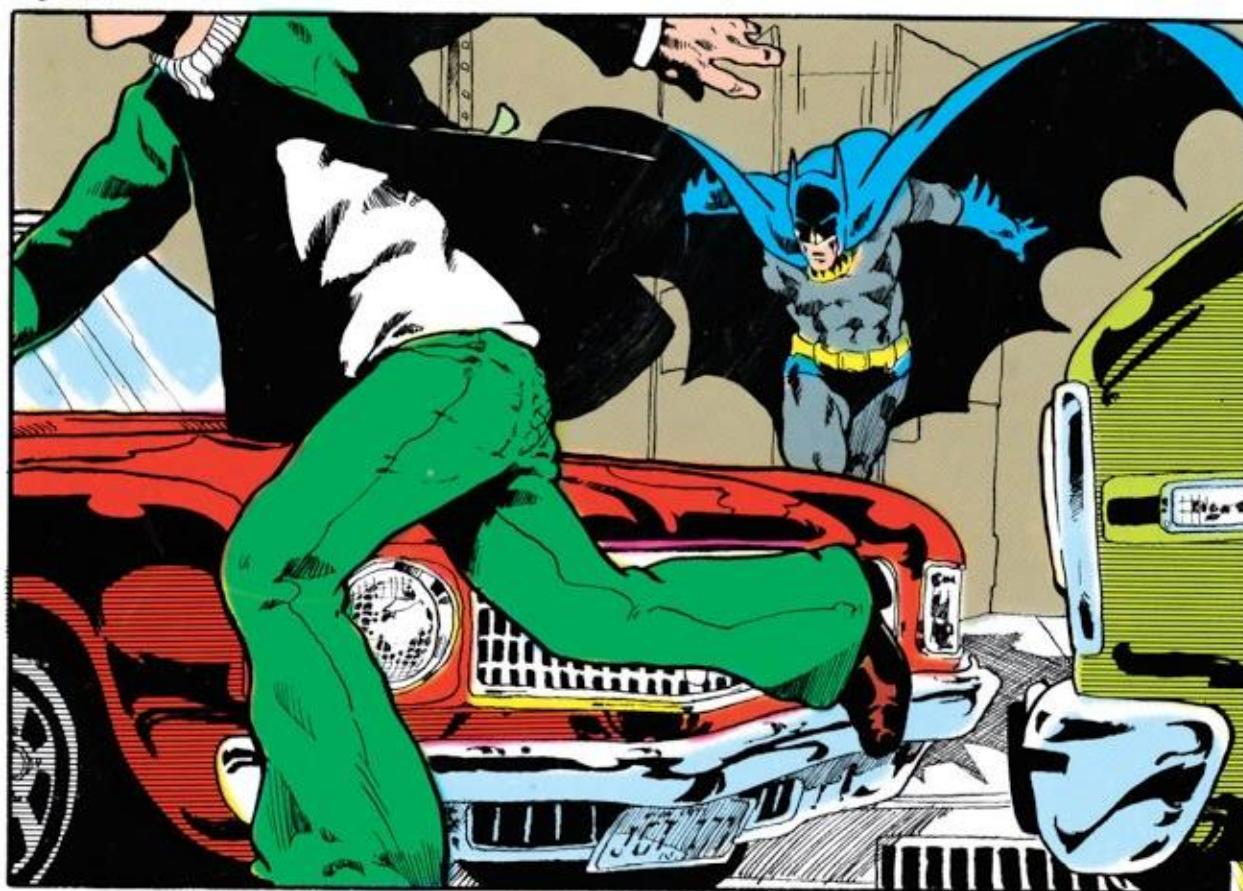
BELIEVE US, SIR, WE HAVEN'T HIDDEN ANYTHING! WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT WE'VE GOT!

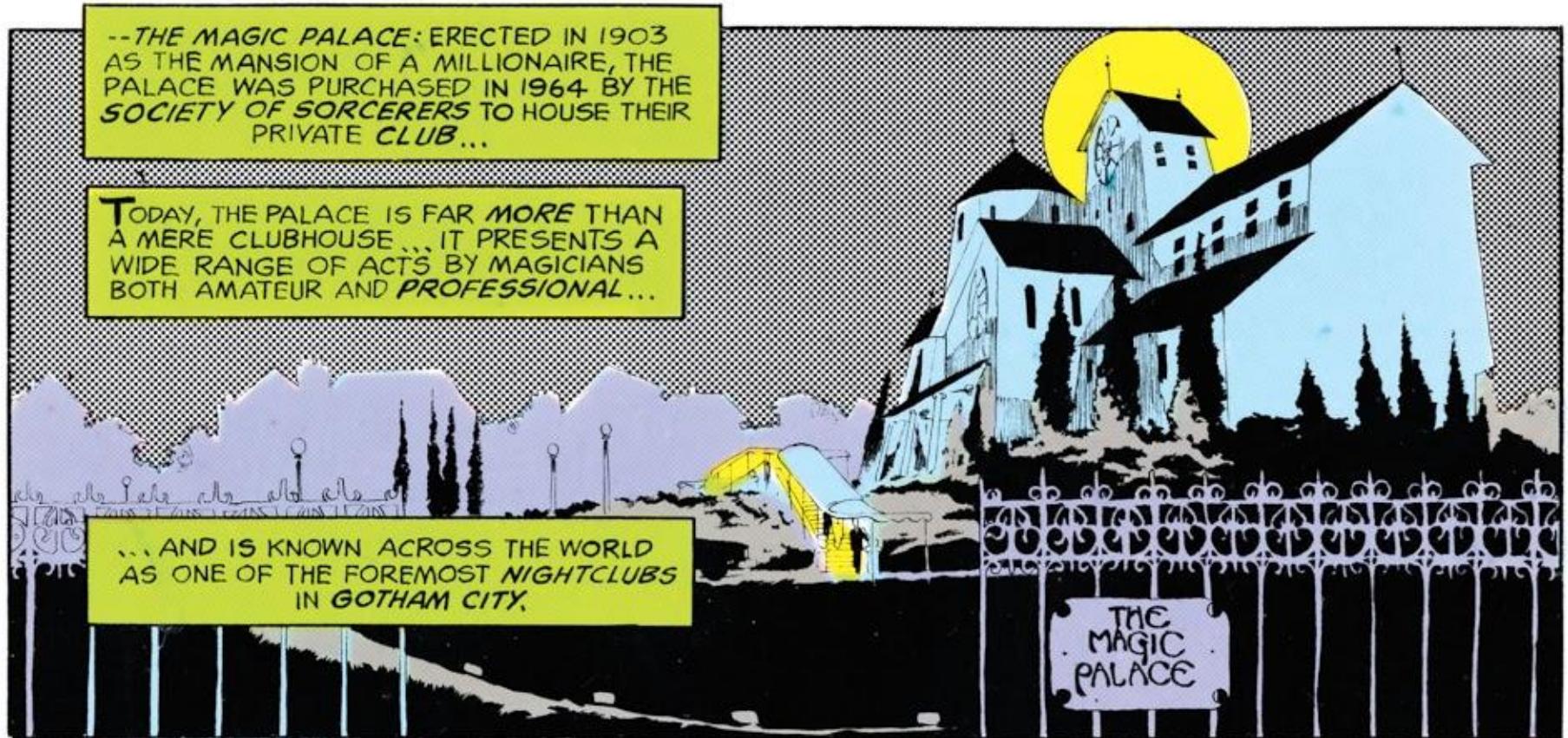
AND WHAT YOU HAVE IS A GREAT DEAL, MY FRIEND, COMMISSIONER, LOOK AT THIS--!

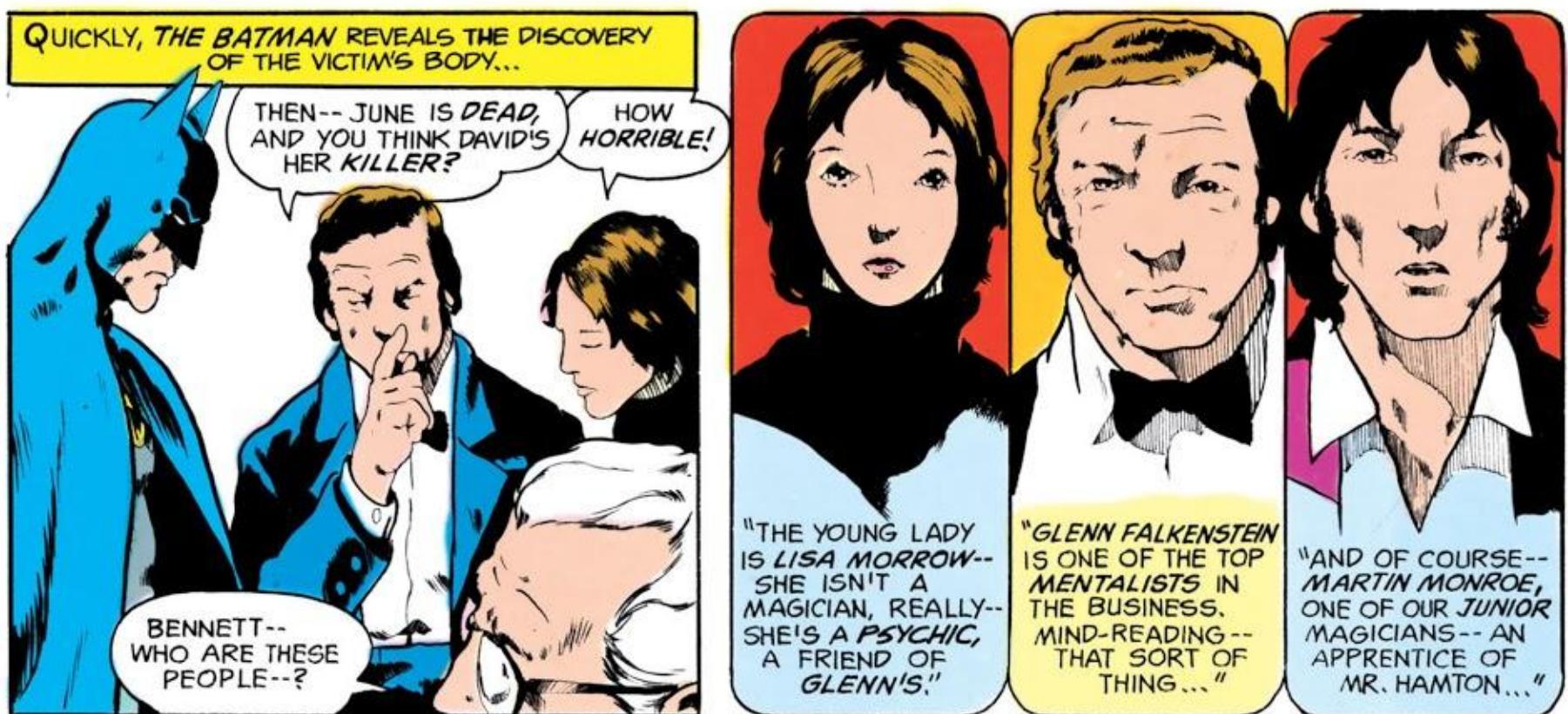
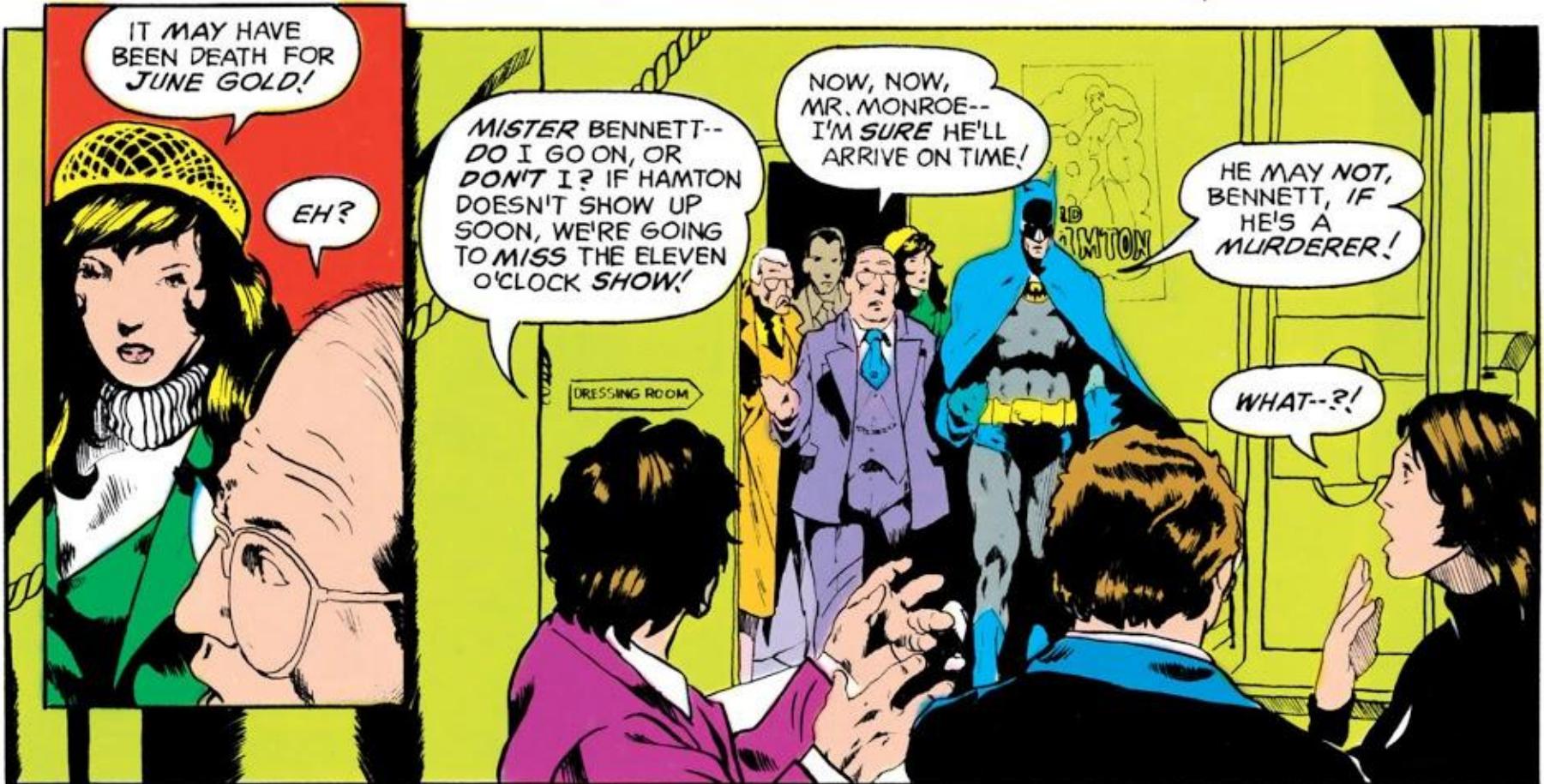
THE WAY THIS FELLOW'S TAKING OFF--HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE!

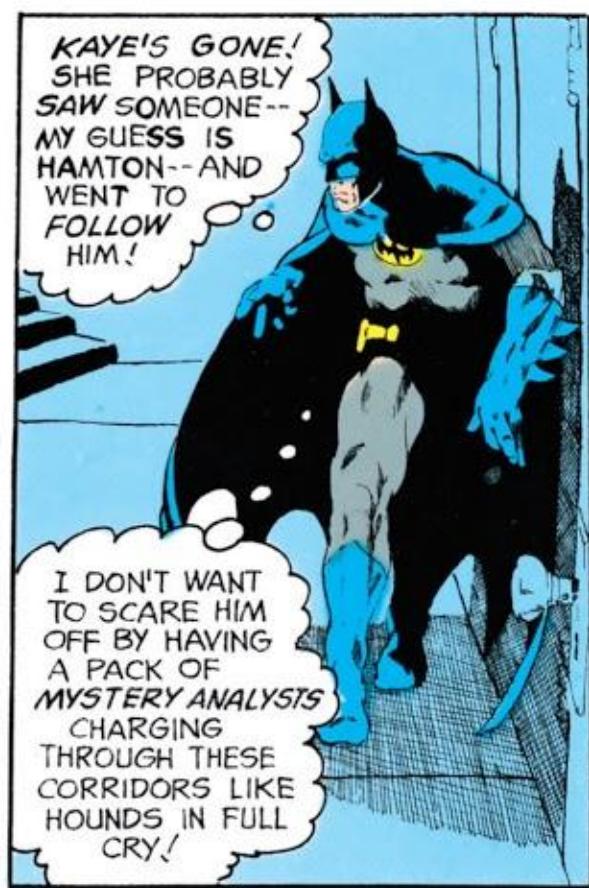
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WHOMP!









## CHAPTER THREE: "... INSIDE AN ENIGMA..."

10:48 P.M.--FIRST HE FEELS THE COLD, AND THEN, AS CONSCIOUSNESS SLOWLY RETURNS, HE FEELS THE WATER...

GOOD EVENING, BATMAN! FOR YEARS, I'VE BEEN AN ADMIRER OF YOURS--THE WAY YOU ESCAPED ALL THOSE DEATHTRAPS, LIKE SOME MODERN-DAY HOUDINI--

REALLY, IT WAS QUITE INSPIRING!

PITY ISN'T IT, THAT YOU HAD TO INTERFERE WITH MY LITTLE MURDER! NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY YOUR HAND AT A REAL DEATHTRAP...

...ONE YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY ESCAPE!

"PERHAPS YOU RECOGNIZE THE PARAPHERNALIA--ALL PART OF HOUDINI'S FAMOUS WATER-ESCAPE--ONE OF THE MOST INGENIOUS HE EVER DEVISED!"

"UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I'VE ALTERED THE EQUIPMENT SOMWHAT!"

"NOW, UNLIKE HOUDINI, YOU HAVE NO MINIATURE PICKLOCK TO REMOVE YOUR HANDCUFFS -- AND THERE, AS SHAKESPEARE WOULD HAVE IT--"

--IS THE RUB!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE TIME TO ESCAPE THE CUFFS BEFORE YOU DROWN!

I'D LOVE TO STAY AND WATCH YOUR DEMISE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S NO TIME!

I HAVE A PERFORMANCE TO GIVE, YOU SEE-- "THE SHOW MUST GO ON!"

BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK LATER, TO DISPOSE OF MISS DAYE--

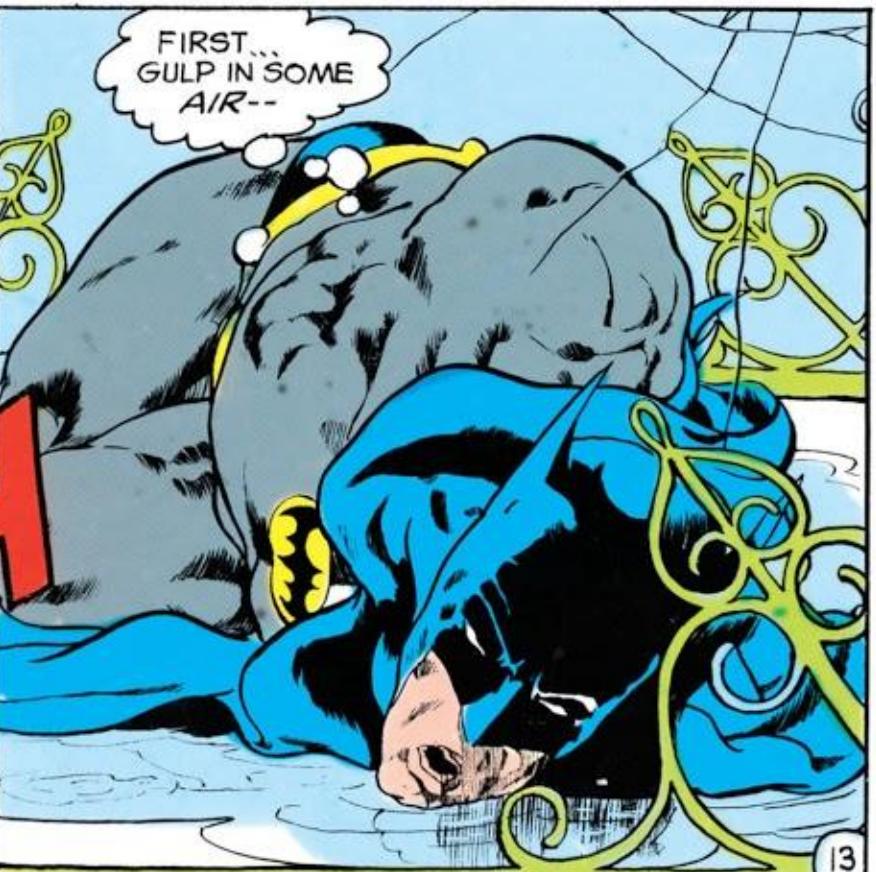
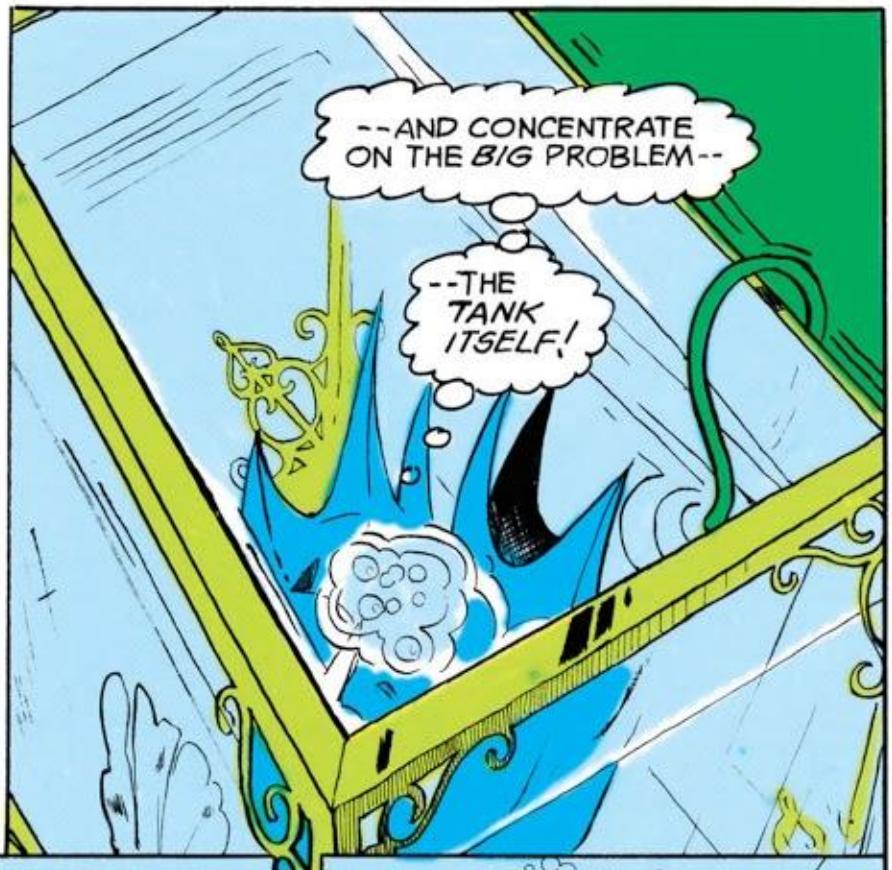
--AND I'LL SEE YOU THEN-- THOUGH YOU WON'T SEE ME!

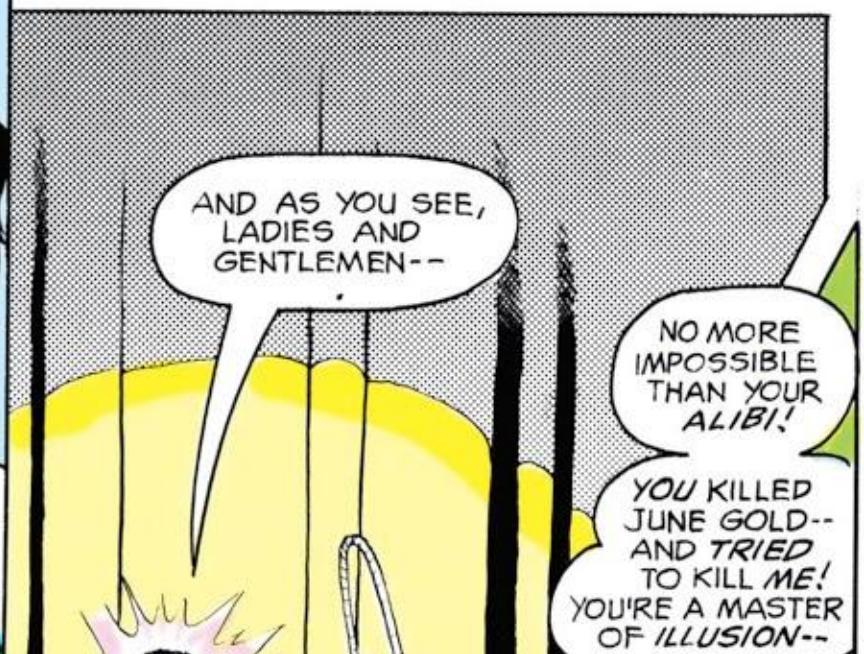
DEAD MEN CAN'T SEE, YOU KNOW! HA HA HA

I DO HAVE A PICKLOCK--IN MY UTILITY BELT!

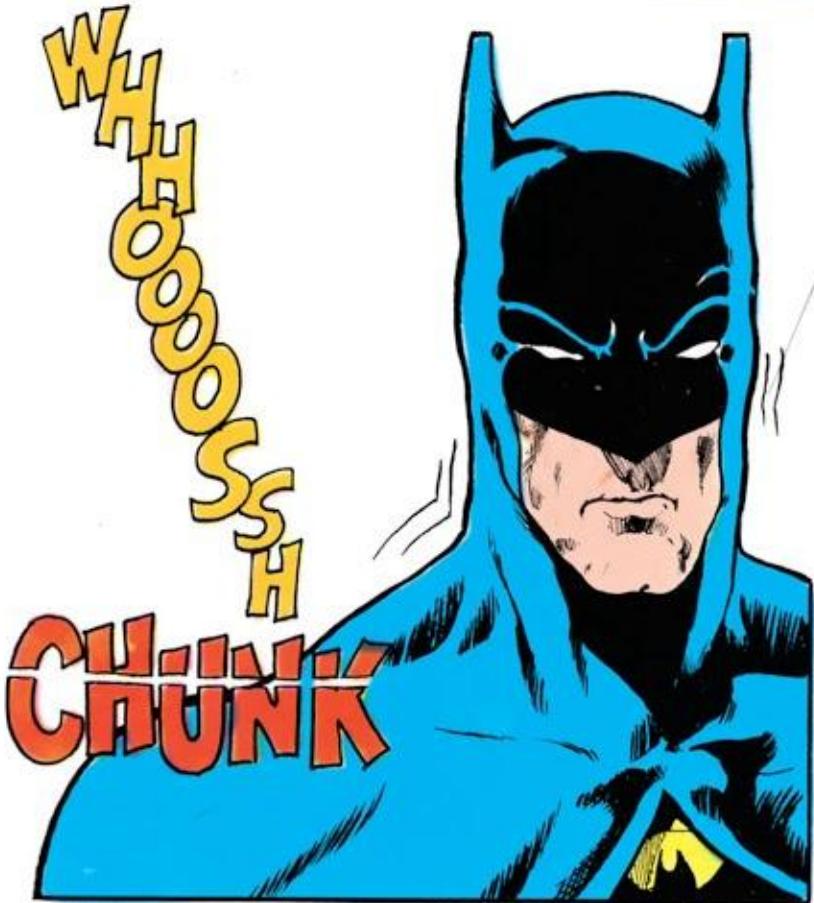
BUT I CAN'T REACH IT IN THIS POSITION!

IF I WERE HOUDINI, I'D BE A DEAD MAN--













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