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YOU SHOULDA SEEN HIM...

... HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 18 AND HE'D ALREADY DECIDED LIFE WASN'T WORTH LIVING.

IT WAS ON THE GOTHAMBORD BRIDGE. THE CALL CAME DOWN TO EMERGENCY SERVICES ABOUT 2:45 A.M.

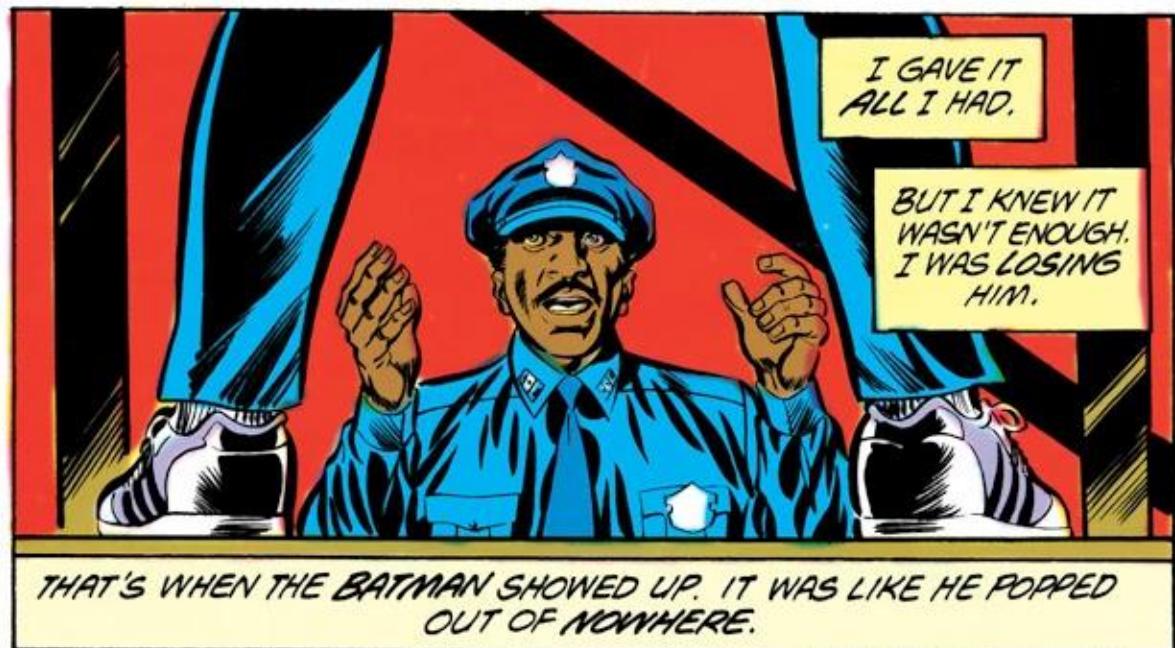
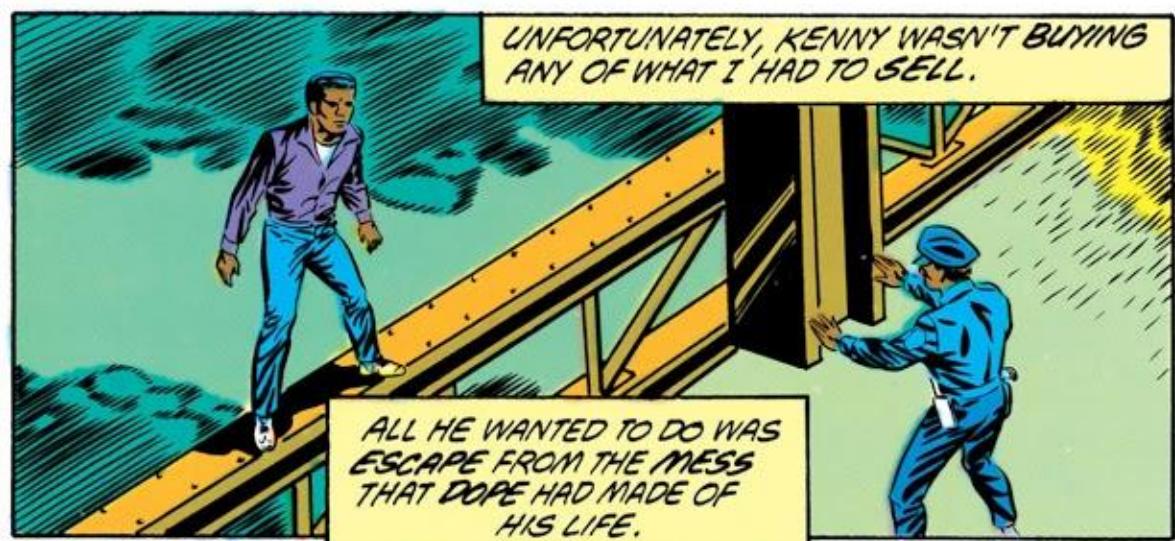
ALL I COULD GET OUT OF HIM WAS THAT HIS NAME WAS KENNY AND HE HAD A HEROIN HABIT HE COULDN'T BEAT.

THAT'S THE REASON WHY HE WAS PLANNING TO CHECK OUT.

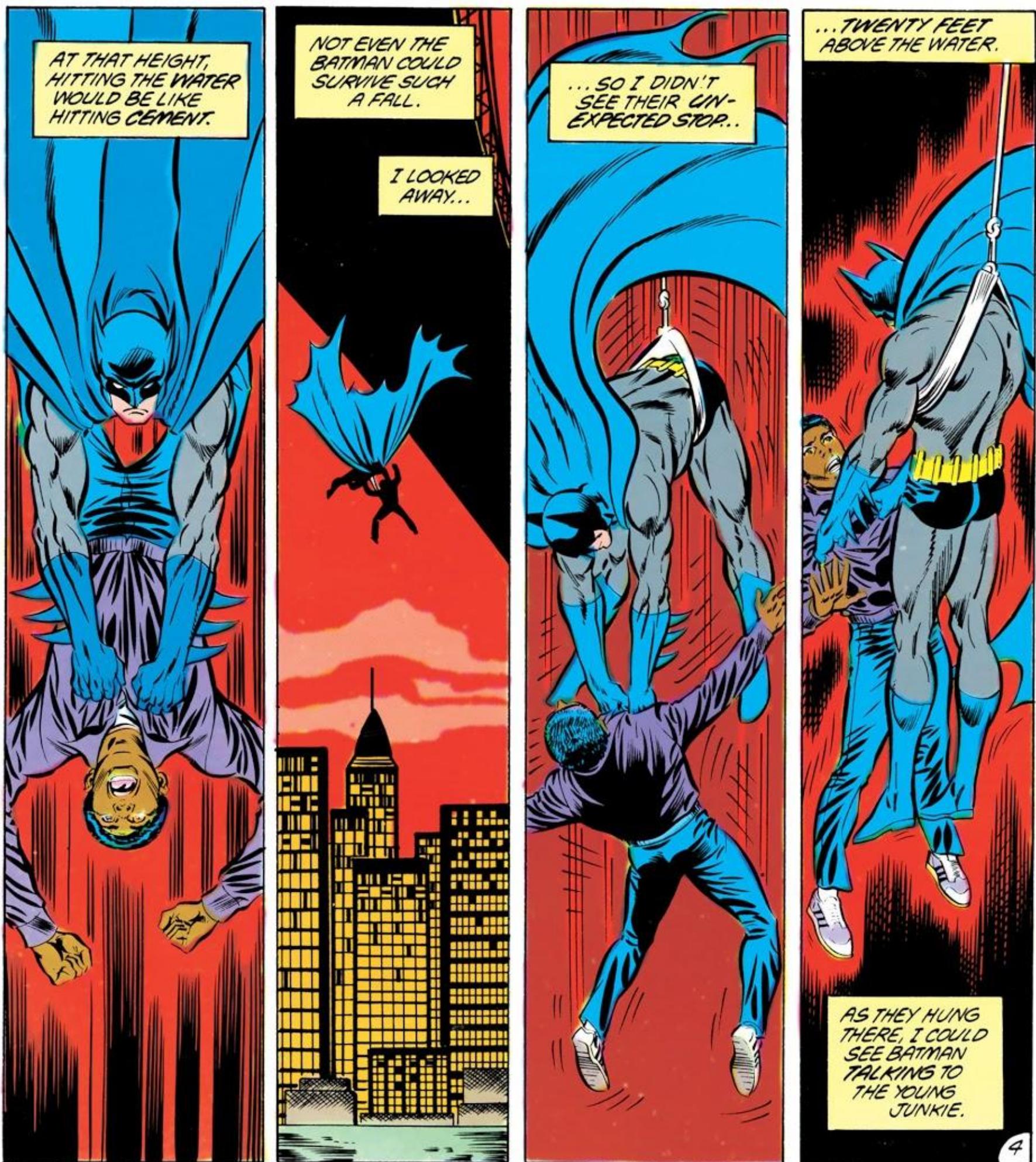
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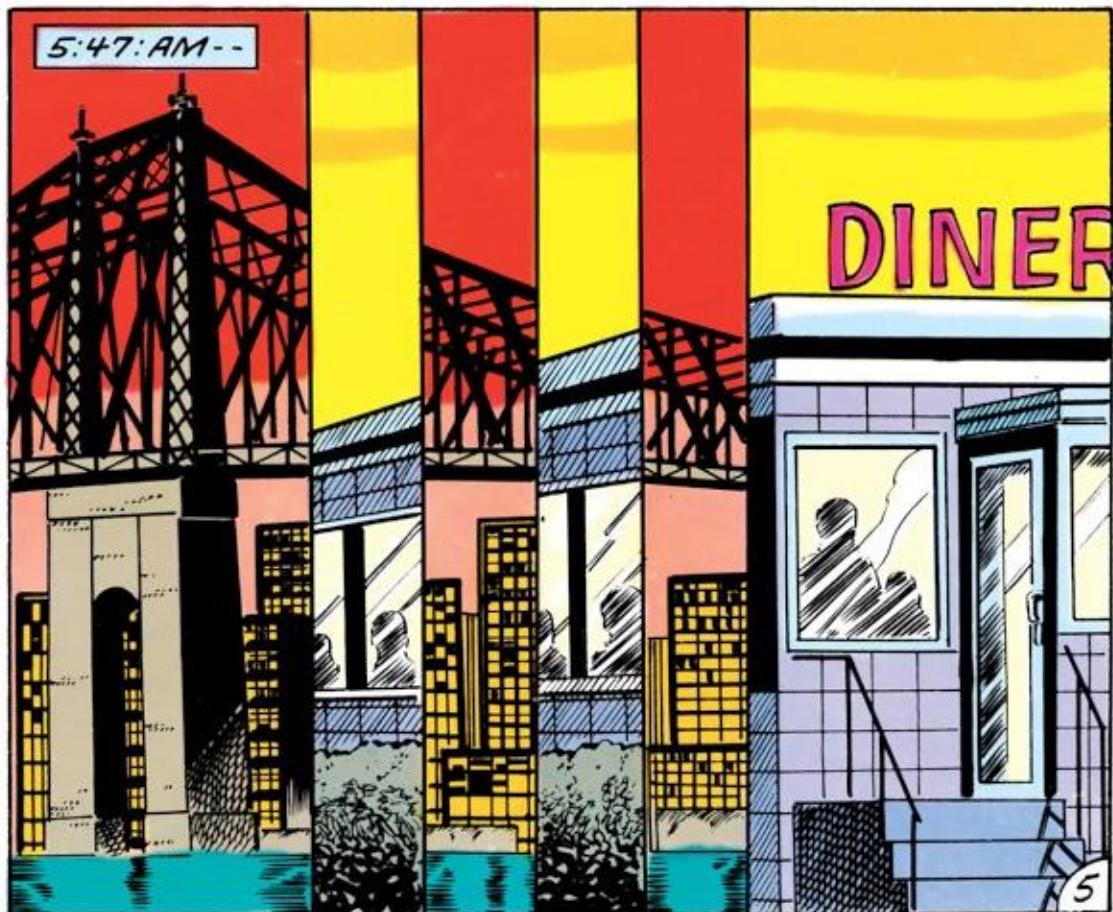
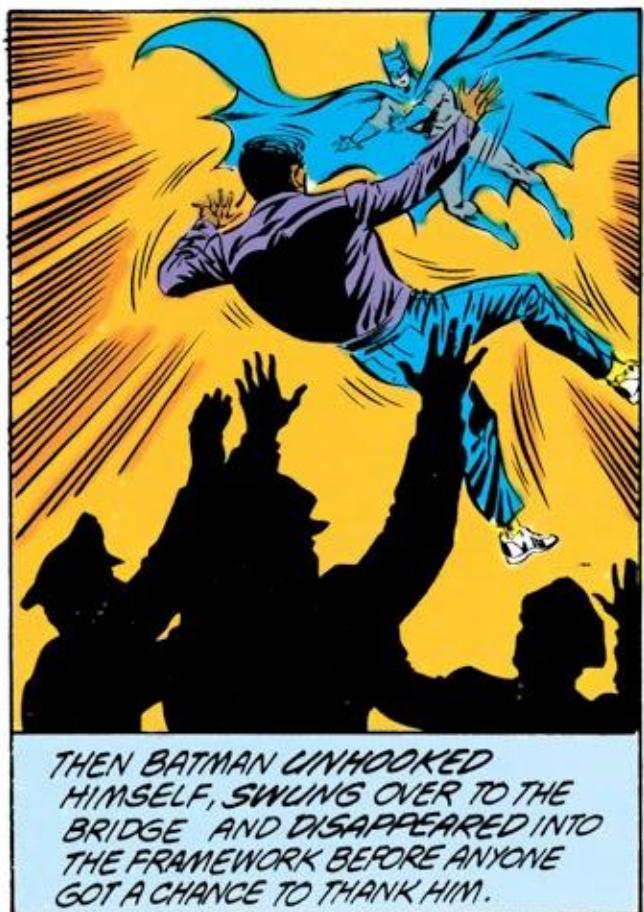
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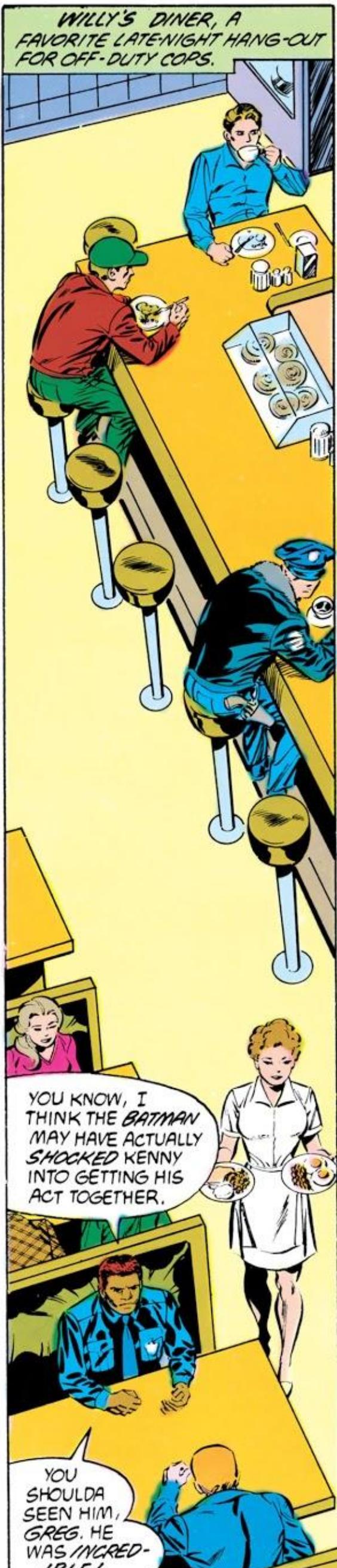
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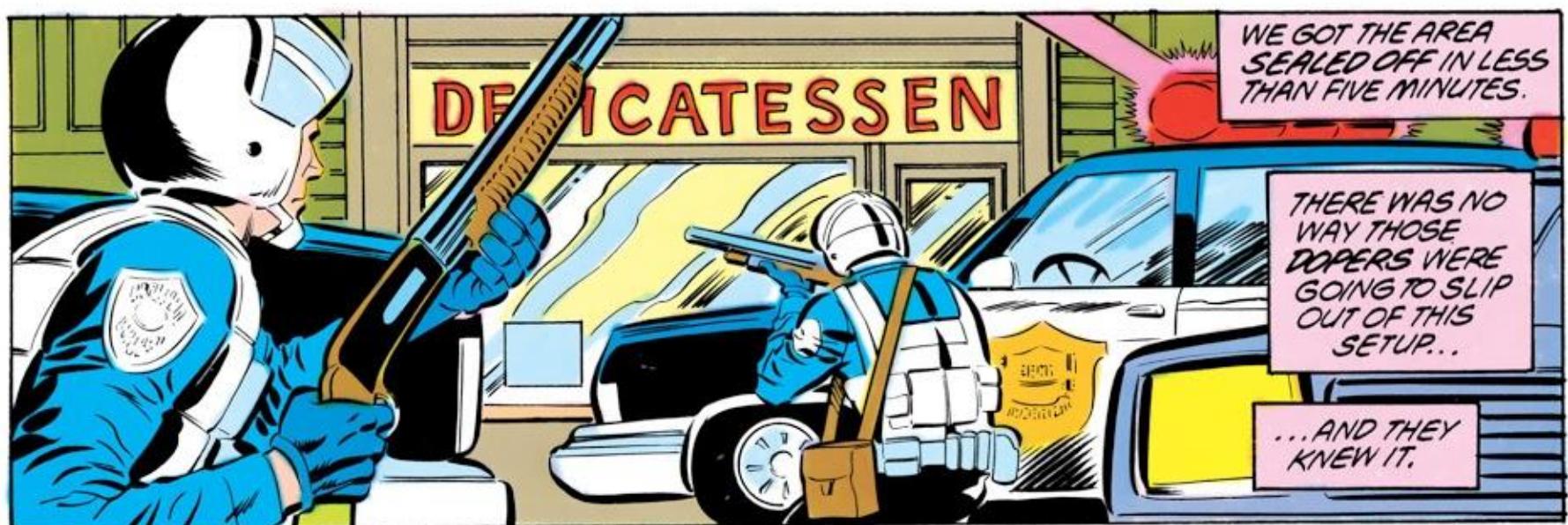


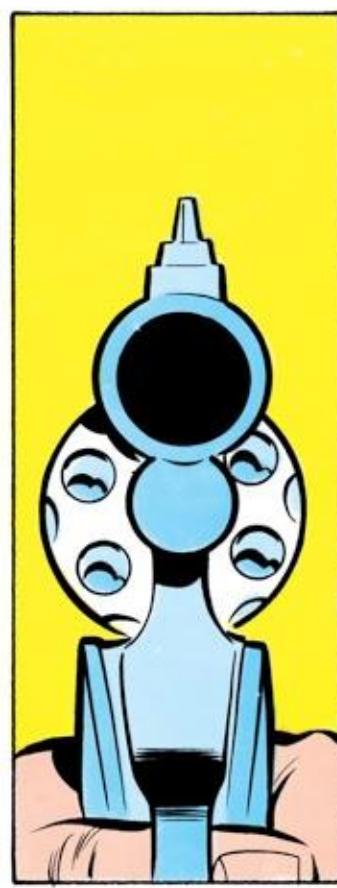
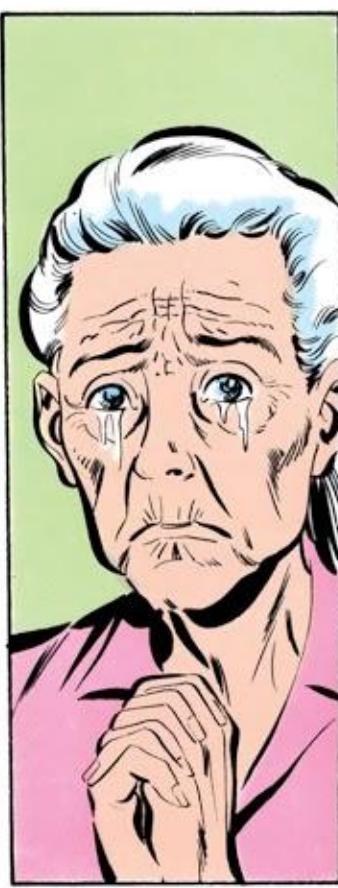


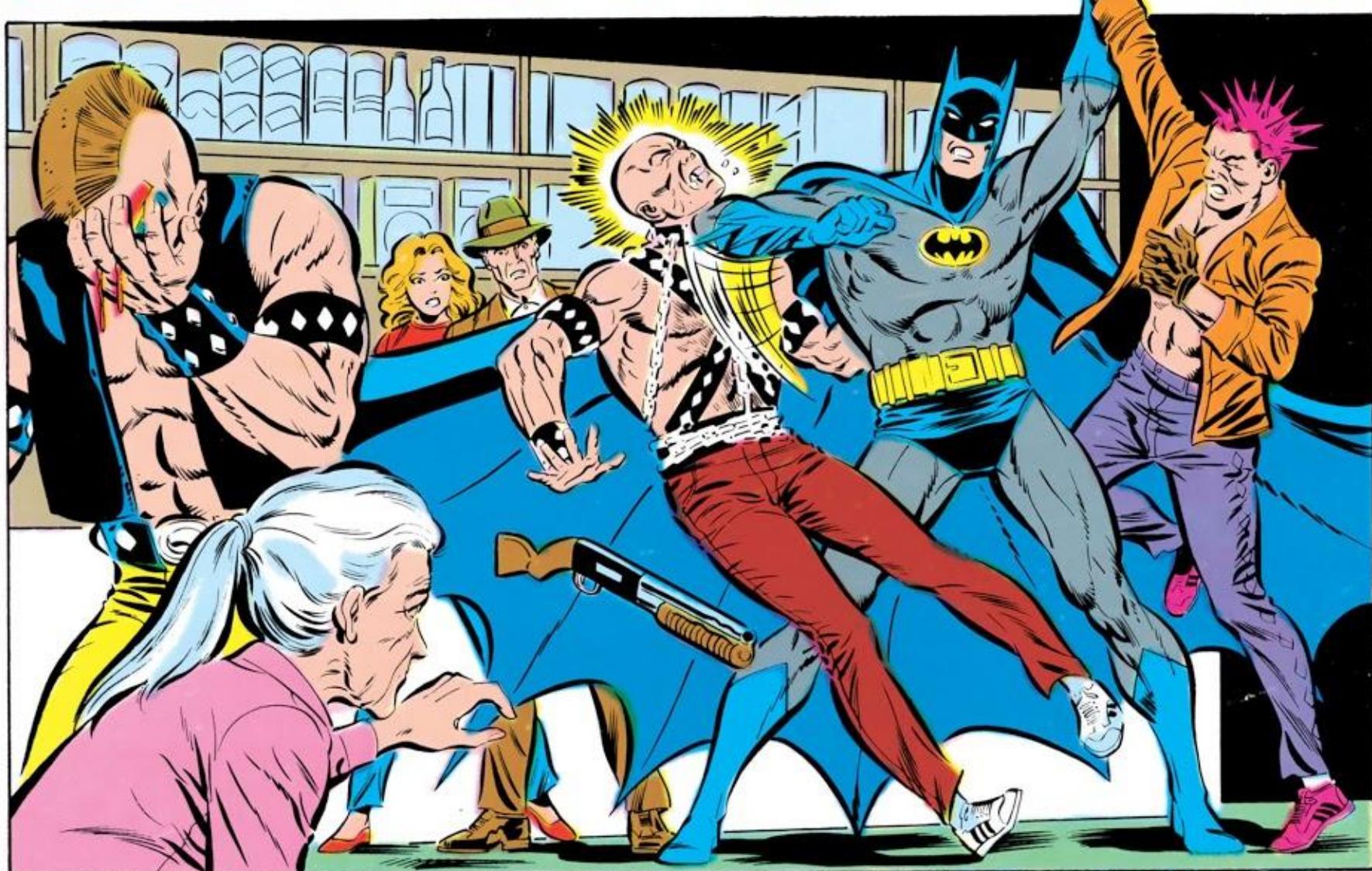


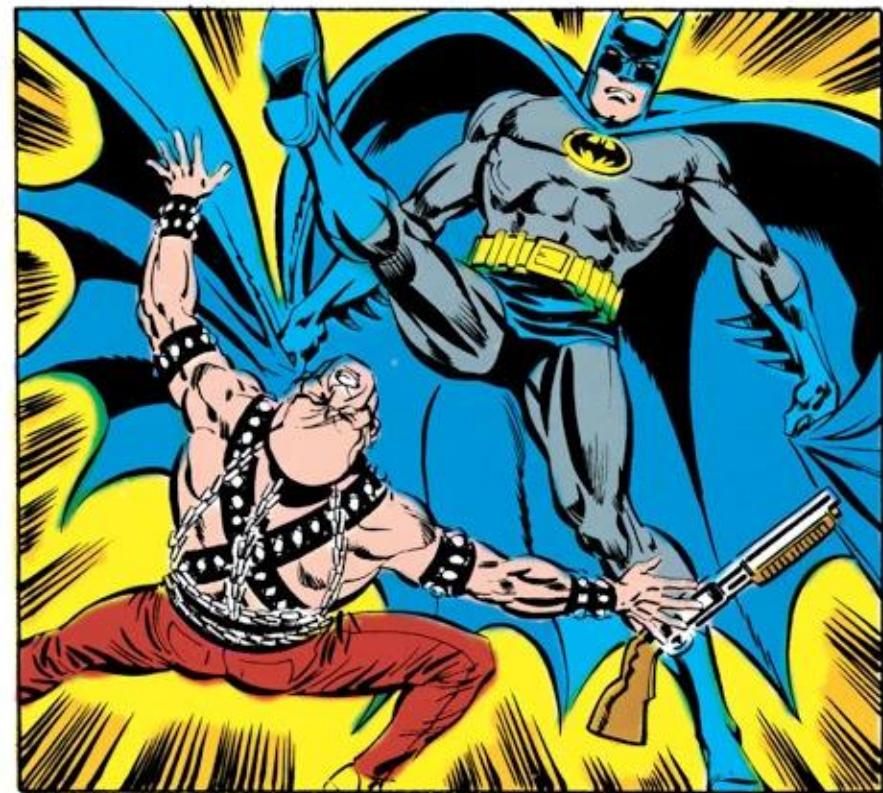




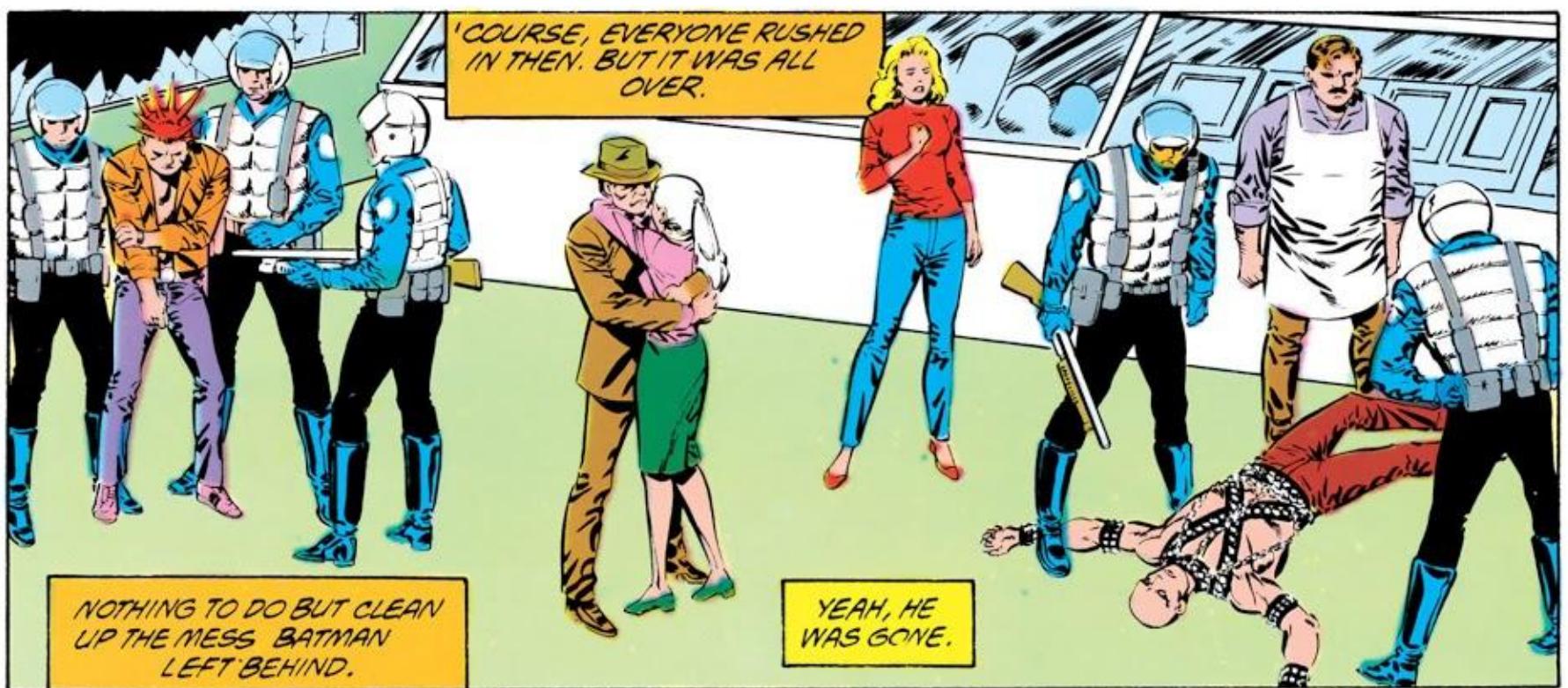


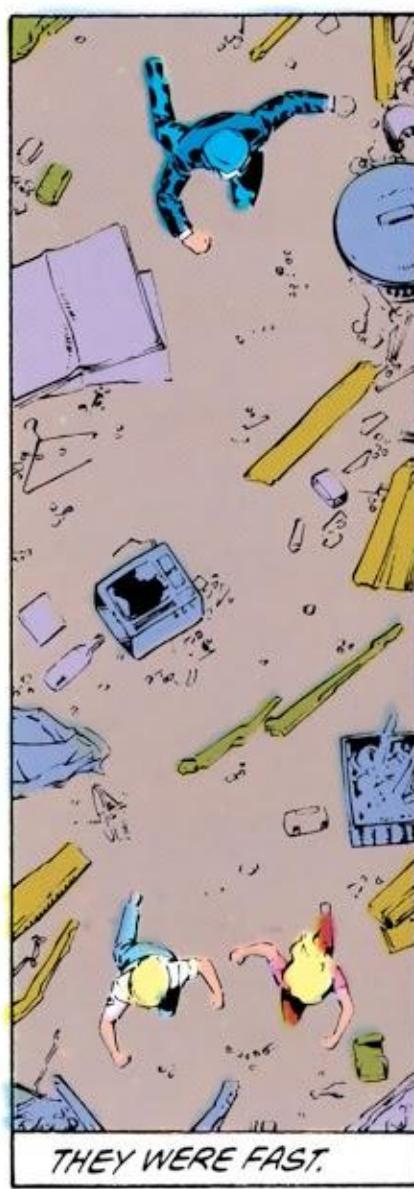
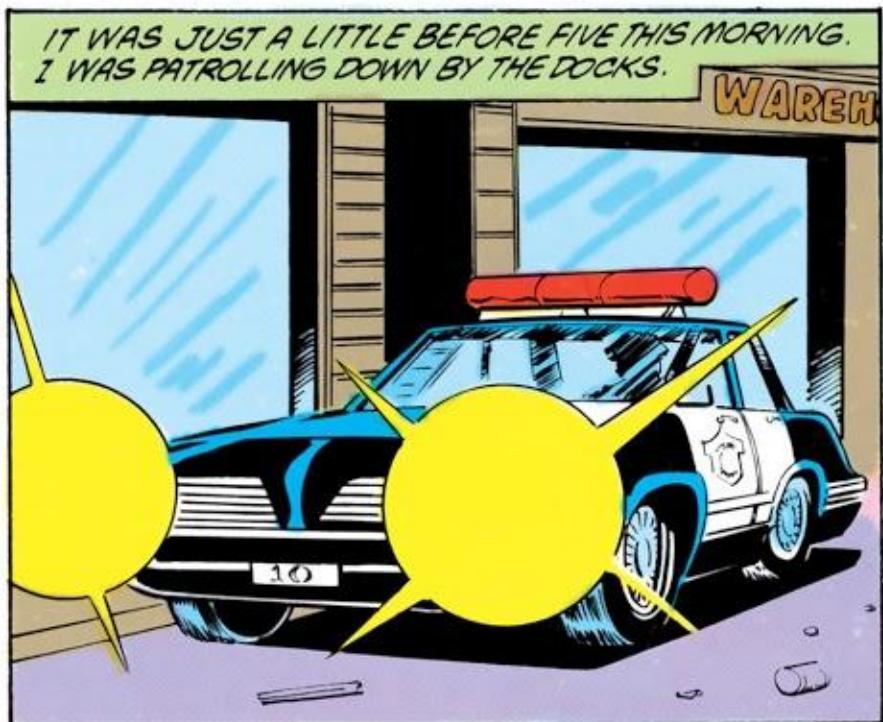


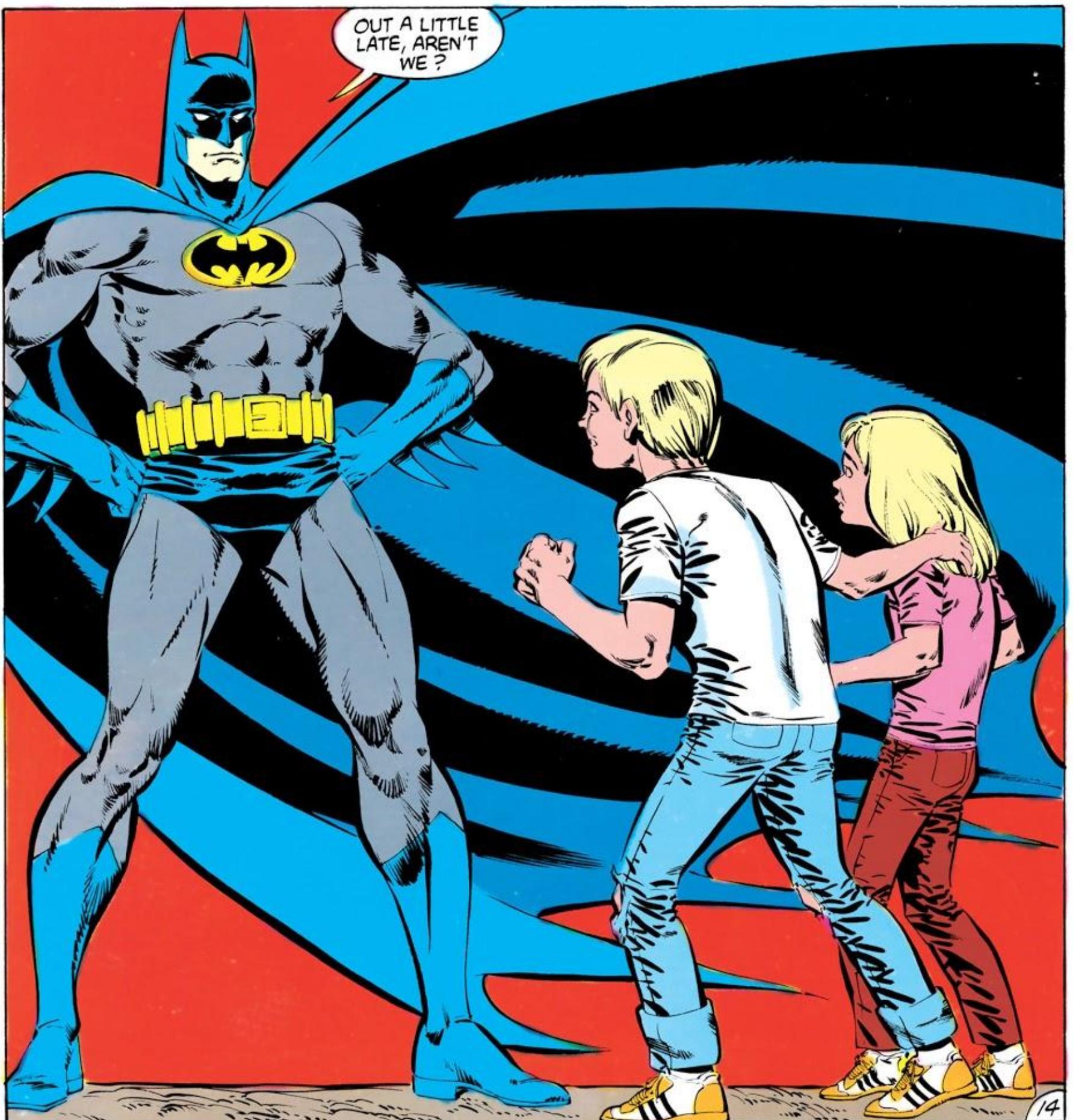
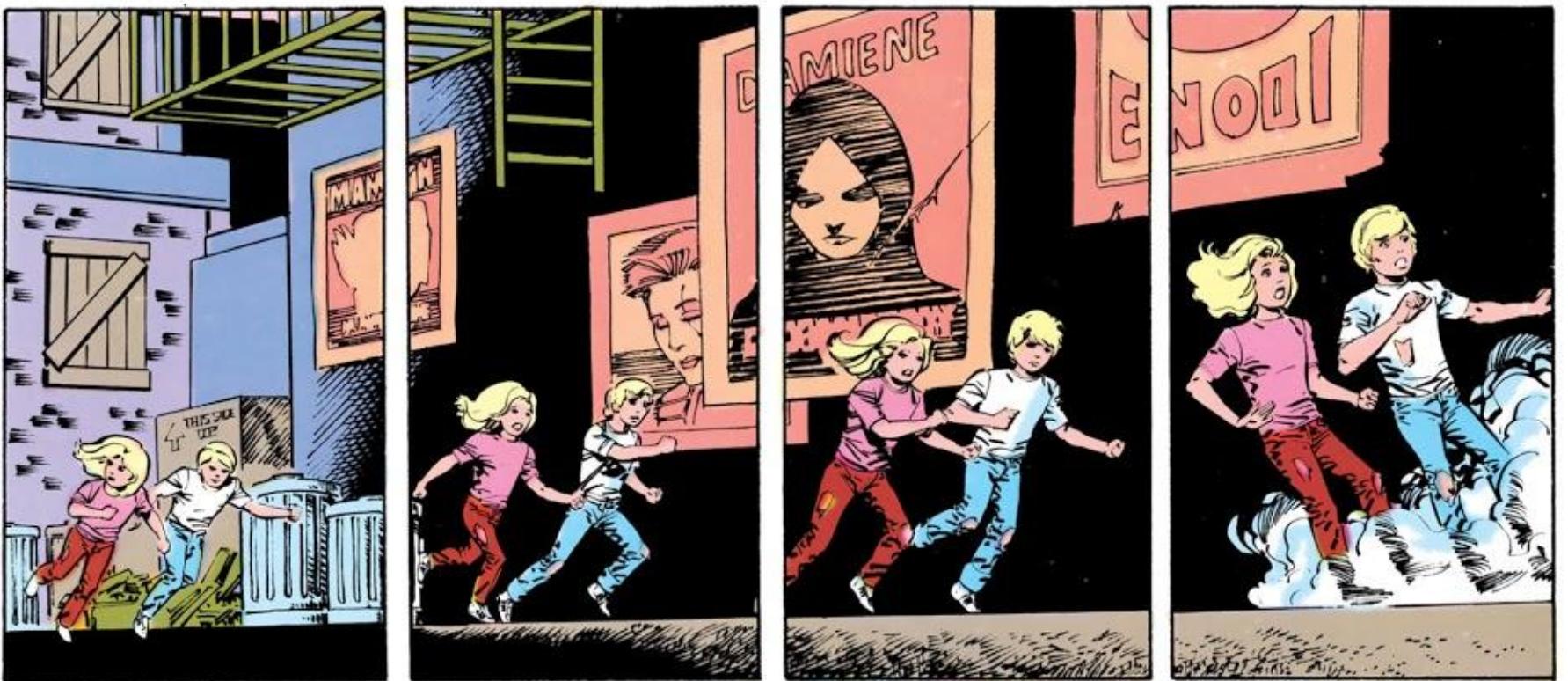


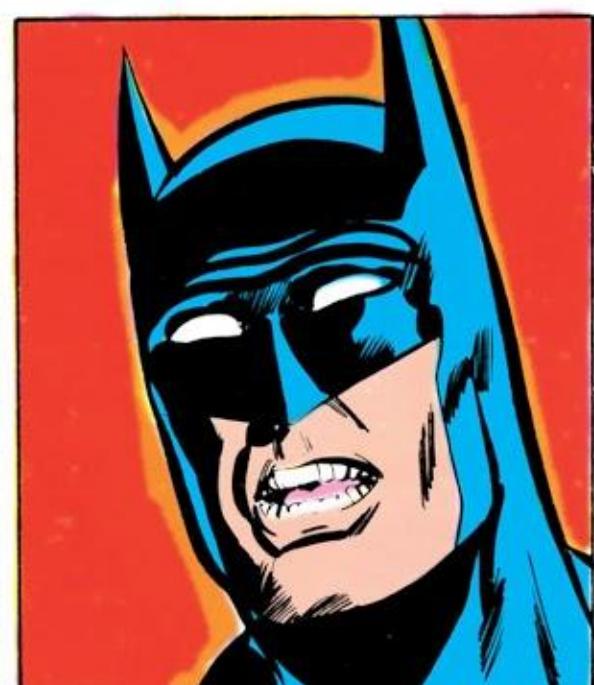


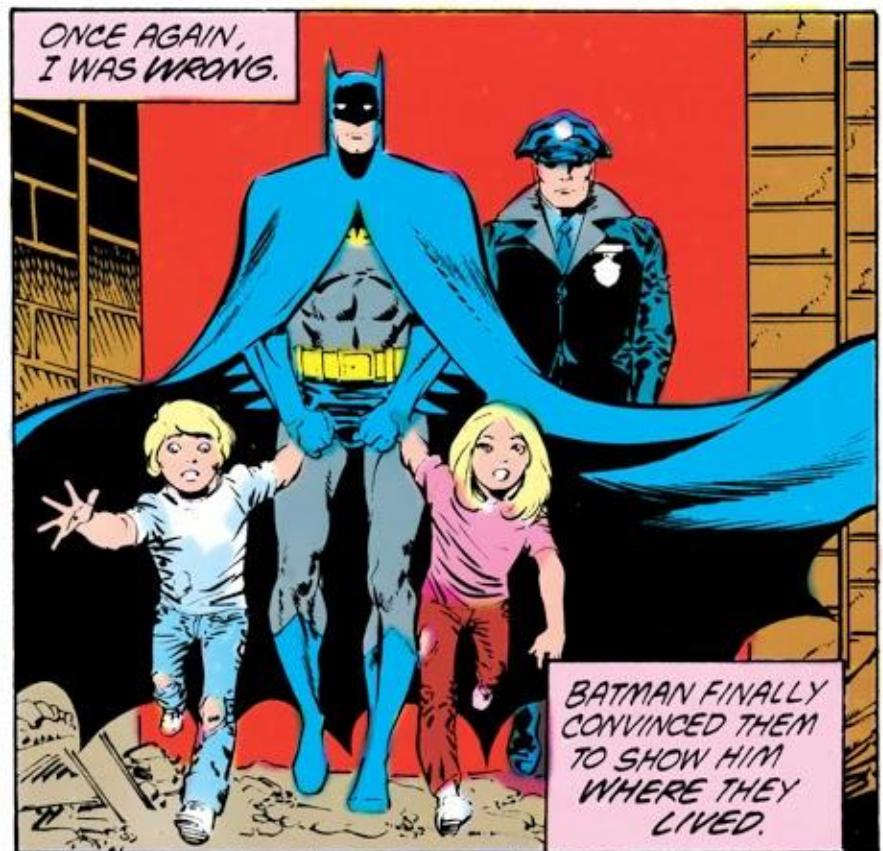
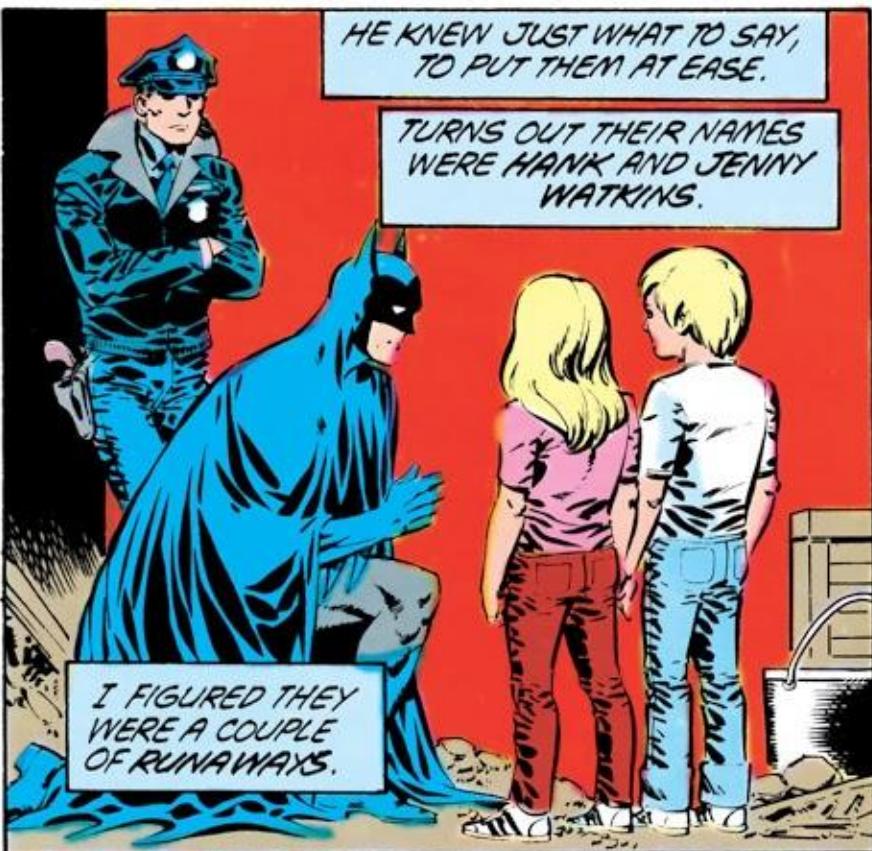
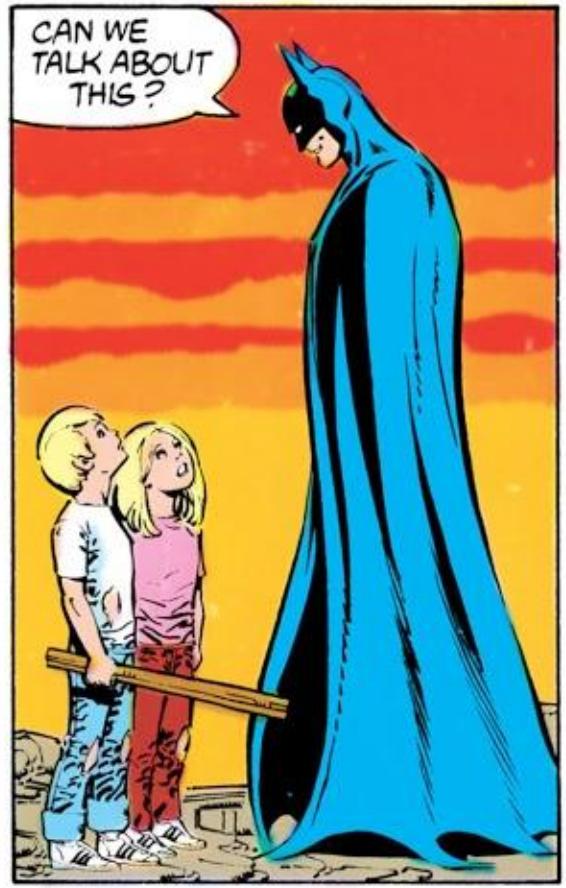
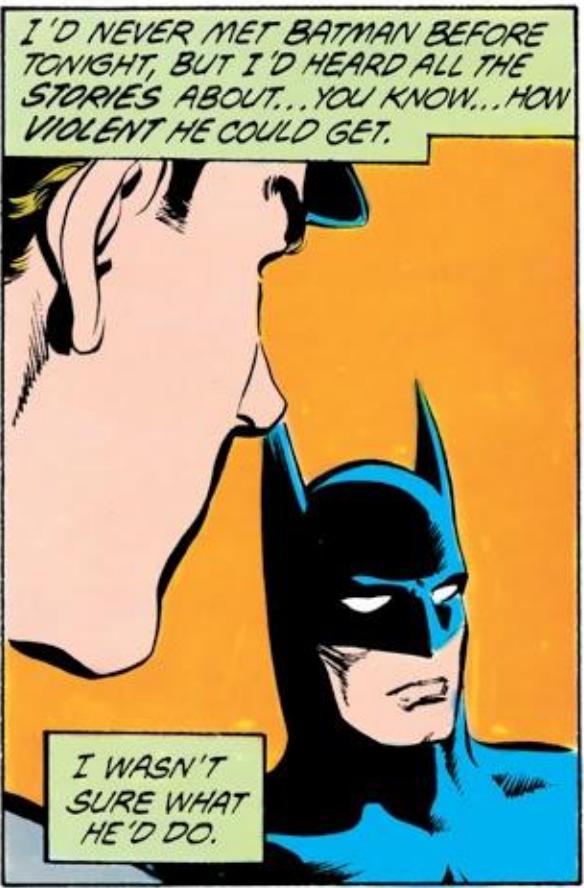


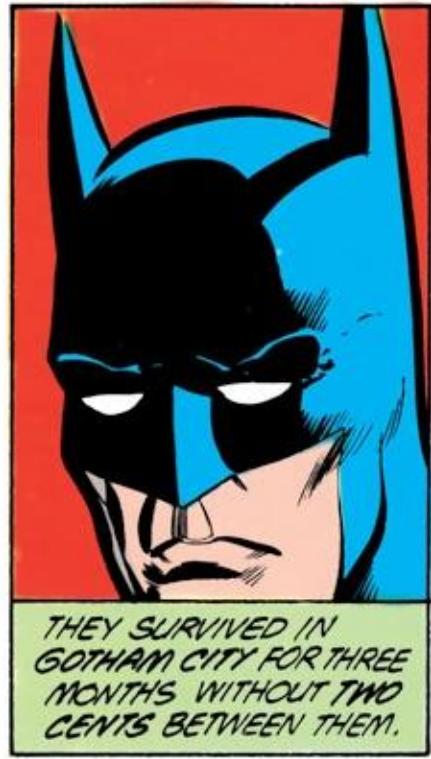








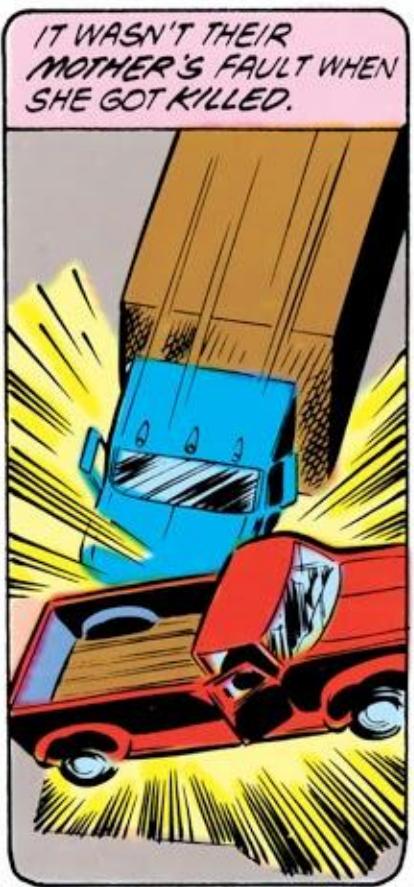
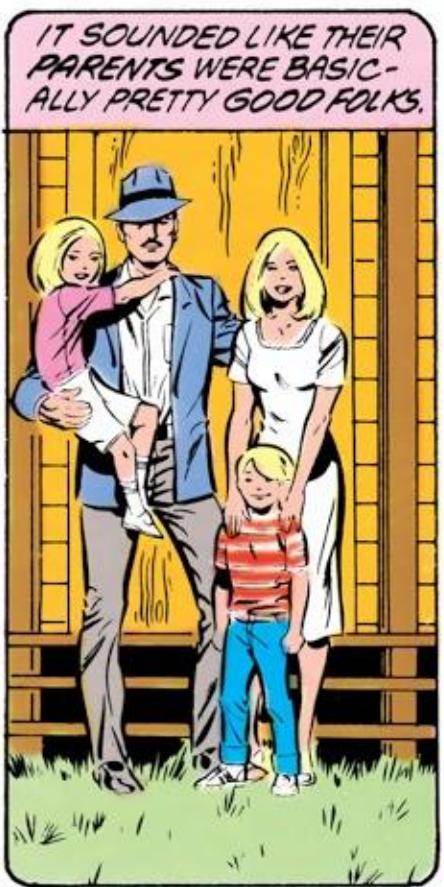




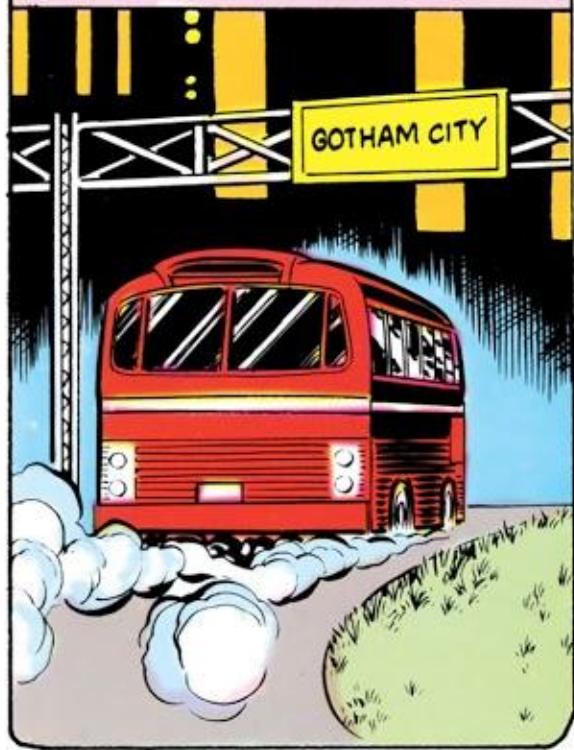
THEY WERE STILL A LITTLE SCARED AND THEIR STORY WAS PAINFUL.



THEY WERE POOR, BUT THE FAMILY MANAGED TO GET BY.



THEIR FATHER HEARD THERE WAS WORK IN GOTHAM. SO THEY PACKED UP AND HEADED NORTH.



BUT WHEN THEY GOT HERE THEY DISCOVERED THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR JOBS THAN JOBS.



THEN ONE NIGHT, MR. WATKINS GOT INTO A POKER GAME, HOPING TO WIN ENOUGH MONEY TO GET THEM BACK TO FLORIDA.



APPARENTLY, SOMEONE GOT CAUGHT CHEATING, THERE WAS A FIGHT, AND THEIR FATHER ENDED UP WITH A KNIFE IN HIS HEART.

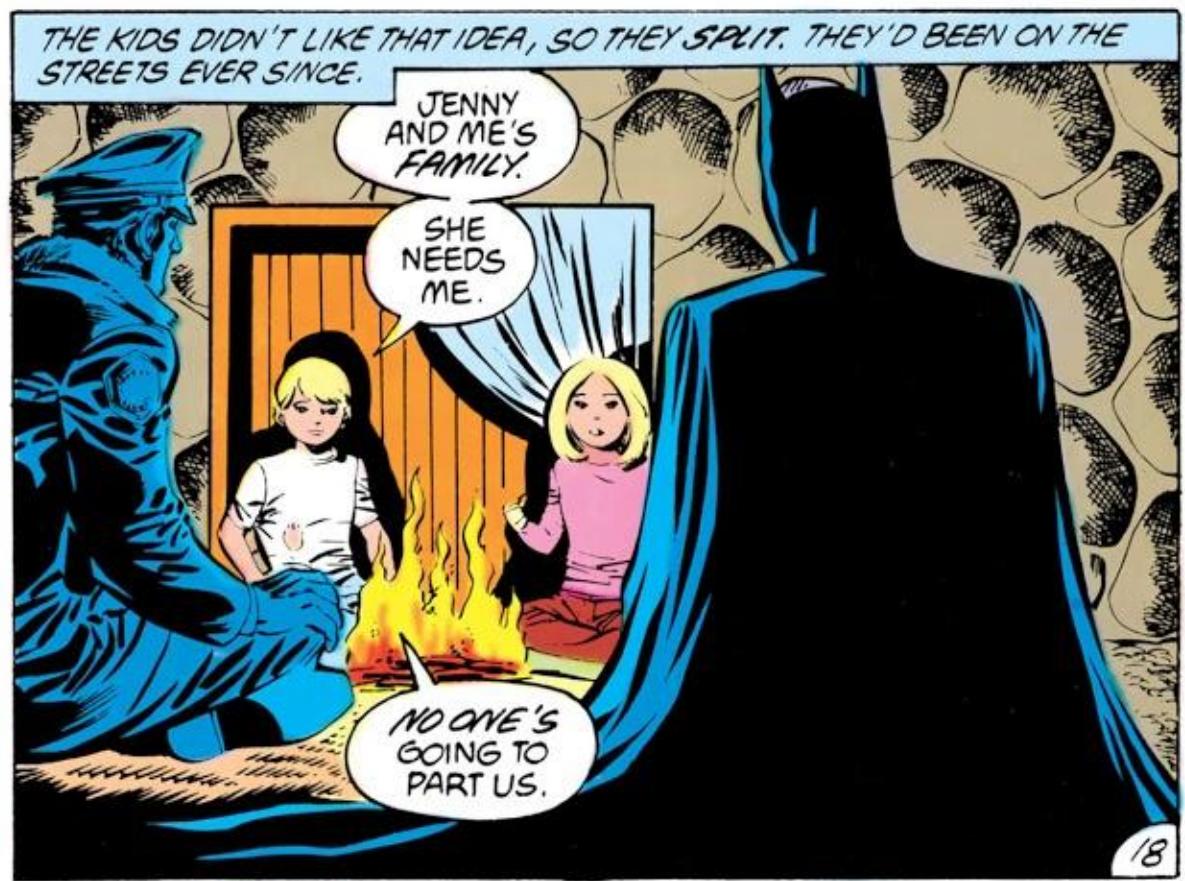


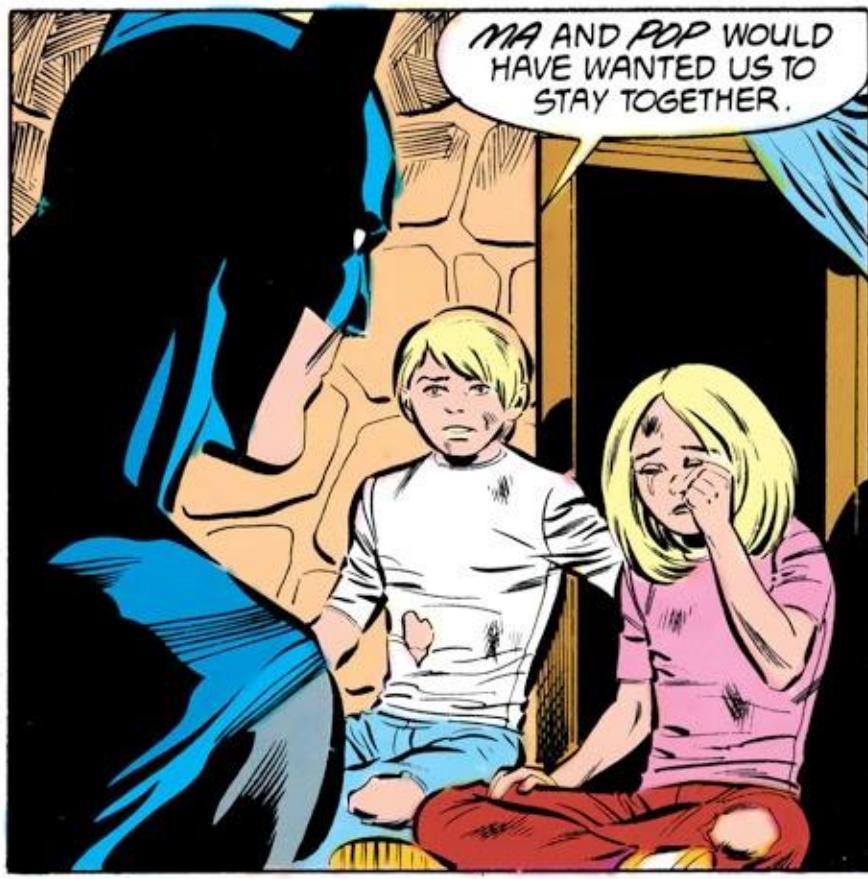
SOME SOCIAL WORKER FOUND THEM A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER. SHE SAID SHE'D TAKE THEM TO A HOME.

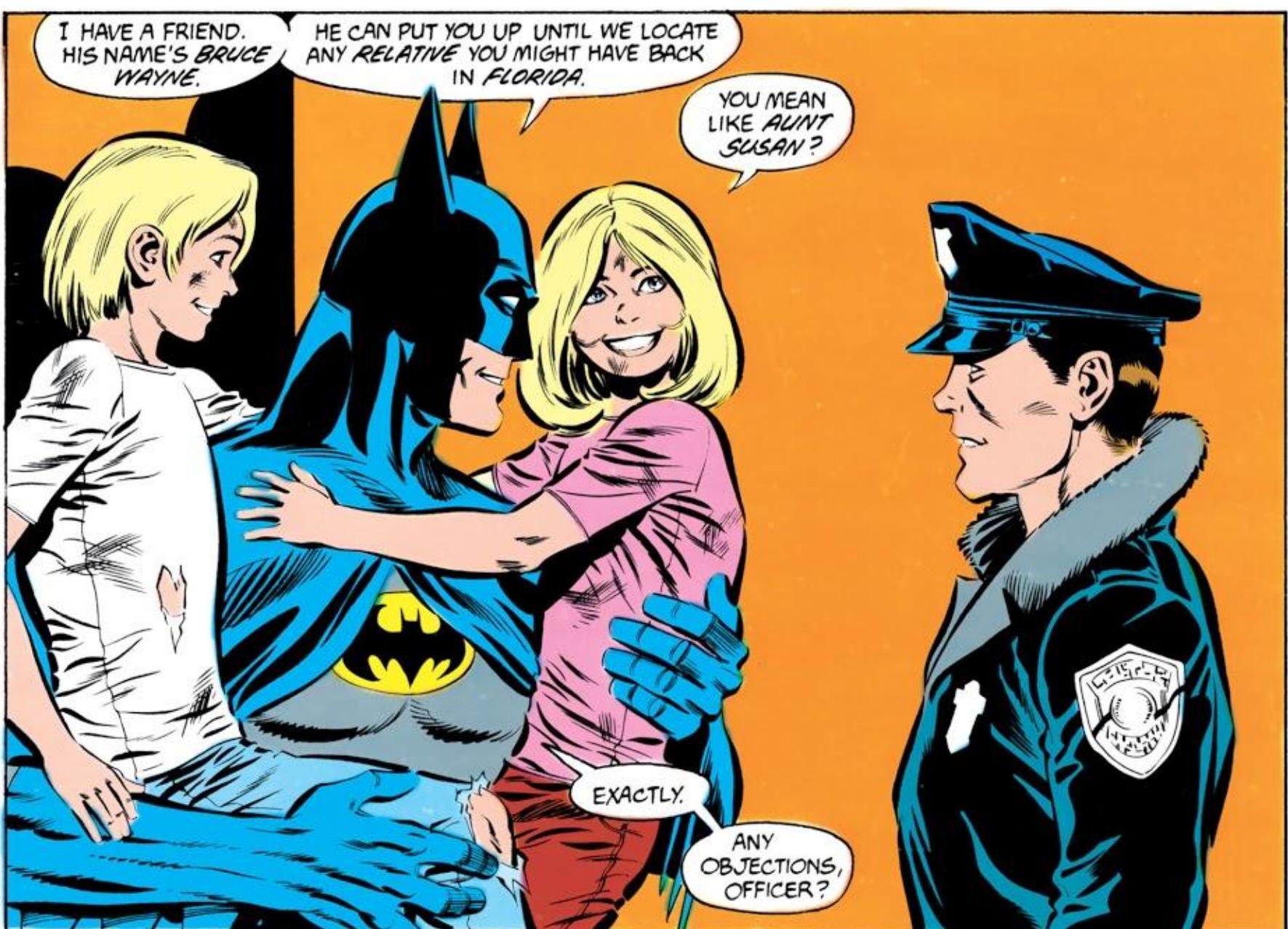


THE ONLY TROUBLE WAS, THEY COULDN'T GO TO THE SAME HOME.

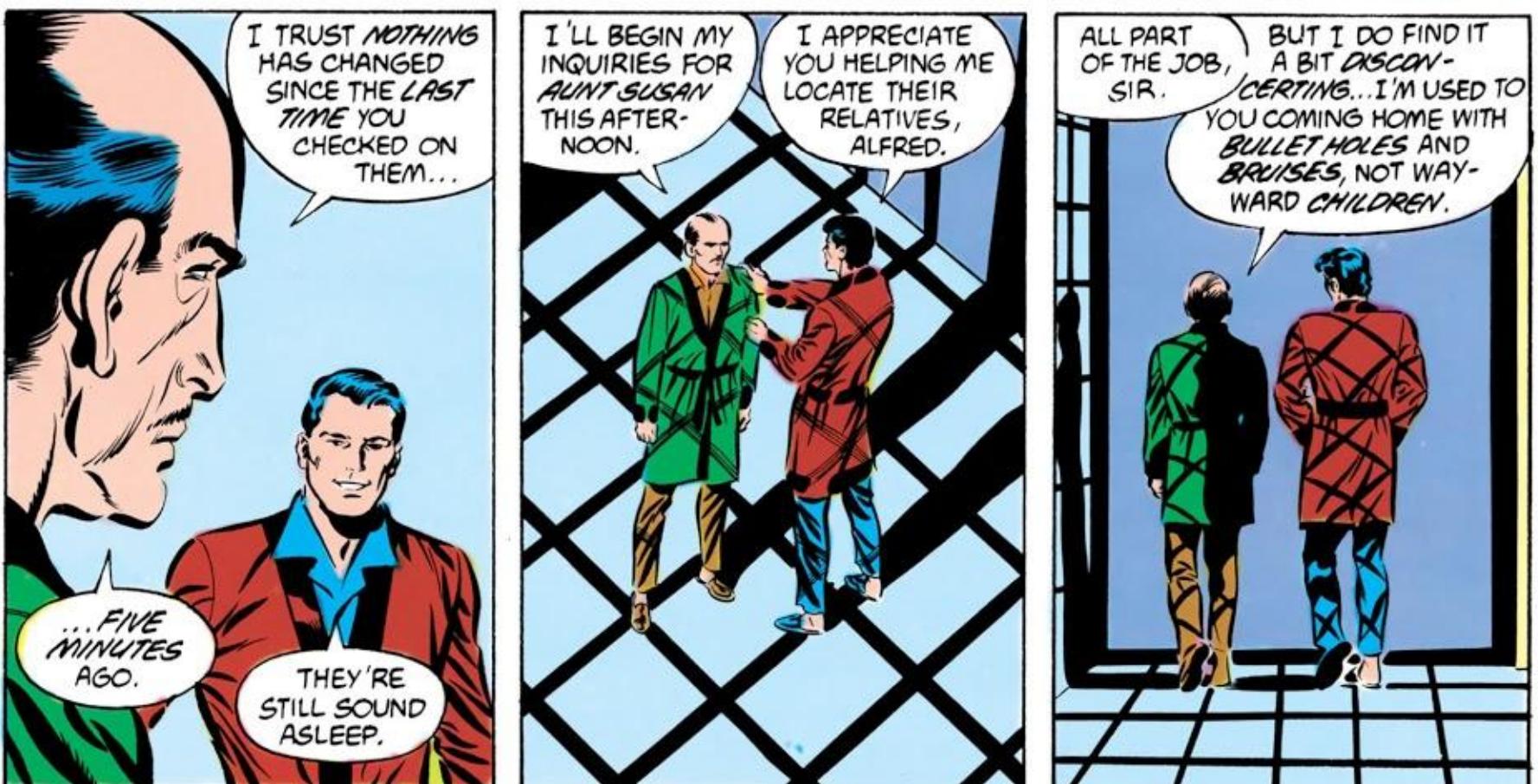
HANK HAD TO GO TO A BOYS' HOME, JENNY TO A GIRLS'.













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