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BAT MAN

A REVENGE OF RAINBOWS

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STRIPED BY PARALLEL SHADOWS,
POISON IVY AWAITS ARRAIGNMENT--
WHILE HAVING PASSED HIS BAPTISM
OF FIRE, YOUNG JASON TODD HAS
EARNED THE RIGHT TO BECOME
THE BATMAN'S NEW PARTNER.

THERE'S ONLY ONE
PROBLEM: WHAT
TO CALL HIM...

WONDER-BOY MAKES ME
SOUND LIKE BREAD, BUT HOW
'BOUT FLYING ACE?

BLUEJAY?
CARDINAL?

BATMAN
AND EAGLE?
BATMAN AND
DOMINO?

KID
DYNAMITE?
MASKED
AVENGER?

TONTO?

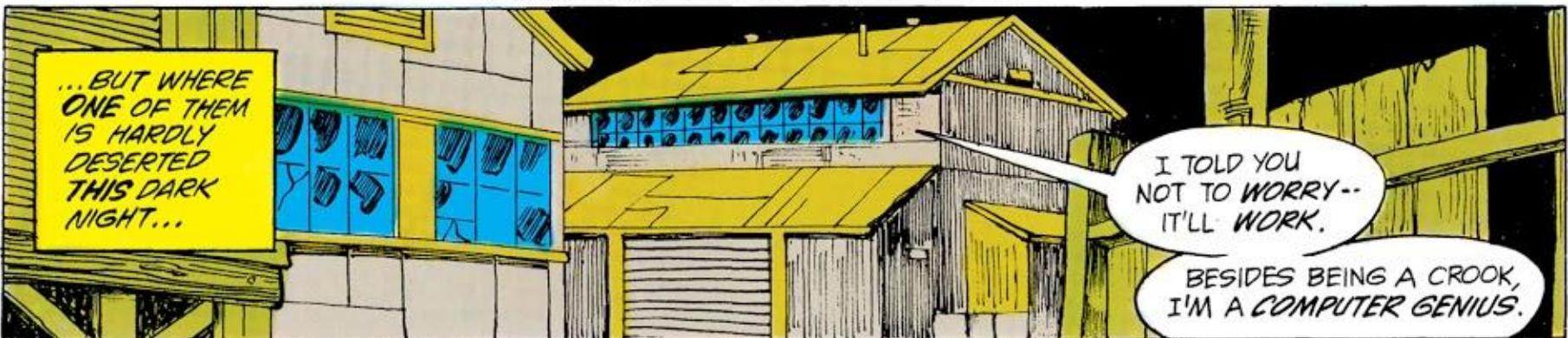
THE BATMAN
MERELY FROWNS.

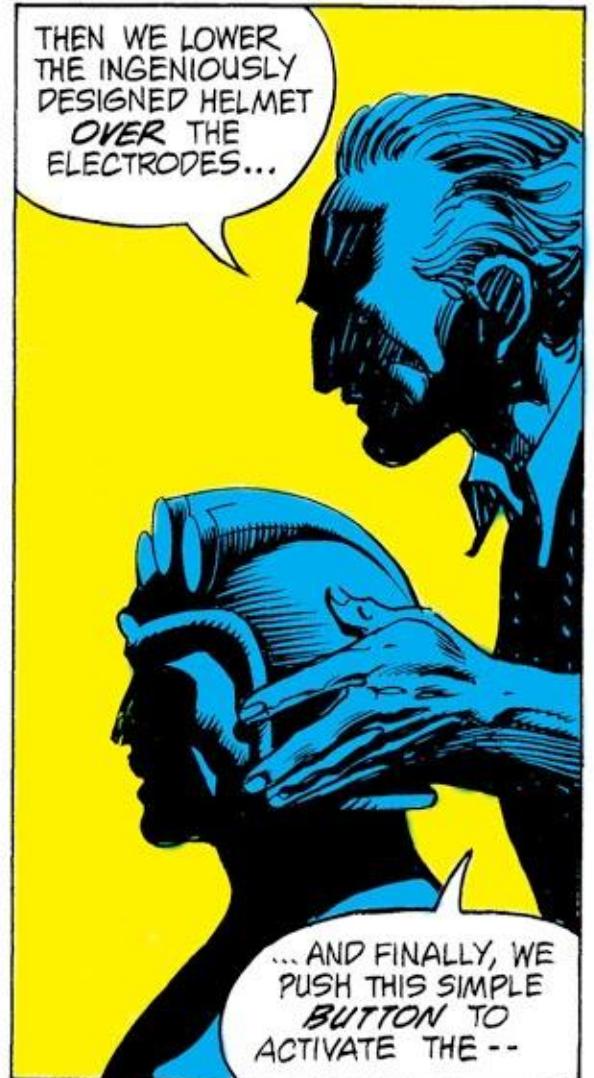
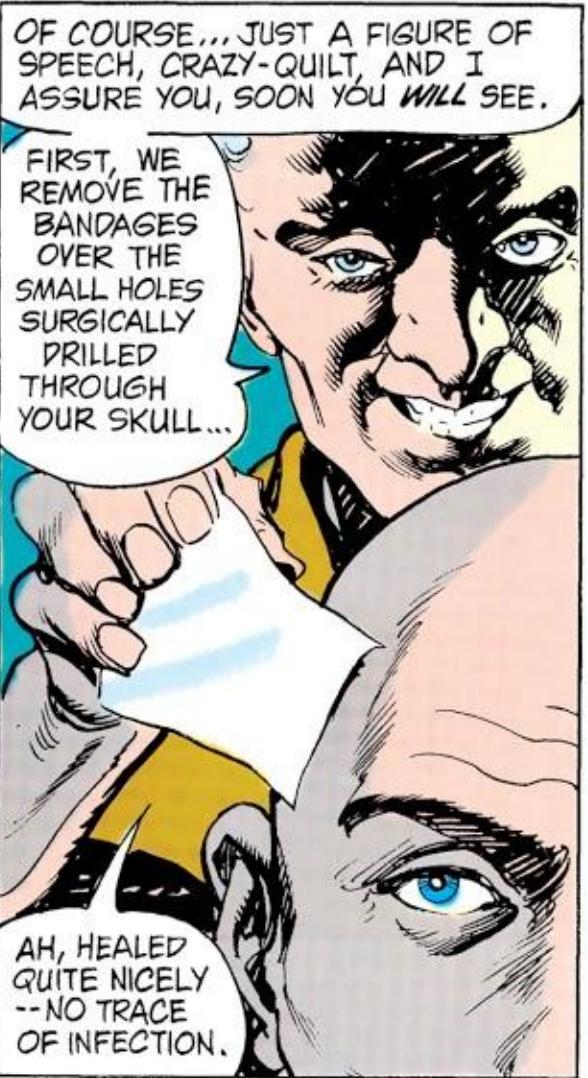
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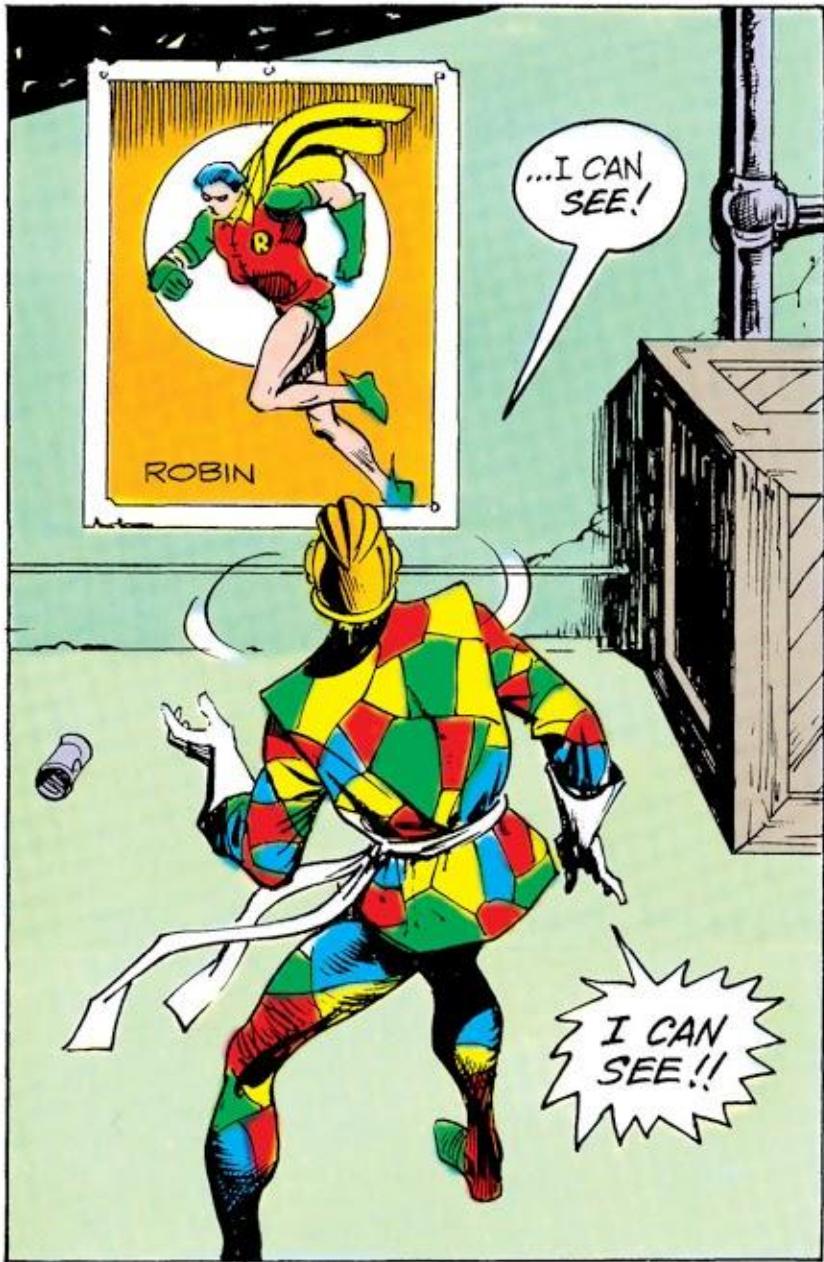
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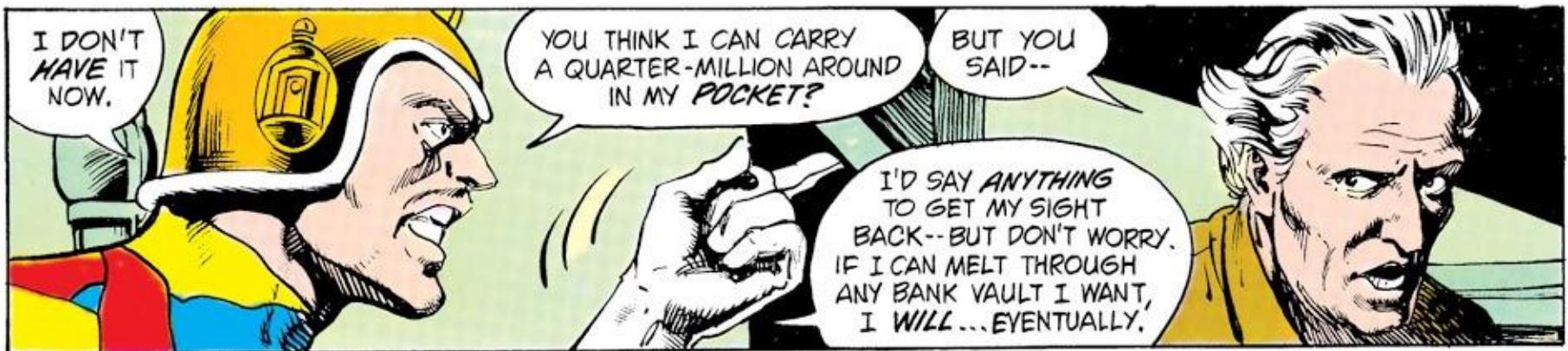
...WE CUT TO DOWNTOWN GOTHAM, WHERE WAREHOUSES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY THE DOZEN IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS OF ECONOMIC INSTABILITY...



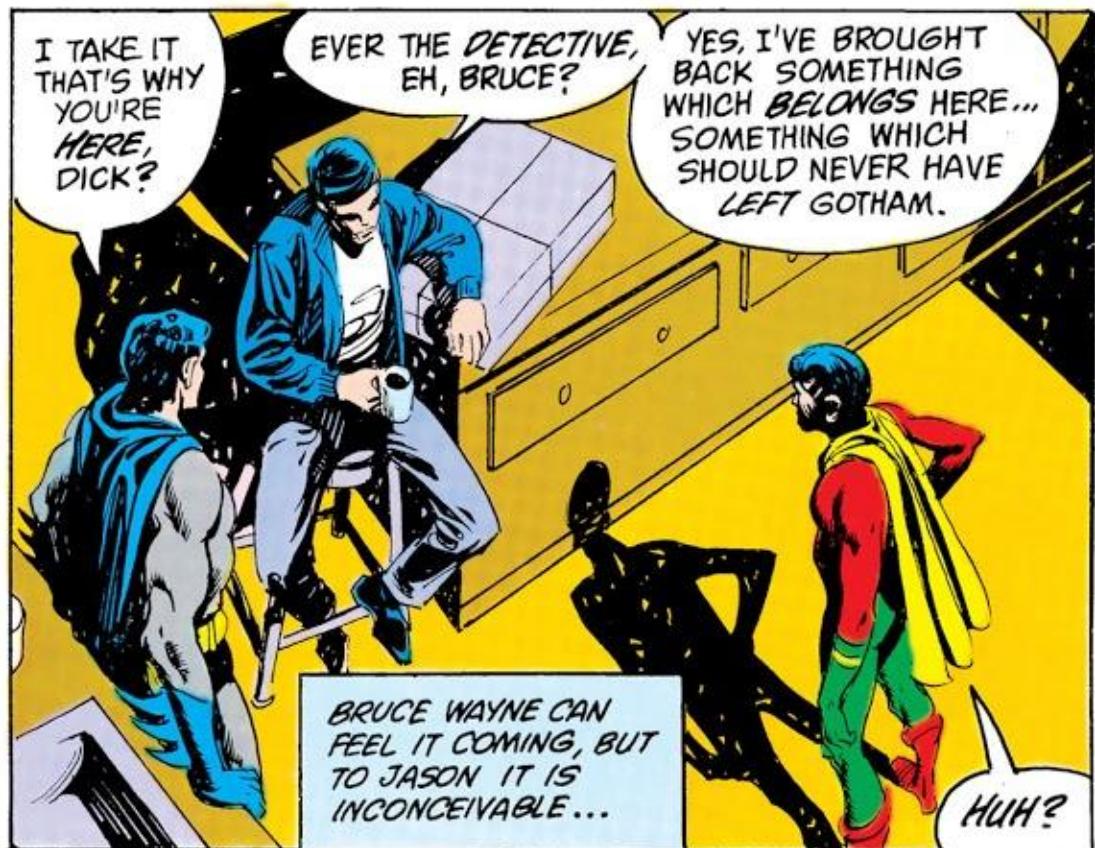


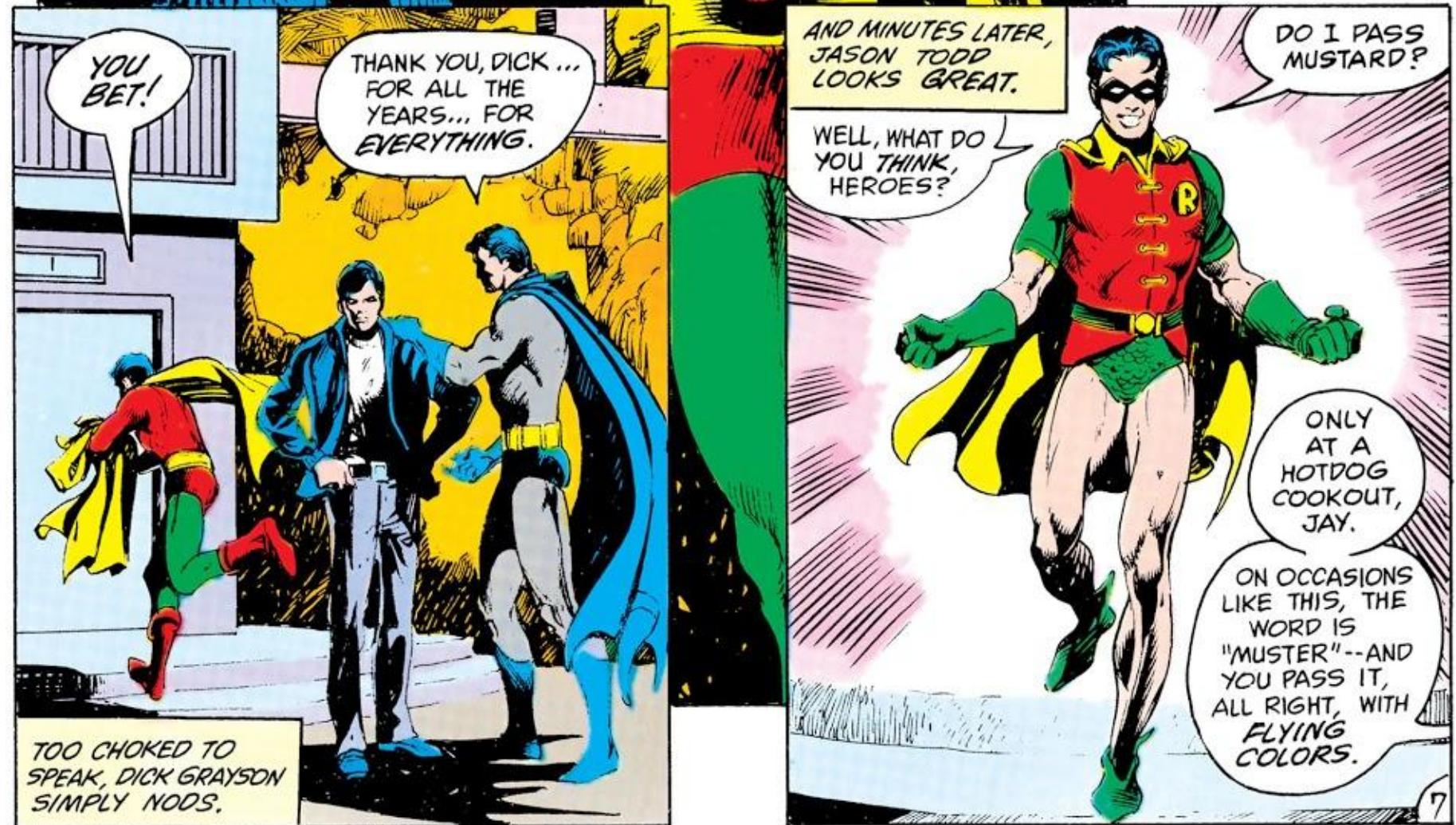


AH... THE TERMS, I BELIEVE, SPECIFIED UPON COMPLETION -- WHICH IS NOW.

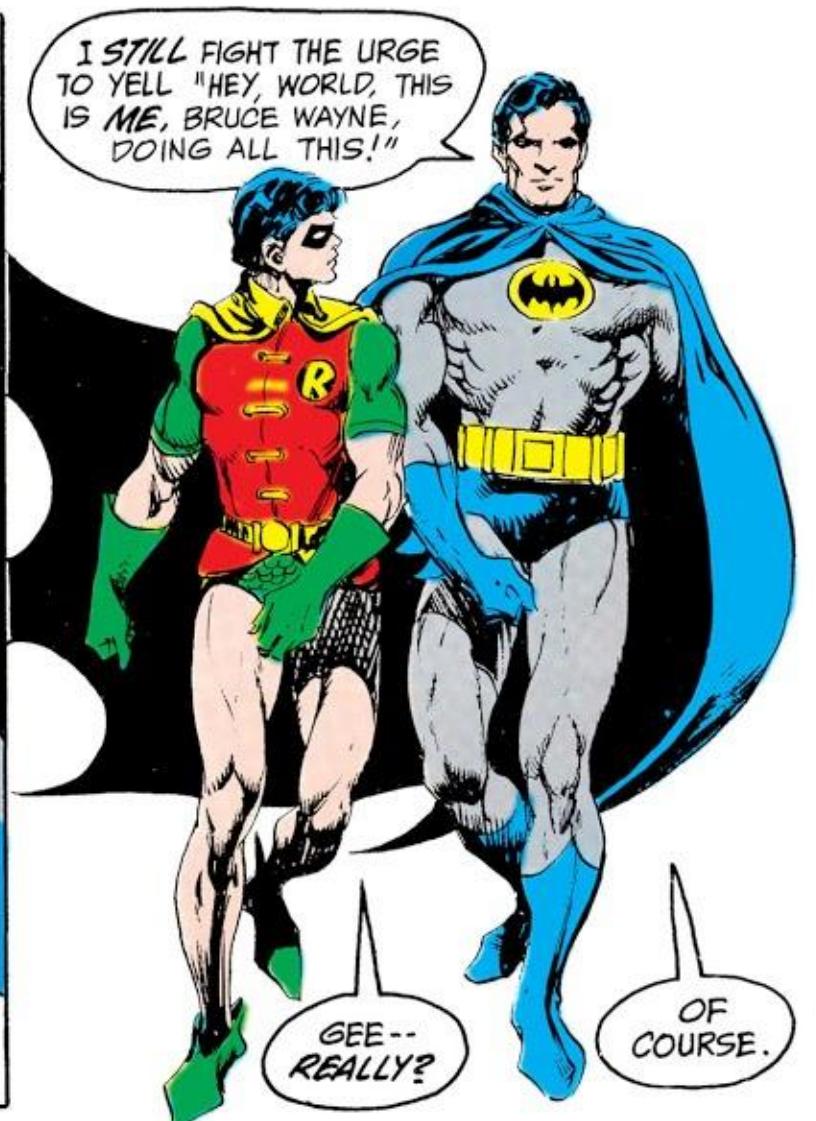
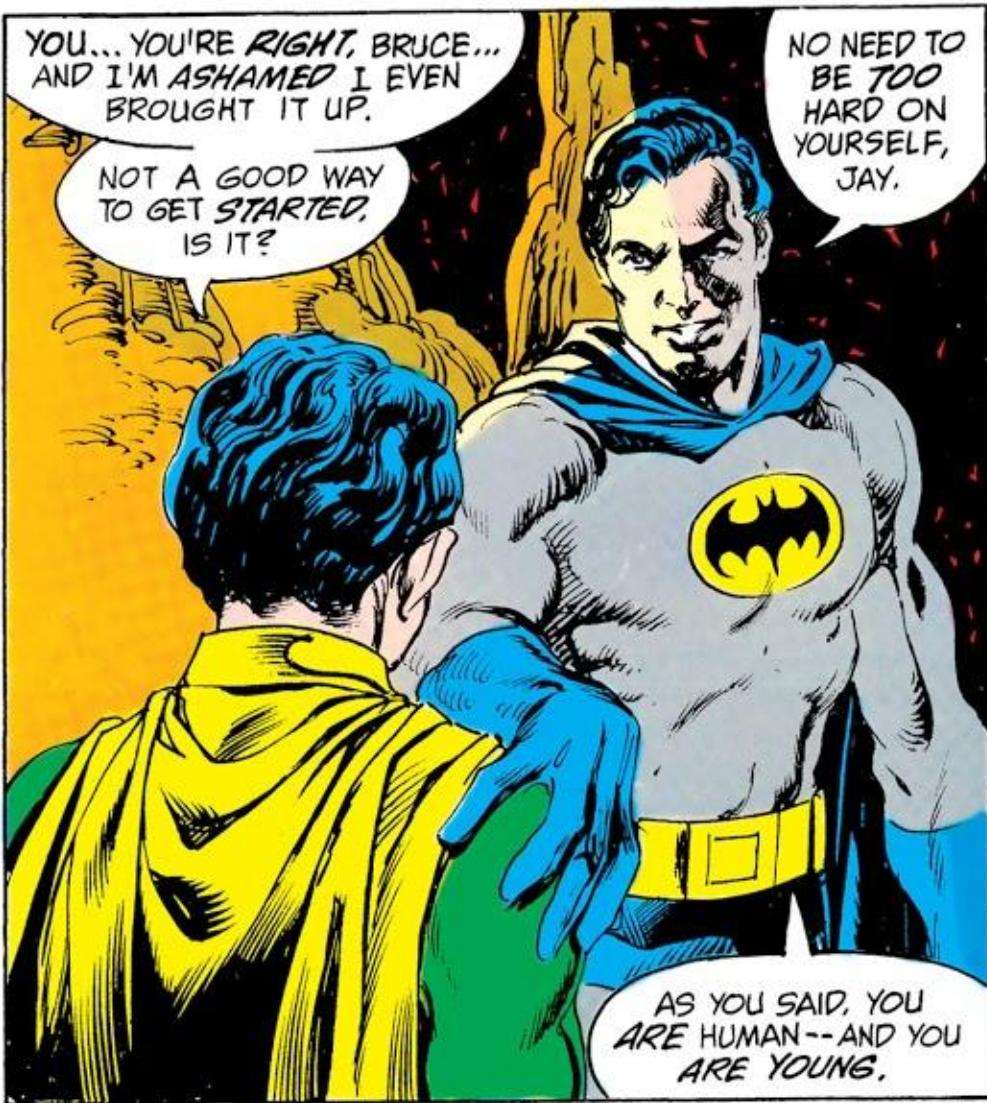


THE BATCAVE: WHERE JASON TODD REGARDS DICK GRAYSON WITH THE ALMOST TANGIBLE AWE INSPIRED BY IDOLS...









YOU'RE BEGINNING WITH A RICH LEGACY BEHIND YOU, JASON.

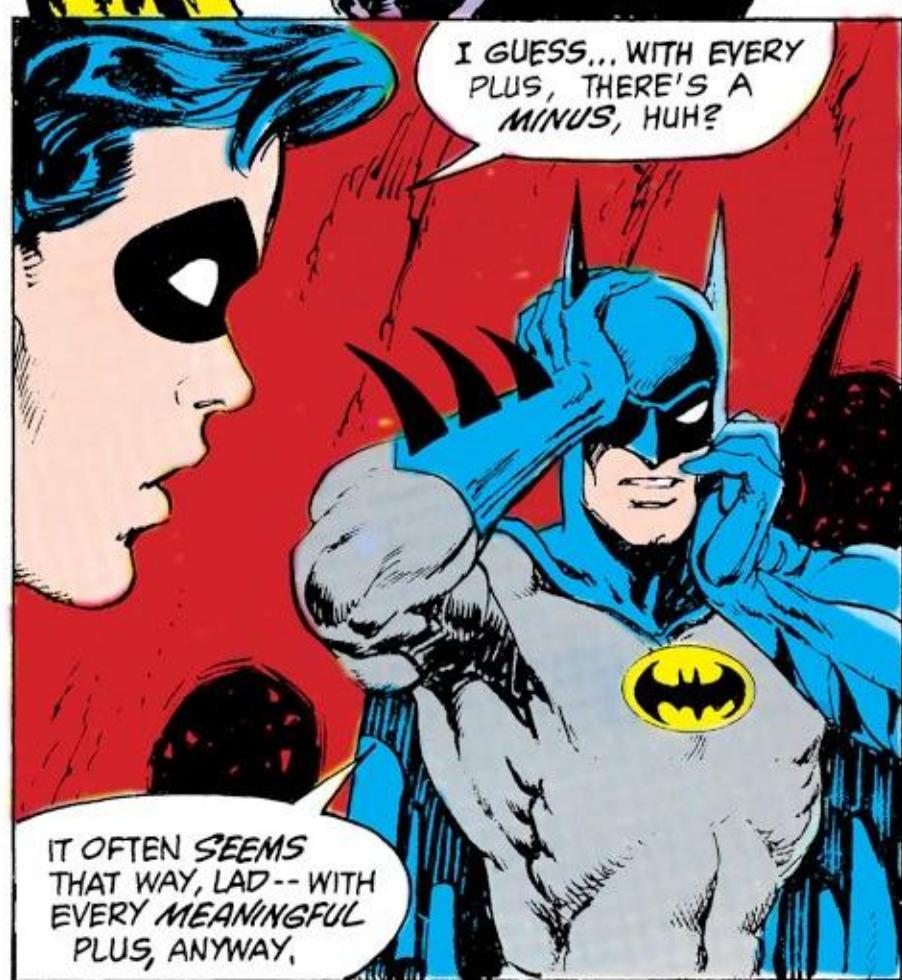
IT GIVES YOU THE ADVANTAGE OF A REPUTATION, BUT IT ALSO BEARS THE WEIGHT OF A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

WHEN DICK STARTED OUT, HE HAD NO FAME TO BACK HIM UP... BUT NEITHER DID HE HAVE ANYTHING TO LIVE UP TO.



I GUESS... WITH EVERY PLUS, THERE'S A MINUS, HUH?

"AND IF YOU'RE EVER IN DOUBT, JUST REMEMBER WHAT HE MADE OF THIS DEAL CALLED ROBIN."



NOW-- SHALL WE HIT THOSE STREETS FOR OUR FIRST-NITER... ROBIN?



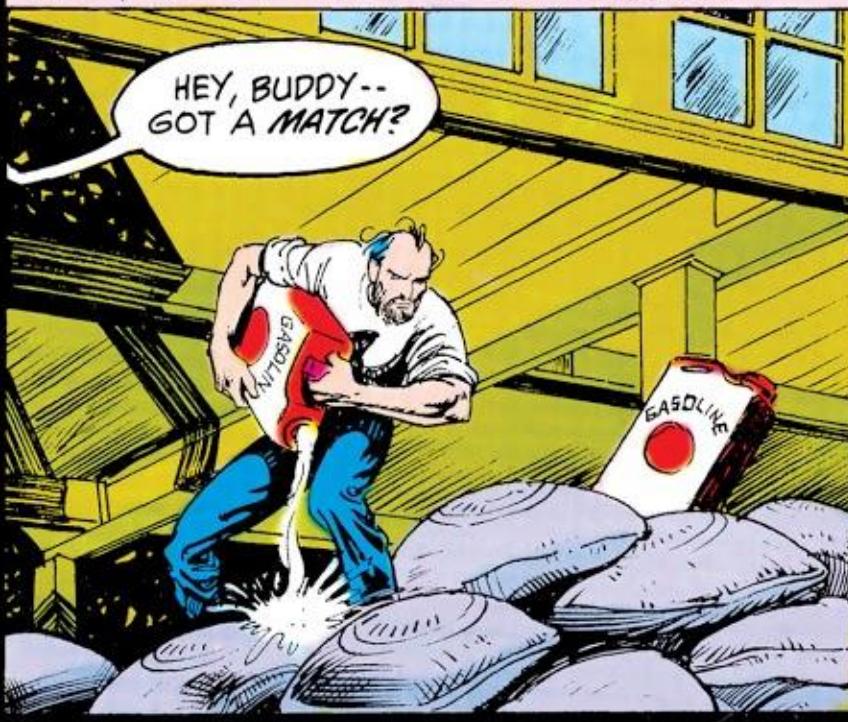
AND WHAT A PREMIERE OUTING
IT WILL PROVE TO BE...

THE SHADOWS ARE LONG,
DARK, AND WREATHED IN
MIST ON THIS HOT LATE-
SUMMER NIGHT...

...AND THE URBAN
LABYRINTH WHICH IS
GOTHAM WILL HOST NO
SHORTAGE OF THE
SINISTER DEEDS
NURTURED BY
MIDNIGHT HEAT.



FIRST, THERE IS THE STAB AT ARSON...



HE HAS HAUNTED THESE LONG DARK NIGHTS BEFORE, AND HE WELL KNOWS THEIR CAPACITY CAN BE LIMITLESS IN VARIETY.

THERE WILL BE OTHER TESTS FOR HIS NEW CHARGE TO FACE...

THEFT, FOR INSTANCE.

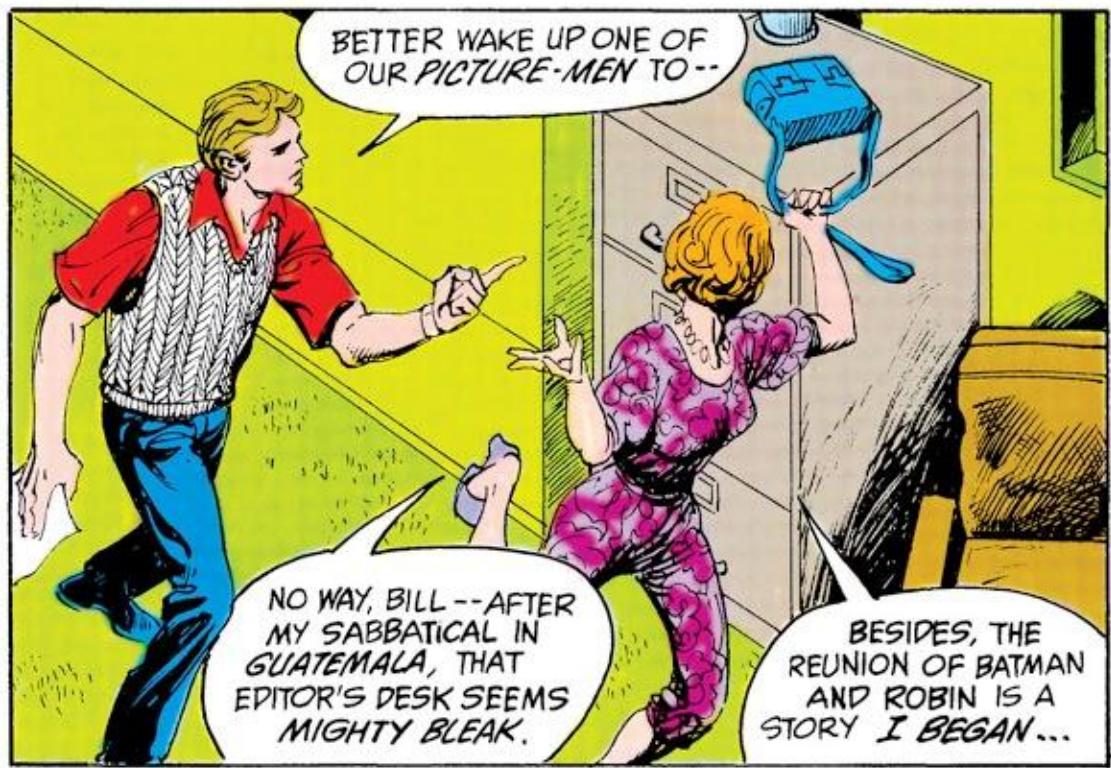
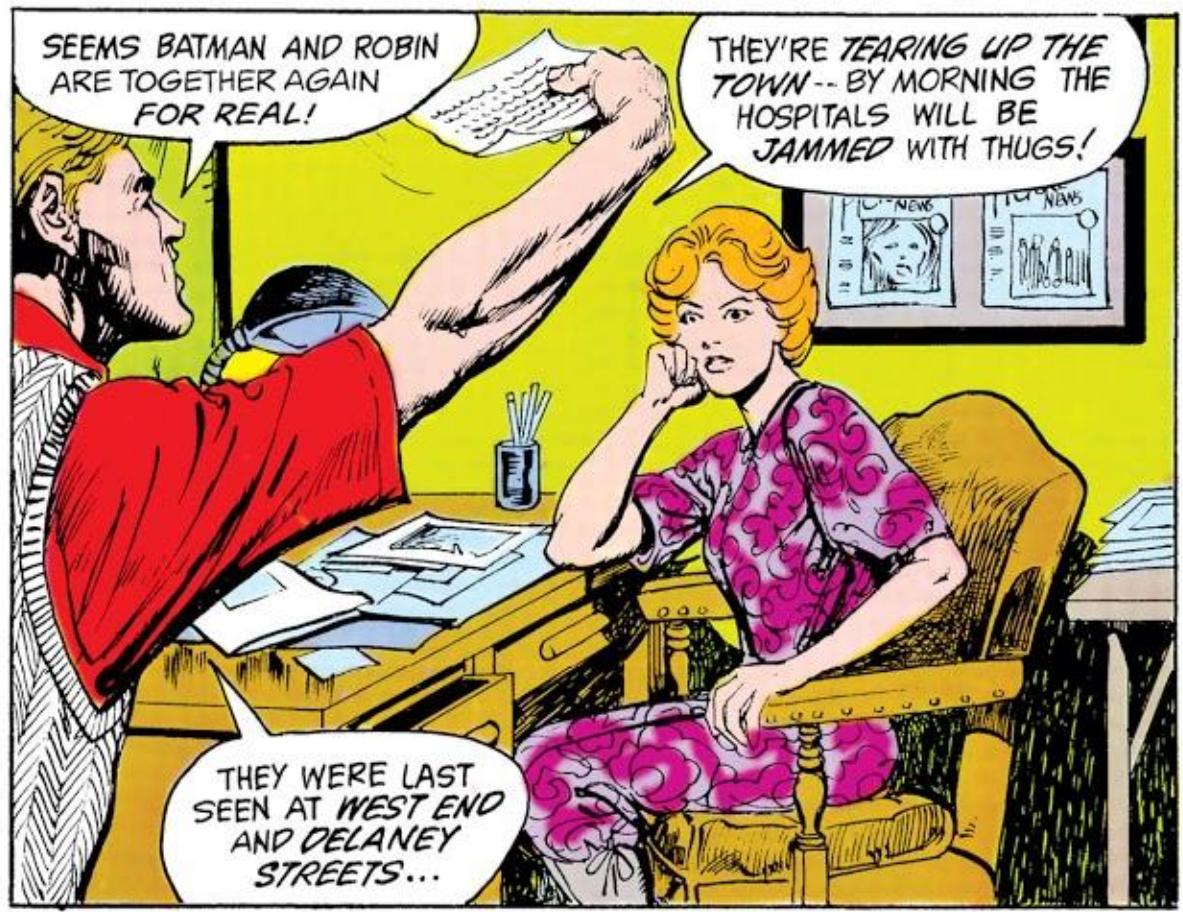
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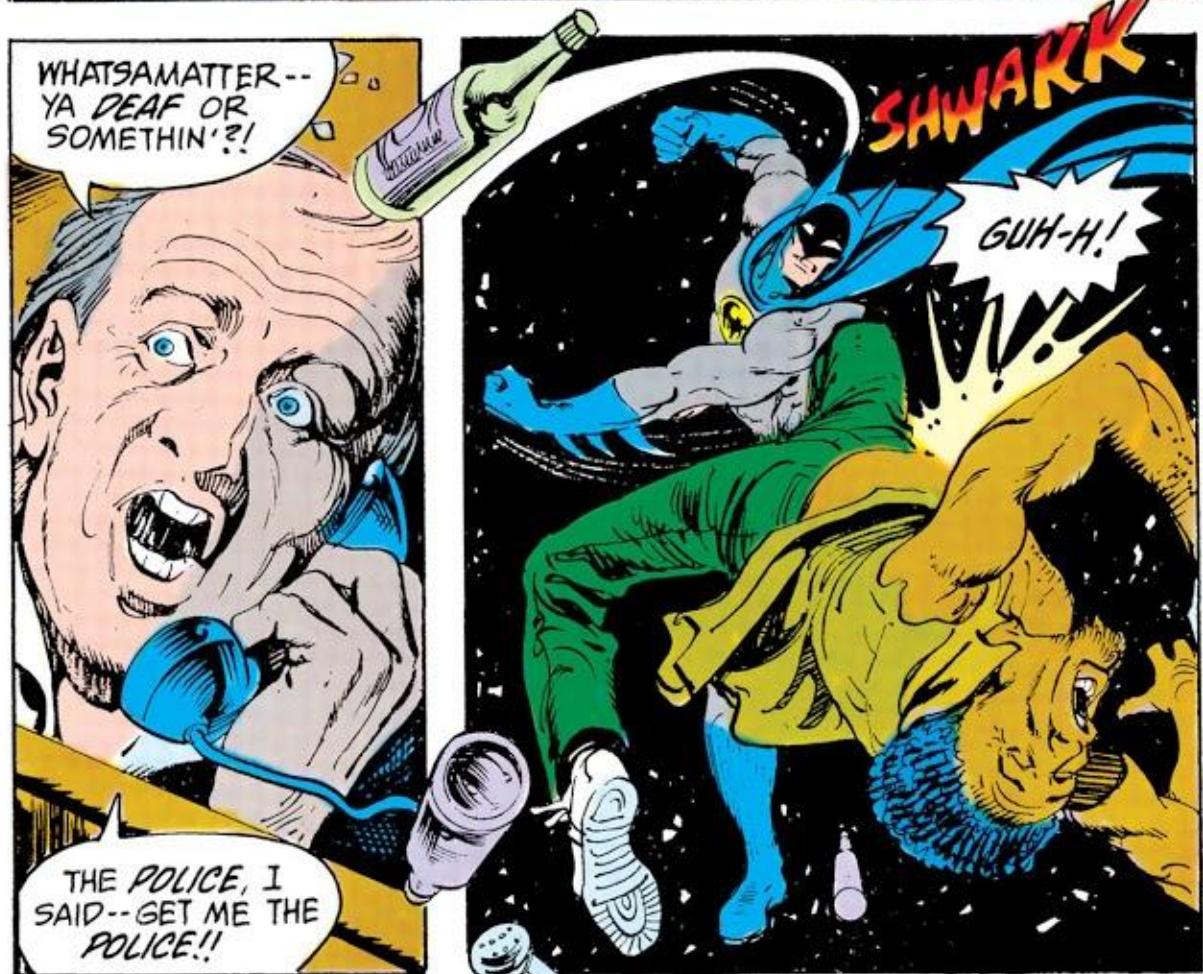
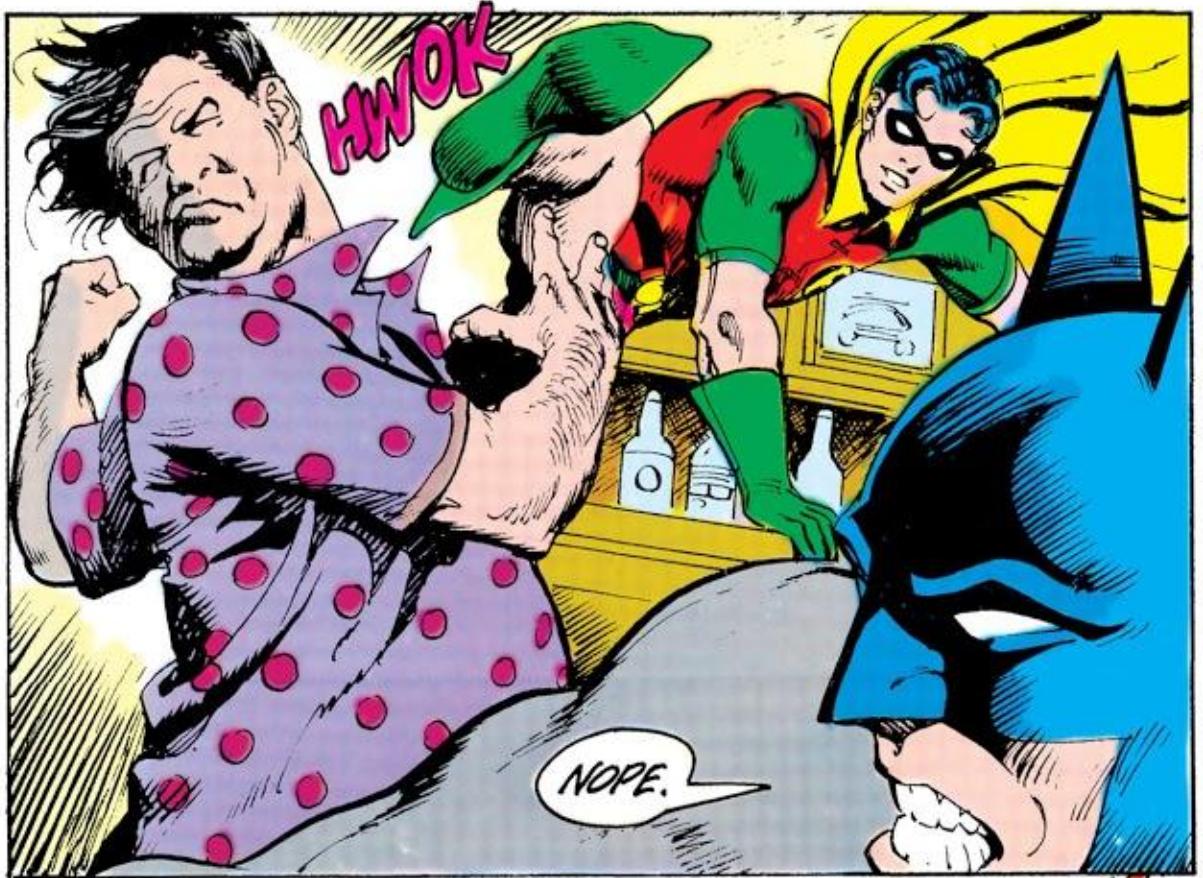
AND WORSE--INFINITELY SO.

THIS IS MIKE MCCORMICK, THE ESCAPED MURDERER.

AND WHEN THE NIGHT HAS JOURNEYED HALFWAY TO DAWN, THE NEW ROBIN MAY BE WELL ON THE WAY TO CREATING A CAUSE TO SMILE...

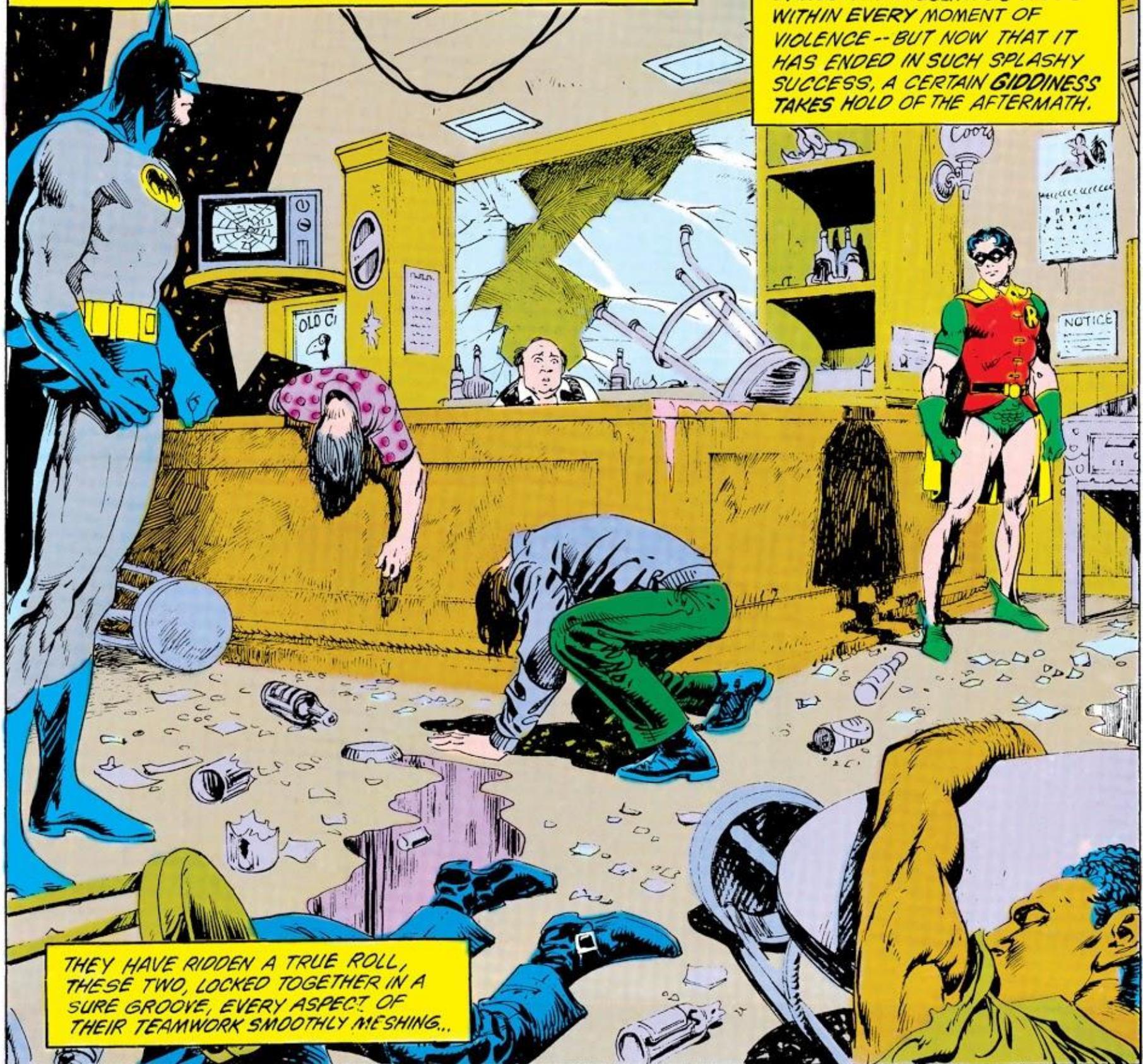
...BUT THERE IS NOW NO TASTE FOR IT--NONE AT ALL.





THE FINISH IS WRITTEN SIX MINUTES LATER WITH THE PINBALL'S GROAN OF TILT--AND THE TWO MODERN CRUSADERS, ARMOR UNTARNISHED, FACE EACH OTHER ACROSS THE SPAN OF DEBRIS...

THE BRAWL WAS HARDLY FUNNY--DANGER AND UGLINESS HIDES WITHIN EVERY MOMENT OF VIOLENCE--BUT NOW THAT IT HAS ENDED IN SUCH SPLASHY SUCCESS, A CERTAIN GIDDINESS TAKES HOLD OF THE AFTERMATH.



THEY HAVE RIDDEN A TRUE ROLL,
THESE TWO, LOCKED TOGETHER IN A
SURE GROOVE, EVERY ASPECT OF
THEIR TEAMWORK SMOOTHLY MESHING...

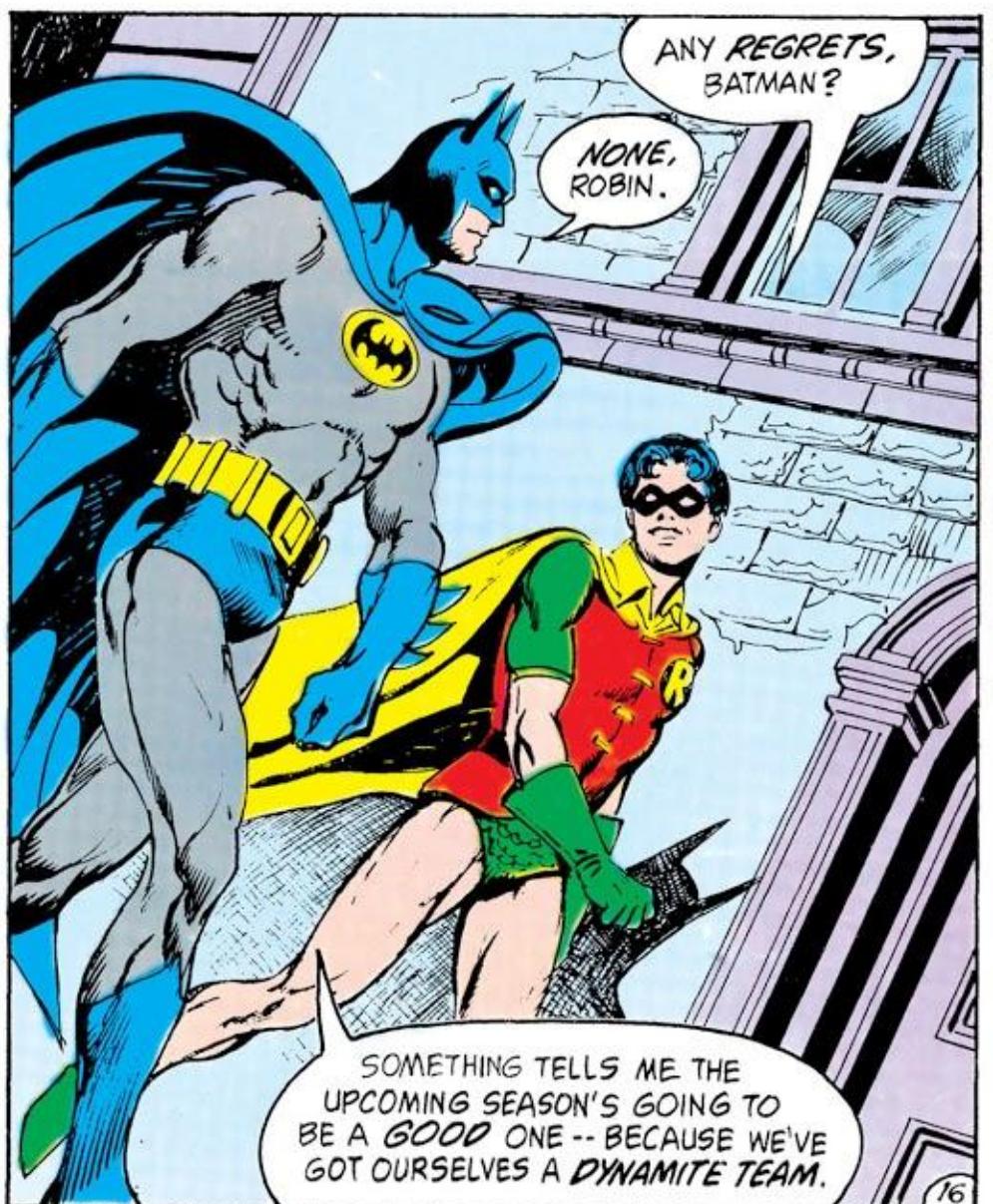
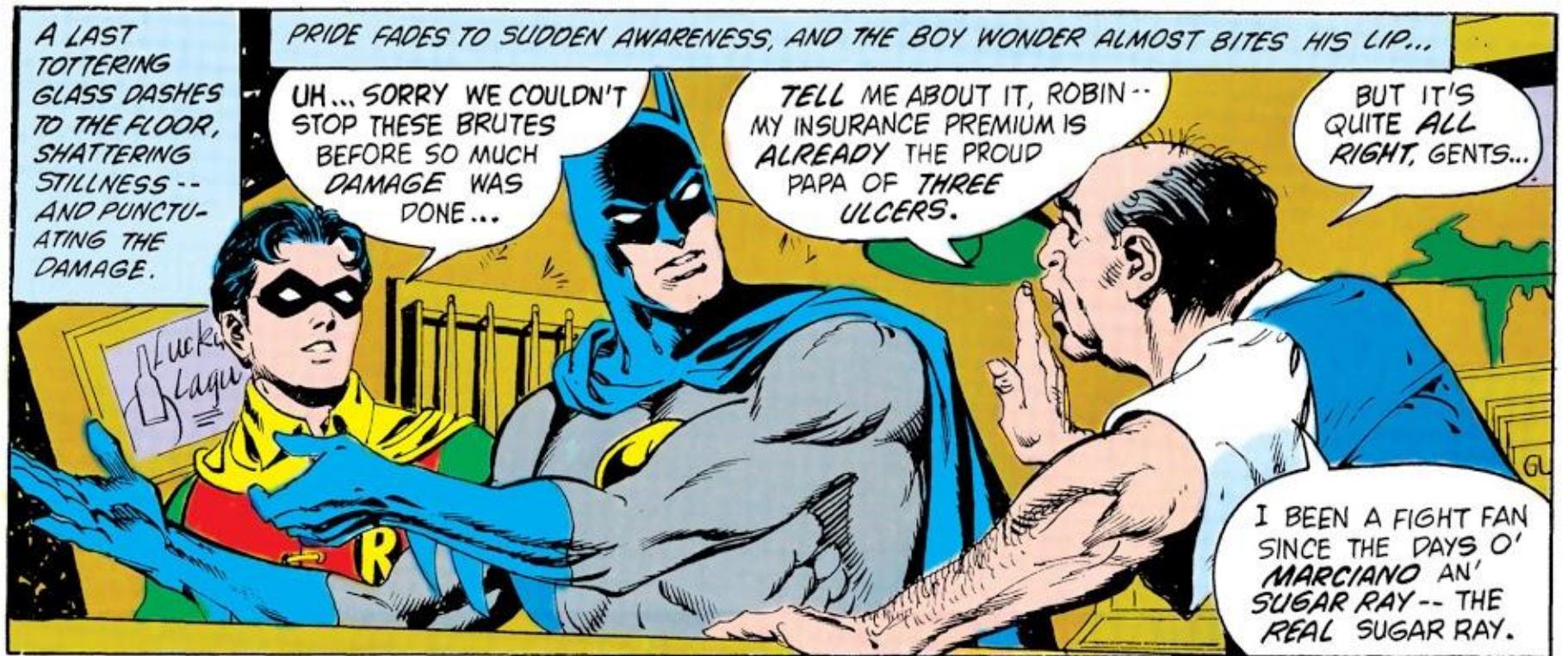
AND, DESPITE
HIMSELF, THE
BATMAN FINALLY
CONCEDES A
SMILE.

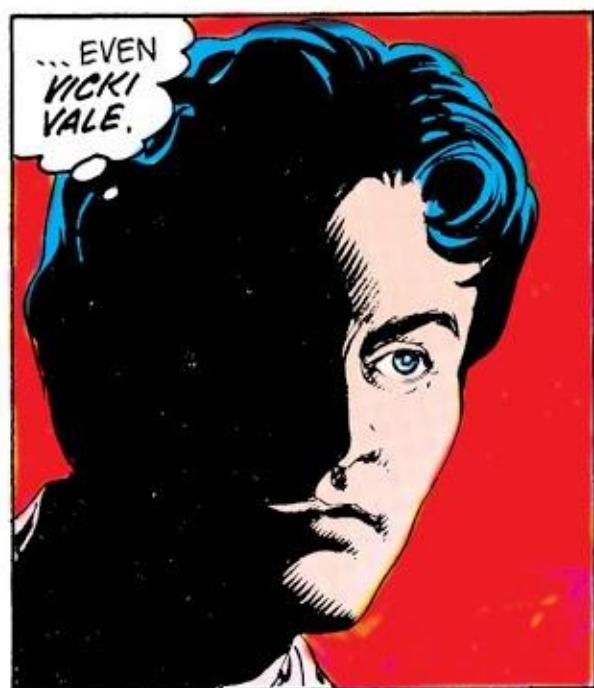
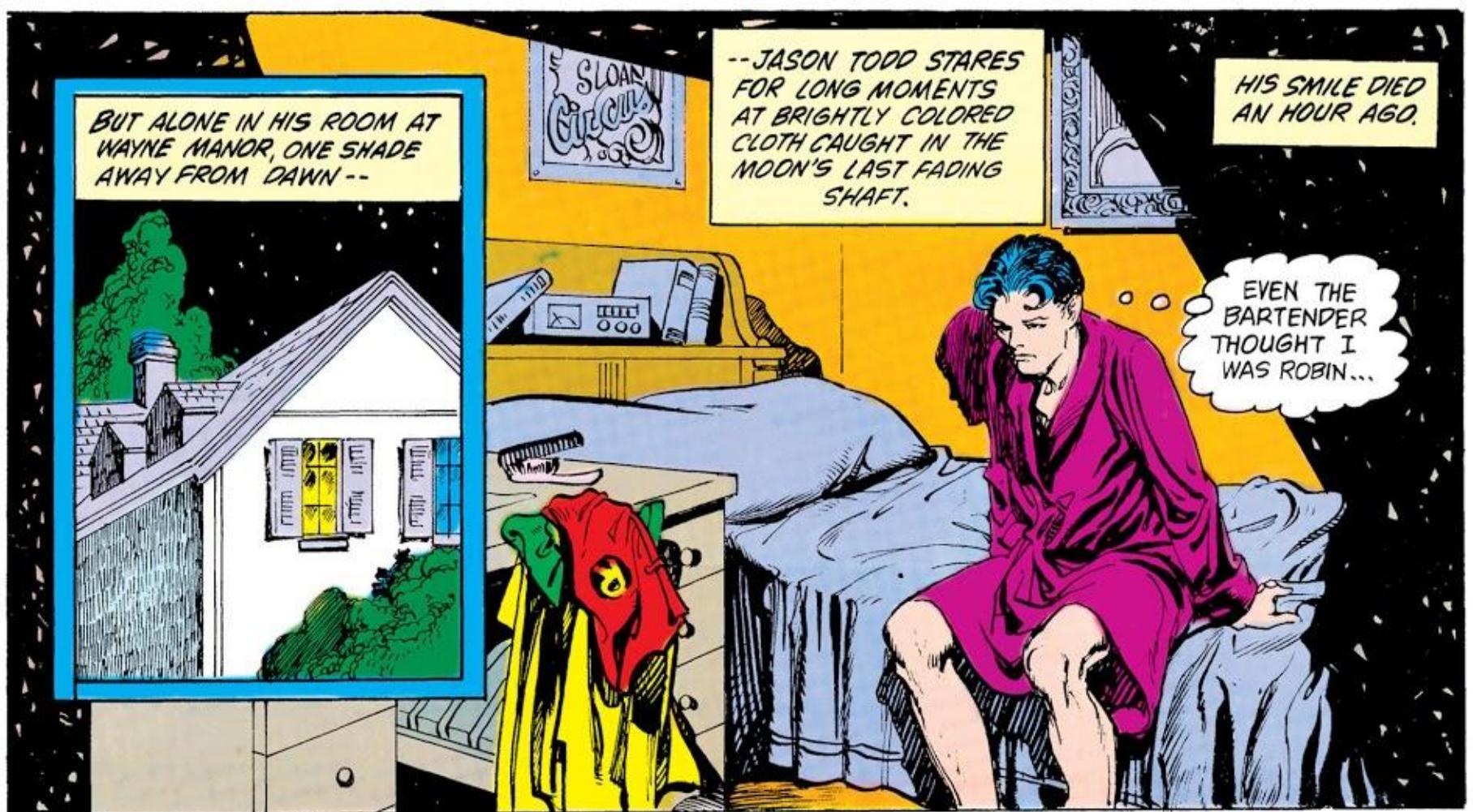
WELL, ROBIN--IT'S
BEEN QUITE A
NIGHT.

HOLD IT RIGHT
THERE, HEROES--
TIME TO BE
IMMORTALIZED.

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IN CASE YOU
HAVEN'T HEARD,
YOU'RE AN
ITEM AGAIN!

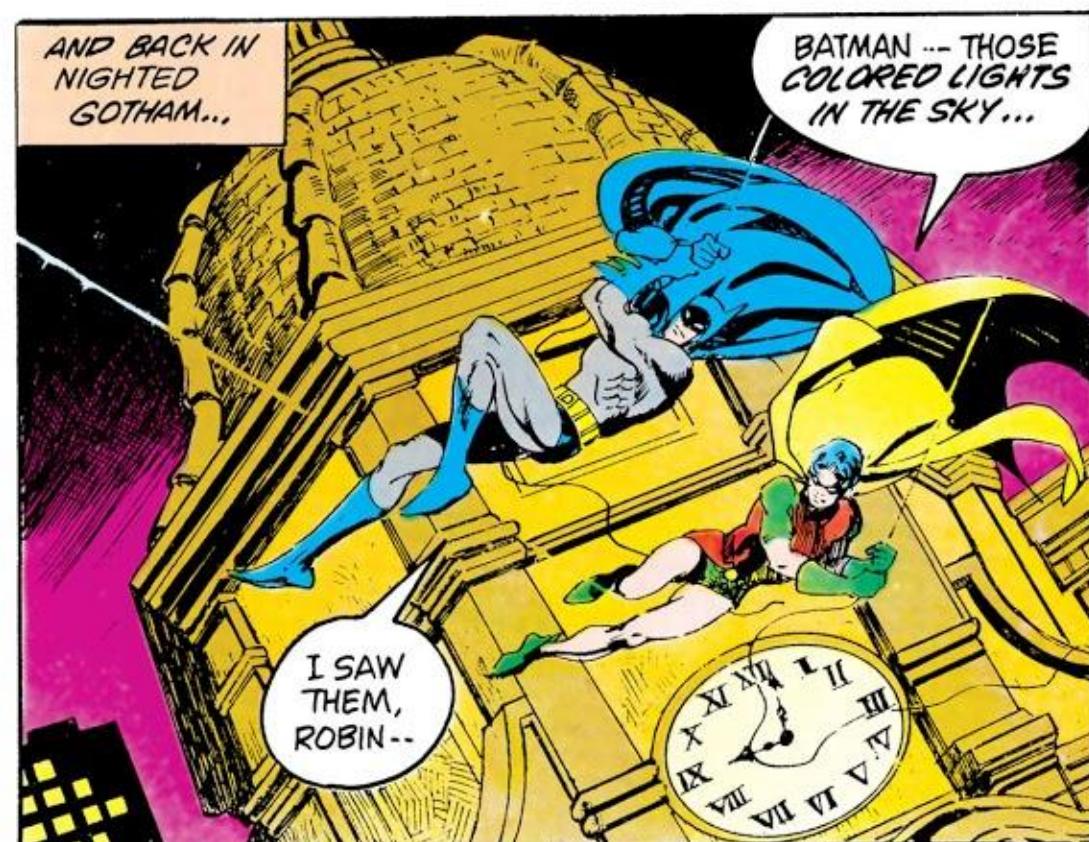


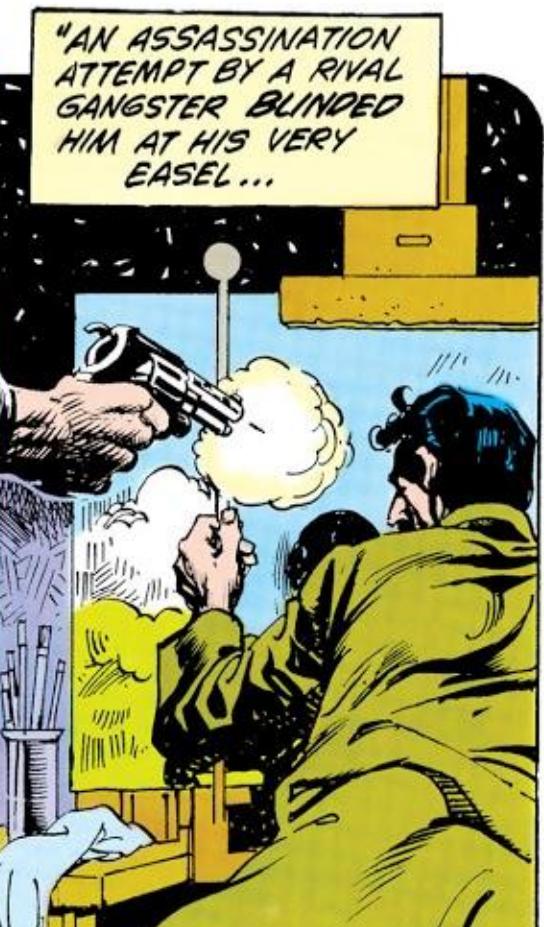
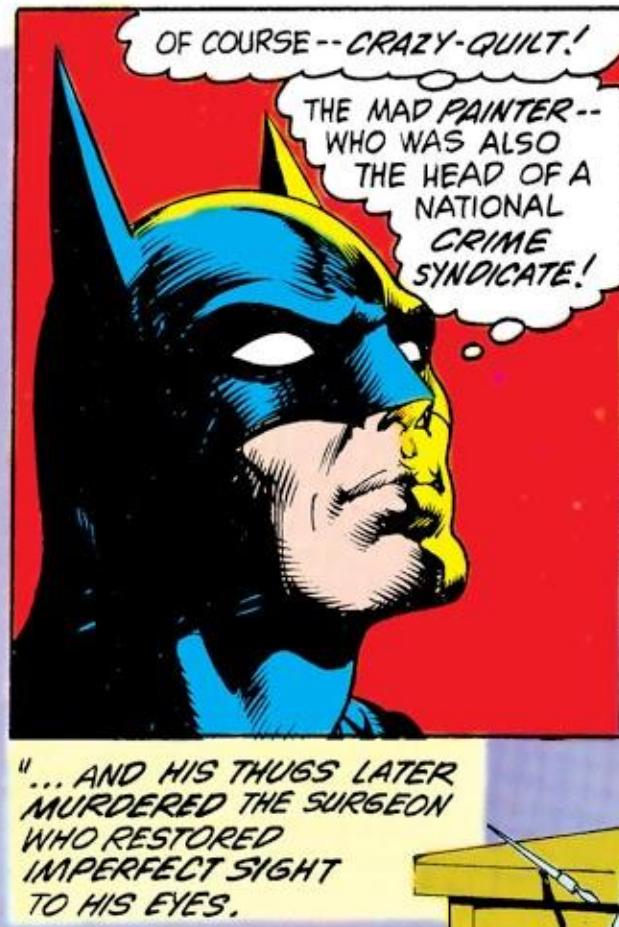
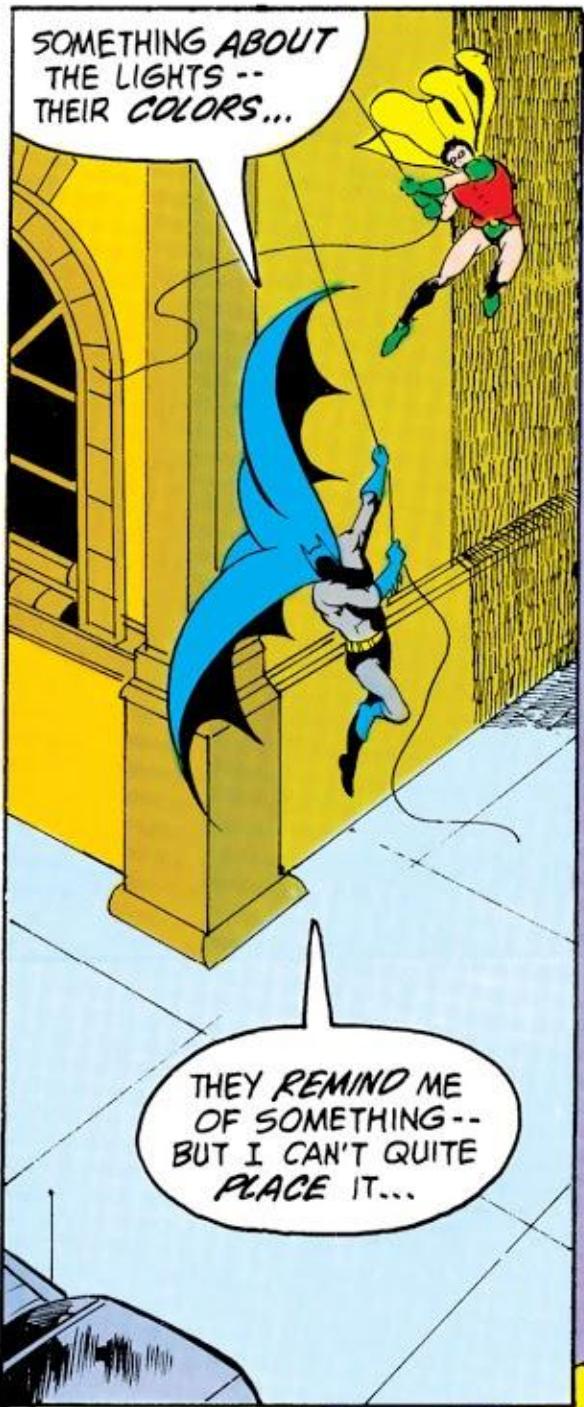


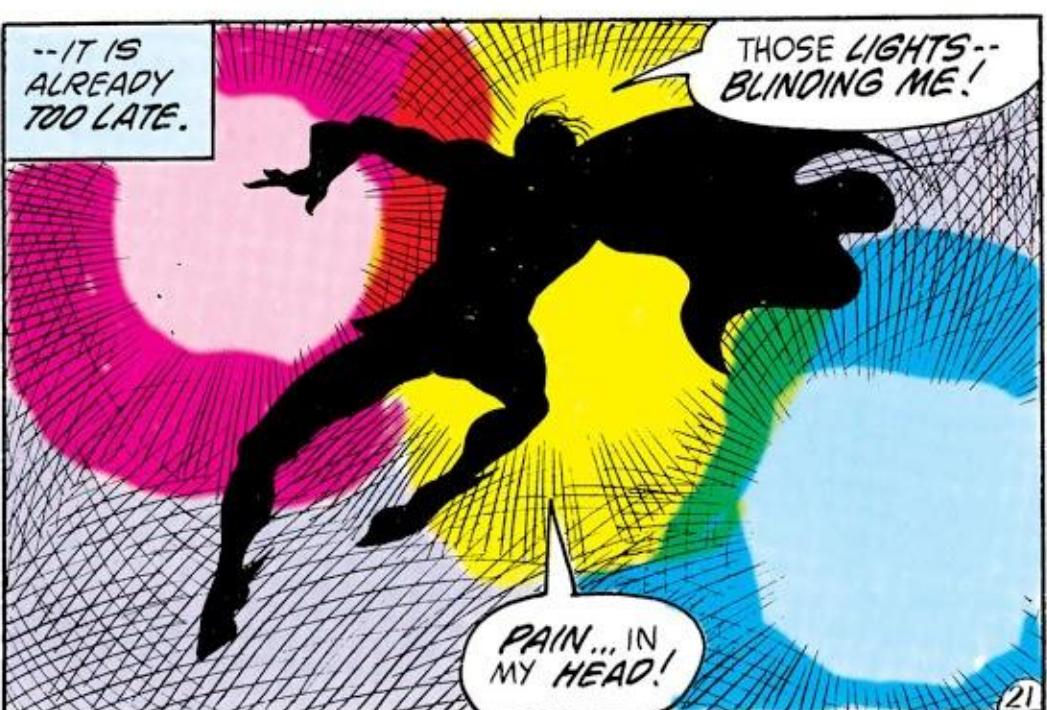
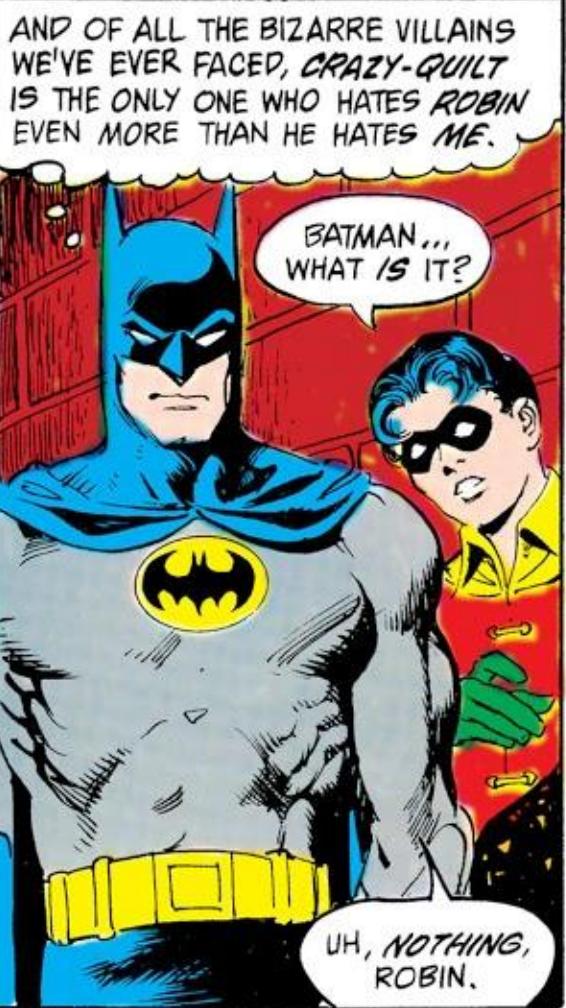
THE NEXT DAY:













ON A ROOFTOP THREE BLOCKS DISTANT, EVEN AS JASON TODD RECEIVES HIS BRUTAL BEATING, THE BATMAN HAS LEARNED THE WORST...

