



BATMAN

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THE FILM FREAK WAS BORN FROM THE PHONY DEATH OF FAILED ACTOR BURT WESTON.

IT WAS A SCENE RIGHT OUT OF "THE STING" --

THE ENSUING CAT BURGLAR SPREE WAS INSPIRED BY "TO CATCH A THIEF" -- WITH CARY GRANT REPLACED BY CAGNEY.

-- STAGED WITH BLANKS, FALSE BLOOD, AND THE HELP OF FRIEND AND FELLOW ACTOR AL JACOBS.

TOP O' THE WORLD, MA!

REPORTER JULIA PENNYWORTH REVEALED TO THE WORLD THAT THE FILM FREAK WAS CERTAINLY BURT WESTON -- AND PROMPTLY BECAME HIS FIRST SERIOUS TARGET, ALTHOUGH THE "PSYCHO" SCENE ULTIMATELY FAILED.

DIRECTOR PAUL VASSERIA WAS INTERVIEWED.

JEALOUS OF CATWOMAN --

-- ROBIN TEAMED WITH BULLOCK --

-- AND THUS ANTICIPATE HIS MOVES, IF ALWAYS A HALF-STEP TOO LATE.

-- WHOSE MOVIE-BUFF KNOWLEDGE HELPED INTERPRET THE FILM FREAK'S CLUES --

INDEED, ONE SUCH CLUE, DULY STAKED OUT --

YES, I REJECTED WESTON FOR THE STARRING ROLE IN ONE OF MY FILMS.

HE'S A HAMMY EGOMANIAC WHO'LL DO ANYTHING FOR ATTENTION.

-- PROVED TO BE A MERE RUSE TO THROW EVERYONE OFF, WHILE WESTON MADE A NEAR-FATAL ASSAULT ON FORMER GIRLFRIEND INDIA BLUE.

THE APESUIT, OF COURSE, WAS INSPIRED BY "KING KONG".

AND NOW, THE TEAM
OF ROBIN AND HARVEY
BULLOCK IS ONCE
AGAIN LEFT BEHIND
BY--

BAT MAN

CREATED BY BOB KANE

WE WERE RIGHT,
SELINA-- WESTON'S
HEADING STRAIGHT
FOR AL JACOBS'
APARTMENT
BUILDING.

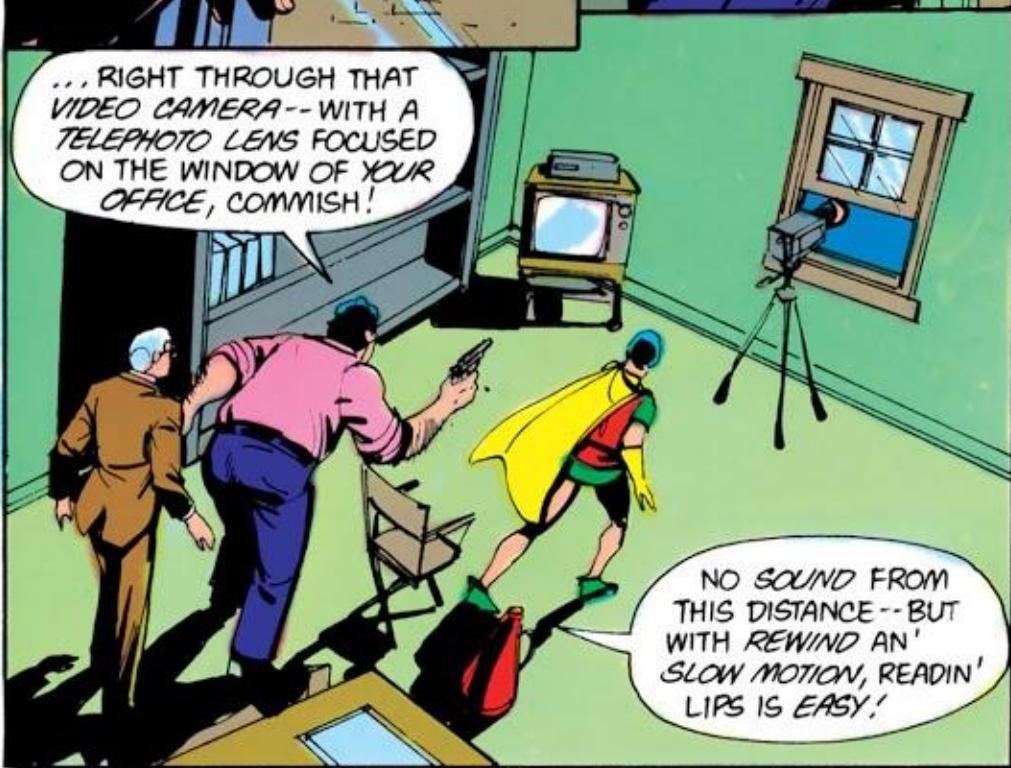
HE MEANS TO
KILL EVERYONE FROM
HIS PAST-- EVERYONE
HE HAS A GRUDGE
AGAINST.

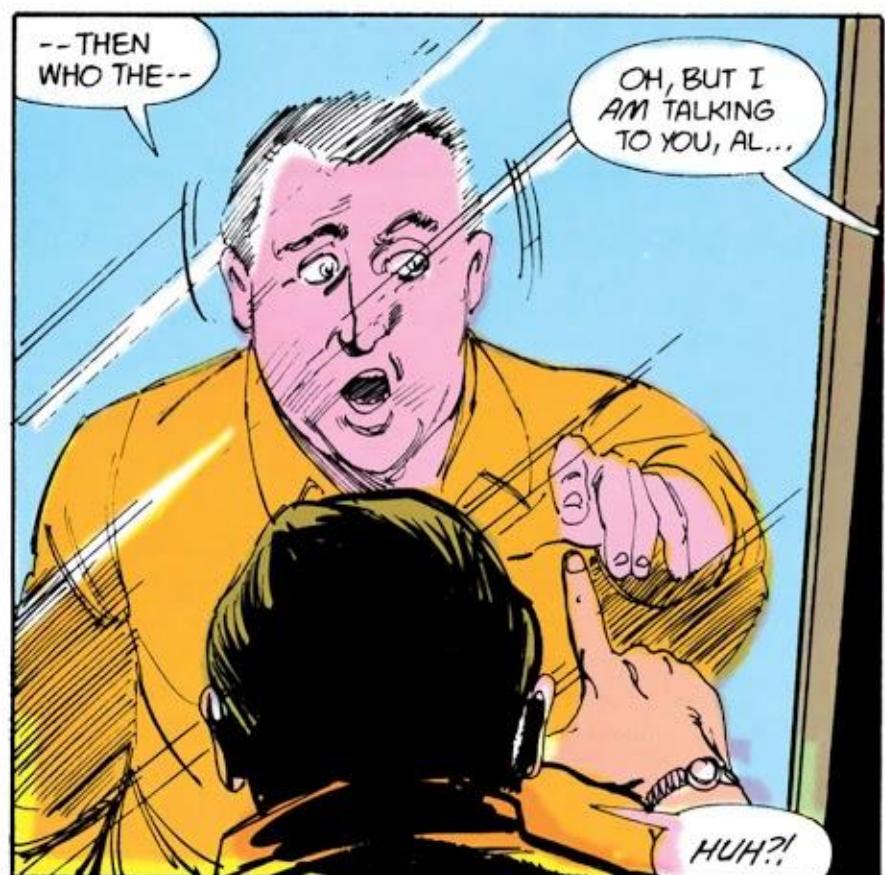
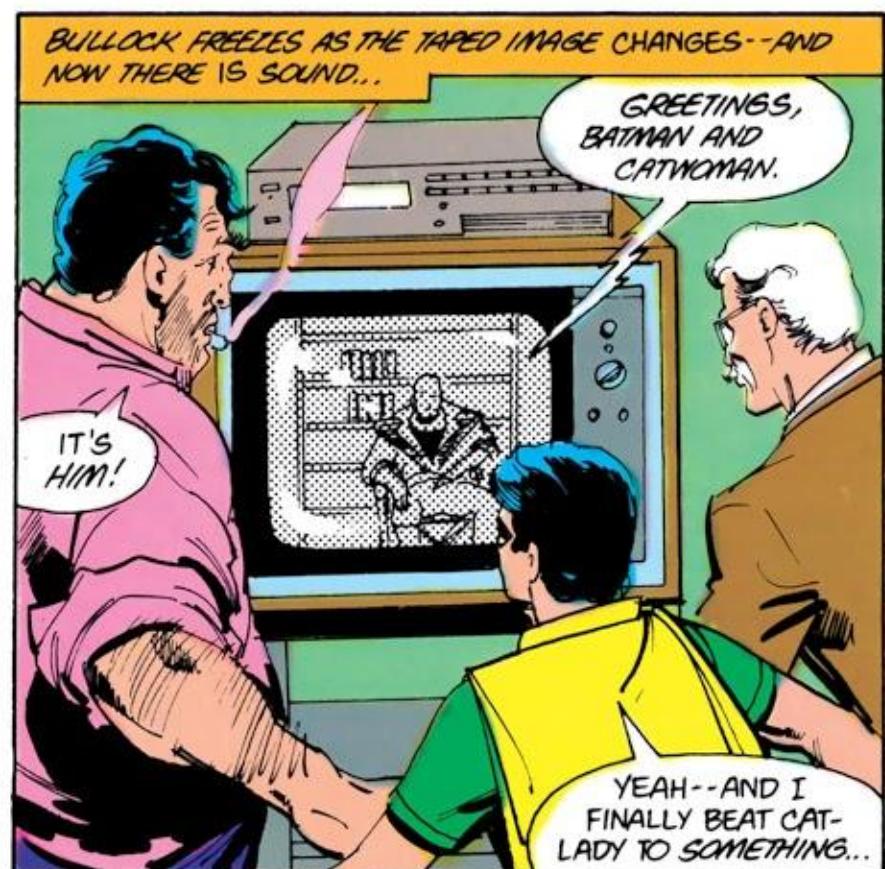
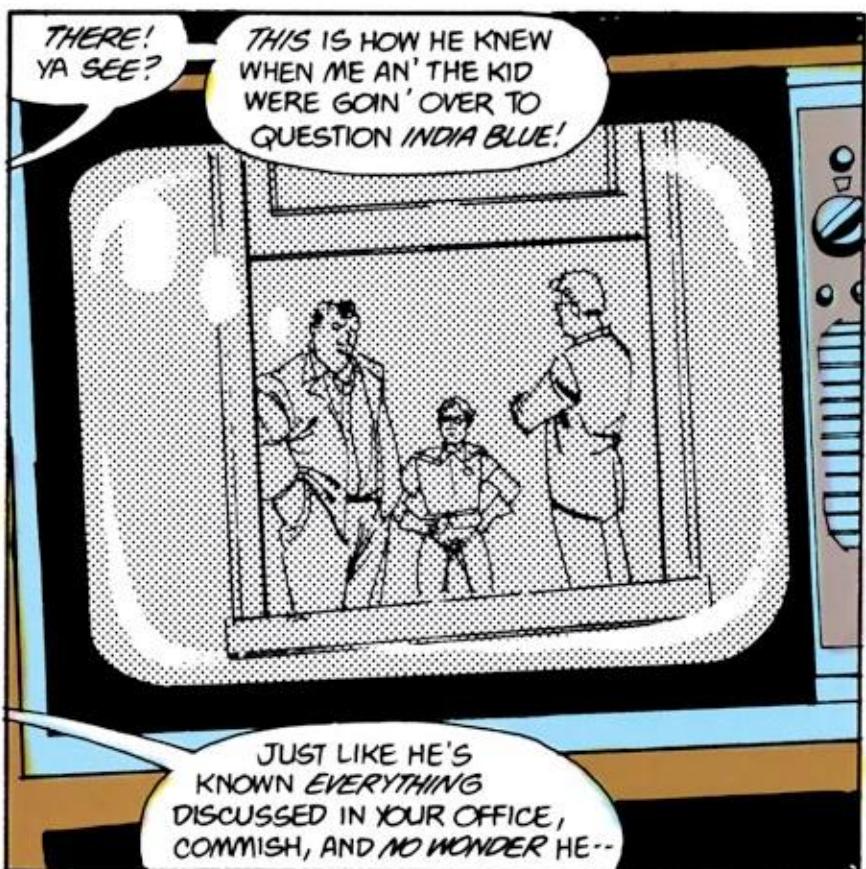
AND I SAY IT'S
TIME TO RING
THE CURTAIN ON
HIS FINAL ACT...

LET'S MOVE,
BATMAN!

BOX-OFFICE SMASH

DOUG MOENCH . TOM MANDRAKE . JOHN COSTANZA . ADRIENNE ROY , LEN WEIN
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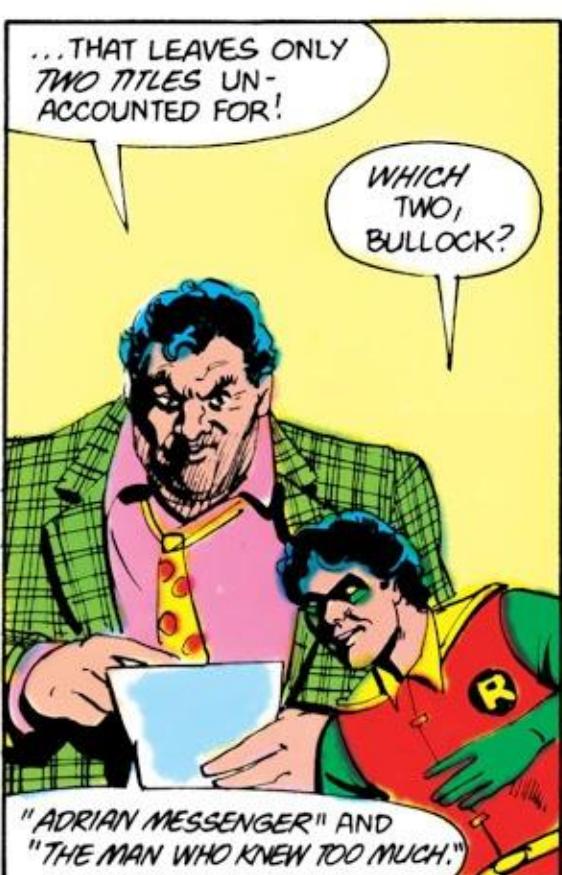
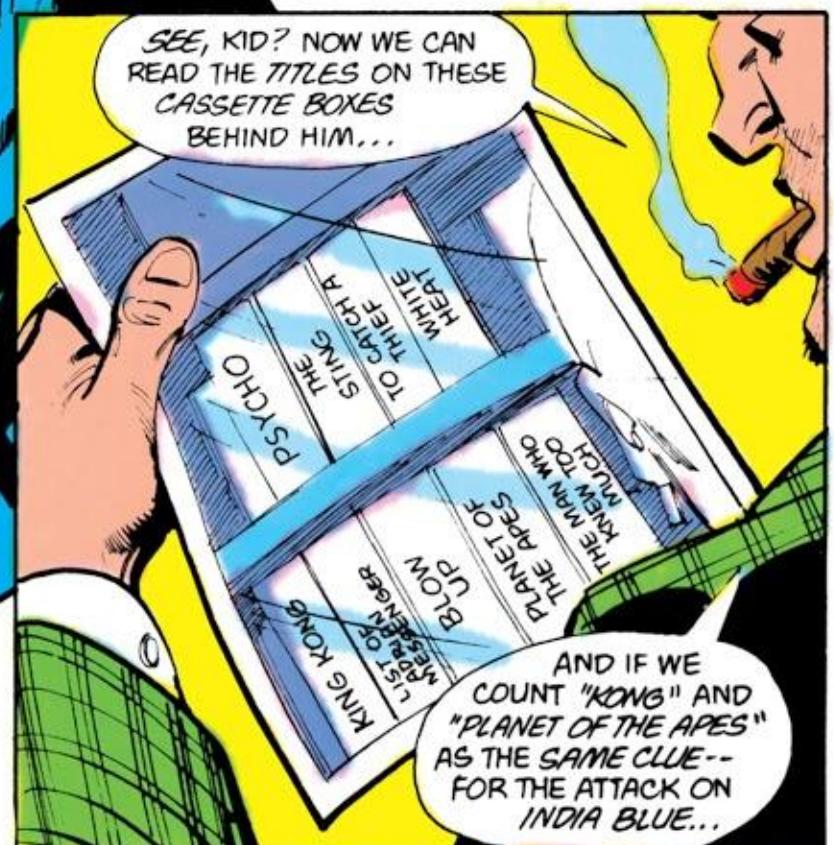


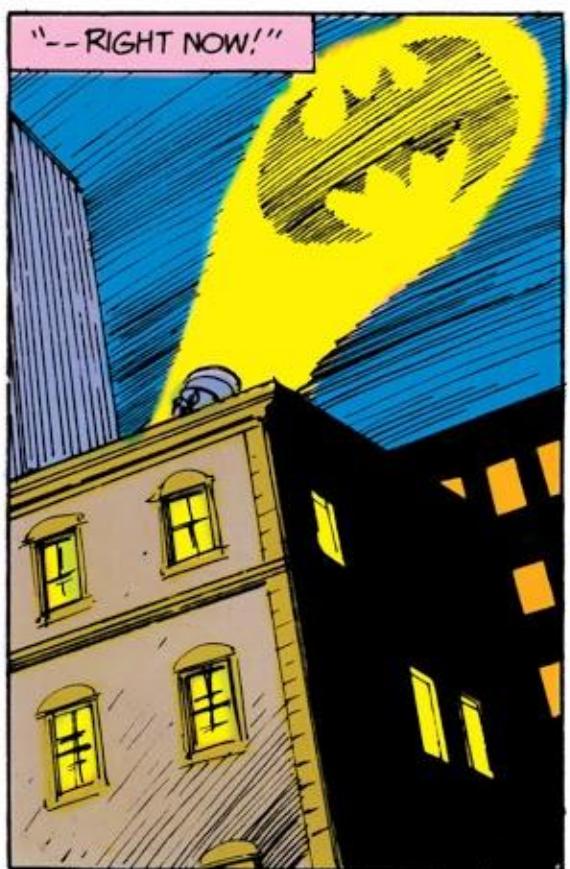
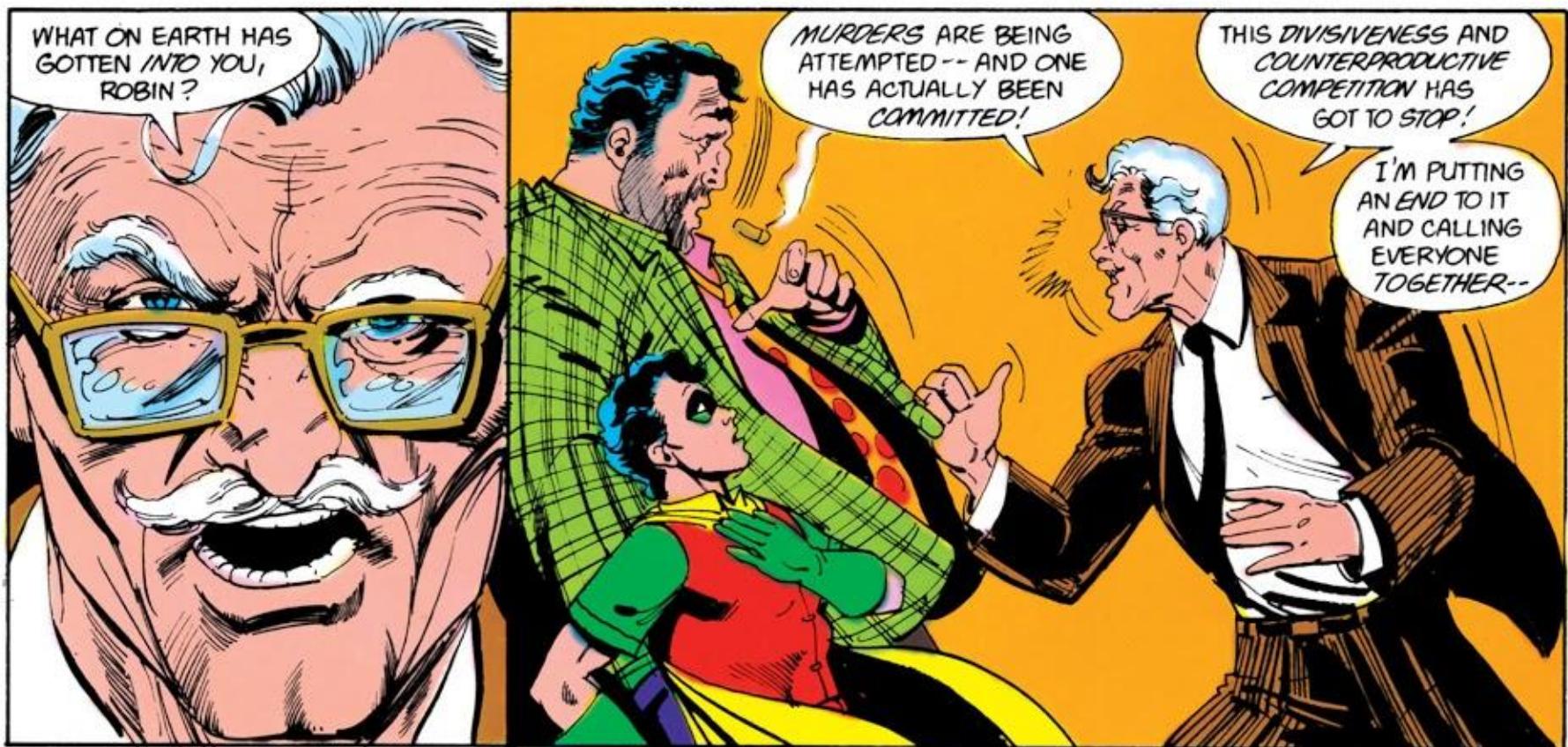
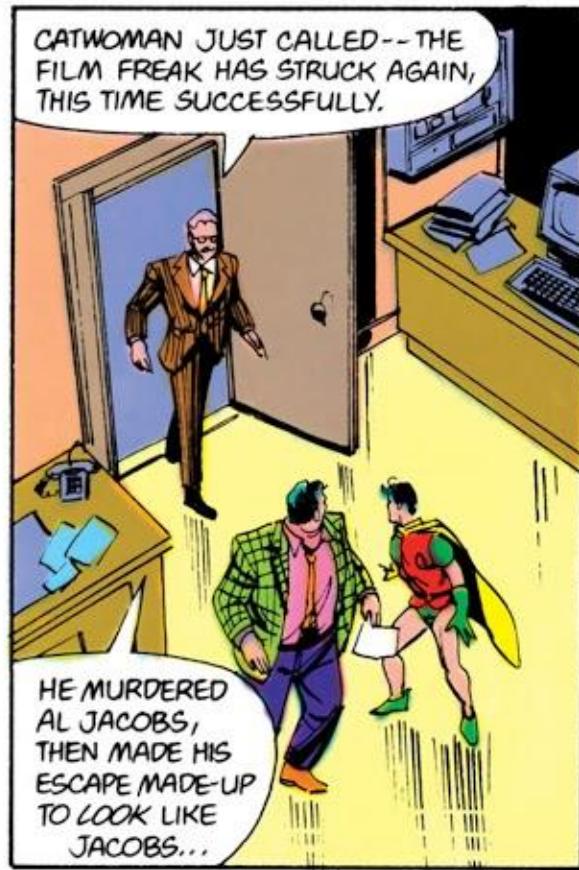


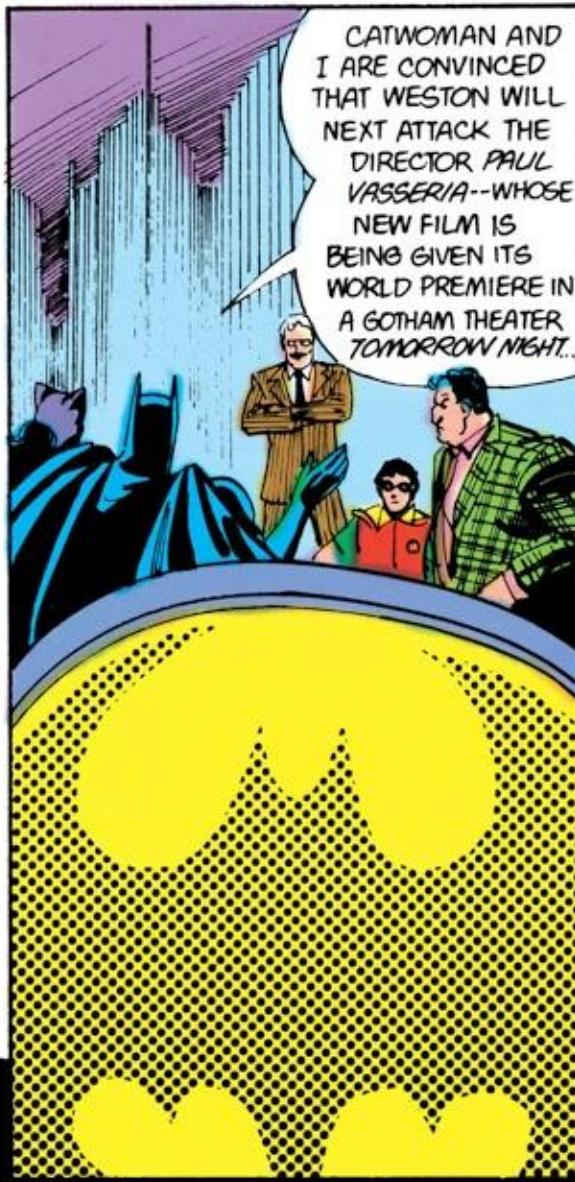
WELL... GUESS I'D BETTER PHONE GORDON...

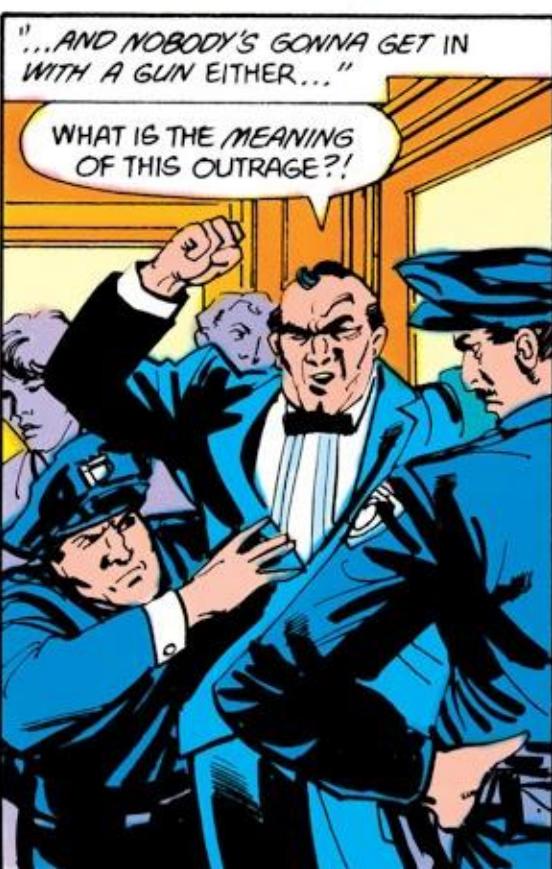
YES, DO THAT-- AND THEN WE'RE DAMNED WELL GOING TO STOP THIS FREAK BEFORE HE ASSUMES HIS NEXT ROLE.

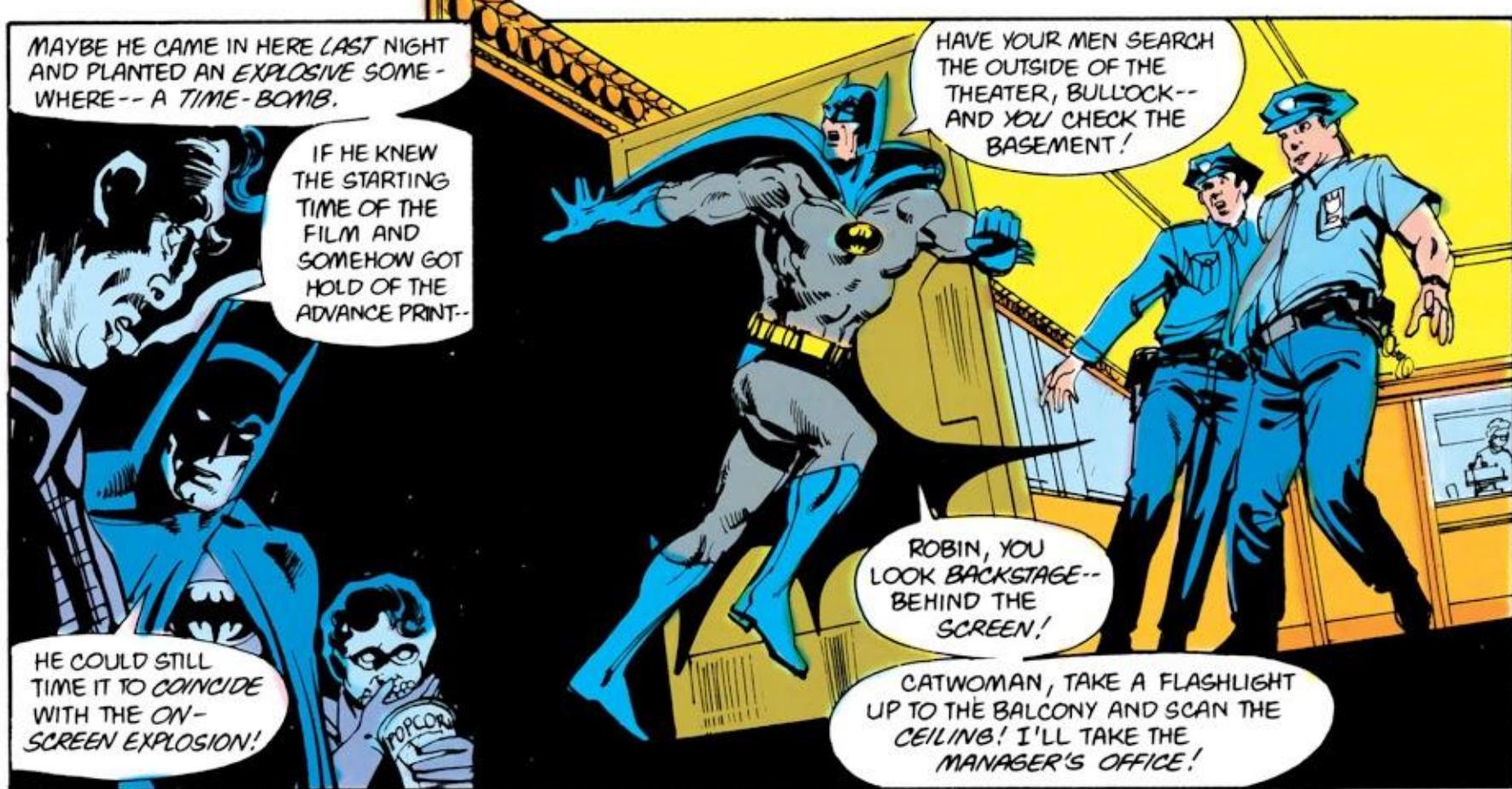
YOU KNOW ME, BATMAN-- AS GAME AS EVER... BUT WHAT IS HIS NEXT ROLE?

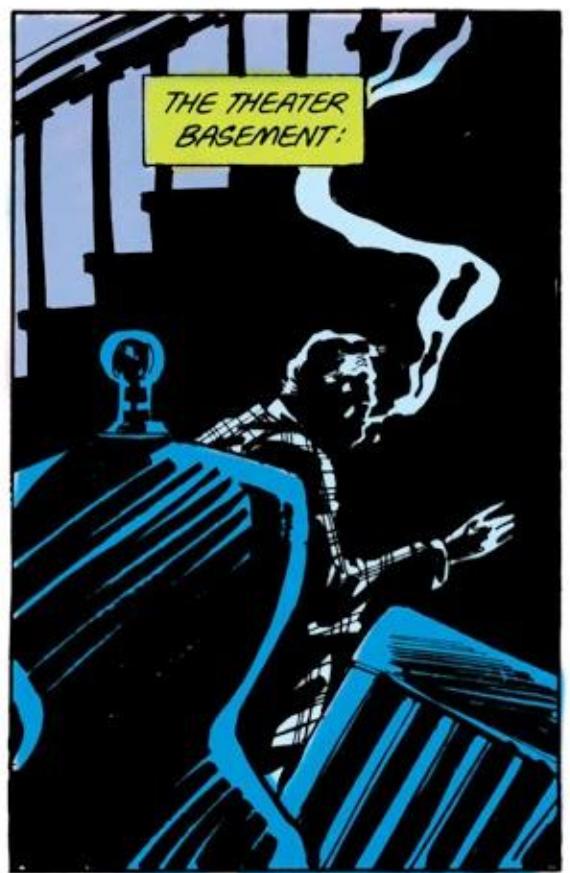


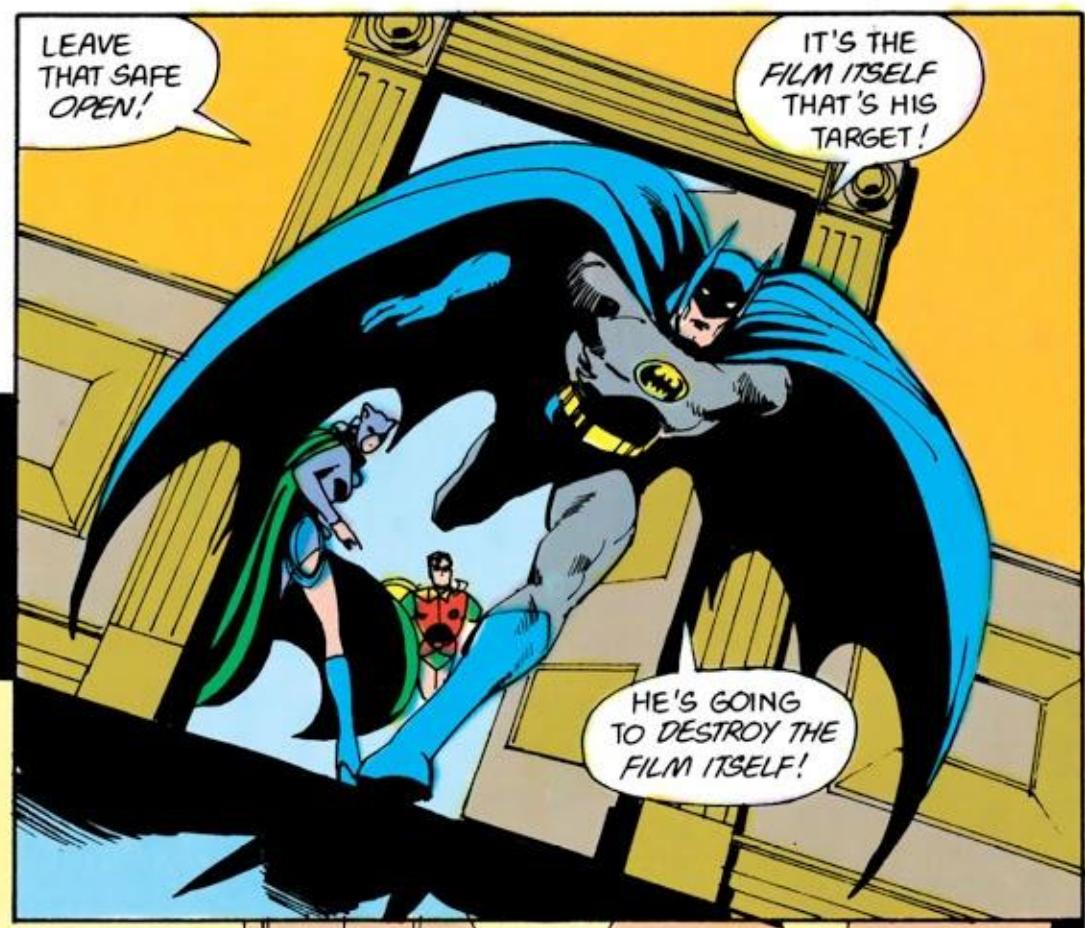
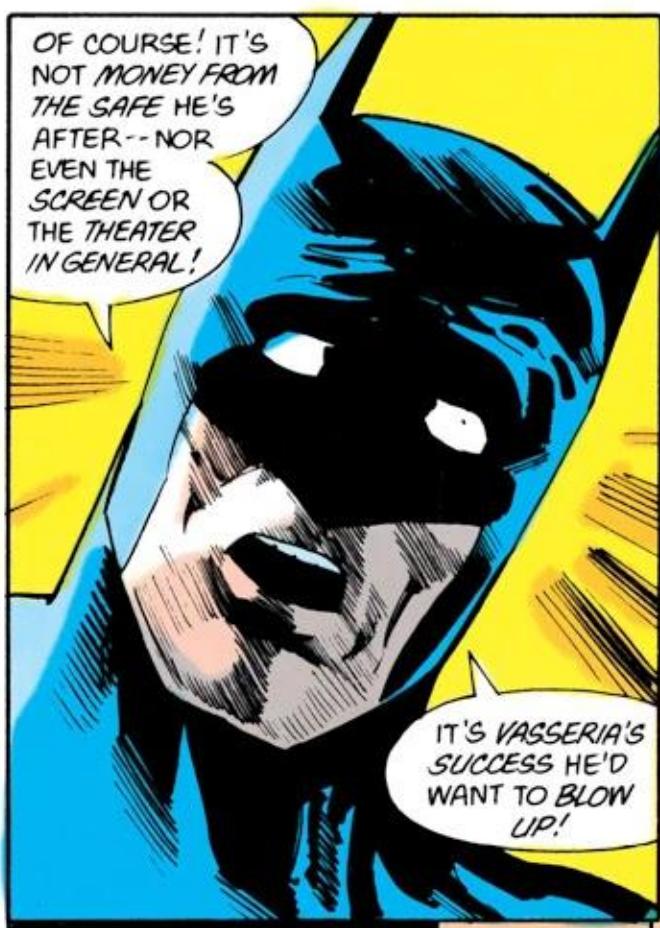






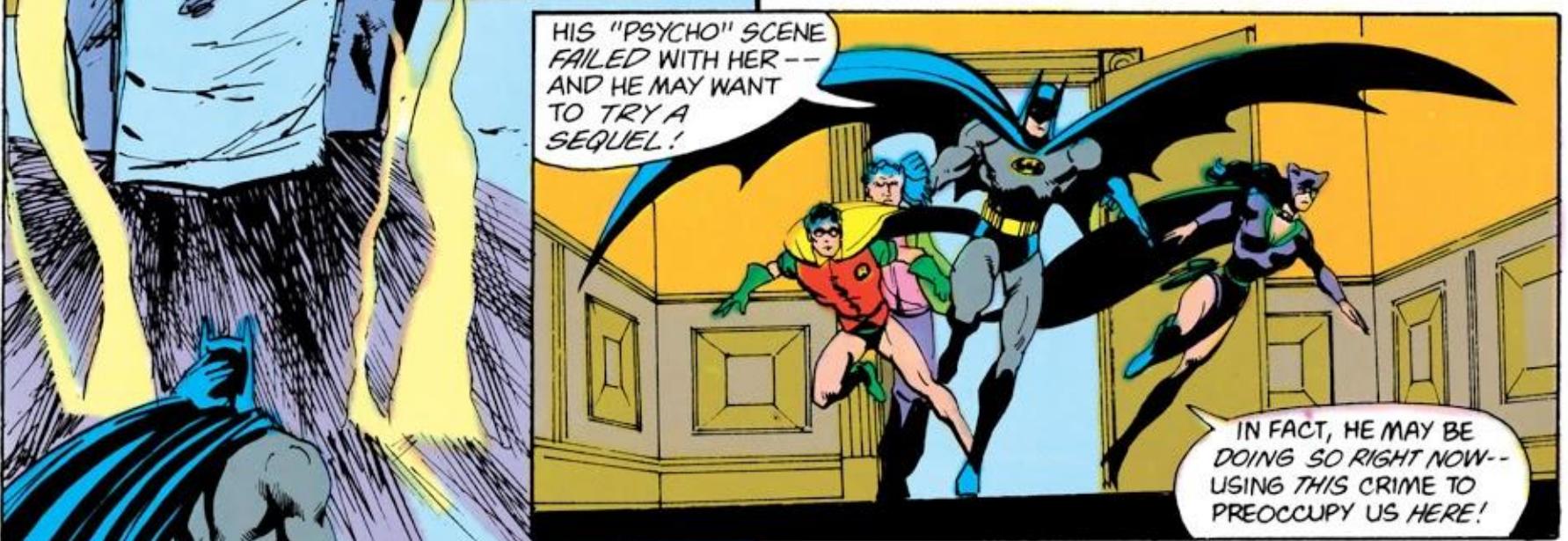




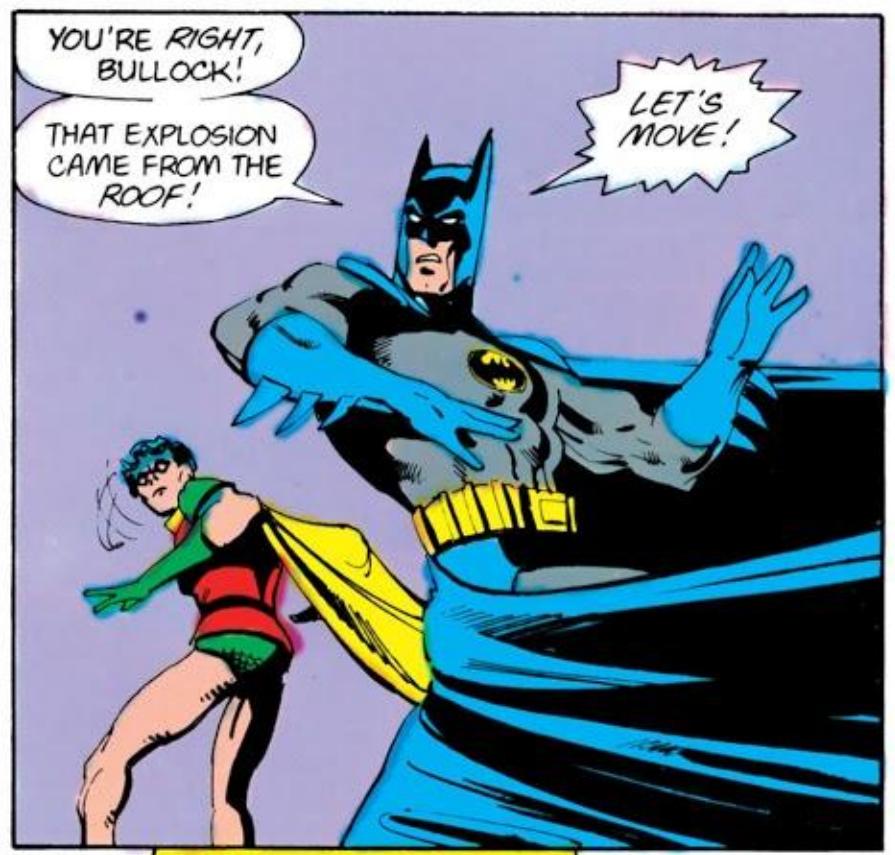






















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