

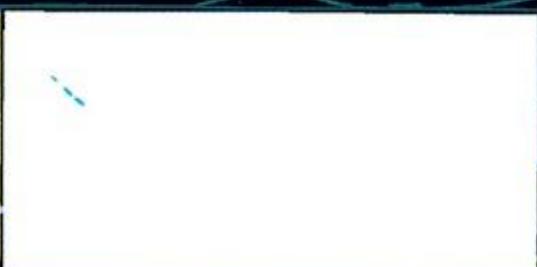


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"You can discover what your enemy fears most by observing the means he uses to frighten you." -- Eric Hoffer

SCARECROW MADE  
HIM JUMP.

NO TIME TO PLAN  
OR EVEN THINK.

TIME ONLY TO ACT--TO  
DIVE STRAIGHTOUT THE  
WINDOW, MANY FLOORS  
ABOVE THE MEAN, HARD  
STREET.

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GOT TO STREAMLINE MYSELF--  
COMPENSATE THE DRAG OF MY  
CAPE.

NO OTHER  
WAY TO  
OVERTAKE  
DUNSTAN--

--CATCH  
HIM--

--SNAG THE  
LAMPPOST--

--AND SWING  
DOWN SHORT  
OF THE  
GROUND.

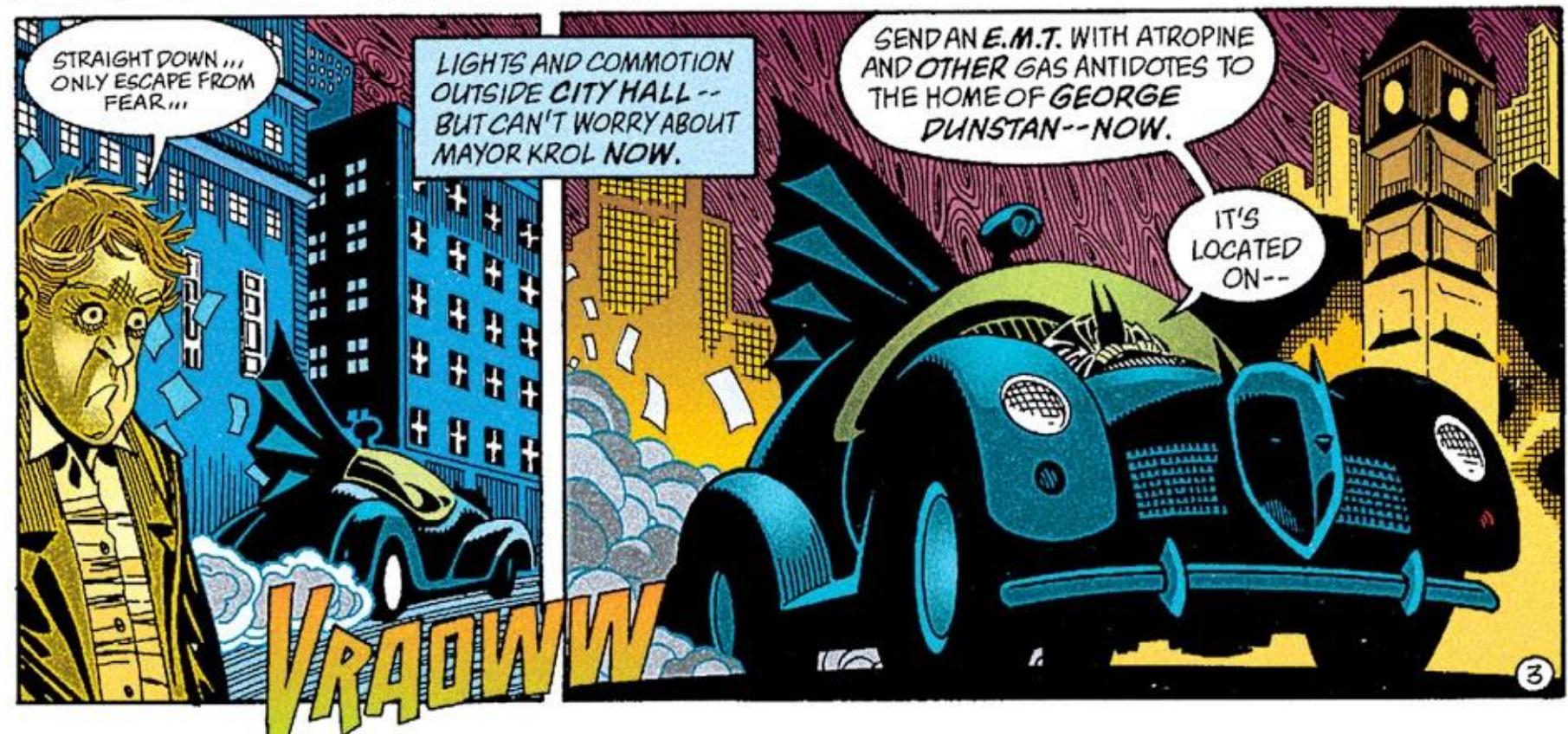
GREAT  
CATCH,  
BATMAN...

...BUT YOU  
MISSSED  
ME!

KRAWW!

SEE  
YOU IN YOUR  
NIGHTMARES!

HROOOO  
HRAAAAAA!



--STREETS OF FEAR WHEN SOMEONE LIKE JAMES GORDON, THE FORMER POLICE COMMISSIONER, MIND YOU--

--ARRESTS SOMEONE LIKE TOMMY MAN-CHESTER IN A MANNER SO BRUTAL IT MAKES THE RODNEY KING INCIDENT LOOK LIKE KID GLOVE TREATMENT.

YEAH, LIKE TOMMY "MANGLES" MANCHESTER WASN'T BRUTAL--AND I THOUGHT THE MAYOR WANTED HIS COPS TOUGH ON CRIME.

HEY, ALL HIZZONER CARES ABOUT IS TIMIN' THIS LIVE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE NIGHTLY NEWS.

--AND EVEN OUR SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME COMBAT ZONES, WITH STUDENTS "PACKING HEAT"--

--CHILDREN CARRYING GUNS EVERY DAY--

--AND YET OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARION GRANGE SEES "NO NEED" FOR NEW LEGISLATION,

WORKS THE STREET BOTH SIDES BEAUTIFULLY, DON'T HE?

ONLY WHEN THAT'S WHERE HIS TWO OPPONENTS ARE.

I THINK THIS CITY KNOWS WHERE MY ADMINISTRATION HAS STOOD ON BOTH OF THESE ISSUES--AND WHERE IT WILL CONTINUE TO STAND AFTER THE ELECTION.

THAT'S WHY I SAY TO EVERY CITIZEN, EVERY VOTER: DON'T BE COMPLACENT...

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.

GOT HERE TOO LATE.

EXCEPT FOR THIS DARK TOY, JACKSON GREY'S APARTMENT IS EMPTY.

YET I RACED HERE AT TOP SPEED -- NO WAY SCARECROW COULD HAVE BEATEN ME.

SO THE SIGNS OF STRUGGLE -- AND THE MECHANICAL CROW -- MEAN THAT GREY WAS TAKEN EARLIER, EVEN BEFORE THE ATTACK ON GEORGE DUNSTAN.

AND I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT GREY IS STILL --

LET'S...PLAY...IN...  
GOTHAM'S...HAUNTED...  
HOUSE...OF...THE...  
HEAD.

--ALIVE?

HE WANTED ME TO FIND HIS TOY -- AND IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN JONATHAN CRANE'S REVENGE FOR PAST WRONGS.

IT'S  
ABOUT  
ME...

IT'S TIME FOR GRANGE



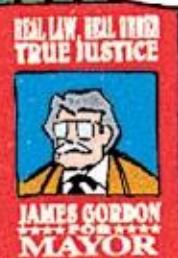
Marion Grange  
MAYOR

...AND THE SCARECROW'S HATRED FOR ME.

JACKIE GREY HAS HAD SOME GAS,  
EE-I-EE-I-OH, AND ON THIS GAS HE  
HAD SOME FEAR, EE-I-EE-I-OHH...

CPD ~ N

CONDEMNED



SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE

HOW THE TIDE OF  
FEAR HAS TURNED,  
EH CRAW, MY FAITH-  
FUL PET?

BACK IN  
HIGH SCHOOL,  
GREY AND GRIGGS  
AND DUNSTAN AND  
ALL THE OTHER  
BIG HANDSOME  
JOCKS SCORNED  
AND TAUNTED  
ME...

KRAWW!

...CALLED ME A BOOKWORM  
SCARECROW...

...TRIED TO  
TERRORIZE ME  
EVERY CHANCE  
THEY GOT.

BUT NOW  
THE SHOE IS ON  
THE OTHER  
FOOT...

...NOW THE FEAR  
IS IN THE OTHER  
HEAD.

AND DON'T YOU  
WORRY, JACKIE GREY,  
BECAUSE WE'VE NEARLY  
REACHED OUR  
DESTINATION--

STILL, DON'T  
FLATTER YOURSELF  
BY THINKING I'VE GONE  
TO ALL THIS TROUBLE  
JUST FOR YOU.

--WHERE THE  
REAL TERROR WILL  
SOON COMMENCE.

IN A SENSE, MY REVENGE  
ON YOU IS NOTHING BUT A  
LURE, AND YOU'RE  
NOTHING BUT BAIT...

...TO ATTRACT  
THE ONLY ONE WHO  
EVER SCARED ME AFTER  
I OVERCAME MY IN-  
SECURITIES TO BECOME  
THE MASTER OF  
FEAR.

HE'S ALSO PUT A  
DECIDED CRIMP INTO  
EVERY CRIMINAL ENTER-  
PRISE I'VE EVER  
ATTEMPTED...

KRAW

SKWEE-KWEB SKWEB-KWEE SKWEE-KWEB

NOT TO GIVE TOO MUCH AWAY, DEAR JACKIE GREY,  
BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT HIS INITIALS ARE  
THE BATMAN...

## DARK'S

PANDEMONIUM CARNIVAL  
Featuring  
DR. TERROR'S HOUSE OF  
FEAR

ST. ANTHONY'S  
TEMPLE OF  
TEMPTATION  
WHEEL OF  
FORTUNE

...AND THIS TIME I'M GOING  
TO TURN THE TABLES -- AND SCARE  
THE BATS RIGHT OUT OF HIS  
BELFREY.

FORTUNE  
TELLER

WA  
MI  
MA  
FREA  
FERRISW

BUT RIGHT NOW,  
JACKIE GREY, YOU OAFISH  
JOCK GONE TO SEED...

SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE

...IT'S TIME FOR  
YOU TO BE DEVOURED  
BY FEAR!

GULLLP...

=BURRRP!=

HYEEHAAHAHAHEE  
KRAWWWI

SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE

SKWEE-KWEE SKWEE-KWEE



NO INJURIES AND THE GUNMAN WAS APPREHENDED--JOHNNY LAMONICA, THE "BLACK SPIDER"--WHOSE FAILED ATTEMPT AT MURDER WAS APPARENTLY A WAY TO "MAKE HIS BONES"...

...SOME SORT OF INITIATION RITE INTO THE BLACK MASK GANG.

HE CHOSE THE WAYNE MANOR MASQUE BALL SIMPLY FOR PURPOSES OF DISGUISE--NO CONNECTIONS TO BRUCE WAYNE WHATSOEVER.

THEN DIG SOME DIRT ON GRANGE HERSELF. THE ELECTION IS LOOMING, BERNS, AND IF WE DON'T SMEAR HER SOON, I'M FINISHED.

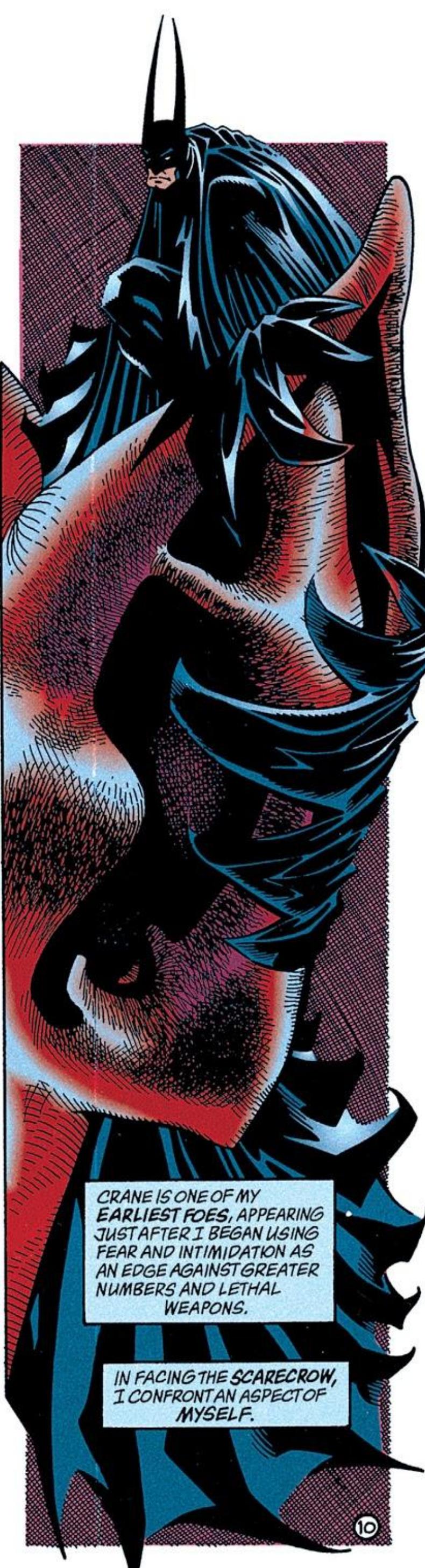
"THIS IS NOT TIME TO BE RUNNING SCARED."

GOTHAM'S HAUNTED HOUSE OF THE HEAD--AND THE SCARE-CROW'S TRAP, BAITED WITH JACKSON GREY.

CRANE WANTS ME TO ENTER IT, FOR A SHOWDOWN ON TERROR.

AND ENTER IT I MUST...

...BUT NOT NECESSARILY THROUGH JAWS OF DOOM.



BUT HIS FEAR-WEAPON IS CHEMICALLY INDUCED, WHEREAS I'VE RELIED ON MERE SUPERSTITION, DARKNESS, AND THE IMAGE OF A NIGHT-CREATURE.

THAT I'VE DEFEATED AND CAPTURED HIM TIME AND AGAIN IS A PIERCING THORN IN HIS SIDE.

THAT I FRIGHTEN HIM MUST BE SHEER HELL.

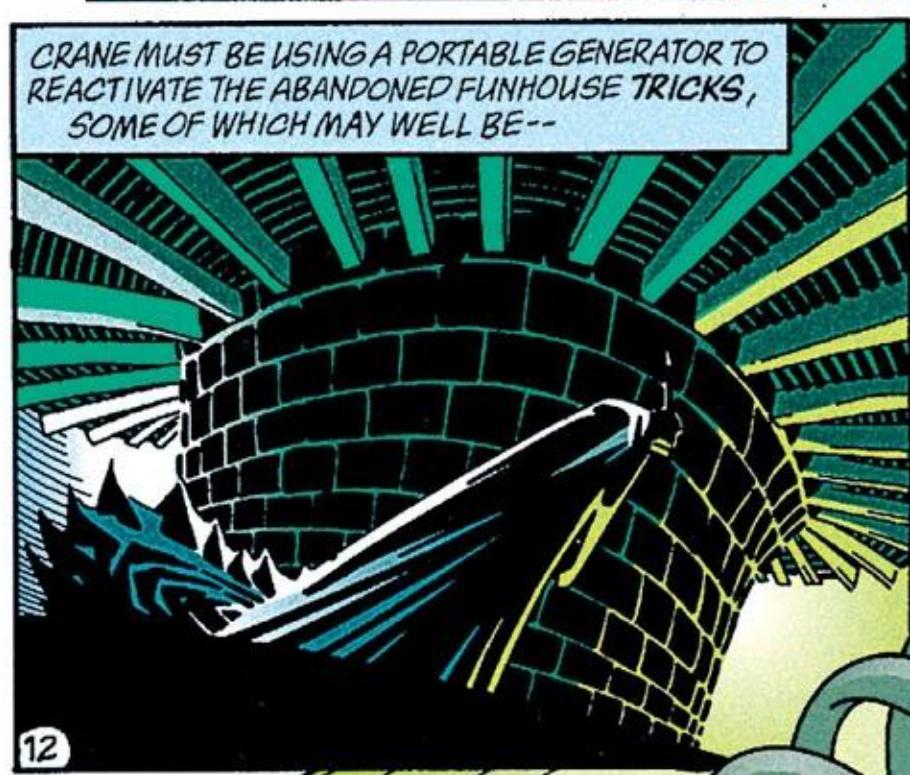
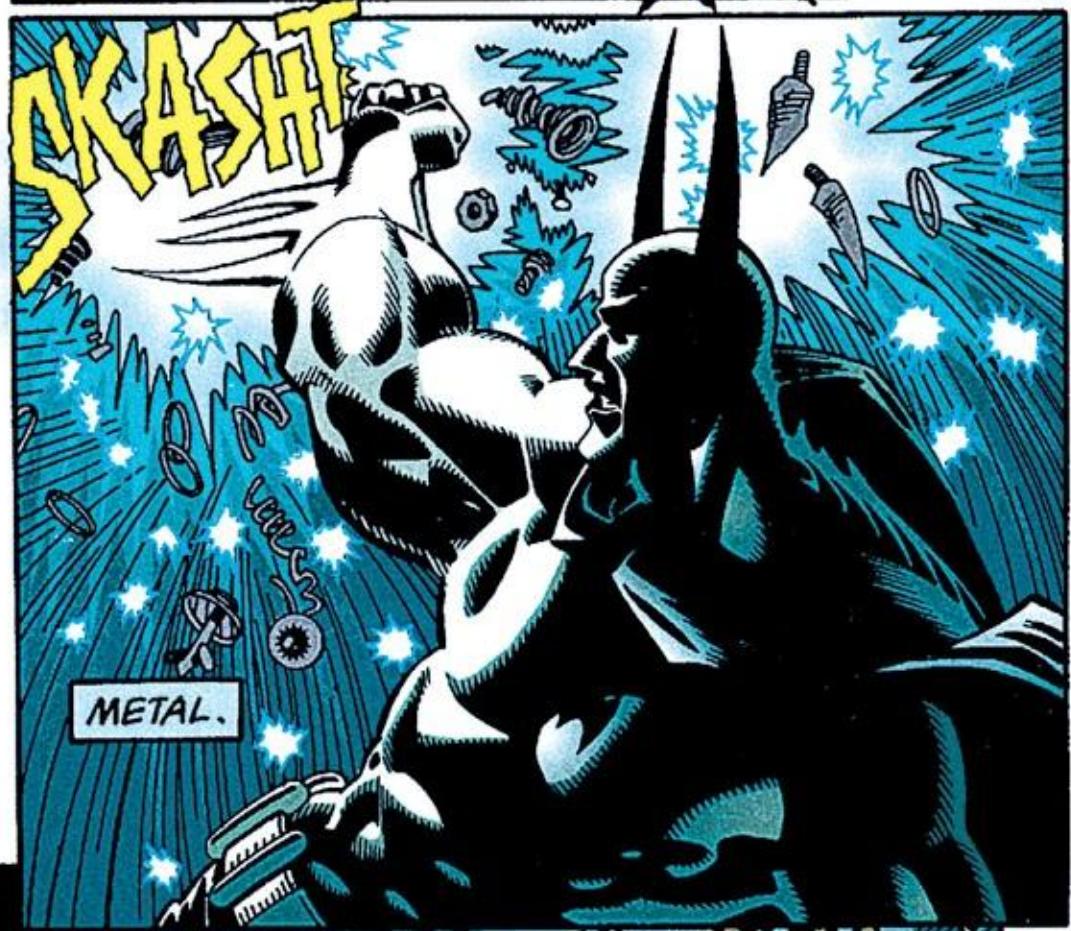
"IF I AM THE MASTER OF FEAR," HE ONCE SAID, "THEN SURELY YOU ARE ITS KING."

AND HIS BOOKISH WORDS DRIPPED WITH THE VENOM OF HATE.

THE BACK DOOR...

...RIGHT THROUGH THE DEMON'S SKULL...

...AND DOWN INTO THE TWISTED DARKNESS OF JONATHAN CRANE'S MIND.



SCARECROW'S MADNESS  
IS WORSE EACH TIME  
HE LEAVES ARKHAM...

...AS IF THE ASYLUM WERE NOTHING BUT  
A DARK HAUNT WHERE HIS HORROR IS HONED.

CARE TO KNOW  
YOUR FATE, MR.  
JACKIE GREY?

MR. BIG STRONG  
FOOTBALL  
HERO?

DARK...  
SO DARK...

YOU WOULD?  
WHY, THEN, I'LL  
TELL YOU...

IF YOUR HEAD  
FALLS TRUE, YOU'LL  
LIVE JUST LONG ENOUGH  
TO GLIMPSE YOUR OWN  
SEVERED NECK.

MMMPH!

PITCHED FLOOR AND  
WARPED WALLS --  
DISORIENTING IN  
THE GLOOM...

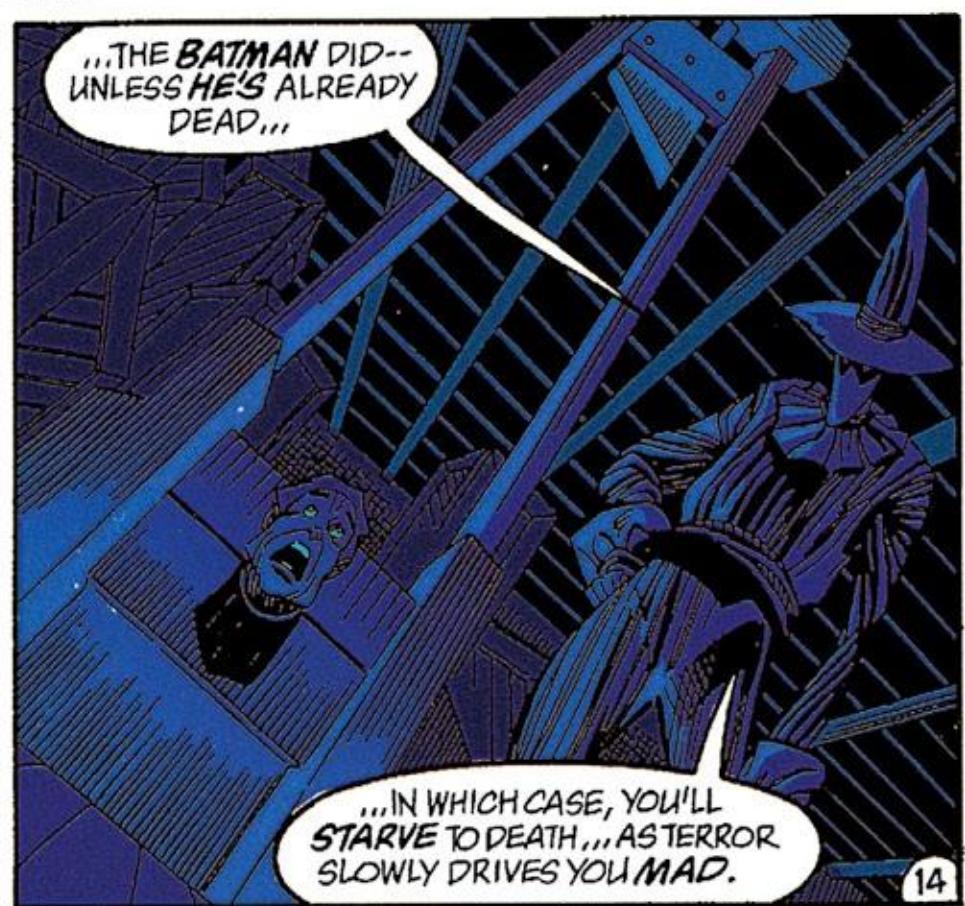
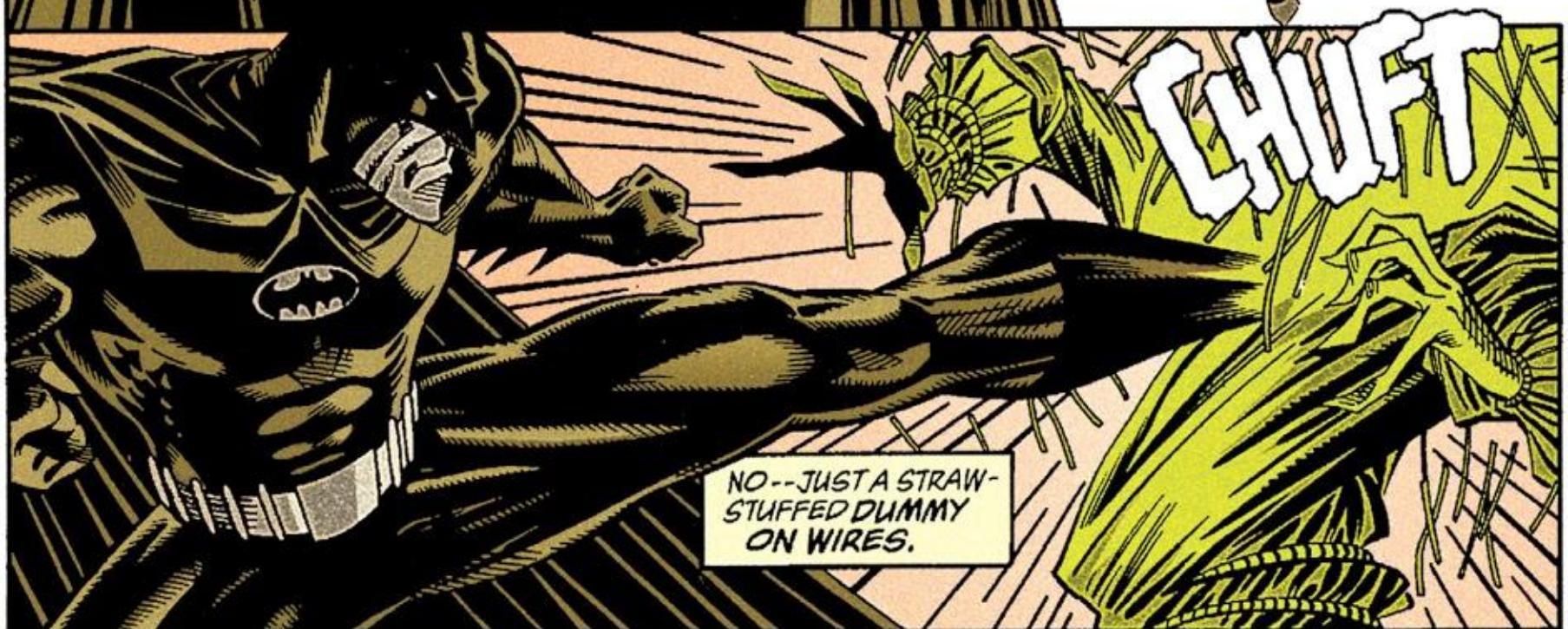
...WITH A STRETCH  
OF FULL DARKNESS  
JUST AHEAD.

FASH!

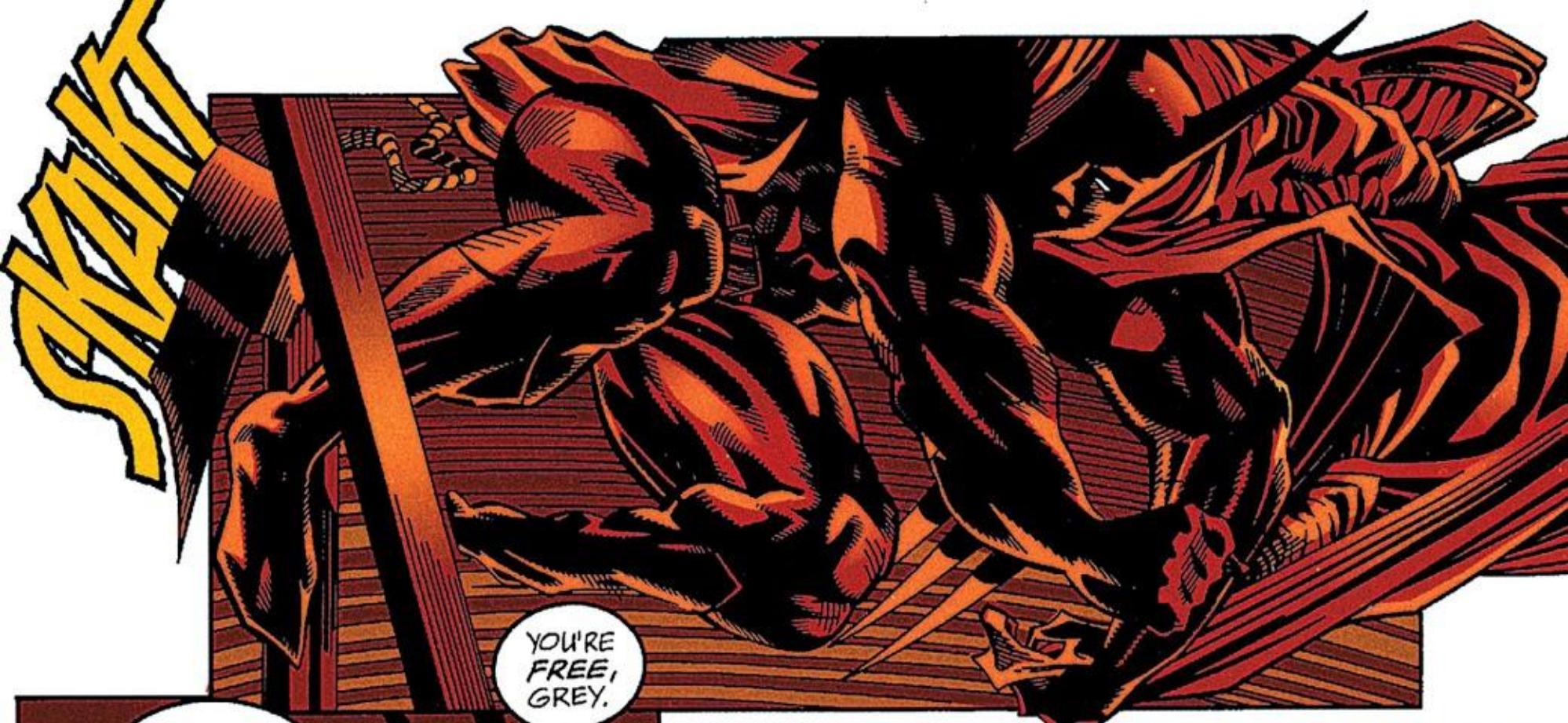
SPIDERWEB--?

NO.

JUST GIMMICK-STICKUM AND A  
RUBBER PROP -- BUT HAD I INHALED  
HIS GAS AT THE ENTRANCE, THIS  
FUNHOUSE WOULD HAUNT MY HEAD.







YOU'RE  
FREE,  
GREY.

WH-WHAT  
DID I D-DO...  
TO DESERVE  
THIS?

YOU  
TORMENTED AND  
SHUNNED SOMEONE  
WHO WAS ALREADY  
DIFFERENT--UNTIL  
HE BECAME ALMOST  
ALIEN.

B-BUT...

YOU  
TAUNTED  
JONATHAN  
CRANE'S  
STRANGE-  
NESS.

NOW  
YOU'VE BEEN  
HAUNTED  
BY IT.



AND NOTHING BUT  
ANOTHER FALSE  
FRIGHT.

SCARECROW  
HIMSELF IS  
STILL--

PAFT

INSIDE THE HEAD?

HIS SKULL-  
BULB.

FEAR  
GAS.

BUT IT'LL  
HAVE NO  
EFFECT.

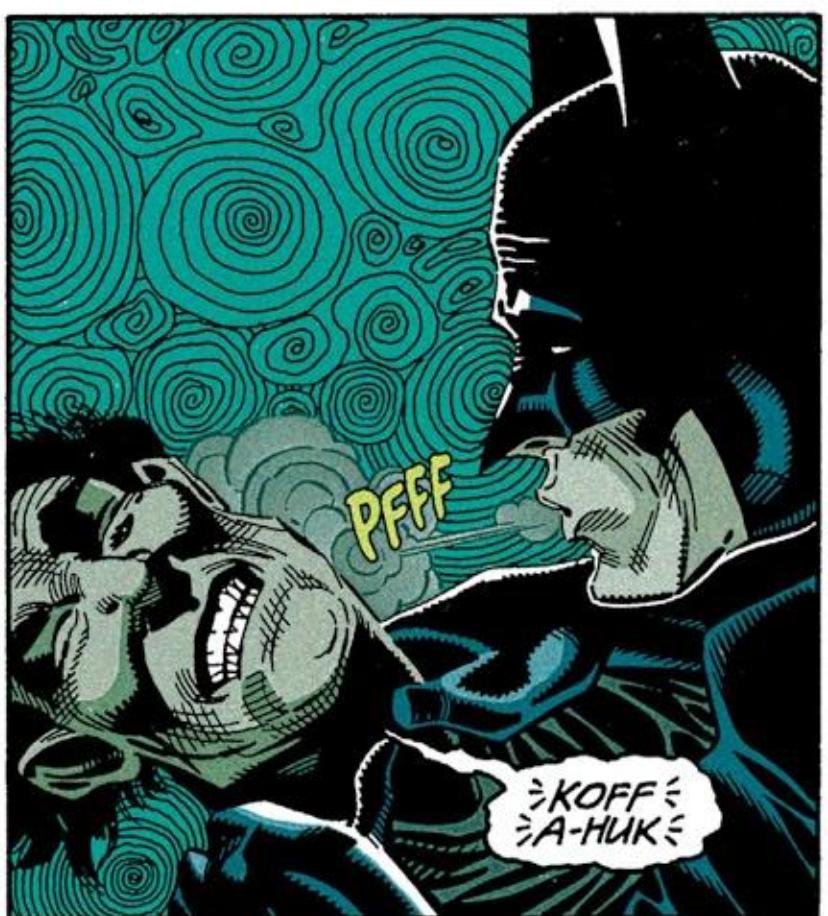
LEARNED MY LESSON FROM  
SLEEPER--AND FROM PAST  
ENCOUNTERS WITH  
SCARECROW HIMSELF.

NOSE  
FILTERS.

YAH!

SCARECROW'S OWN  
BREATHING FILTERS  
ARE BUILT IN...

CHRAFT











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