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## METALHEAD!

# HEAVY METALHEAD

I FAILED--AND  
MY HEAD'S STILL  
RINGING WITH IT.

THE PAIN'S ROOTED AT THE  
BASE OF MY SPINE AND  
REACHING ALMOST EVERY-  
WHERE, BUT IT'S PAIN I  
CAN'T AFFORD TO FEEL.

HIS GANG IS DOWN, STRIPPED  
OF THEIR FALSE FACES, BUT  
BLACK MASK HIMSELF IS FREE,  
RISEN FROM THE RIVER AND  
STILL AT LARGE.

I FAILED--AND I'VE  
GOT TO FIX IT.

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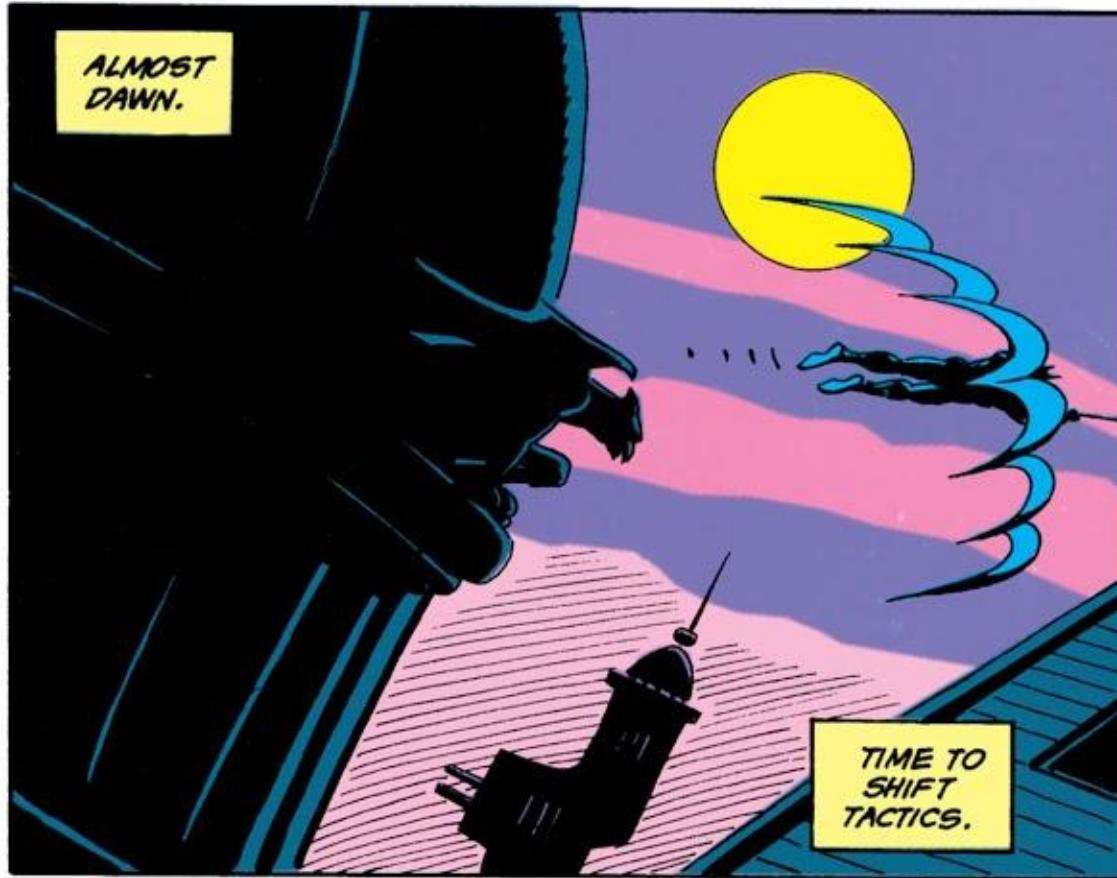
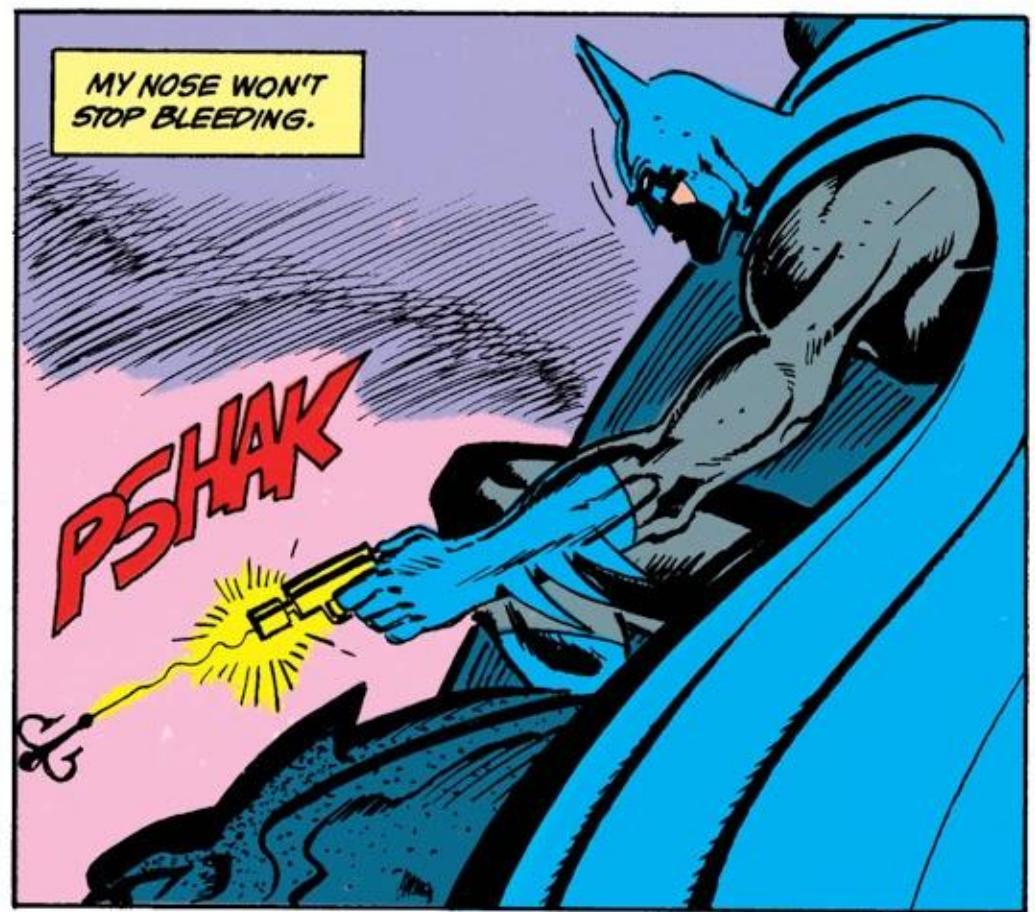
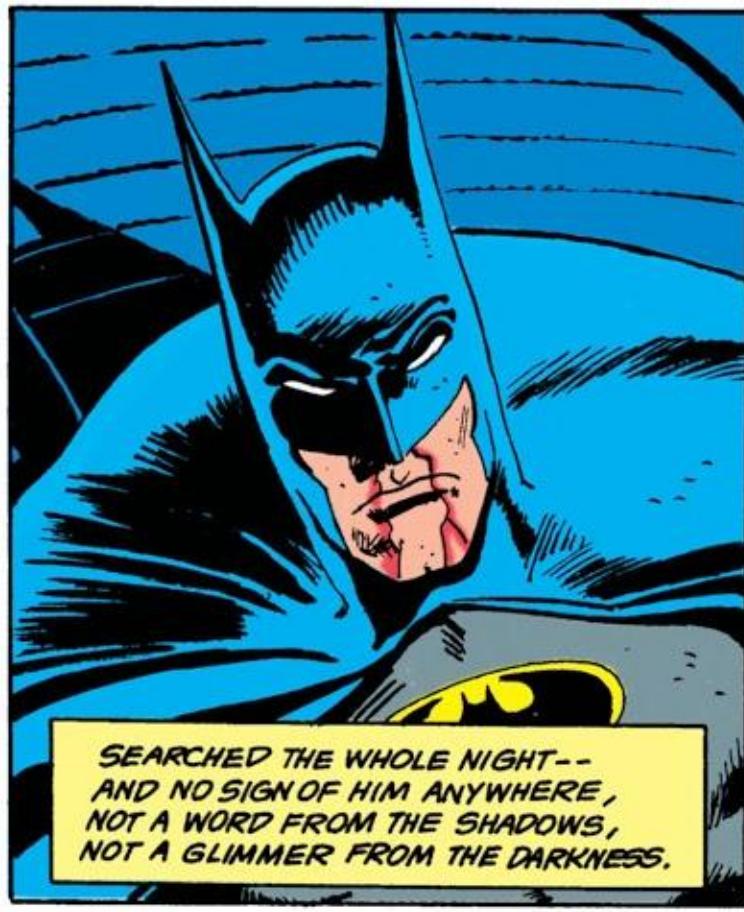
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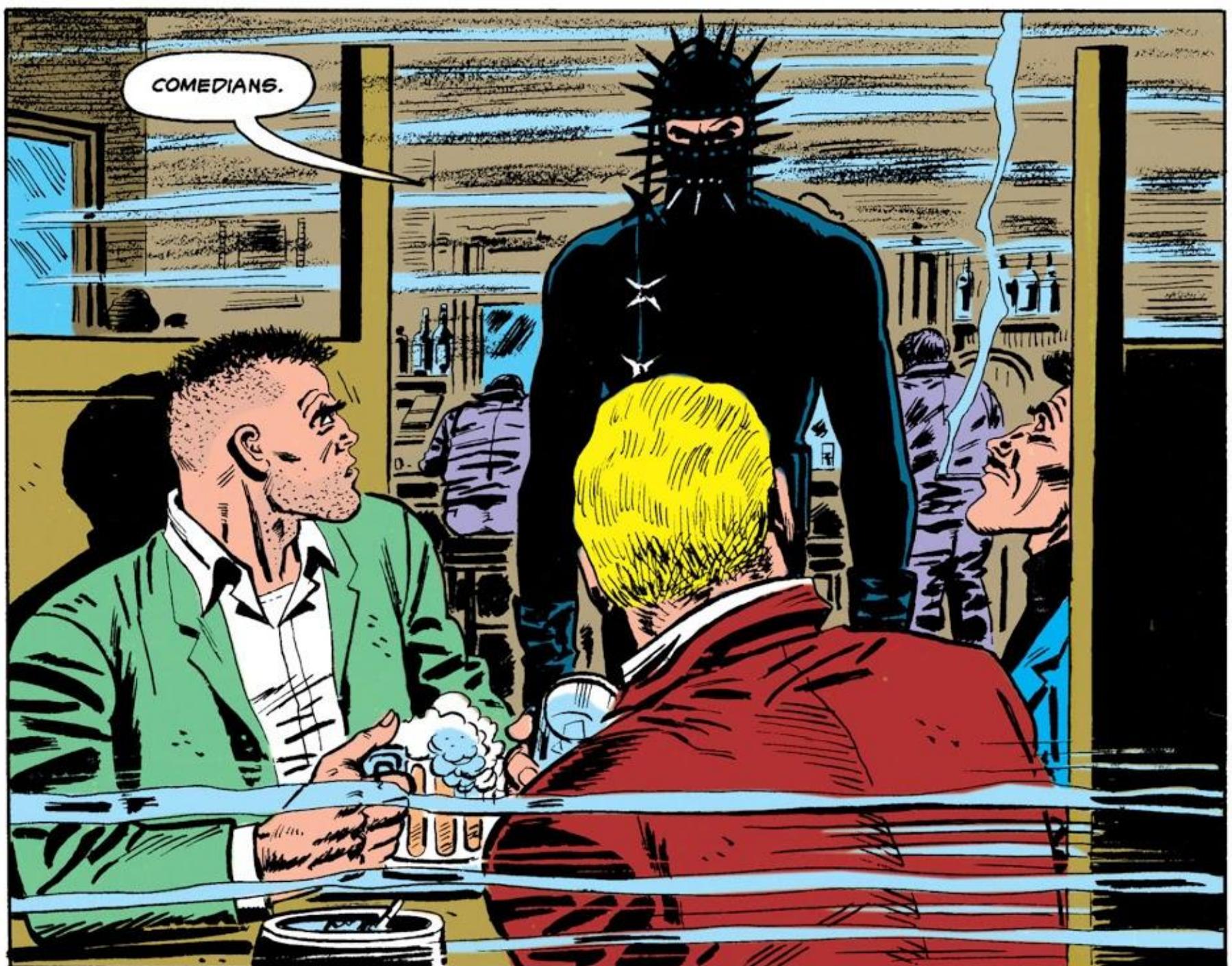
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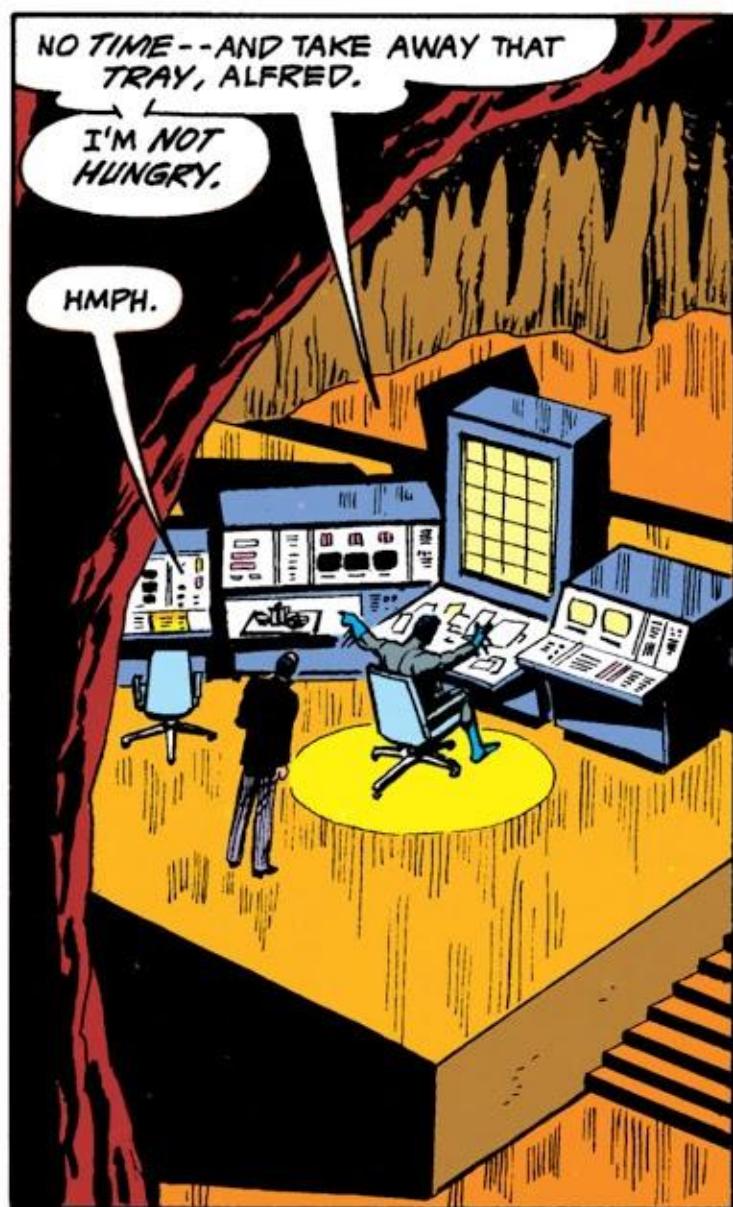
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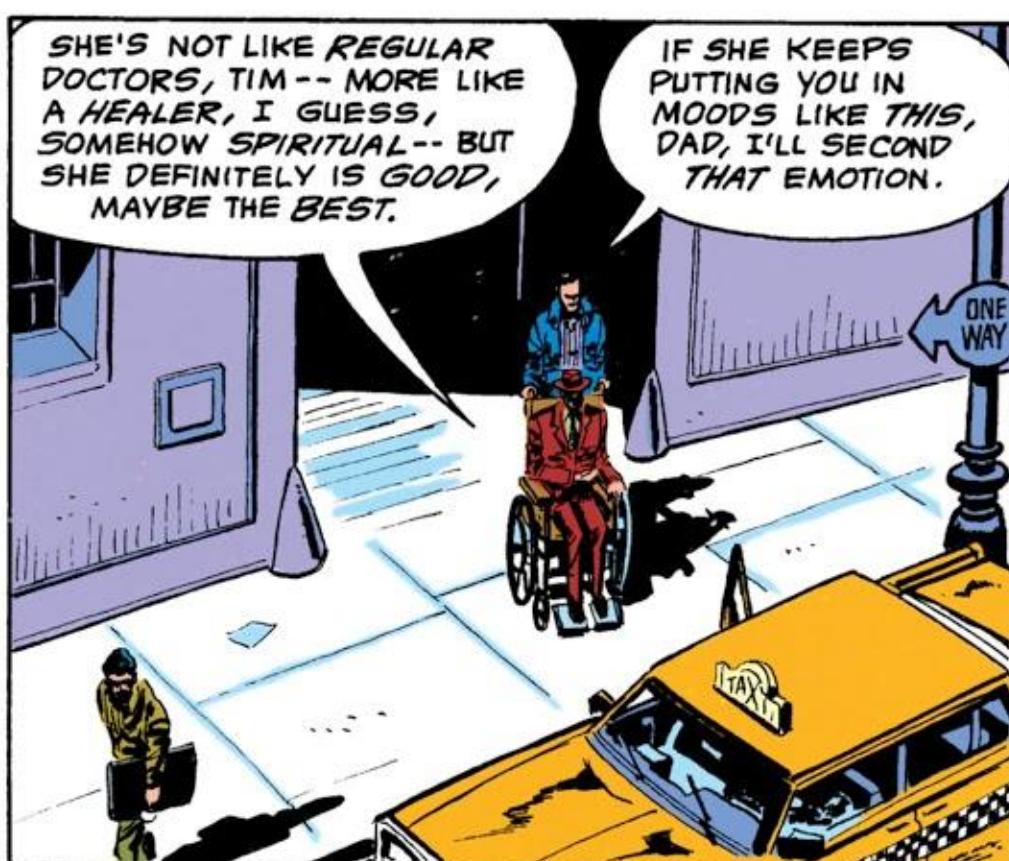
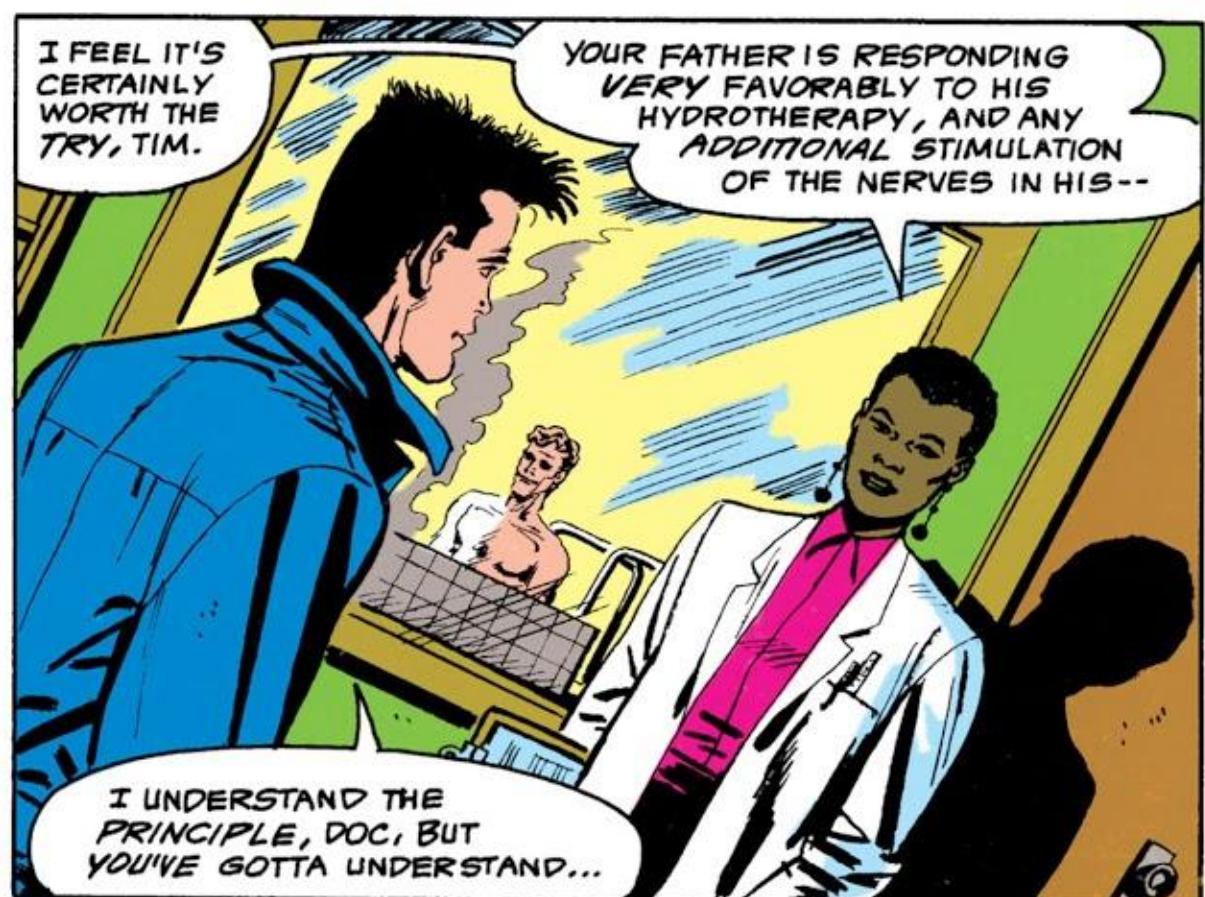


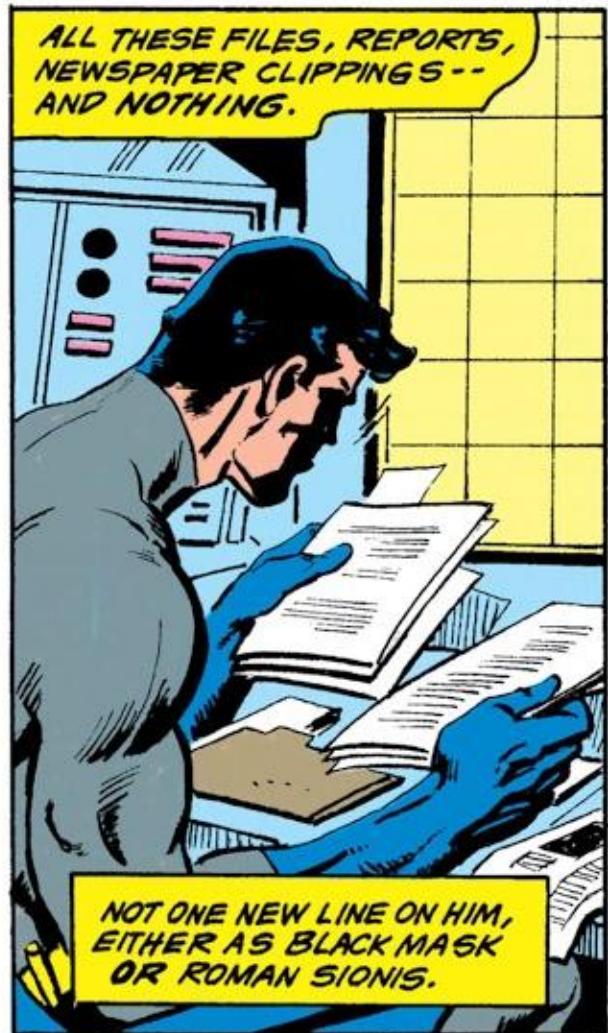








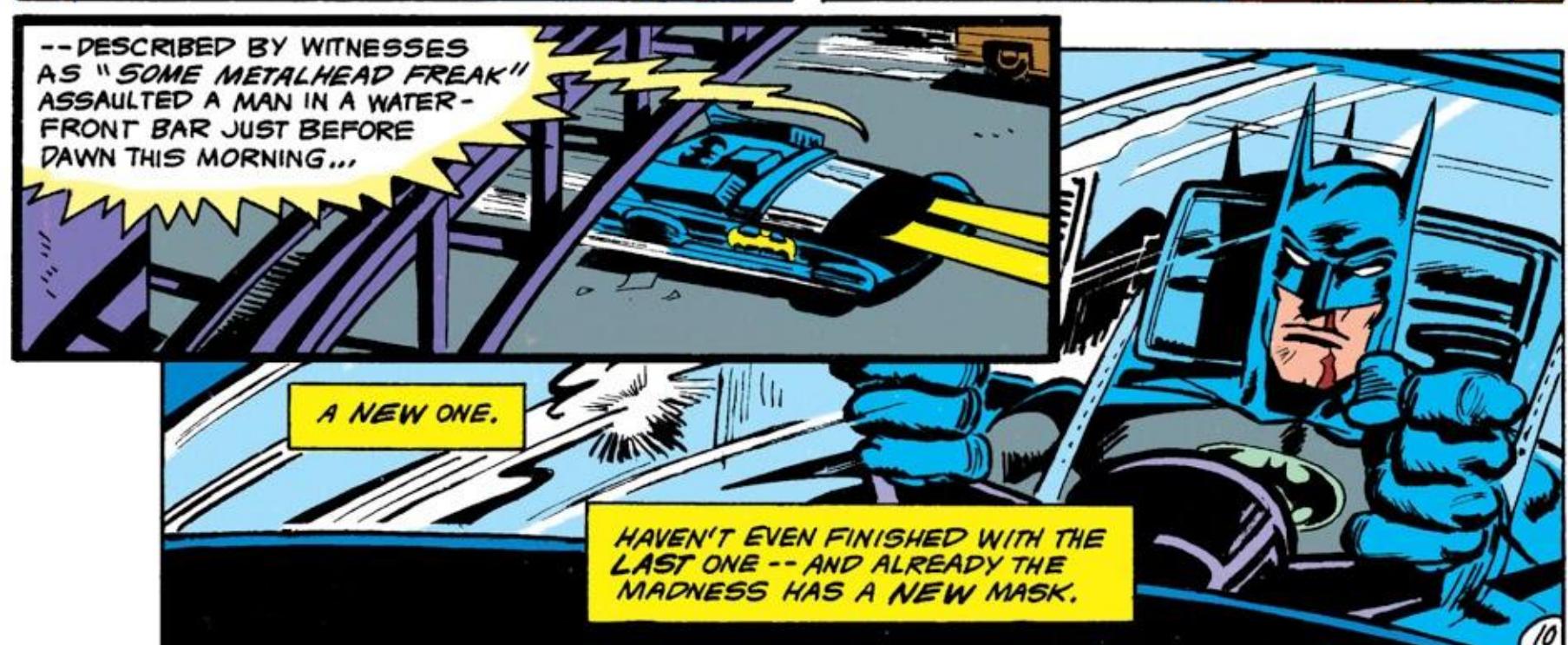
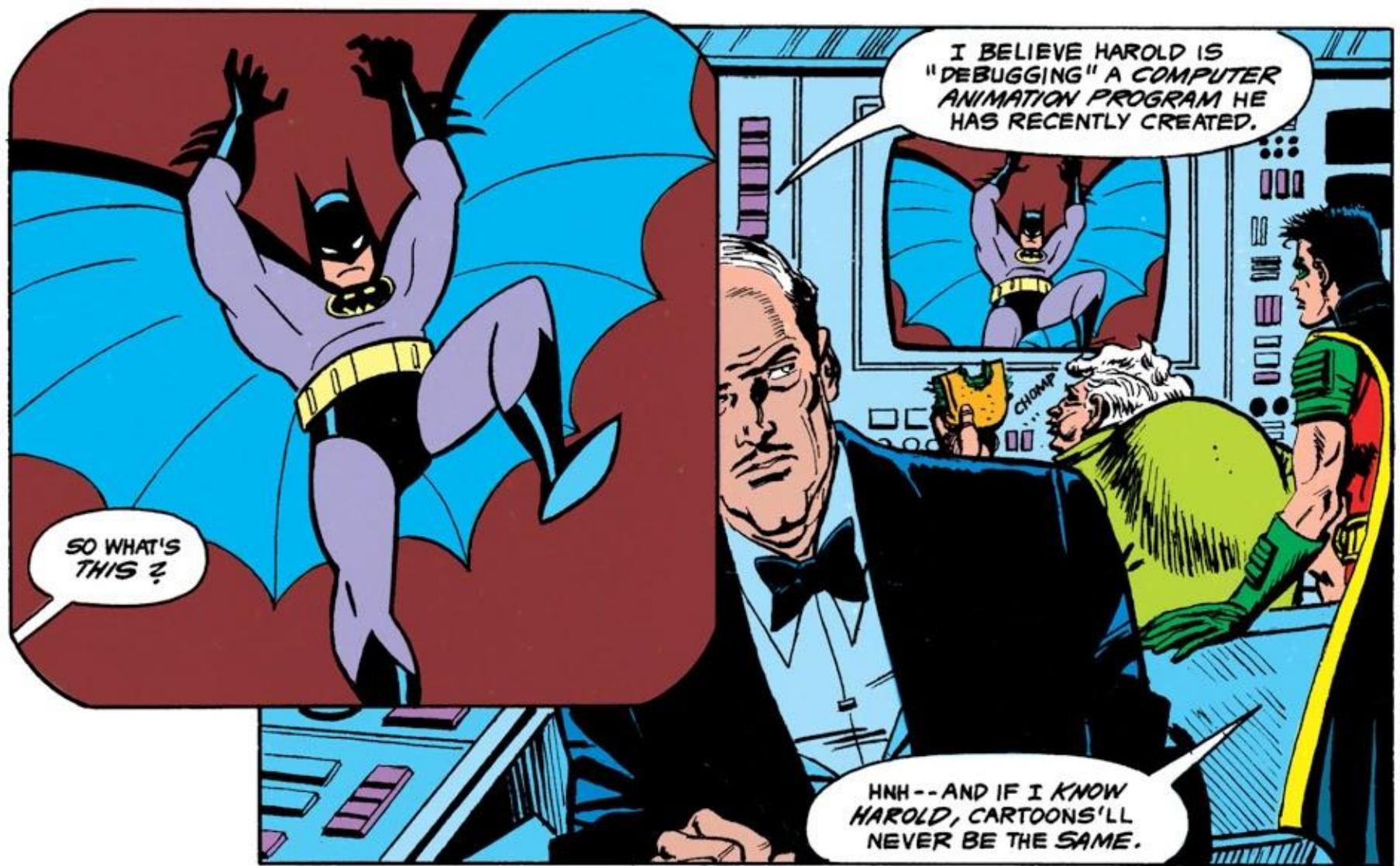


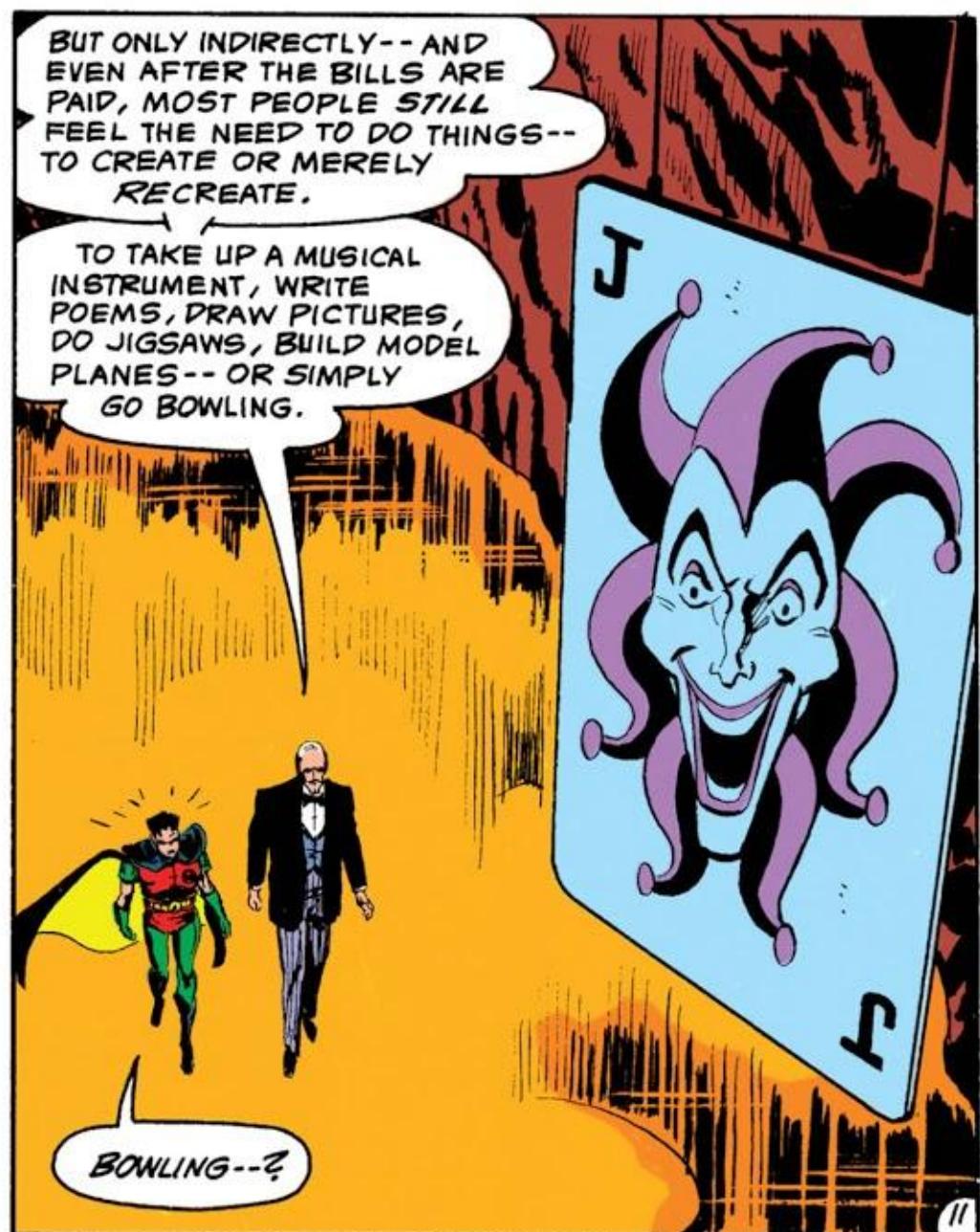


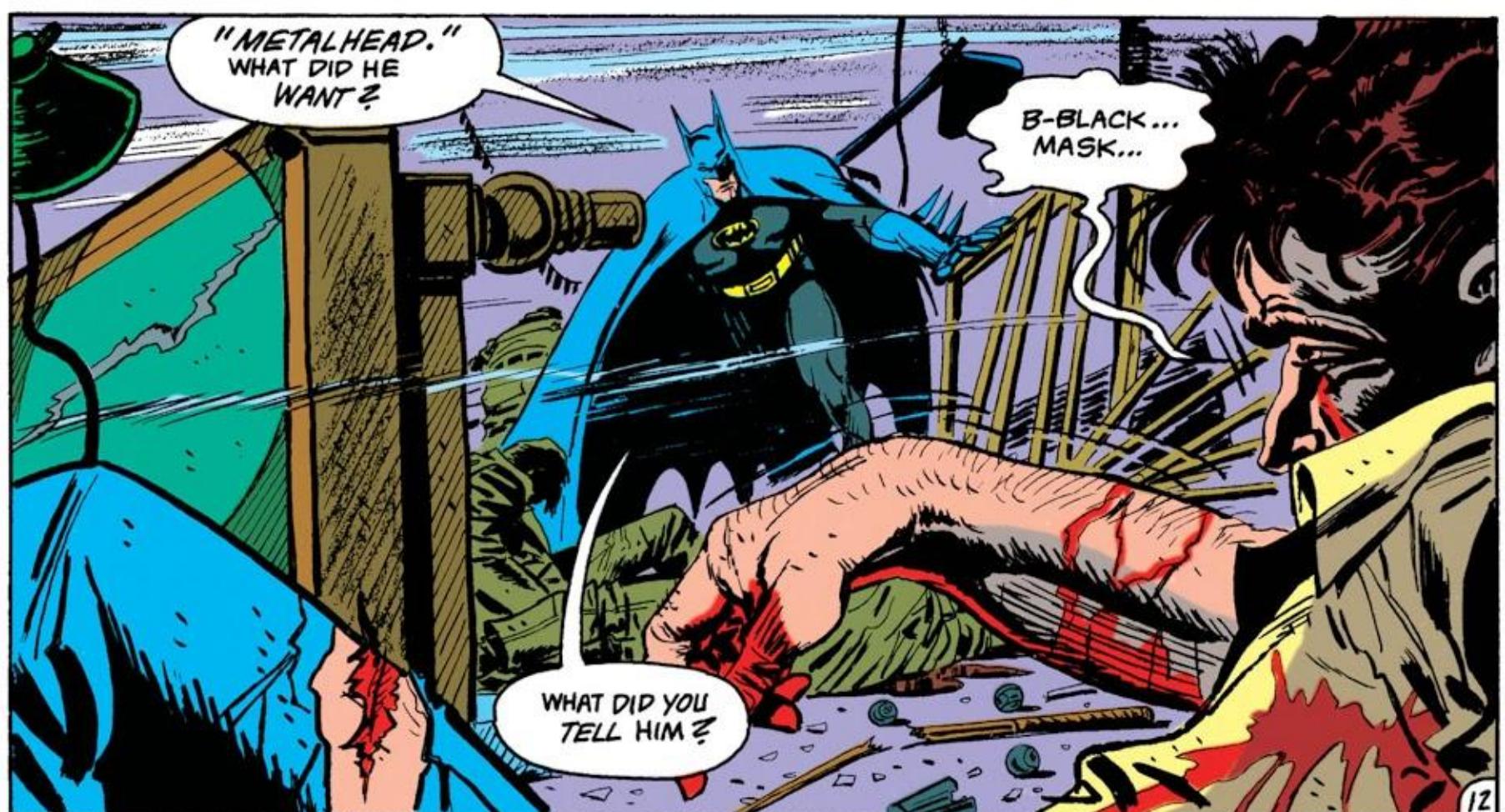
...AND THEN  
LOOK AGAIN  
IN THE PLACES  
THAT ARE.

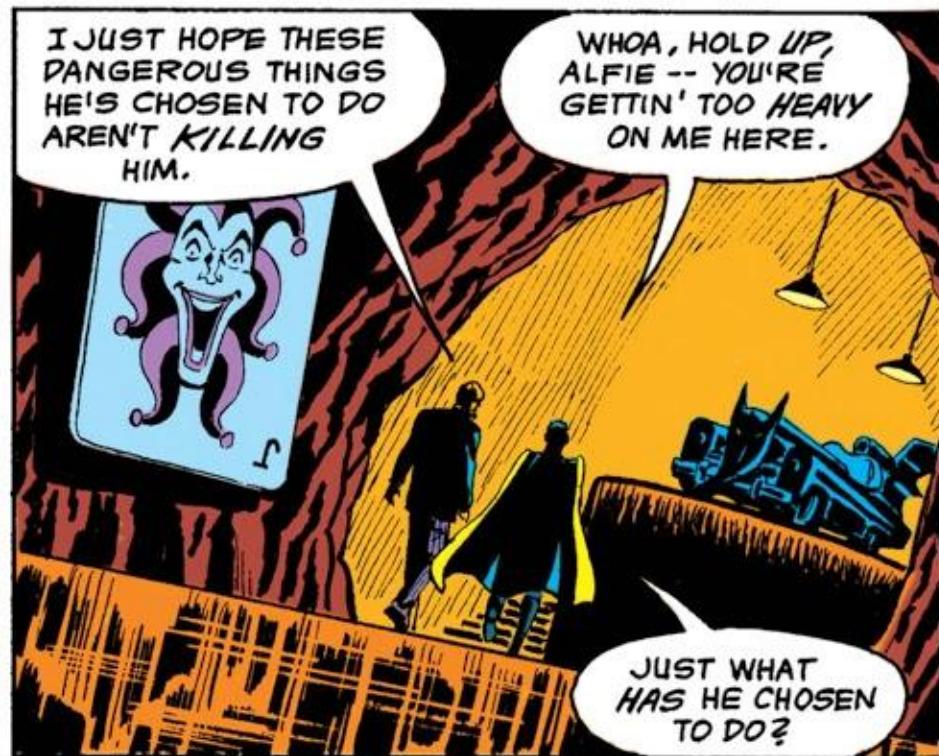
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IN ANY CASE... AS BRUCE WAYNE, HE ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS THE CITY'S EVERY LAST SOCIAL INJUSTICE THROUGH THE WAYNE FOUNDATION, AND AS THE BATMAN--

HE'S TRYING TO AVENGE THE LONG-AGO MURDER OF HIS PARENTS BY JOE CHILL.

YES AND NO, LAD...

THEN WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?

PERSONALLY, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LEERY OF ARMCHAIR PSYCHOLOGIZING-- PRESENT DISCUSSION NOT-WITHSTANDING-- ESPECIALLY THAT WHICH ASSIGNS HIS SOLE MOTIVE TO REVENGE.

ON THE SURFACE IT'S A MORE OVERT WAY OF ADDRESSING INJUSTICE -- BY BRINGING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE.

IF A WISE MAN'S MISTAKES ARE THE TRIUMPHS OF A FOOL, YOU SEE, THEN EVERY GUILTY MAN WHO "GETS AWAY WITH IT" IS PUNISHMENT OF THE INNOCENT.

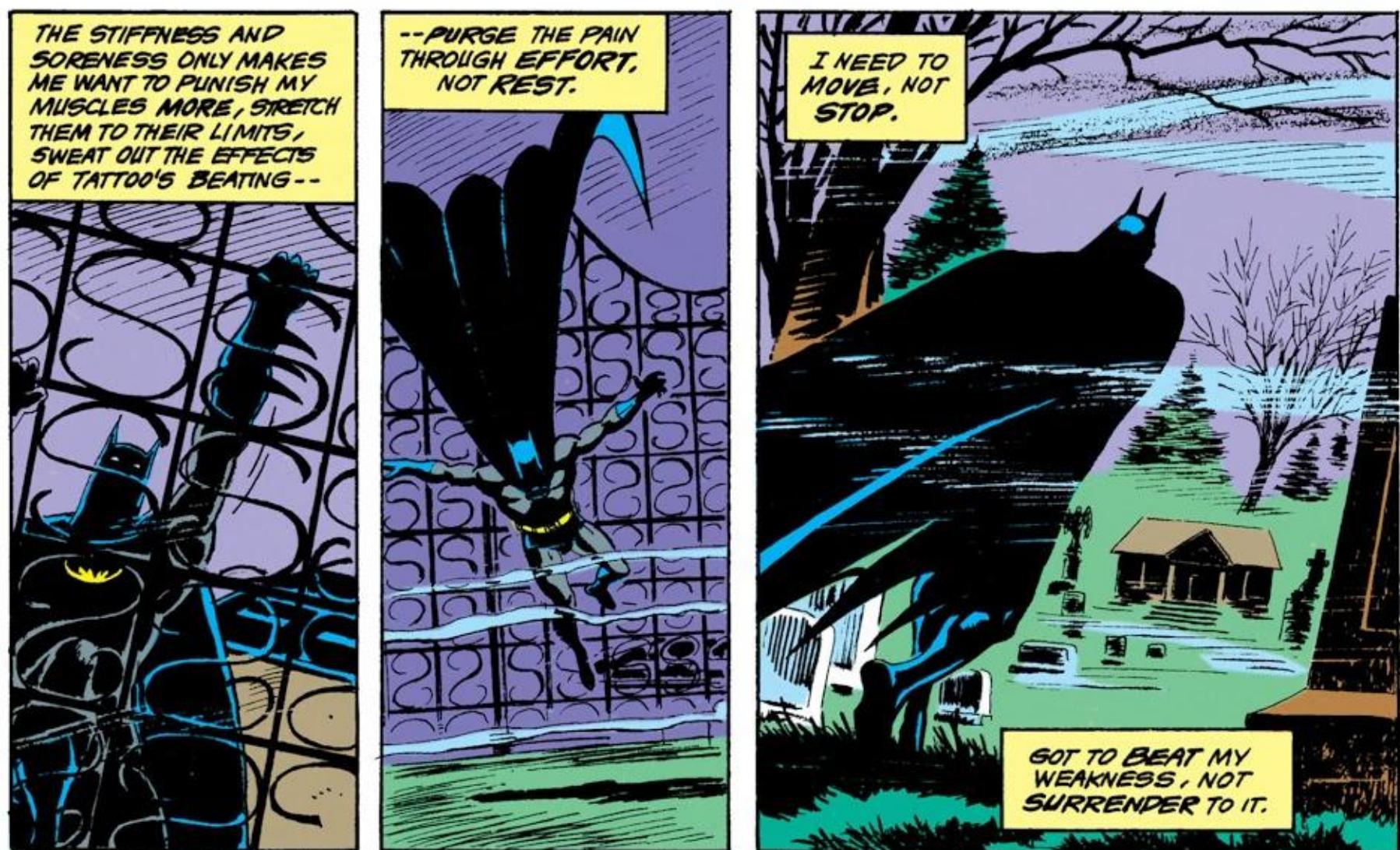
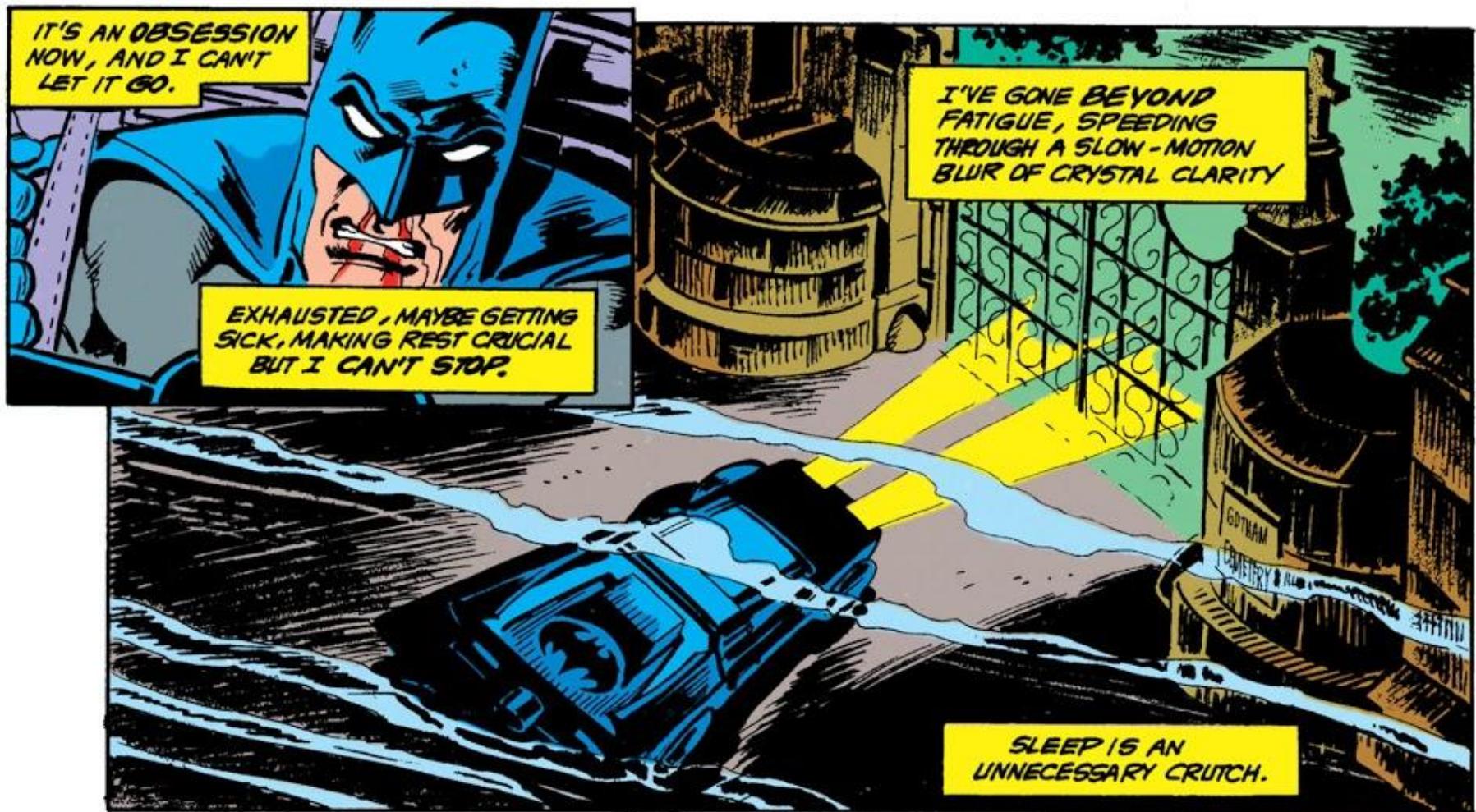
I PERCEIVE HIS MOTIVE MORE AS COMPASSION THAN REVENGE -- ONE LONG ATTEMPT TO PREVENT HIS PARENTS' FATE, AND HIS OWN FATE, FROM BEFALLING OTHERS.

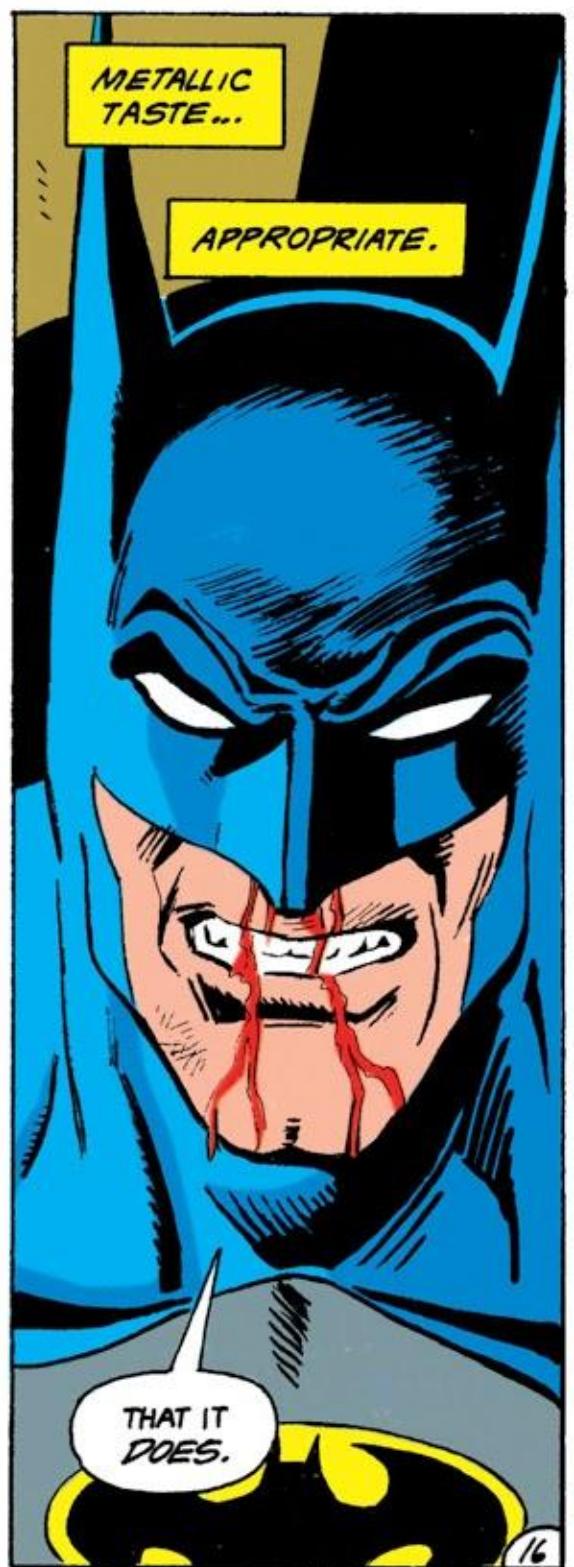
OKAY... BUT IF IT'S NOT AN OBSESSION, WHY IS HE DRIVING HIMSELF INTO THE GROUND OVER IT?

BECAUSE IT'S WHAT HE DOES, MASTER TIM...

NOT BAD, ALFIE... BUT UNDER THE SURFACE?

...AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT HE KNOWS HOW TO DO NOTHING ELSE.







SURPRISED HIM BY  
NOT BACKING OFF...



...AND NO  
REASON TO  
DO IT NOW.



YOU NEED MORE  
SPIKES, METALHEAD.



BUT STILL TOO MANY OF  
THEM FOR MORE SHOTS  
LIKE THAT...



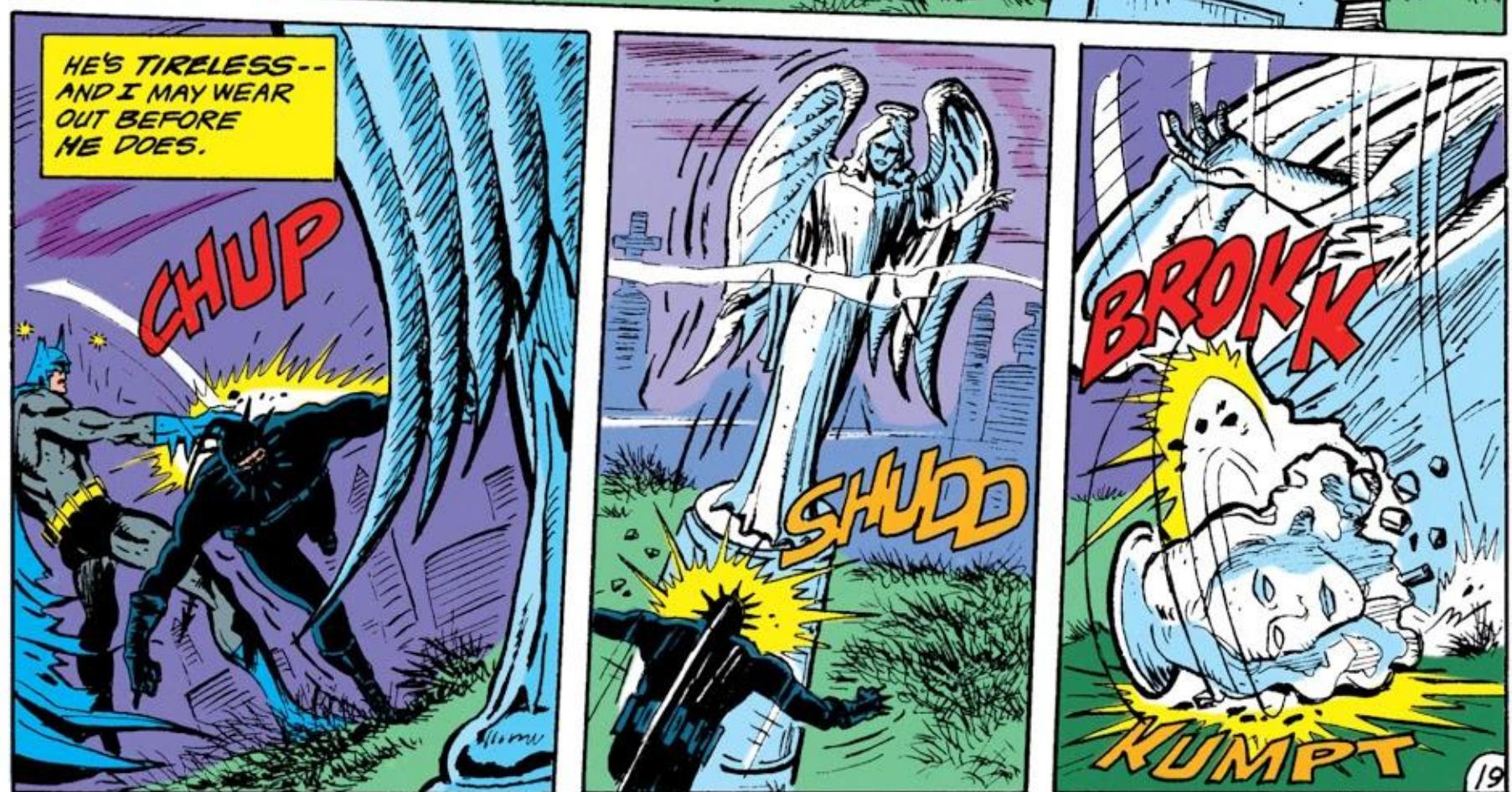
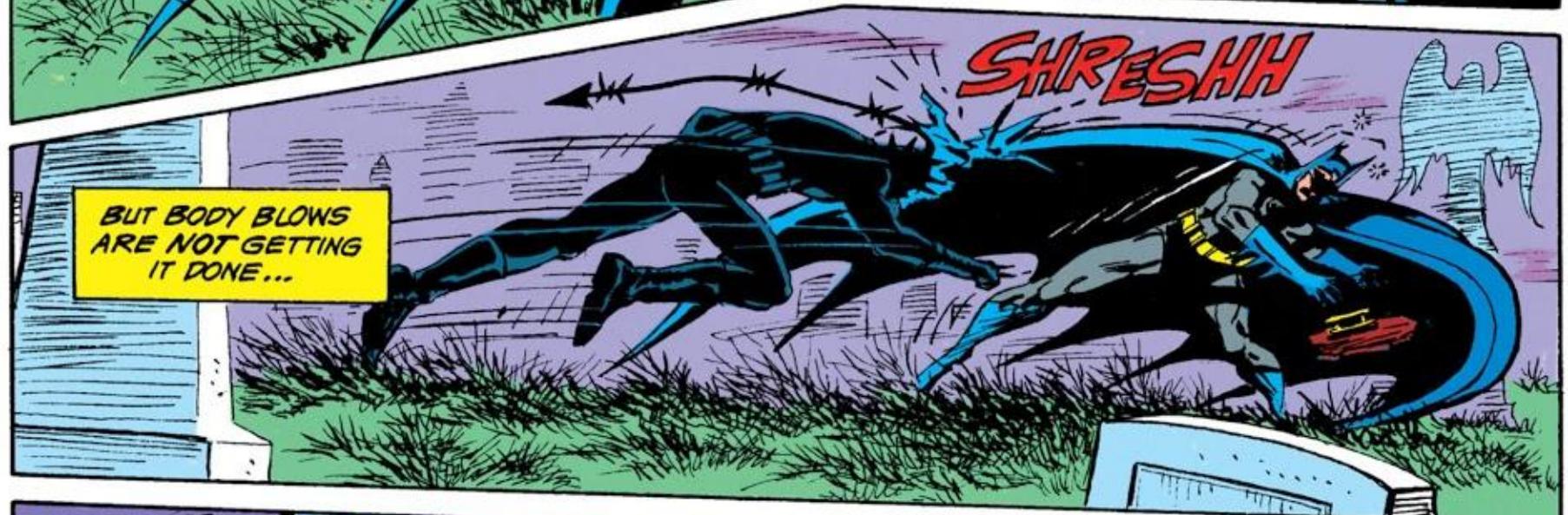
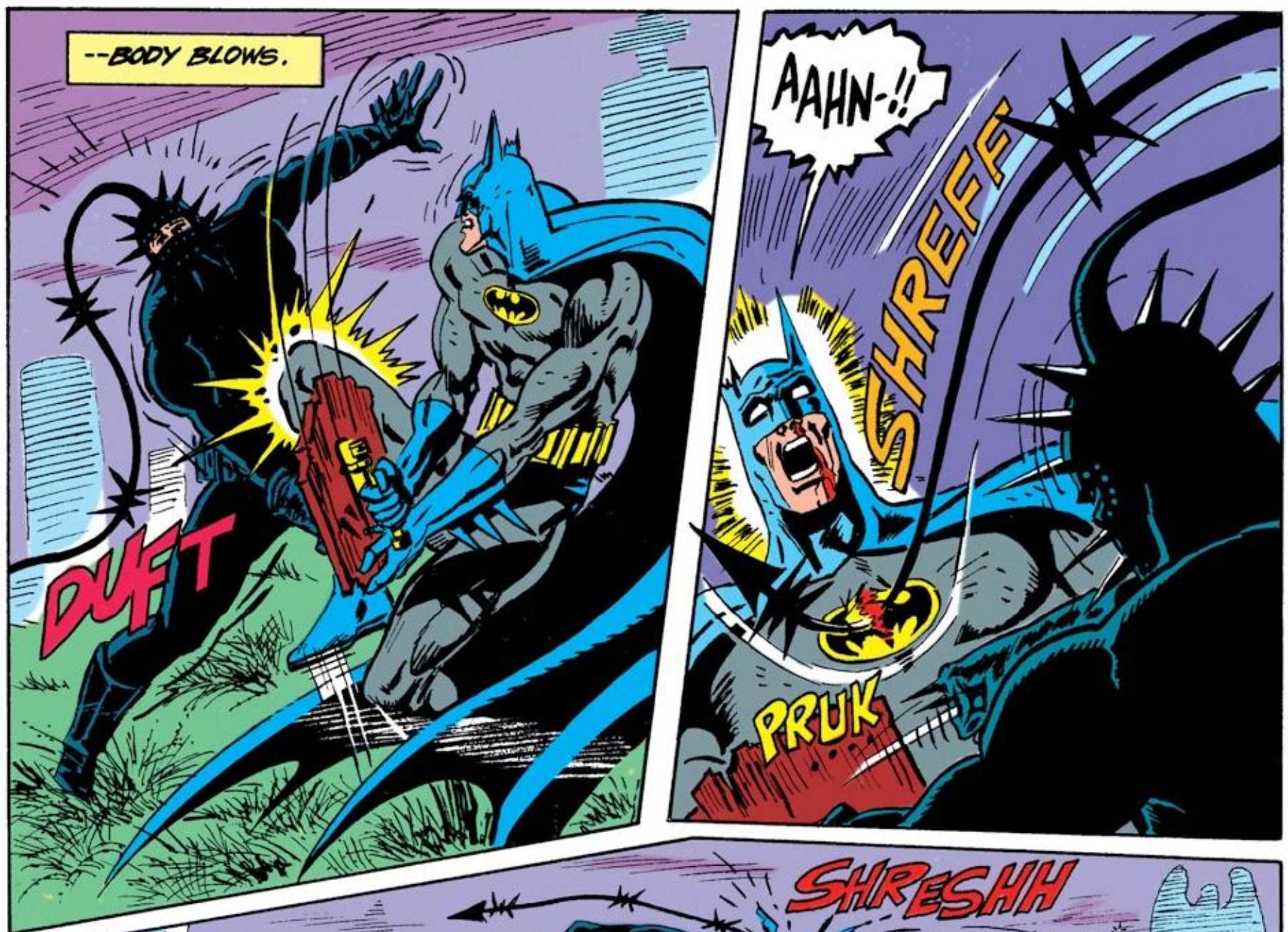
UNLESS HE'S STUNNED, ONLY  
ONE IN THREE MIGHT LAND  
CLEANLY BETWEEN  
THE SPIKES.

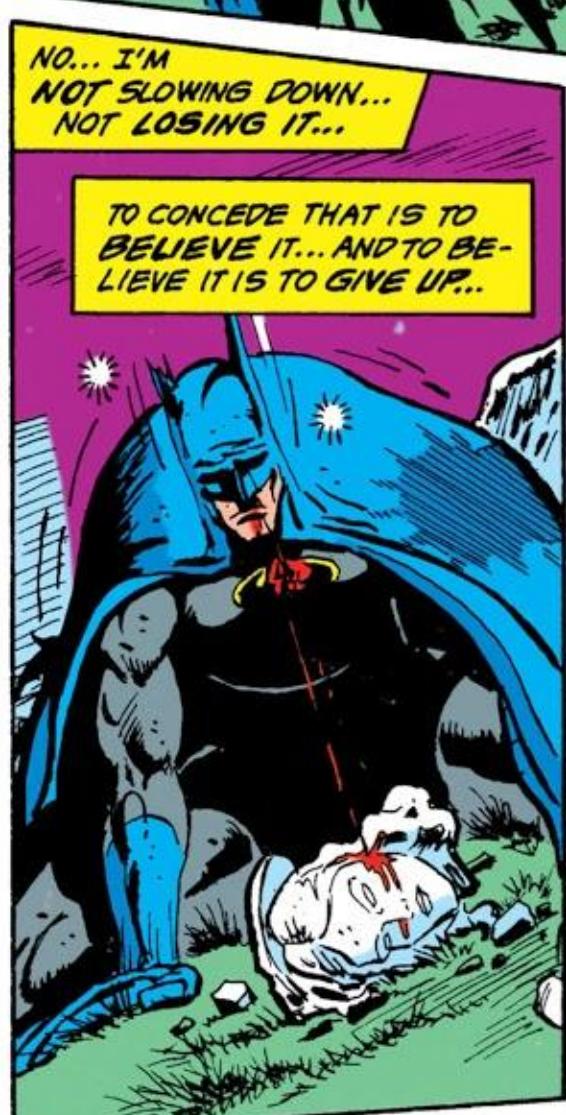
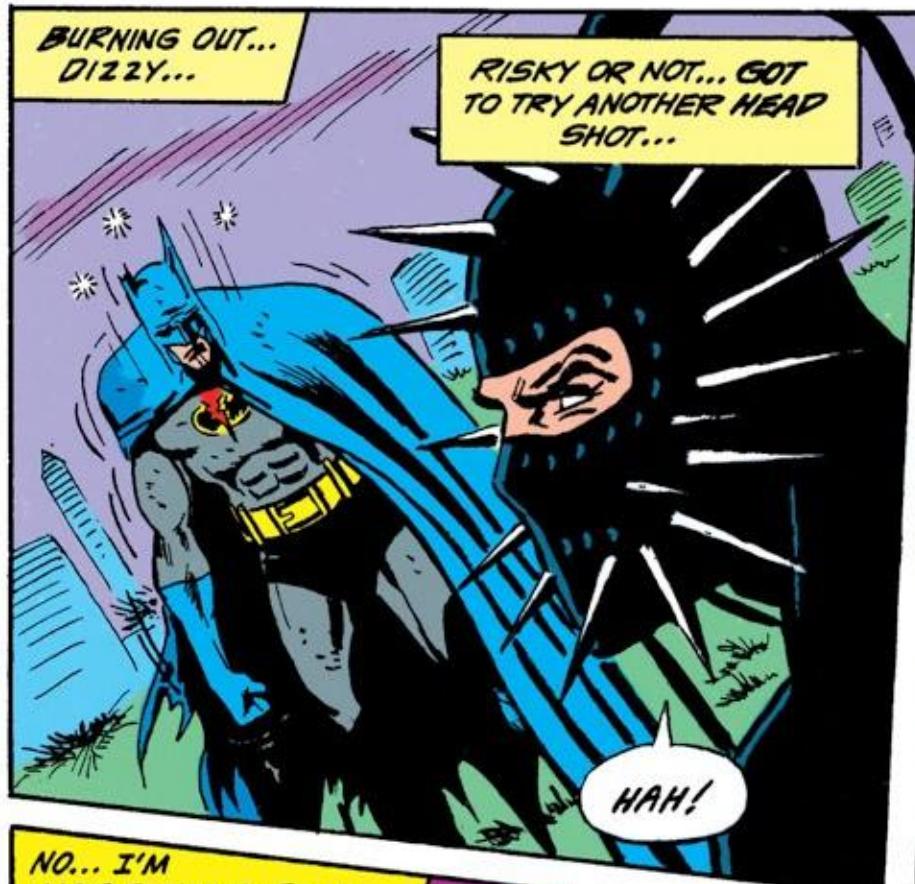
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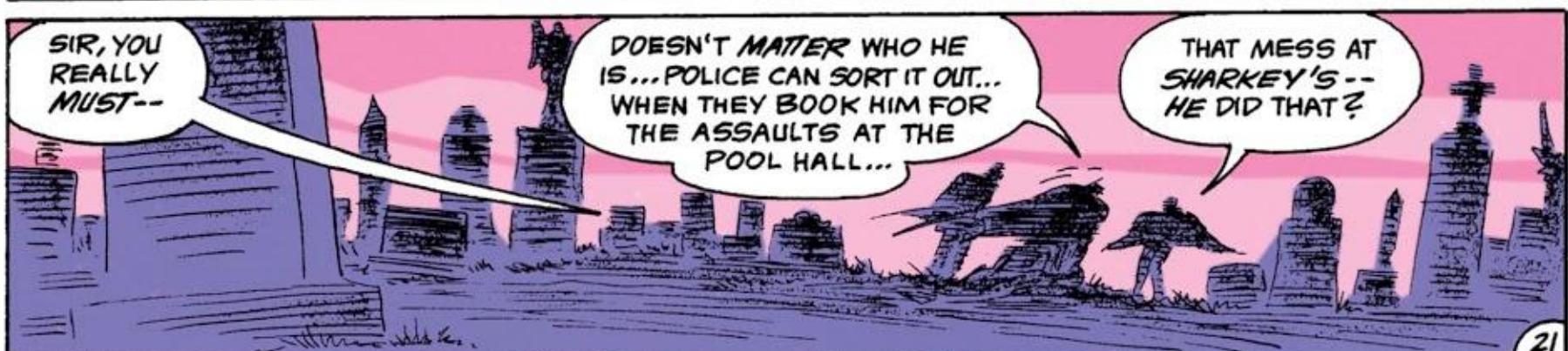


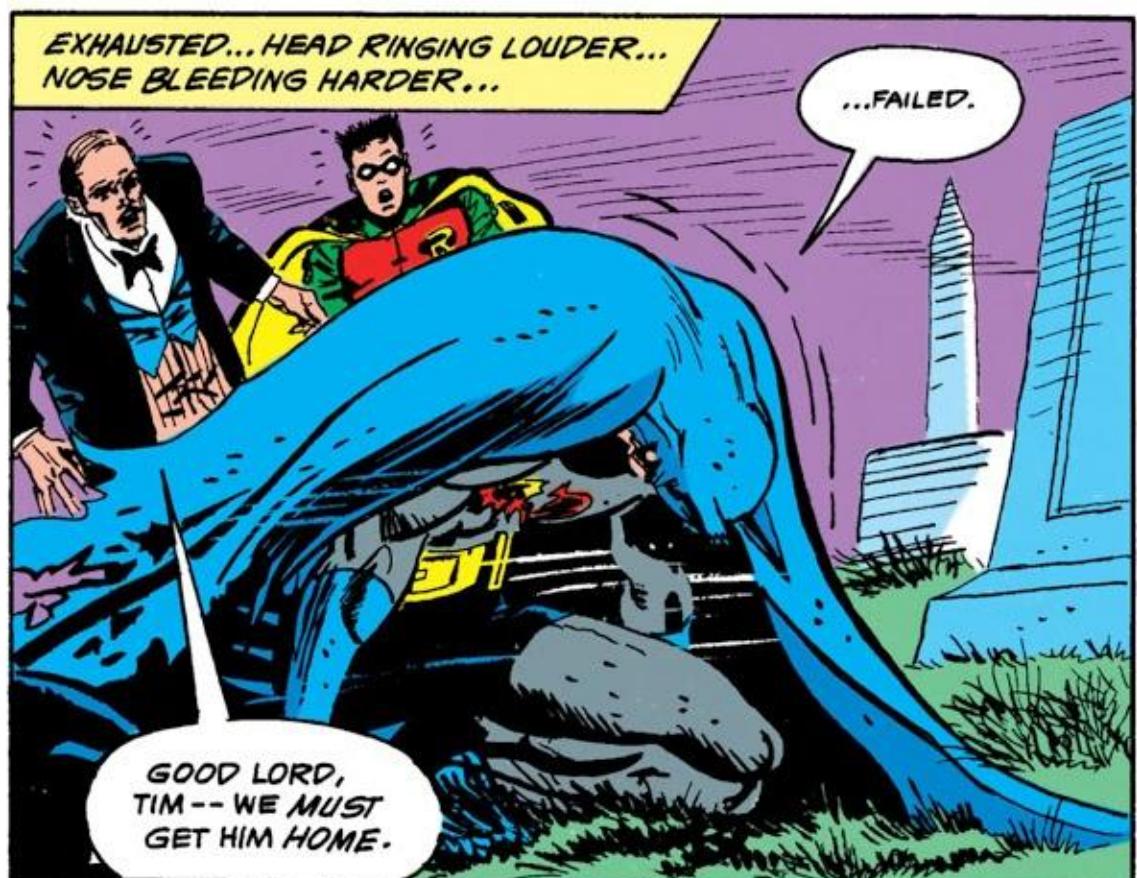
GOT TO RELY ON--













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