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BATMAN

GOTHAM GLOBE

QUAKEMASTER
THREATENS GOTHAM!
MORE QUAKES UNLESS HIS
DEMANDS ARE MET

GOTHAM. In a statement gathered today, reporters gathered today, man known as Quake made his plans known to everyone, and those struck fear into the hearts of everyone present. Police Commissioner responded with a brief statement that firm resolve would not allow the terrorist to be allowed to stand firm against such threats. Every possible demand was being made, and every being made, discovered.



TWELVE
MOENCH,
JANSON &
BUSCEMA

Buck Moench + Nowlan

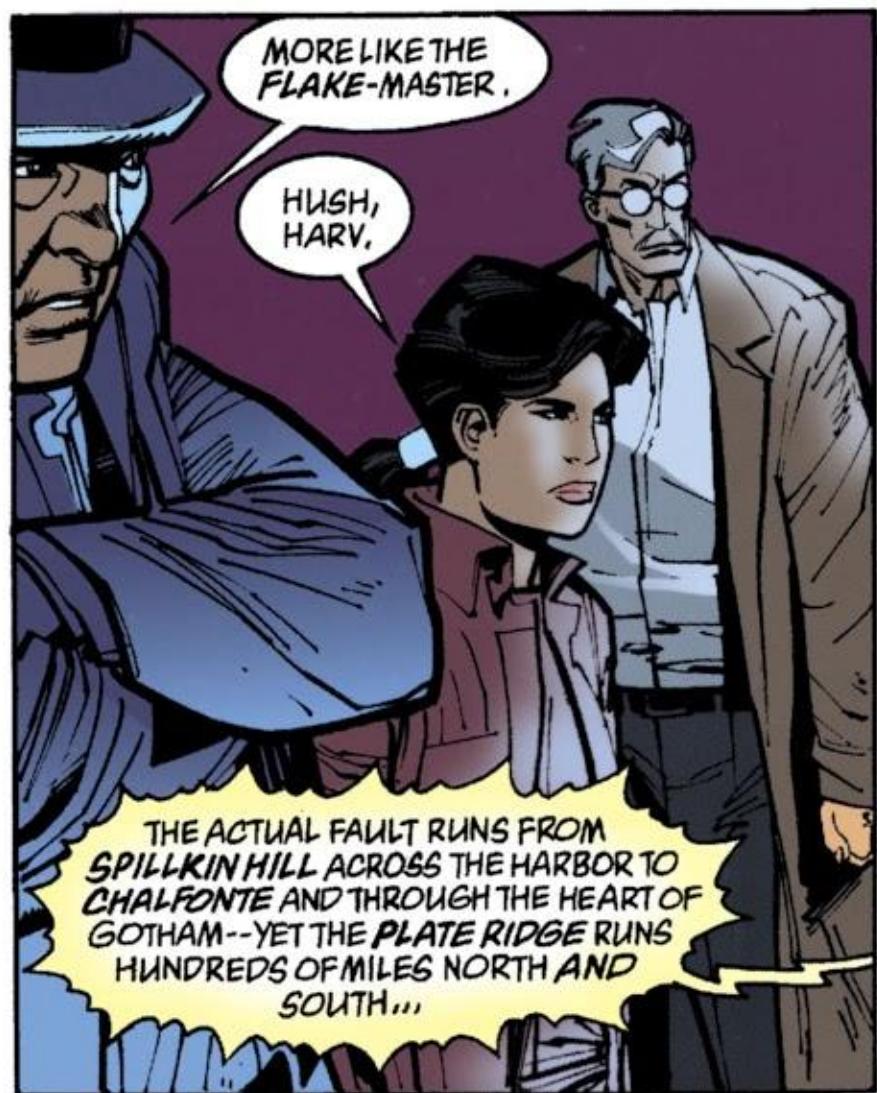
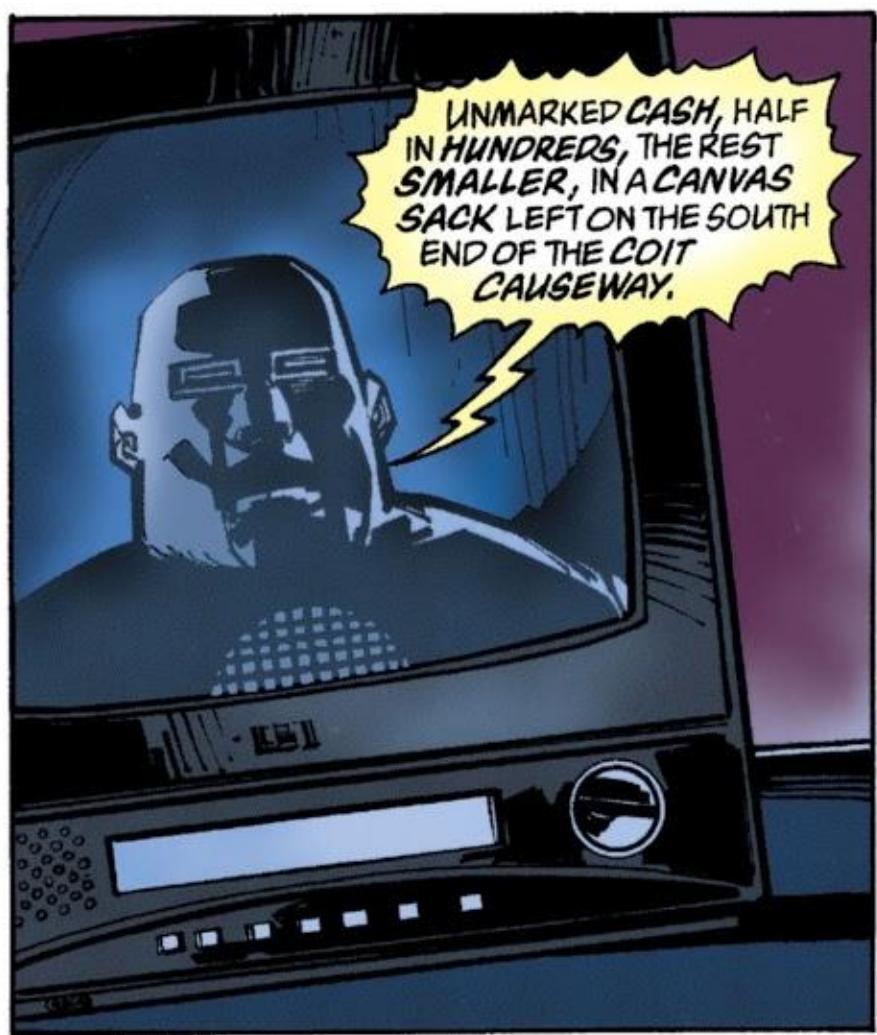


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CATACLYSM : PART 12

MASTER OF DESTRUCTION



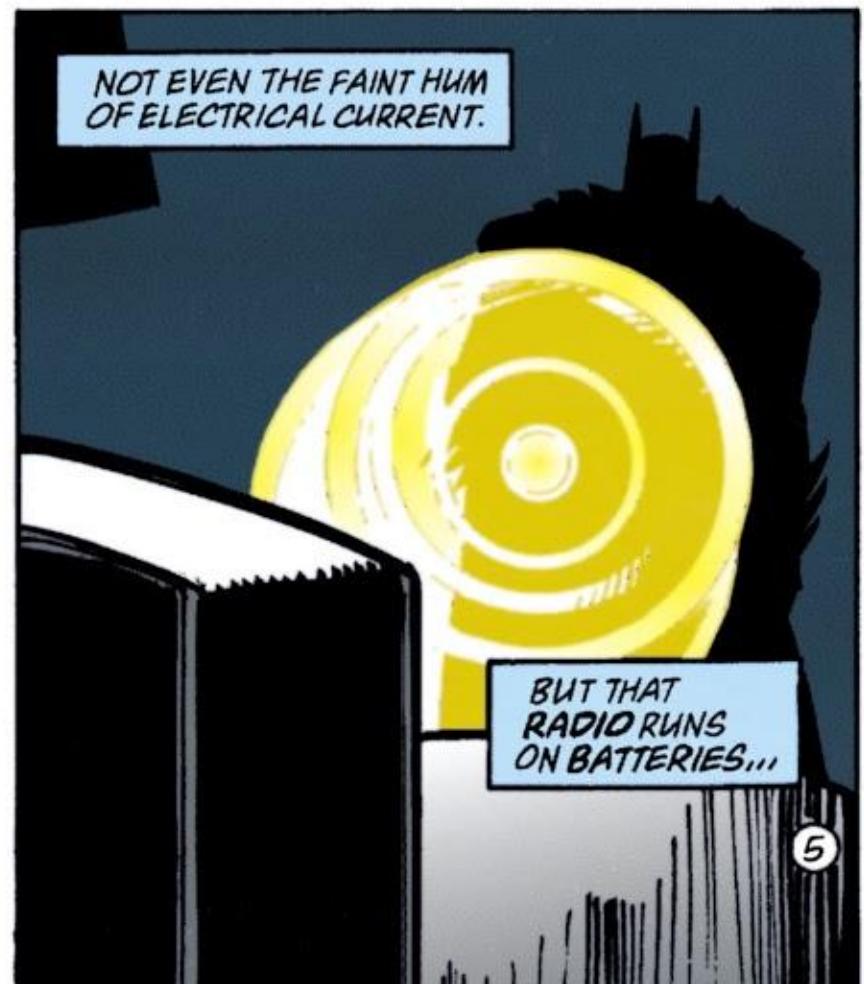


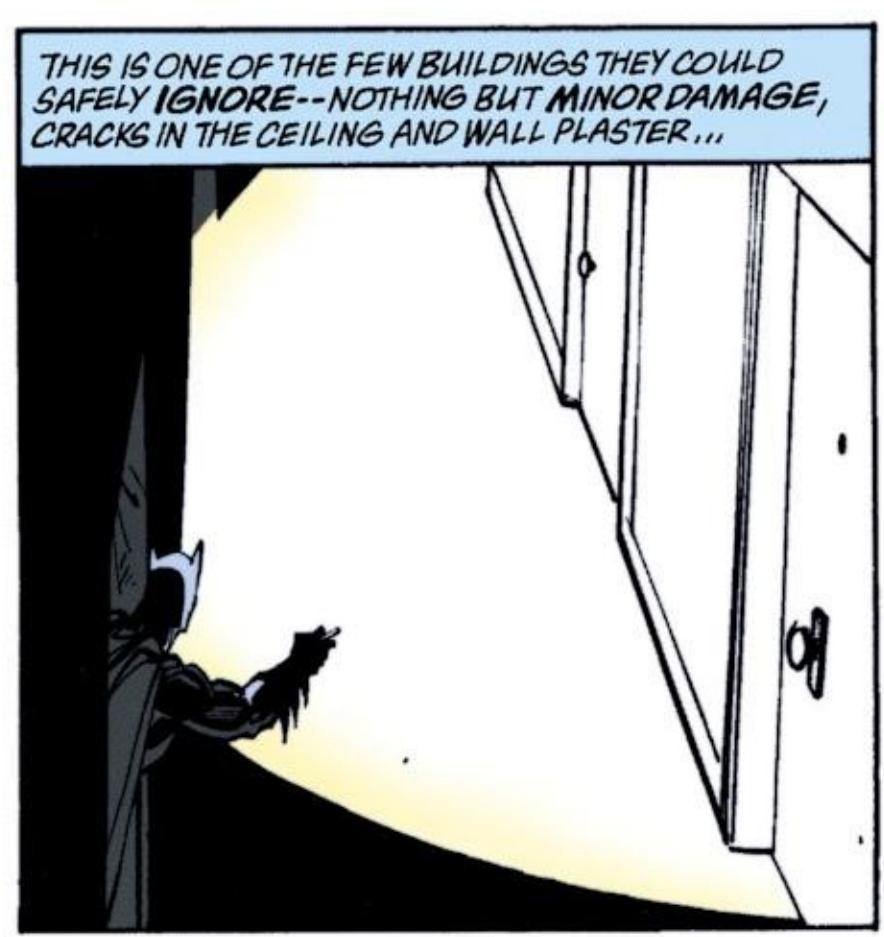
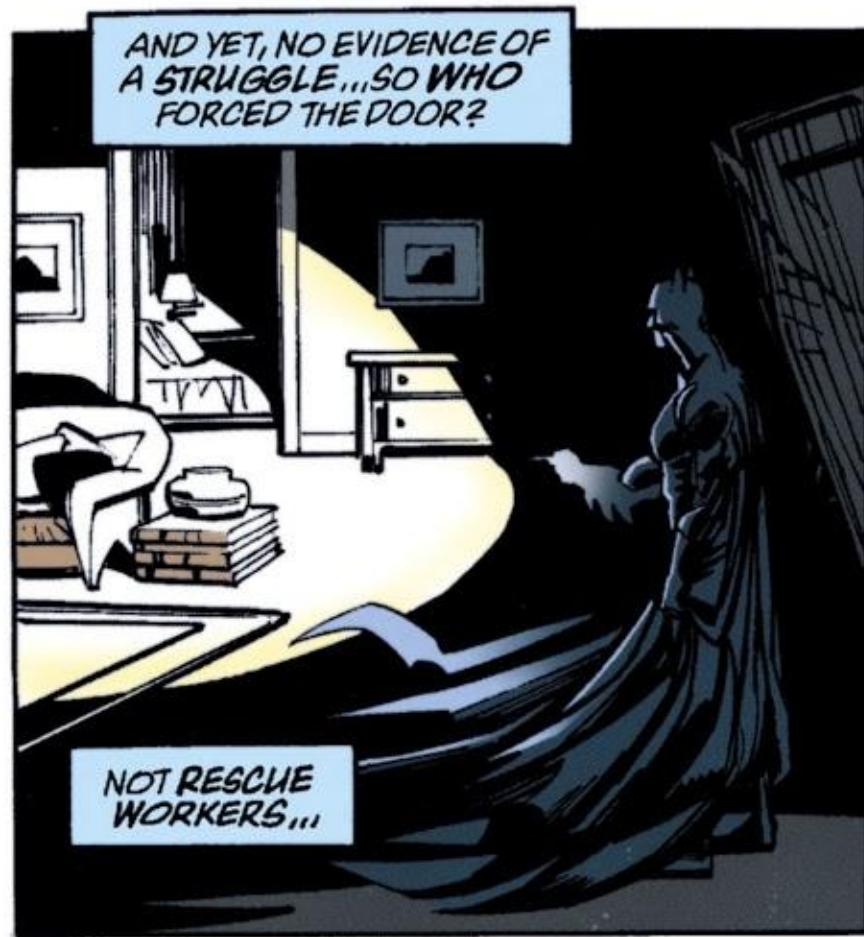
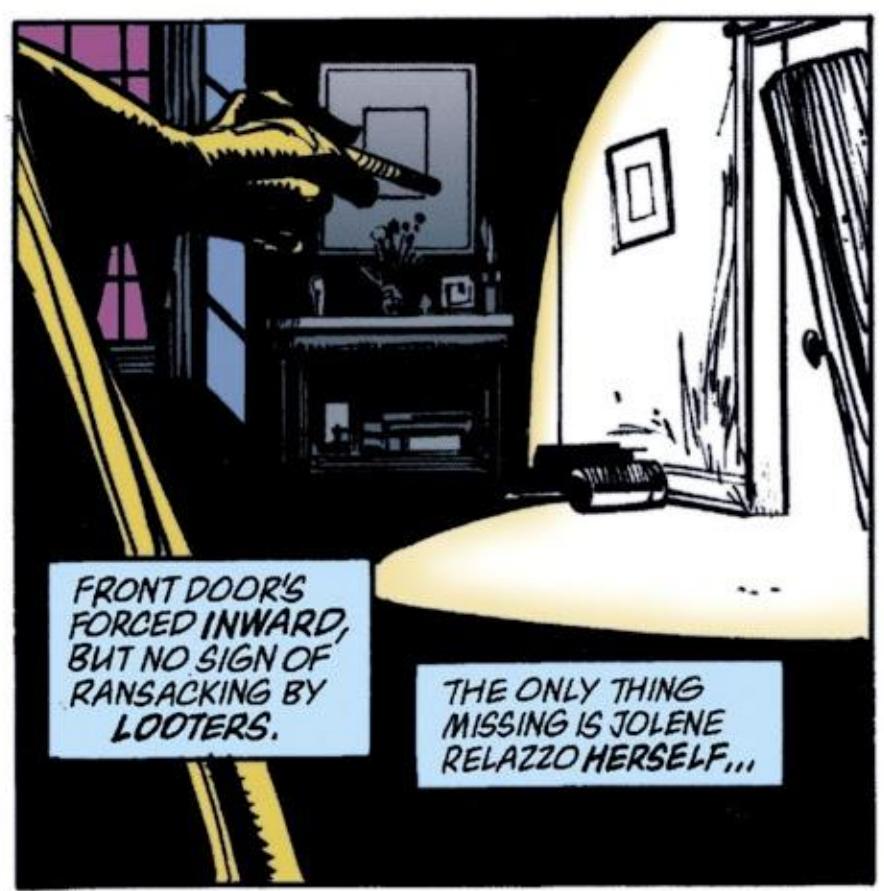
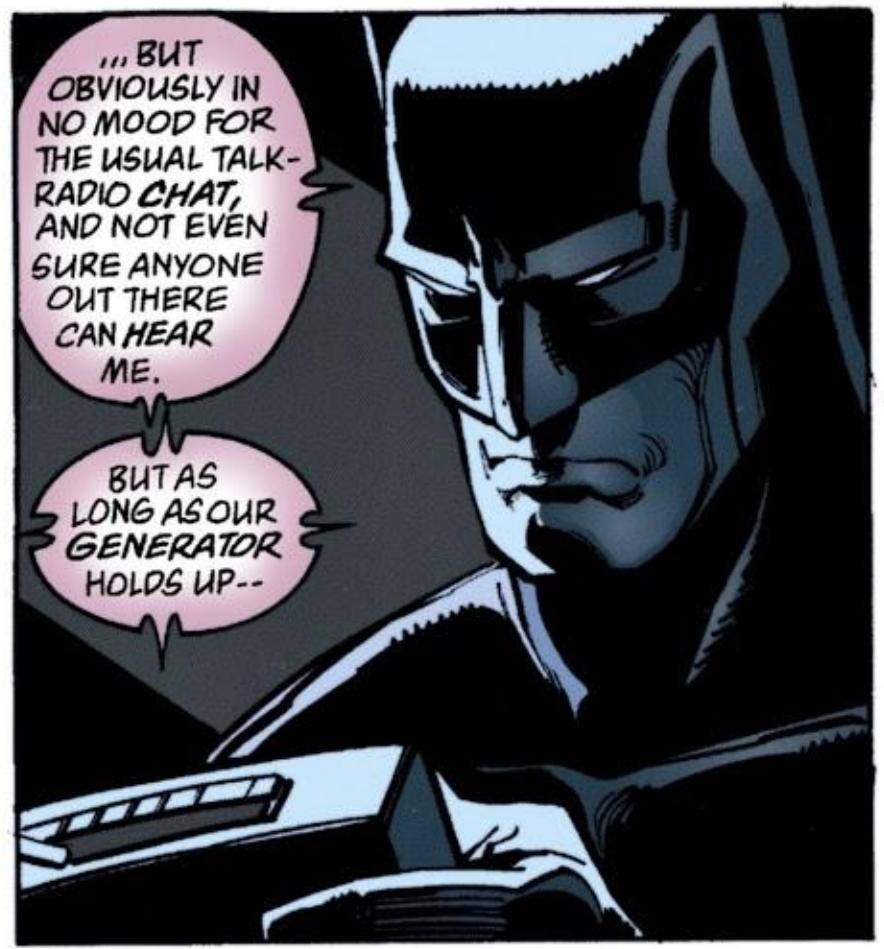


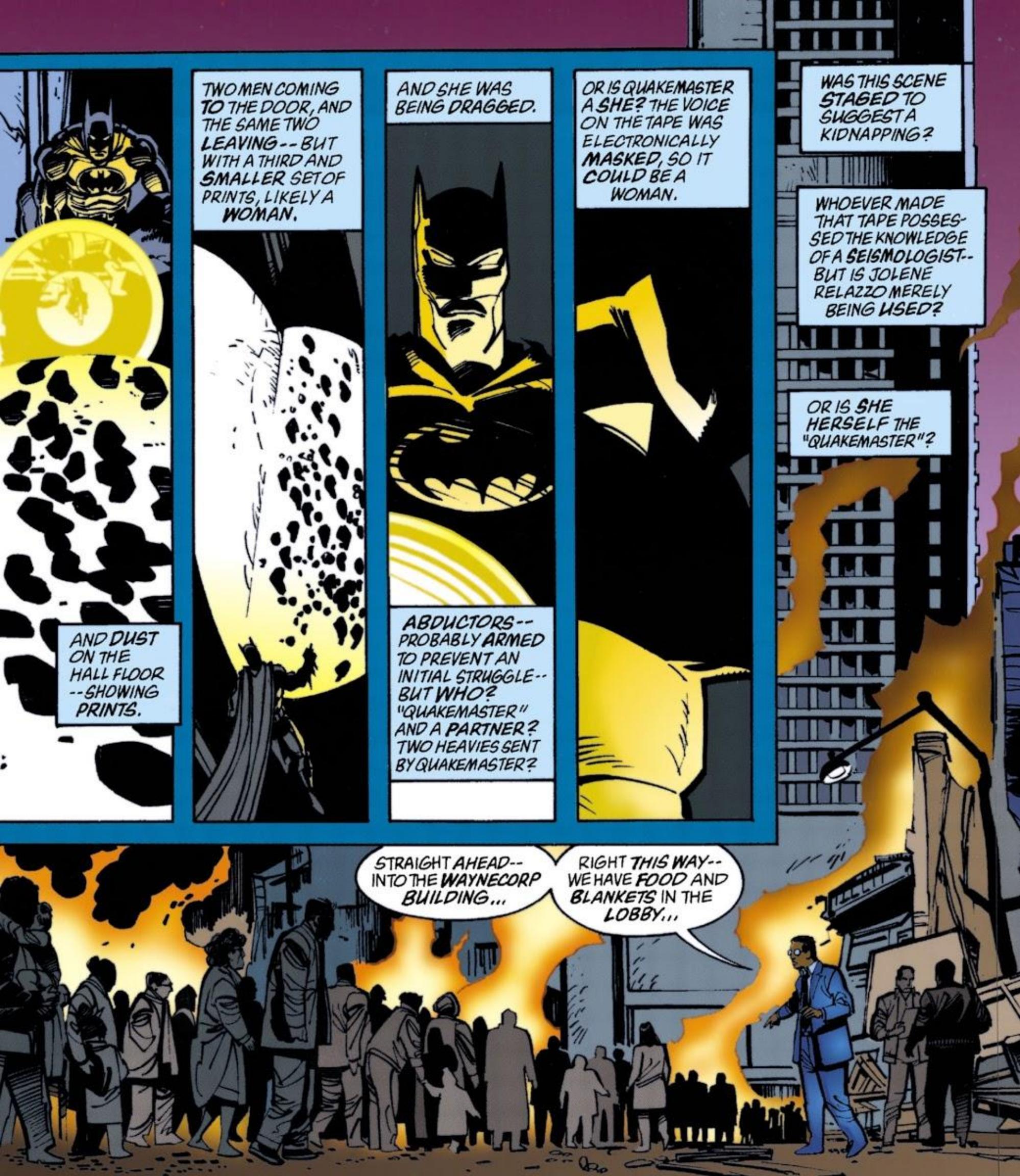




TO THE TUNE, MS.
RELAZZO, OF ONE HUNDRED
MILLION DOLLARS BY
MIDNIGHT...









BUT MAYBE WE
NEED A GENERATOR
BEACON OUT HERE,
TO LET THE HOMELESS
KNOW THERE'S SHELTER
THEY CAN--

SUPERB
WORK,
LUCIUS.



LONG-TERM, BRUCE? BUT
THE FEDERAL RESCUE WORKERS
ARE JUST ARRIVING NOW, AND
THERE'RE STILL PLENTY OF
IMMEDIATE CONCERNS
TO--



BRUCE!
THANK GOD
YOU'RE--

BUT WE NEED
LONG-TERM STRATEGIES
AS WELL.



OF COURSE,
LUCIUS...



BUT IT WON'T
HURT TO THINK
AHEAD.

THE WAYNE FOUNDATION
FUNDS A SEISMOLOGIST
NAMED JOLENE RELAZZO.

DO WE HAVE
INFORMATION
ON HER?



ON EVERYONE
EMPLOYED OR
FUNDED BY
YOU.

THE COMPUTERS ARE
DOWN, OF COURSE, BUT
WE SHOULD HAVE
HARD COPIES ON
FILE...

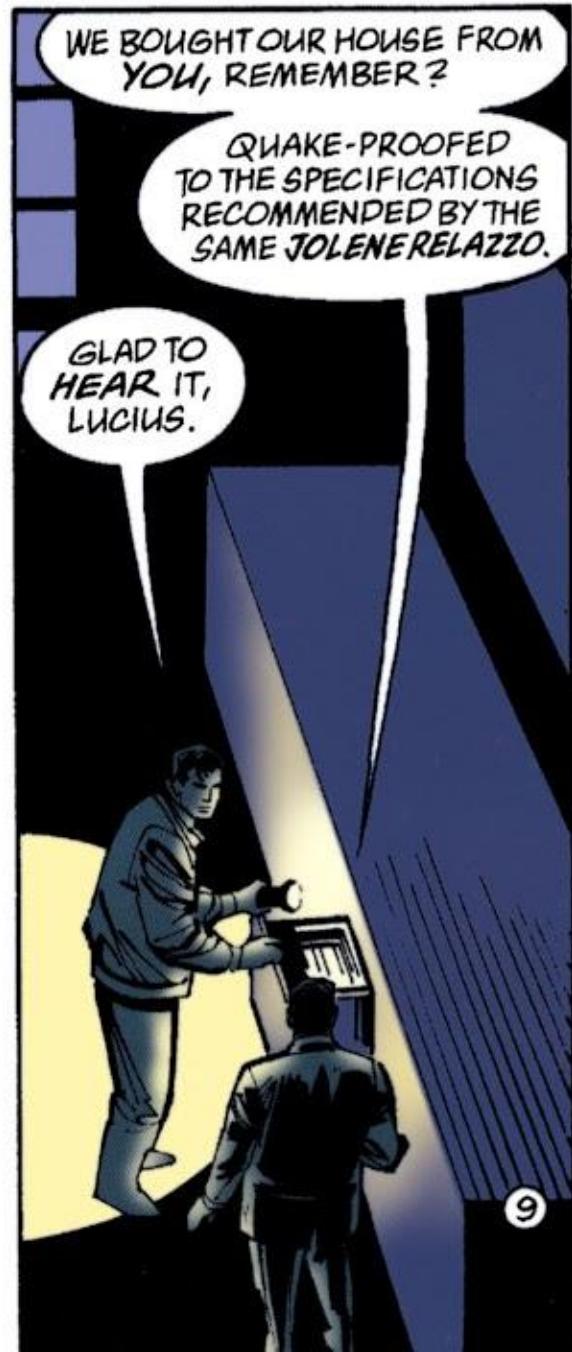
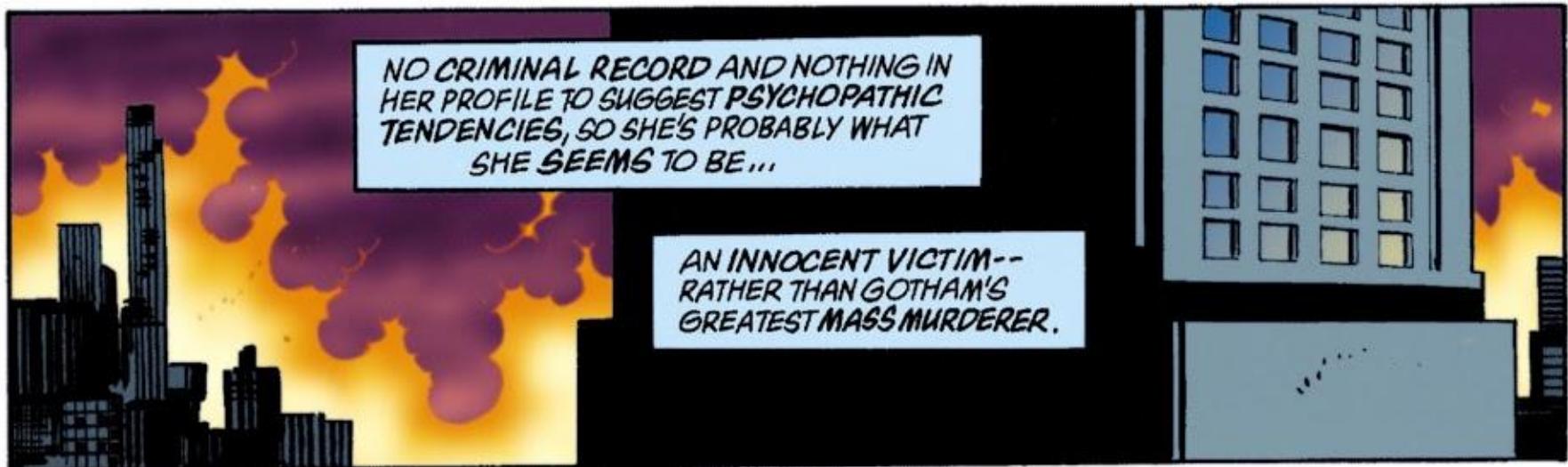
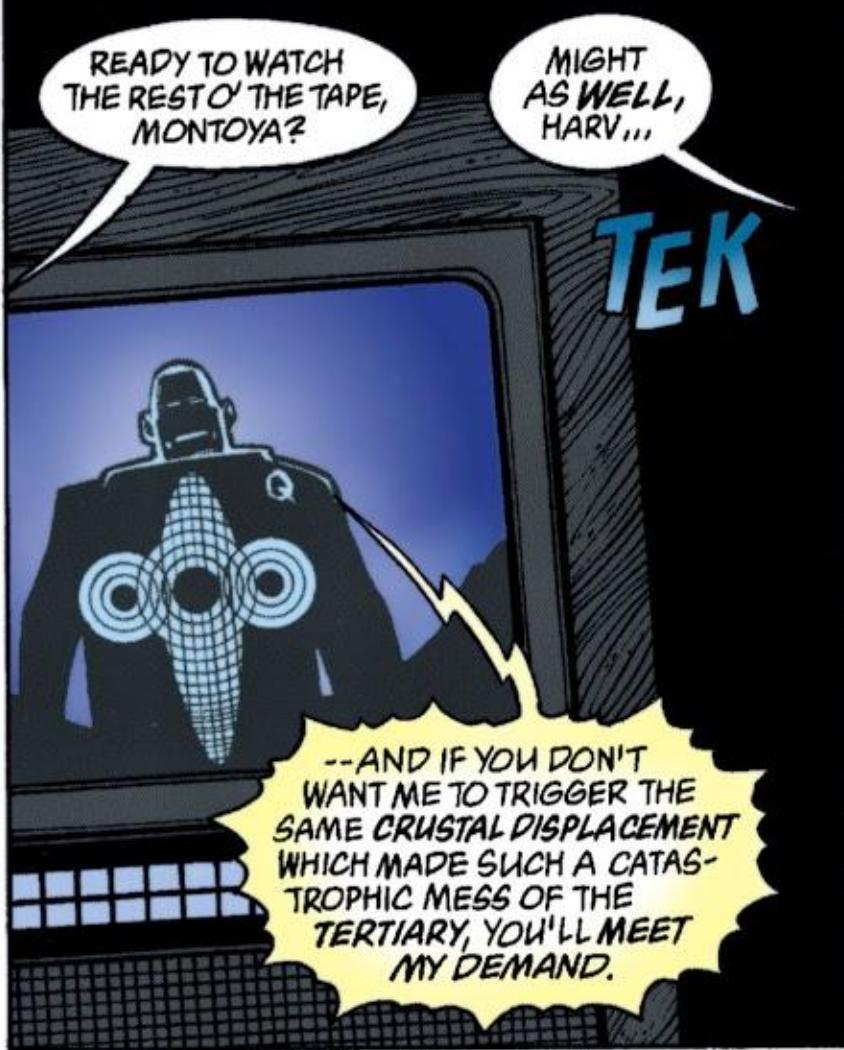


THE POWER
AND ELEVATORS
ARE OUT--

BUT IT'S ONLY NINE FLIGHTS
TO THE PERSONNEL OFFICE,
ISN'T IT?

UH... RIGHT.

STAIRS



KEEP IT UP
DOWN IN THE
LOBBY--AND
START PUTTING
COTS IN THE
OFFICES IF
NEED BE.

WE PLAN
TO, BRUCE--
LOOKING FOR
MORE COTS
RIGHT
NOW.

EXCELLENT--
AND THANKS
AGAIN.

NO WAY A
CONSTRUCTION
CREW REBUILDS
THE MANOR
WITHOUT SEEING
THIS CAVE.

THEN...THAT'S
IT? THE END OF
BRUCE'S
SECRET?

THE
END OF THE
BATM--

AHEM.

NEVER SAY
DIE, YOUNG
SIRS.

BUT ALFIE,
HOW ARE WE
GONNA--

COULD HE
BUT SPEAK, MASTER
TIMOTHY...

...I'M SURE
HAROLD WOULD
HAVE SEVERAL
THINGS TO SAY ON
THAT SCORE.

"JUST AS THE BROKEN BAT CAME BACK IN THE PAST, I HAVE NO DOUBT WE SHALL WEATHER THE MERE SETBACK OF A BROKEN MANOR."

"WE CAN SPEAK, YOUNG SIRS... BUT WE SHALL NEVER SAY DIE."

JUDGING BY HIS APPARENT TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, "QUAKEMASTER" MAY WELL BE A GENUINE THREAT.

HERE'S A COPY OF HIS VIDEOTAPED DEMAND.
MY PEOPLE ARE STILL GOING THROUGH IT FOR CLUES.
MAYBE YOUR EYES WILL FIND SOMETHING.
IN THE MEANTIME, MAYOR GRANGE WANTS THE RANSOM PAID...

WE HAVE TO STALL FOR TIME. WE DO THAT WITH A BAG FULL OF OLD NEWSPAPER...

DELIVERED TO --
THE SOUTH END OF THE COIT CAUSEWAY.
I HEARD, JIM, AND I'LL HANDLE IT.
IS SARAH...?

NO WORD YET
EITHER WAY.







...YOU THINK THE BOSS REALLY CAN DESTROY THE REST OF IT?

I AIN'T NO EARTH-QUAKE EXPERT, MO-- BUT IF THE BOSS SAYS HE CAN, THEY GOTTA BELIEVE.

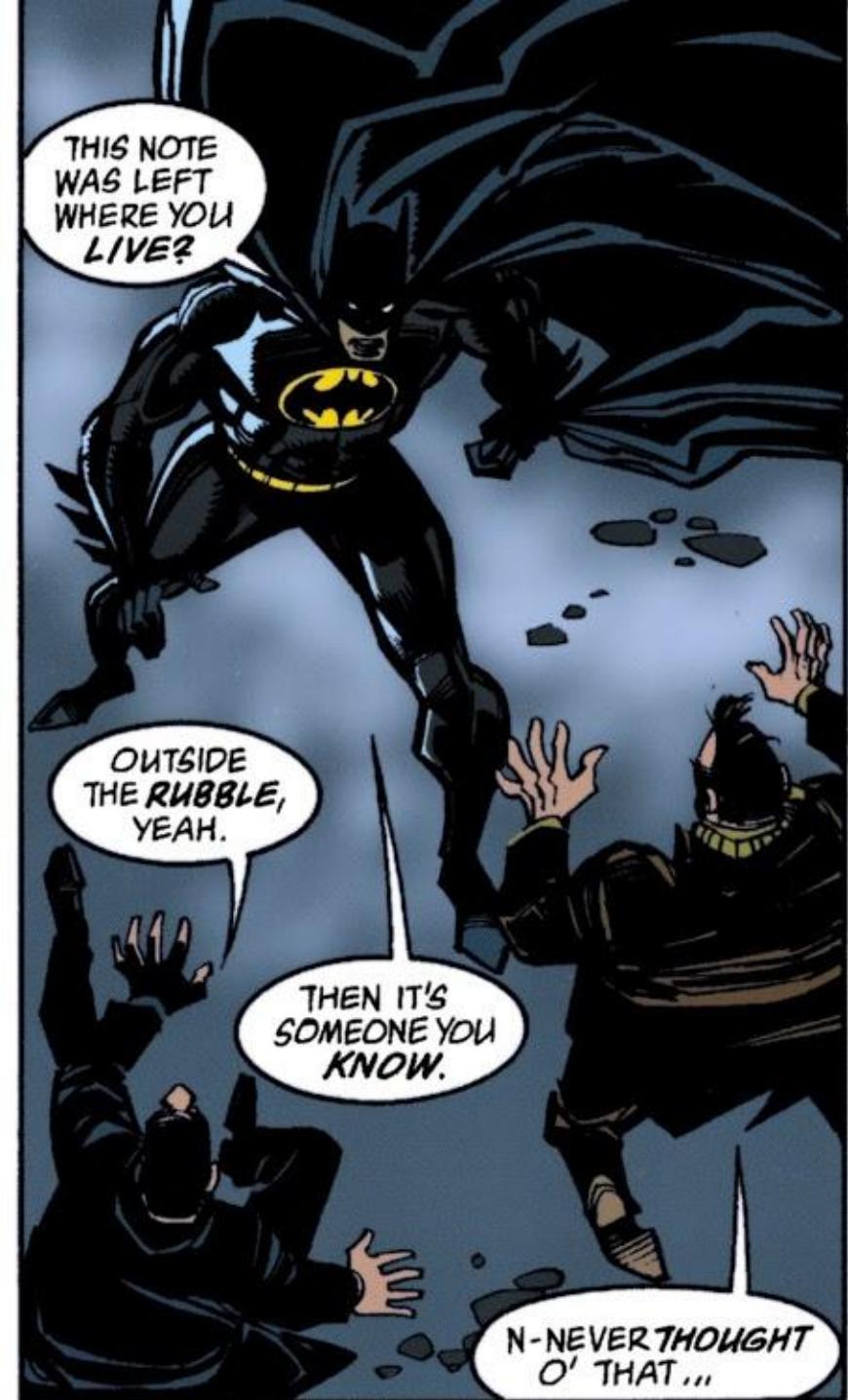
WHO IS YOUR BOSS?

HUH--?









I'M SICK
O' THIS TAPE,
MONToya.

SIXTH TIME NOW,
AND IF WE AIN'T SEEN
NOTHING YET...

WAIT,
HARV-- HIT THE
FREEZE-FRAME!

YES... IT'S BEEN CHANGED--
REDRESSED-- BUT IT'S THE
SAME BASIC SET.

WHAT
ARE
YOU--

THIS IS
A GCTV NEWS
SET, HARV.

LIEUTENANT KITCH WAS
INTERVIEWED HERE DURING
THE EINHORN CASE,

YOU SURE,
MONToya?

I DROVE KITCH
TO AND FROM THE
INTERVIEW-- STOOD
OFF-CAMERA RIGHT
OVER HERE.

THEN
LET'S ROLL.

SEE?

WE TOLD
YA HE
WOULDN'T

FREEZE! POLICE!

WE'RE
ALL TOO LATE,
DETECTIVES.

WHOEVER
THE QUAKEMASTER
IS, HE'S ALREADY
GONE.

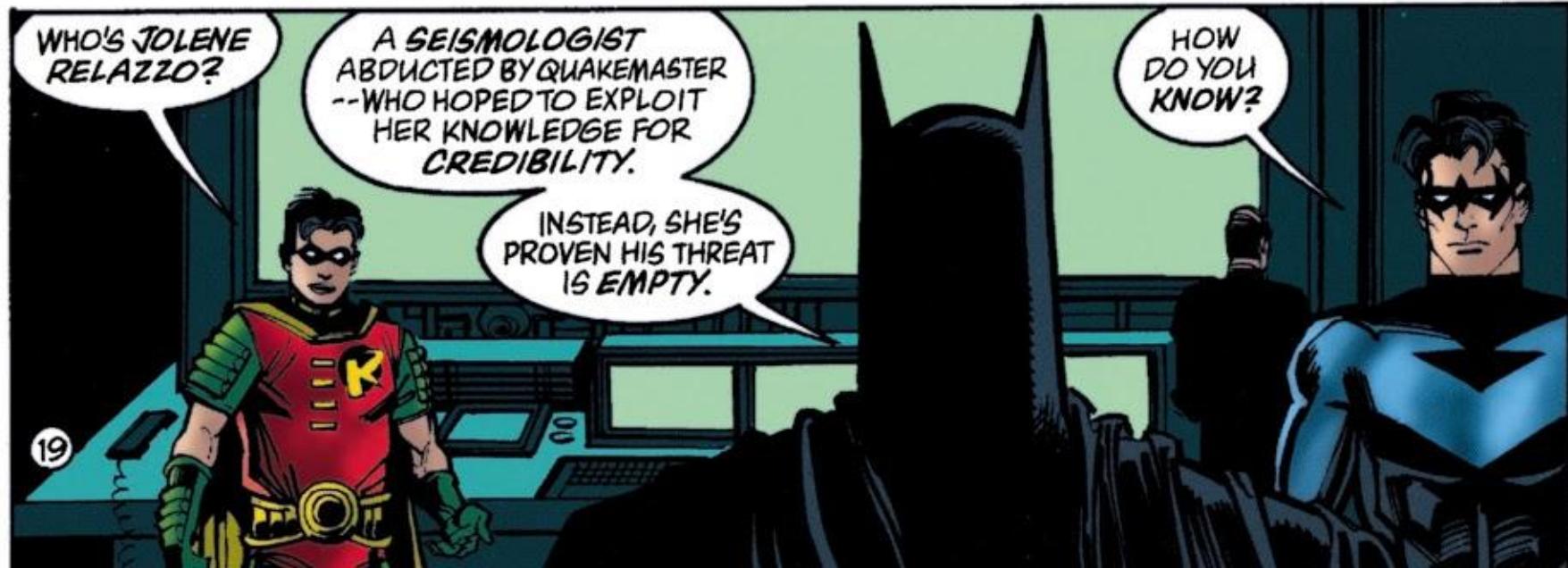
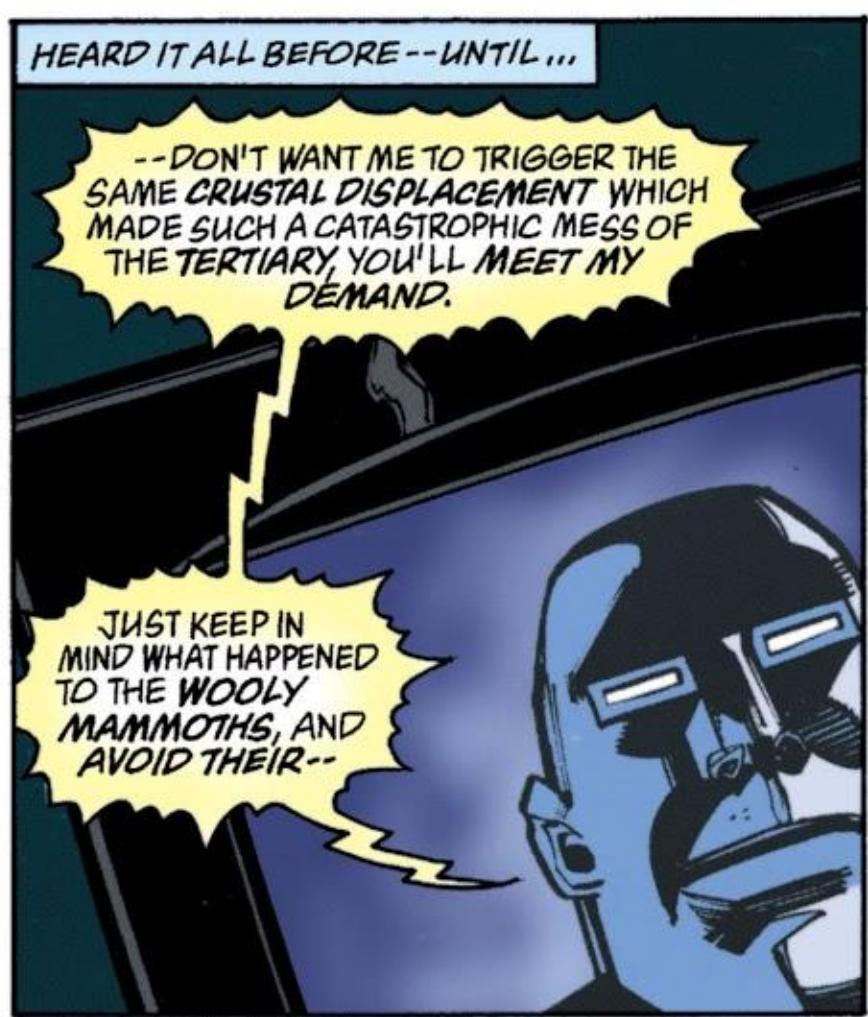
HUH? THEN
WHO--?



IT TAKES AN HOUR TO REACH THE CAVE ...

HOLD THE REUNION NIGHTWING -- ANY CONCERN ABOUT THE MANOR ARE ON HOLD UNTIL WE FULFILL OUR BASIC MISSION, WHICH MIGHT BEAR REPEATING ...





"CRUSTAL DISPLACEMENT"
IS ONLY A THEORY--DEPENDENT
ON THE EARTH HAVING A "LITHOSPHERE",
AN OUTER SKIN FREELY FLOATING ON
THE PLANET'S CORE RATHER THAN
BEING CONNECTED TO IT.

THERE'S EVIDENCE
THAT IN THE PAST, THIS
SKIN OR CRUST SLIPPED
SOME THIRTY DEGREES
AROUND THE CORE --
CATACLYSMICALLY SHIFT-
ING THE POSITIONS OF
EARTH'S LANDMASSES.

A "ZONE OF DEATH"
STRETCHING ACROSS CANADA
AND SIBERIA, AND CONTAINING
THOUSANDS OF FLASH-
FROZEN CARCASSES...

...EXTINCT ANIMALS SUCH
AS WOOLY MAMMOTHS WITH
PERFECTLY PRESERVED
STOMACH CONTENTS.

IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THESE
ANIMALS ABRUPTLY DIED, THEY WERE
FEEDING ON PLANTS WHICH GREW
ONLY IN TEMPERATE ZONES --
THIRTY DEGREES SOUTH OF WHERE
THEY WERE FROZEN.

