



BATMAN

THE NEW ADVENTURES

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SHE WAS JUST ANOTHER NAMELESS VICTIM, MURDERED FOR REASONS YET TO BE FATHOMED.

IT WAS ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, IN A BACK ALLEY OF A CRUMMY SECTION OF GOTHAM CALLED SOUTH HEIGHTS. I'D HEARD THE CALL OVER THE CAR RADIO AND DECIDED TO STOP BY FOR A LOOK, WONDERING IF THIS KILLING WAS CONNECTED TO TWO EARLIER SLASHER MURDERS.

EXACT SAME M.O. -- MUTILATED, LEFT IN THE DUMPSTER.

ANY IDEA WHO SHE IS?

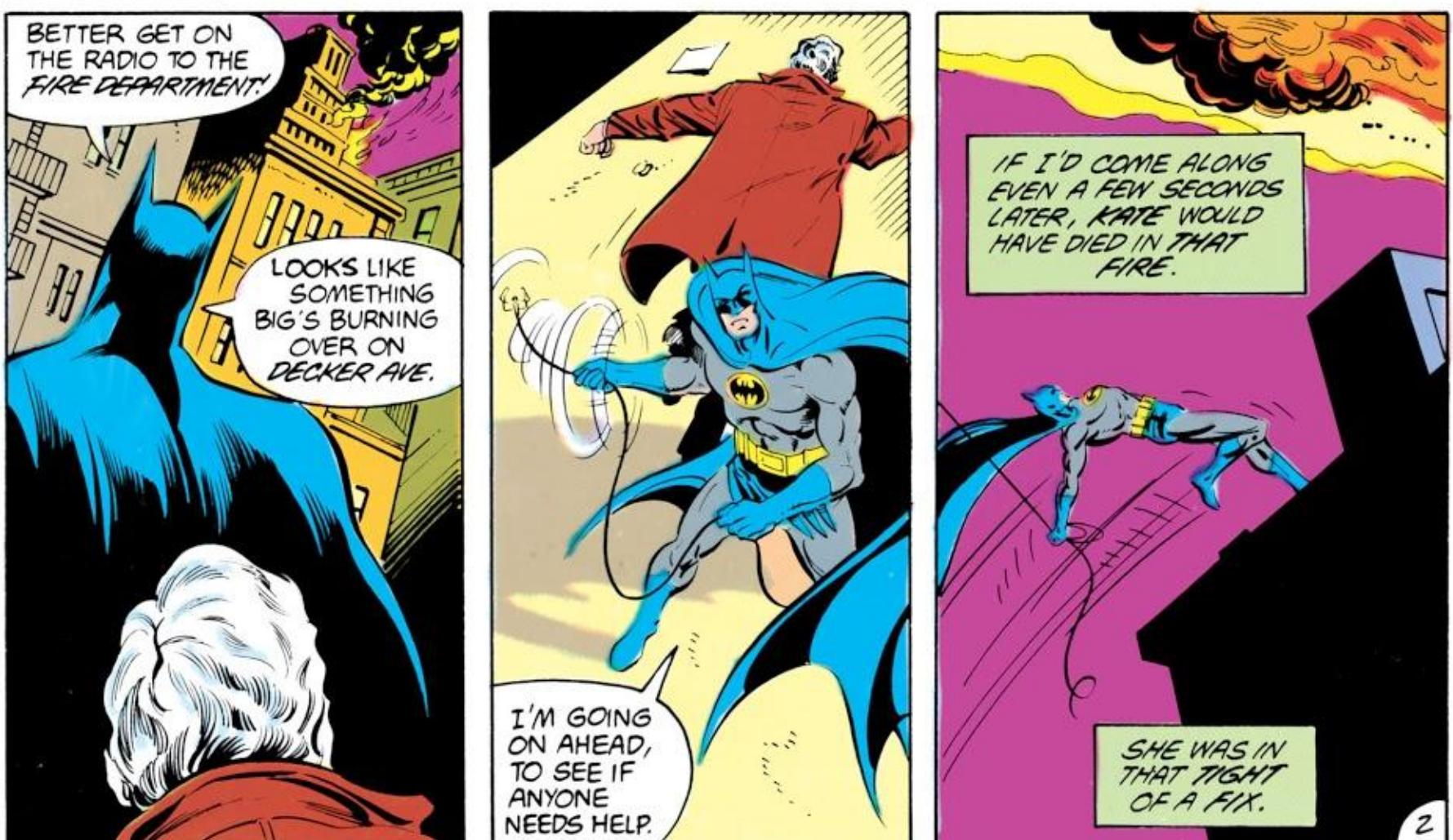
NONE, JUST ANOTHER JANE DOE IN HER EARLY TWENTIES, BUTCHERED AND DISPOSED OF LIKE A SACK OF GARBAGE.

THIS KIND OF CRIME HAPPENS A LOT MORE OFTEN THAN ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ADMIT.

I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH HUNDREDS OF CASES LIKE IT, MAYBE NOT AS BRUTAL, BUT JUST AS ANONYMOUS.

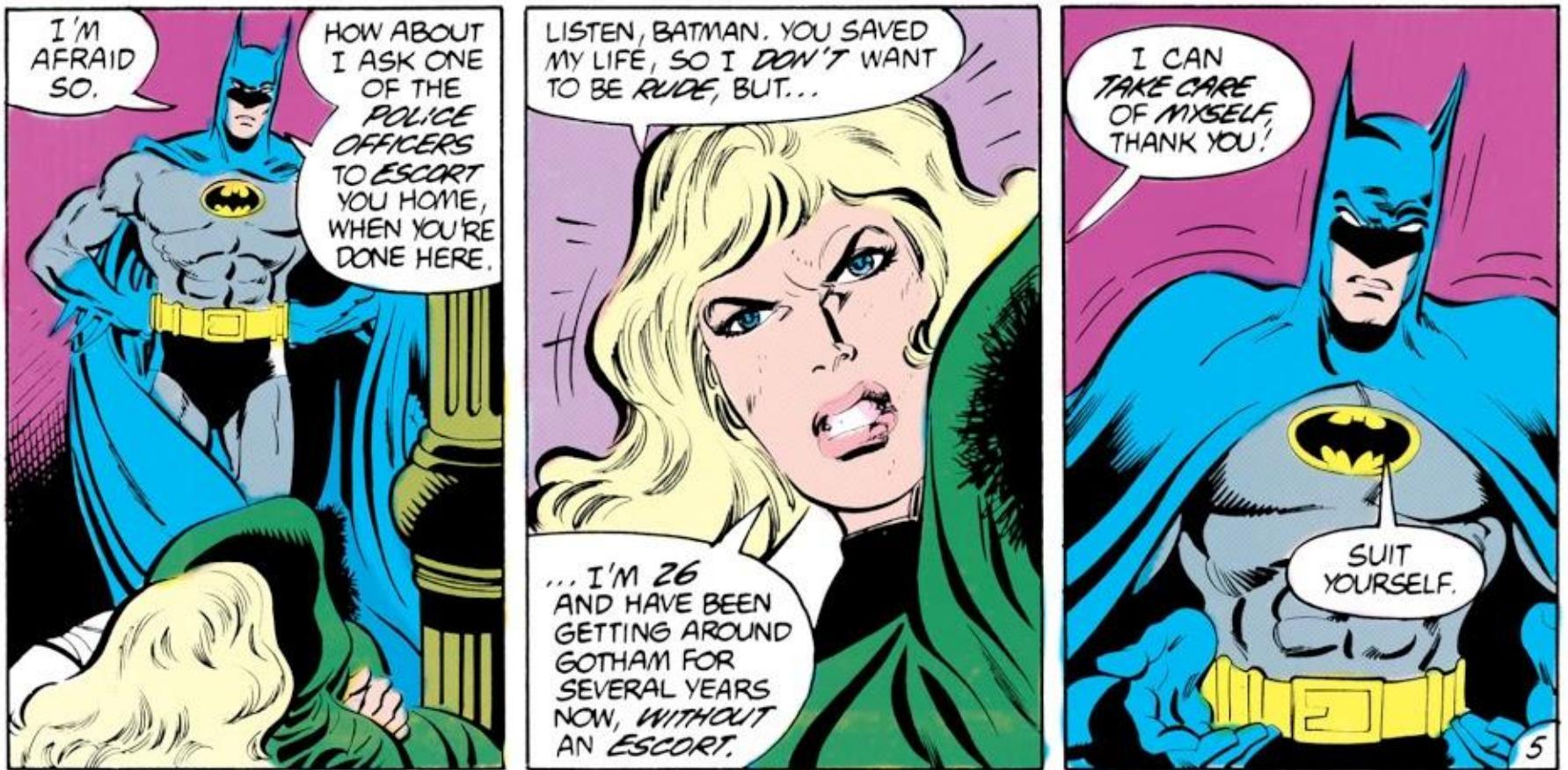
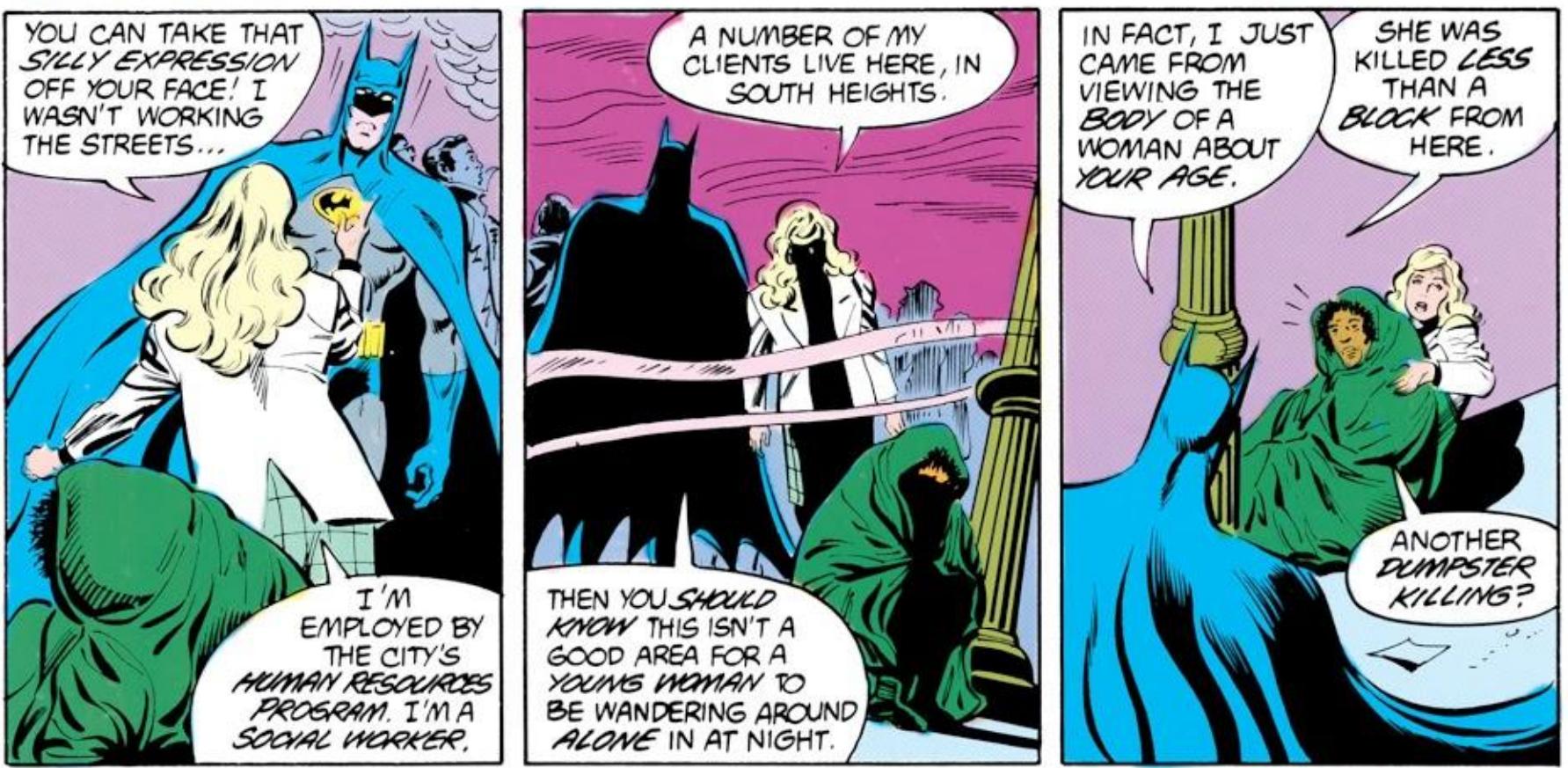
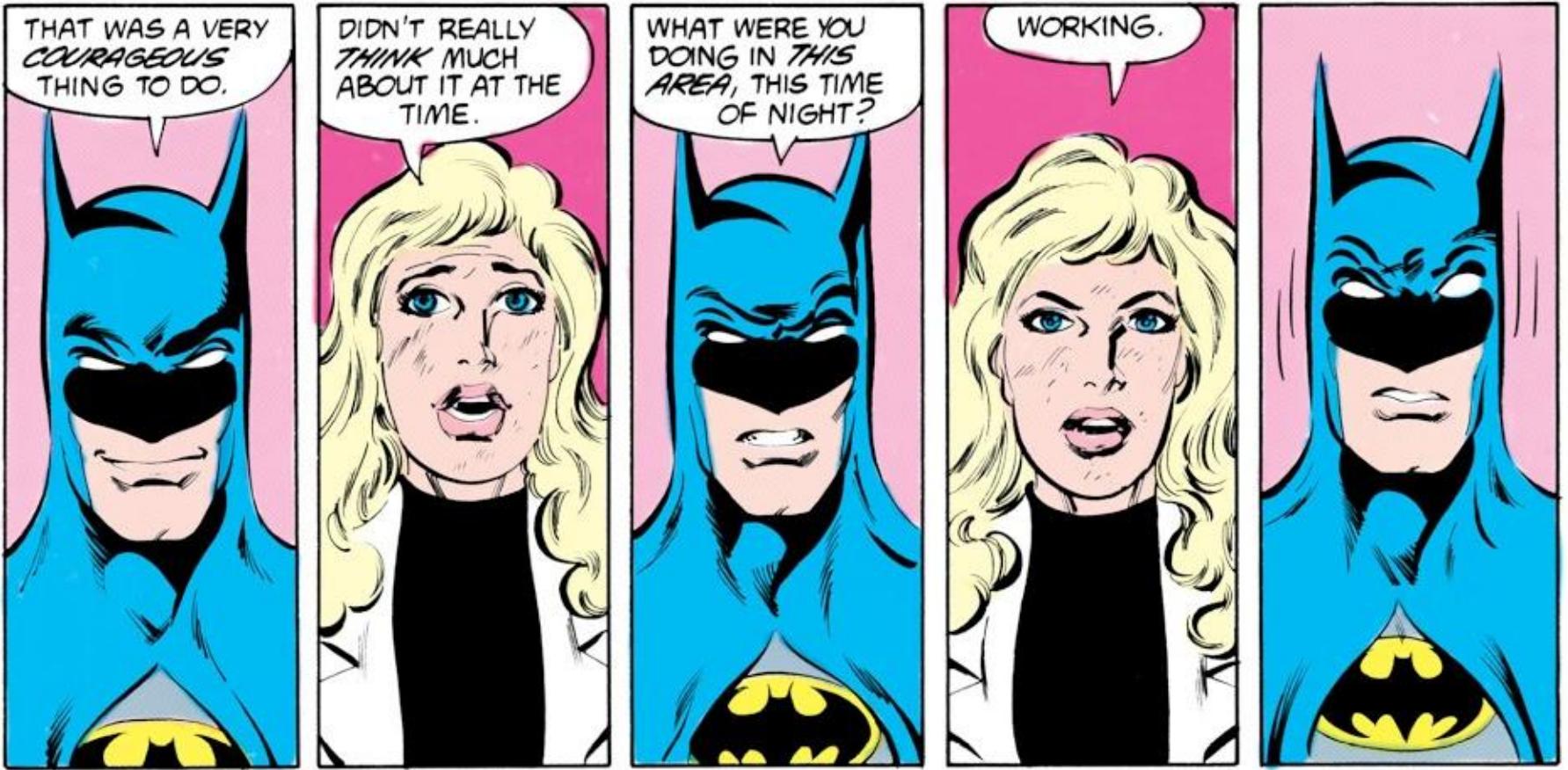
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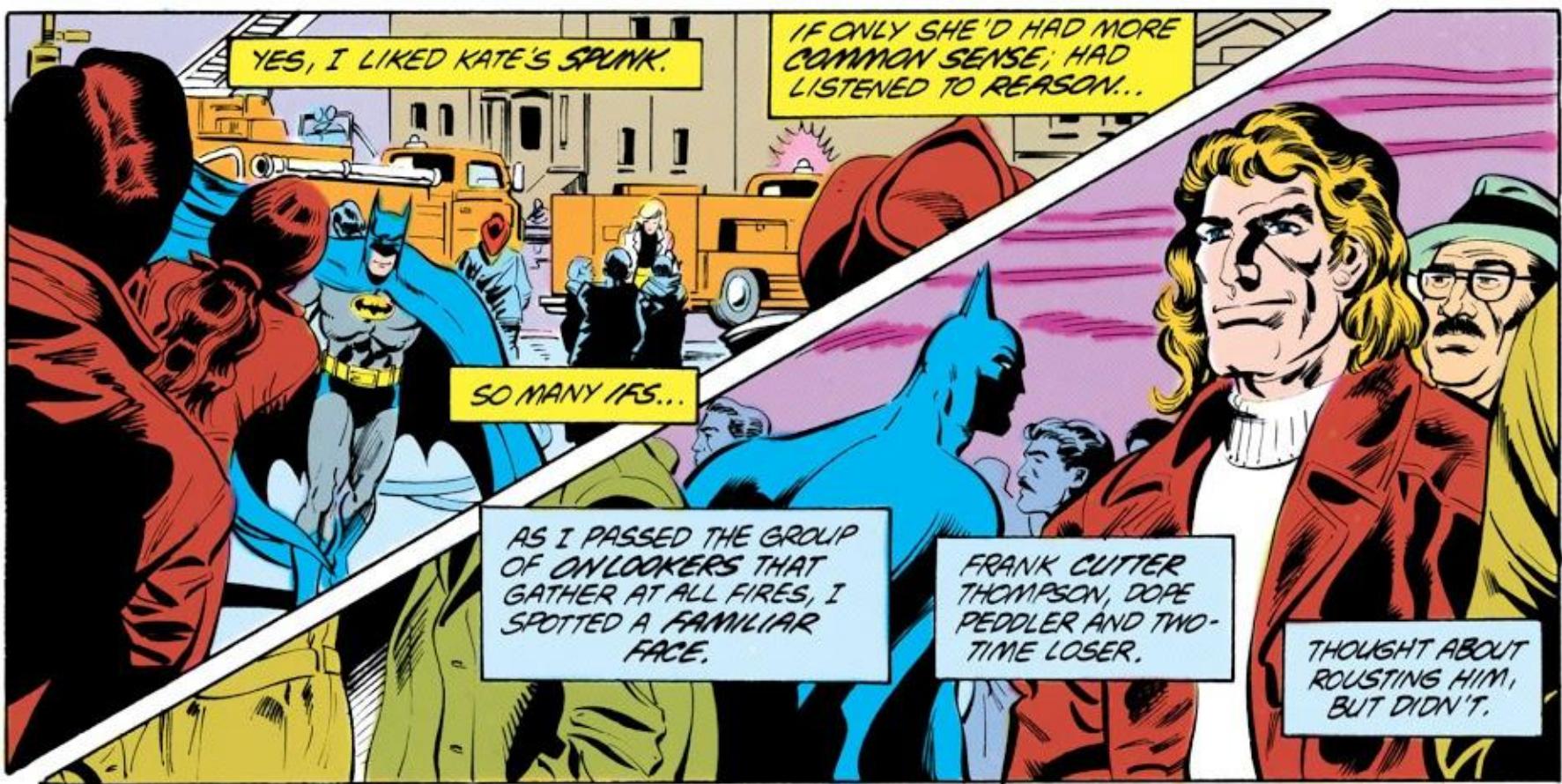
VICTIMS!





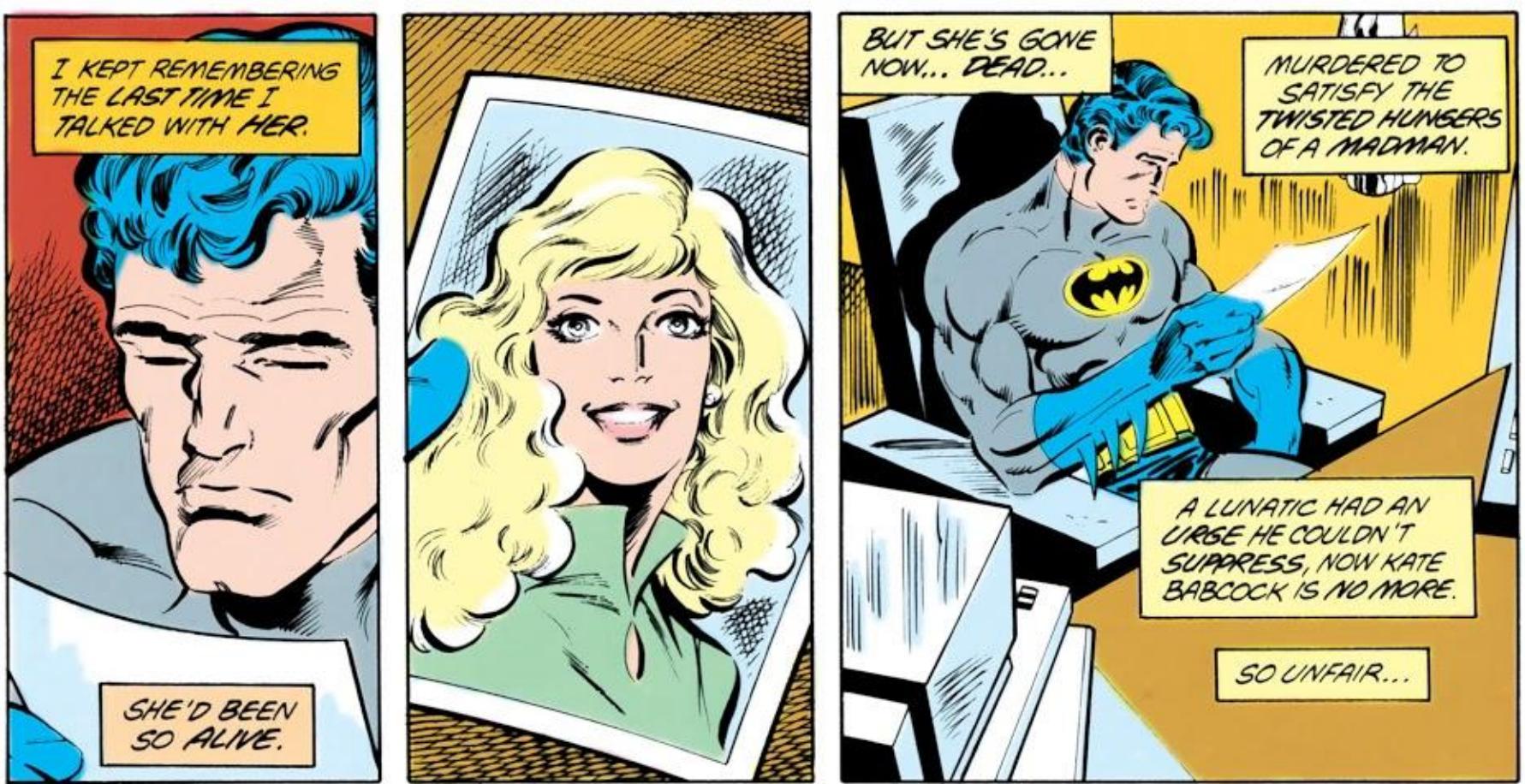
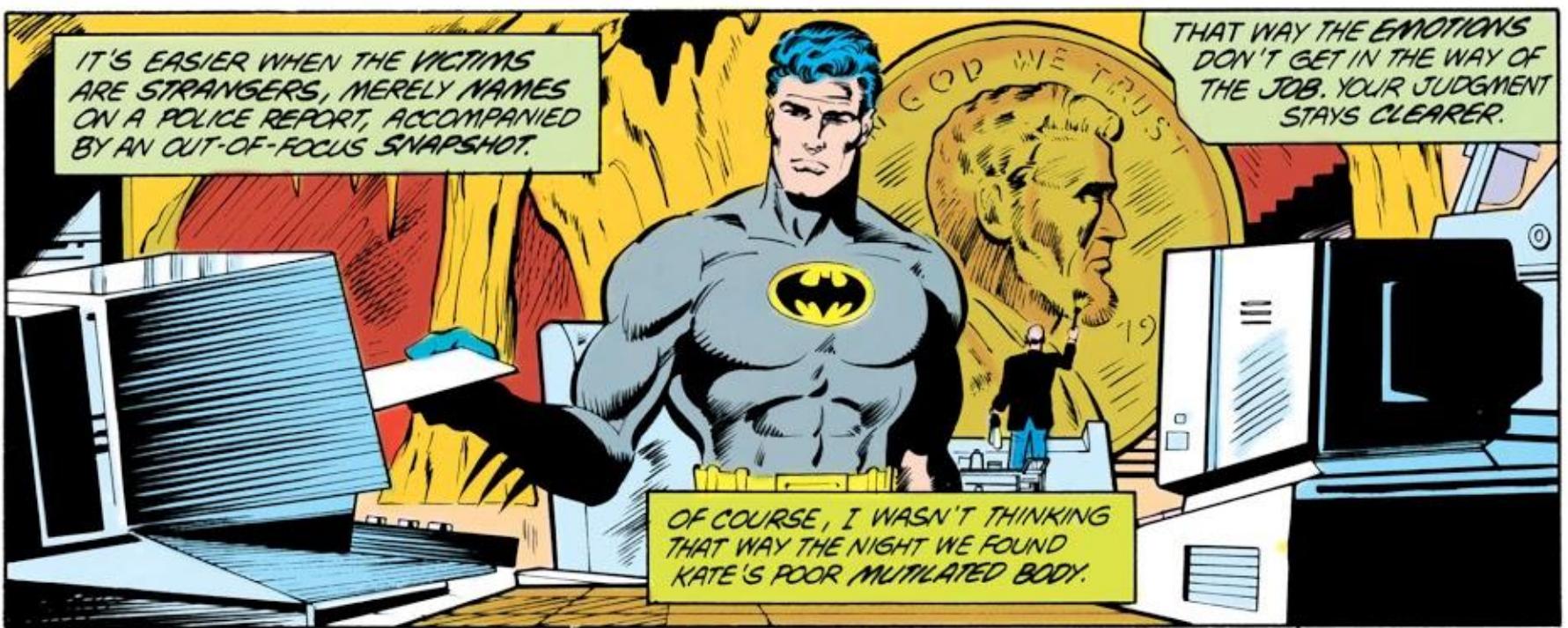




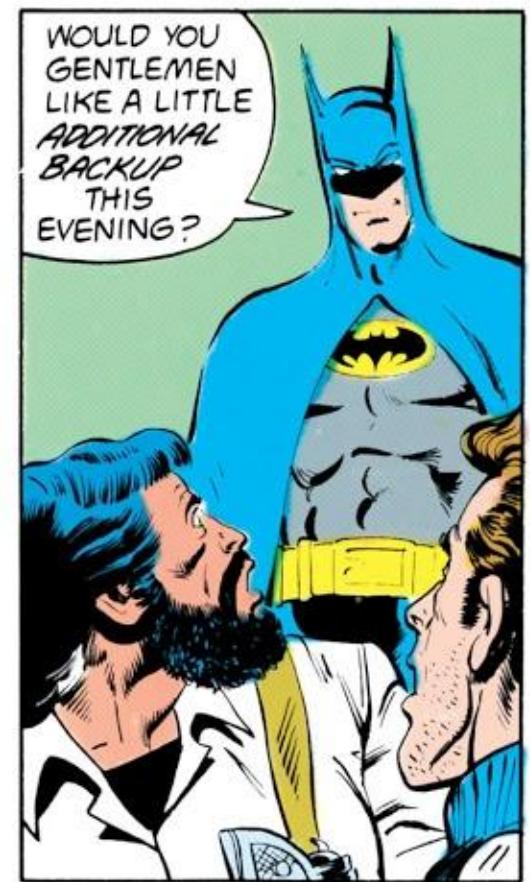
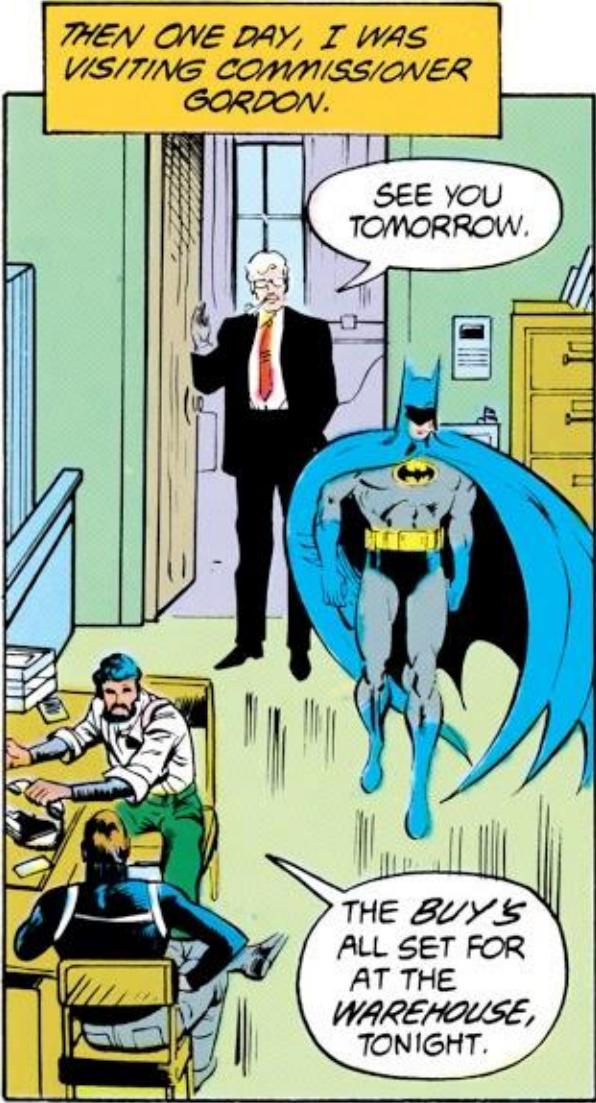






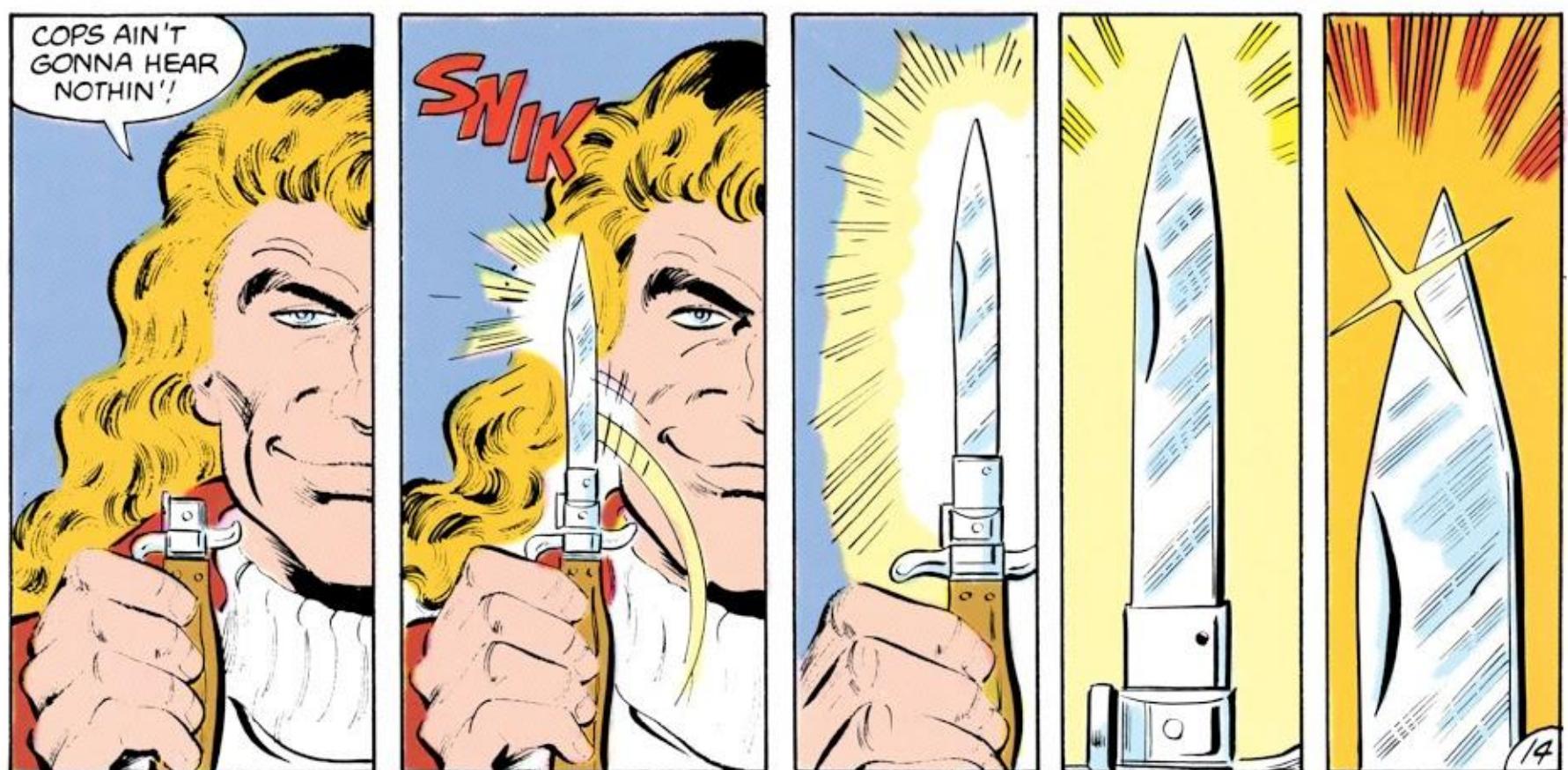


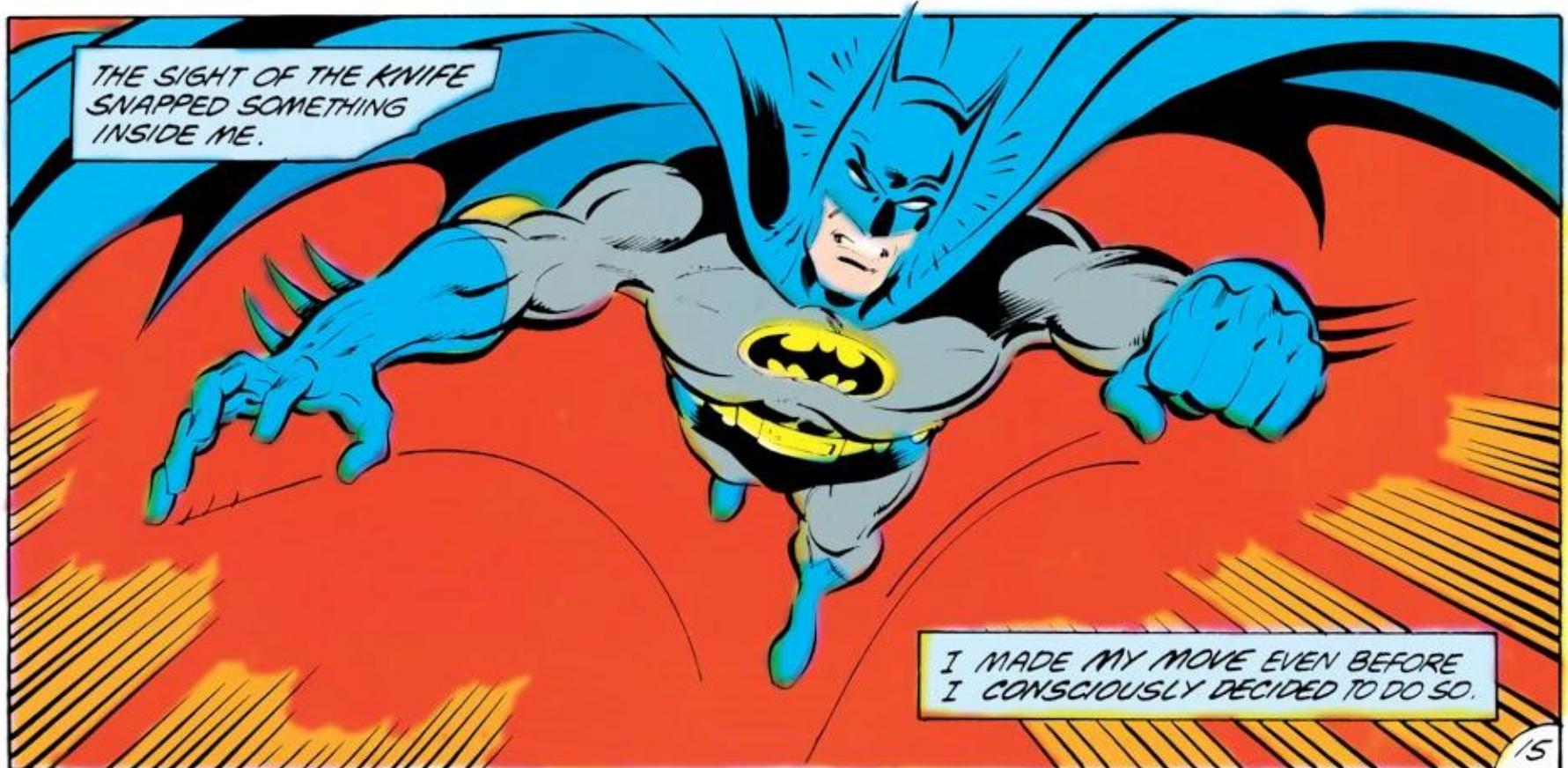
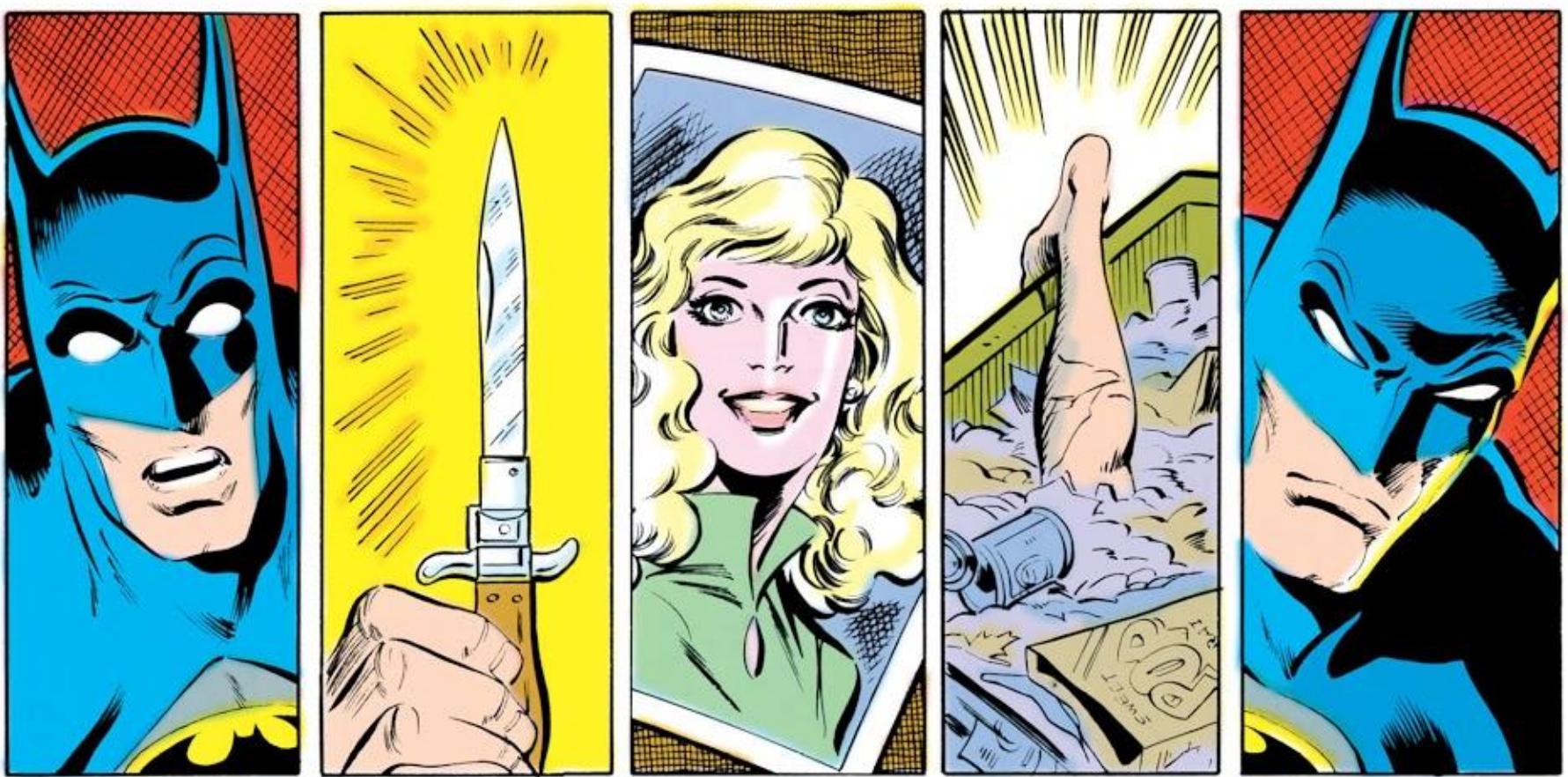




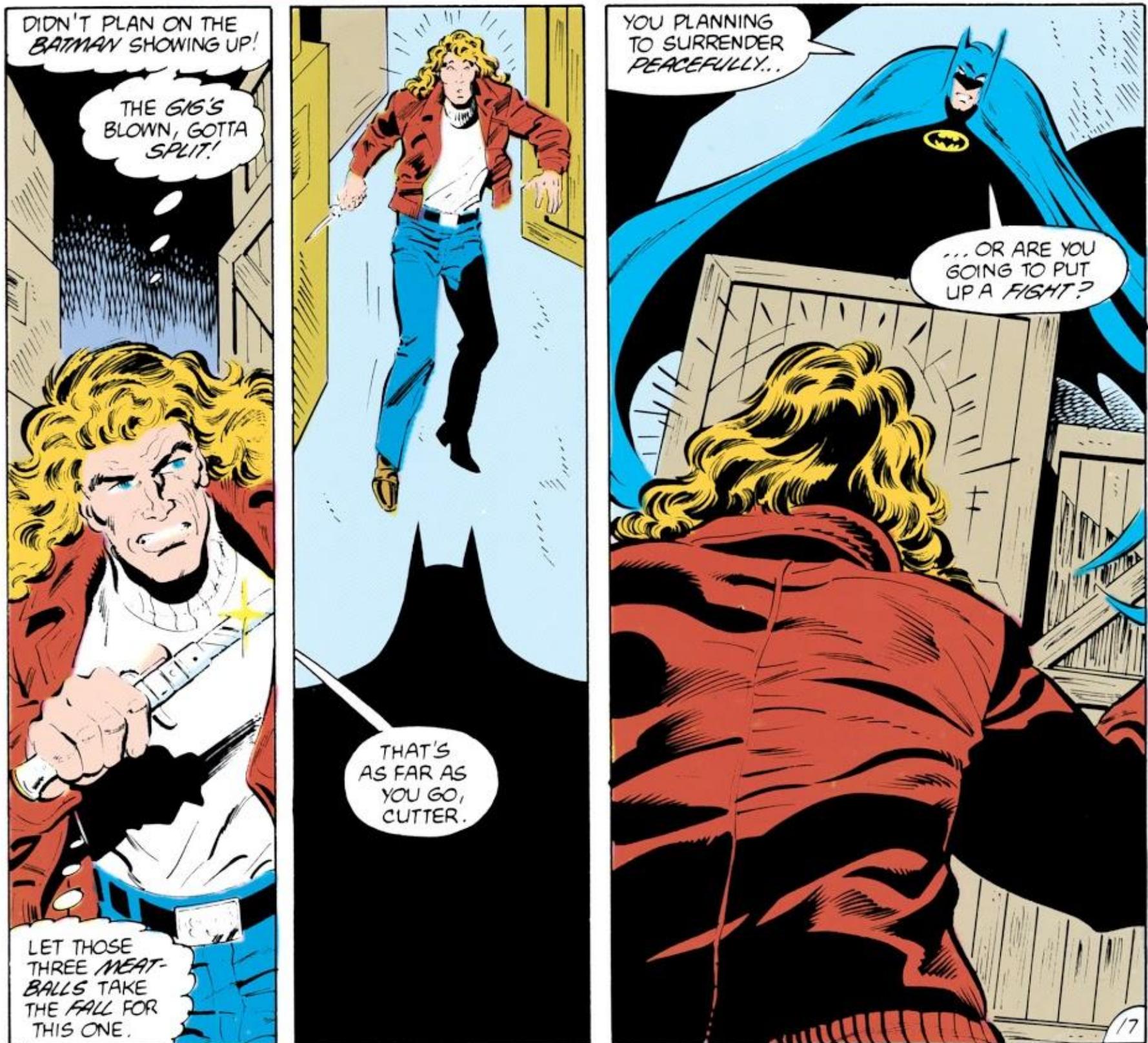


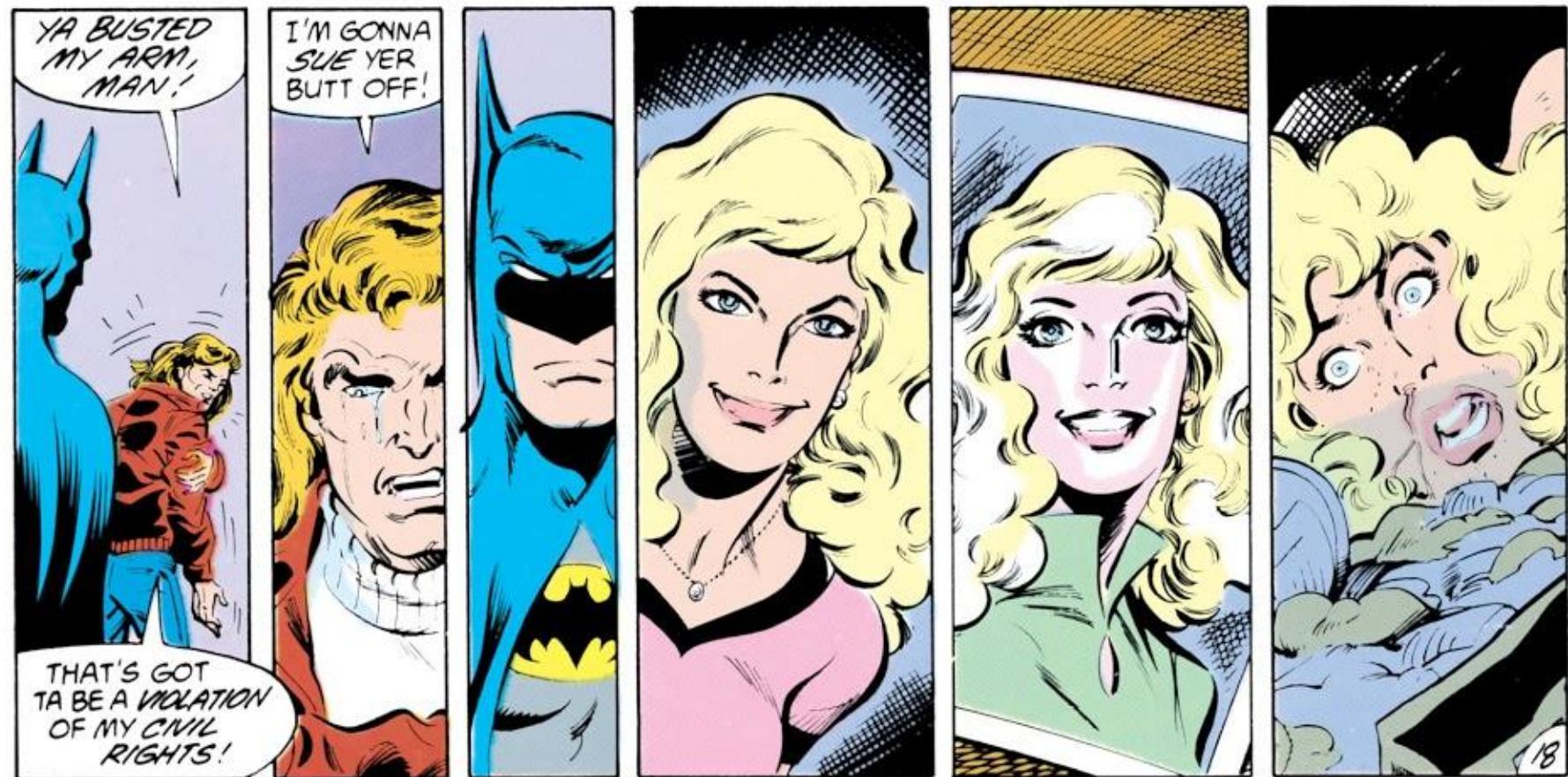


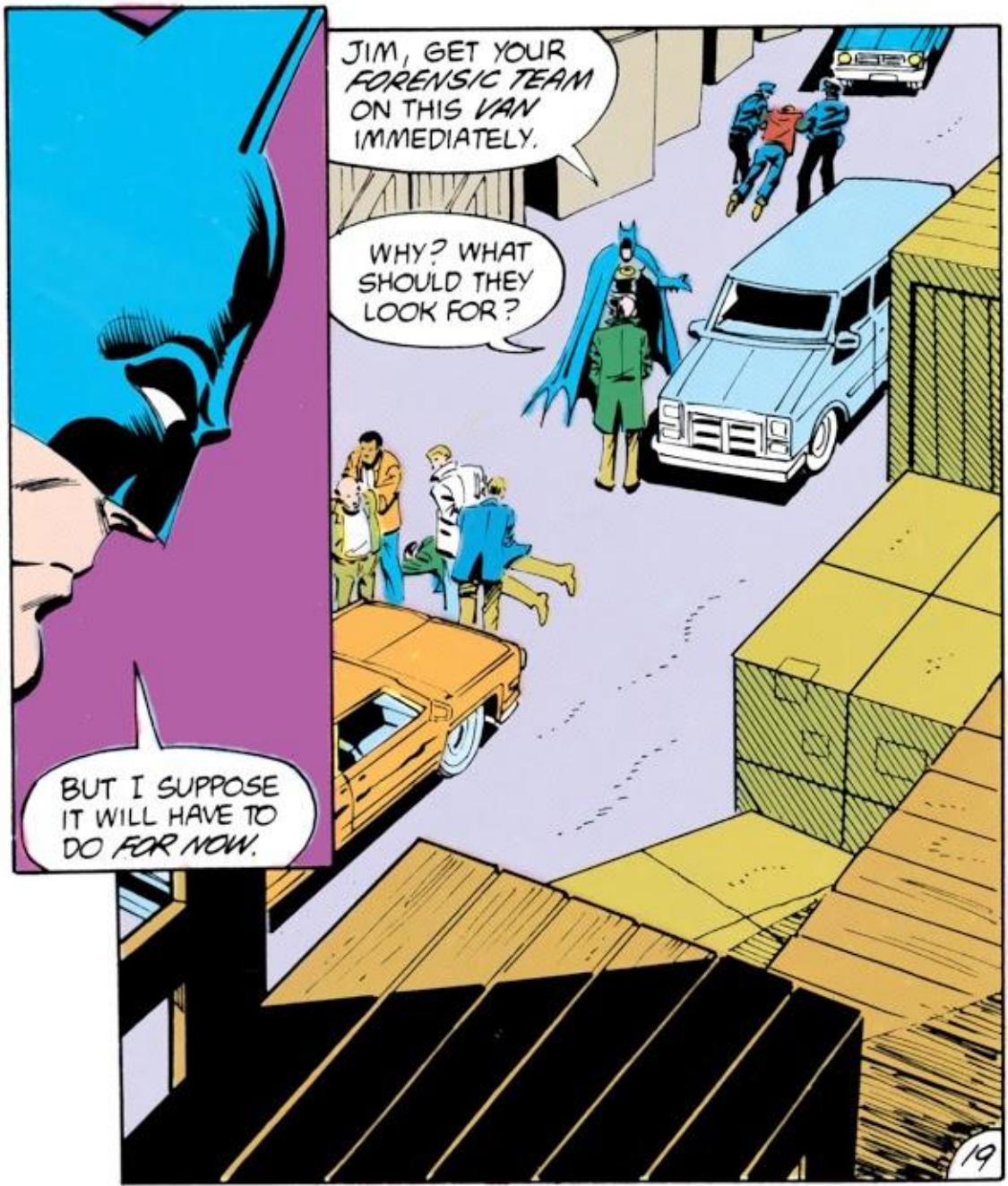


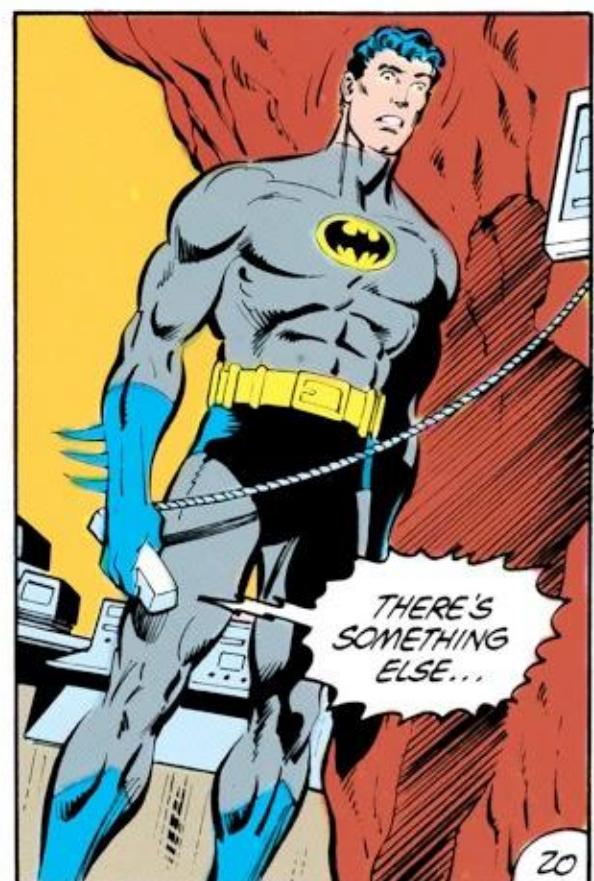
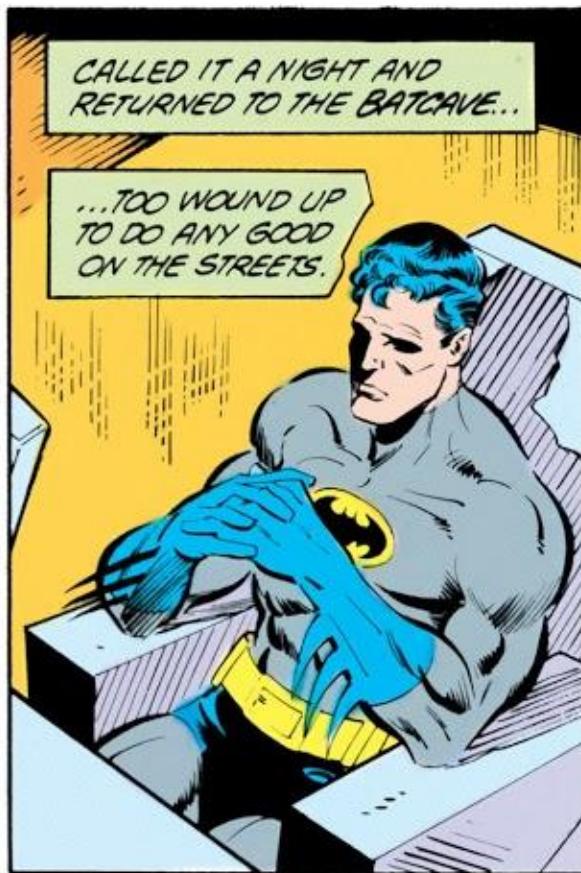
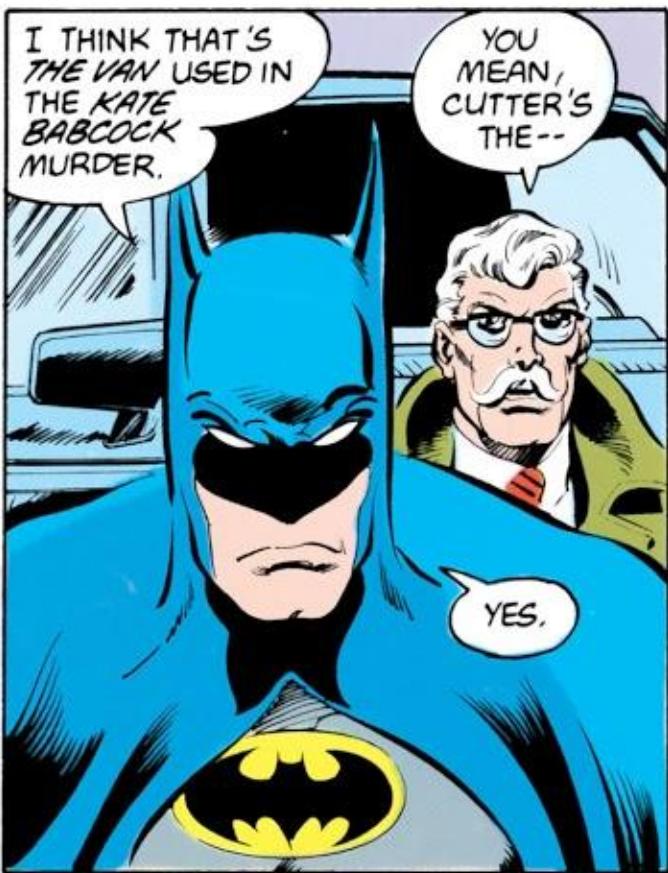


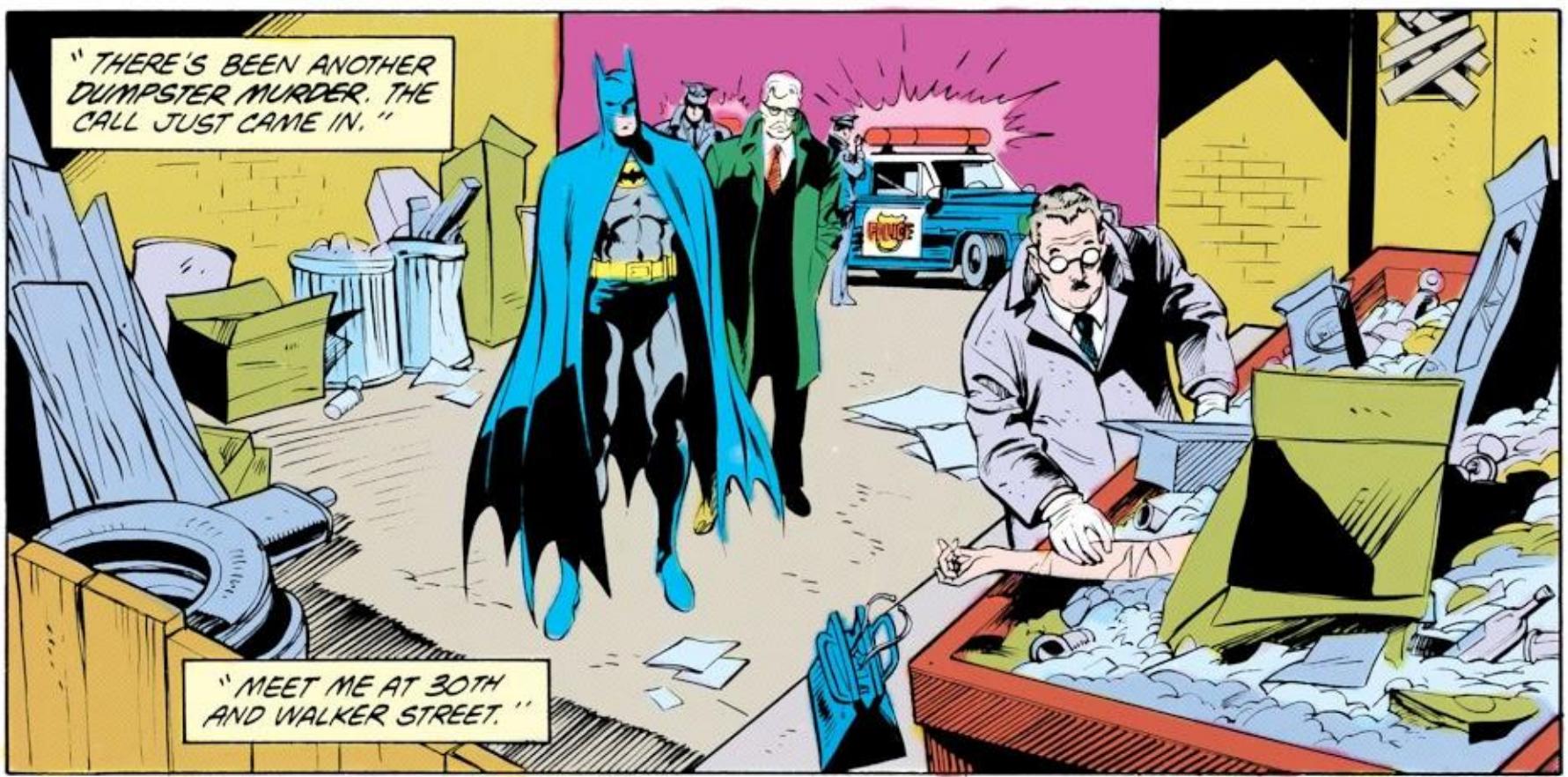












NOTHING TO BE DONE.
I'D BLOWN THE CASE.

I ALLOWED MY FEELINGS
TO CLOUD MY JUDG-
MENTS, MADE STUPID
LEAPS IN LOGIC, AND
CAME UP WITH THE
WRONG ANSWERS.

...NOW A
FIFTH
WOMAN
IS DEAD.

MY FAULT...



MY FIXATION
WITH CUTTER
BLINDED ME
TO OTHER
POSSIBILITIES.

I SAW THE RED VAN,
SHOULD HAVE CHECKED
IT OUT EARLIER, DIDN'T...



HOPEFULLY,
HIS SUCCESS
WILL MAKE
HIM CARELESS.
ALL I NEED
IS ONE
MISTAKE ON
HIS PART AND
HE'S MINE.





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