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# BATMAN

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I CAN'T LEAVE GOTHAM WITHOUT A BATMAN, BUT I CAN'T MAKE AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT, LIKE LAST TIME.

I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE A THING TO WORRY ABOUT, BRUCE.  
THIS TIME...

I CAN'T REPLACE YOU, BRUCE...

## PRODIGAL: PART I

# ROBIN and BATMAN

...YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

...BUT I'D BE LYING IF I SAID IT'S NOT GOING TO BE WILD STANDING IN FOR YOU.

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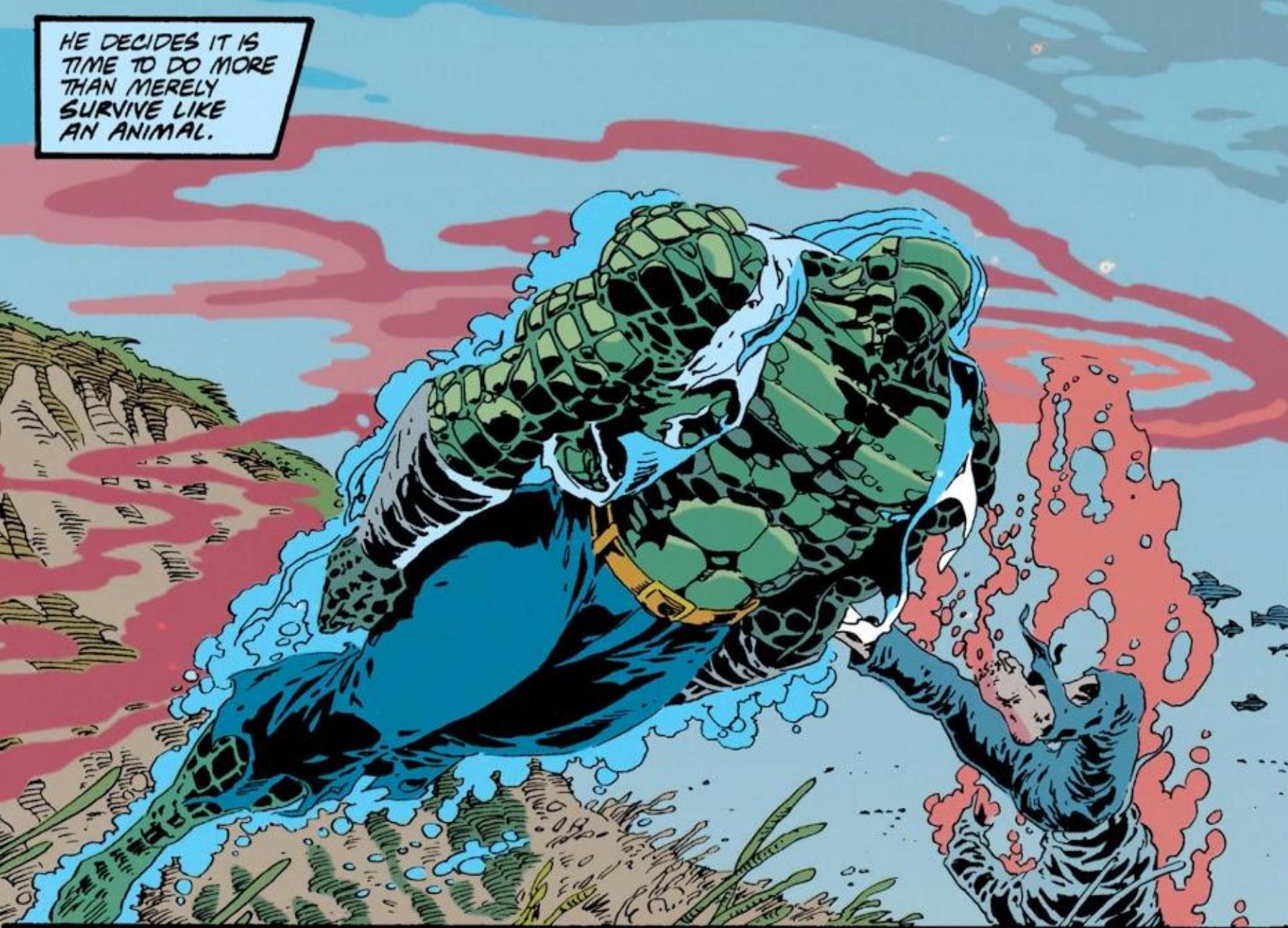
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GOTHAM  
RIVER!







...AND EVEN IN A STATE LIKE THIS... DESERTED... NEGLECTED...

"...IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES... OF HOW IT WAS AFTER BRUCE TOOK ME IN..."

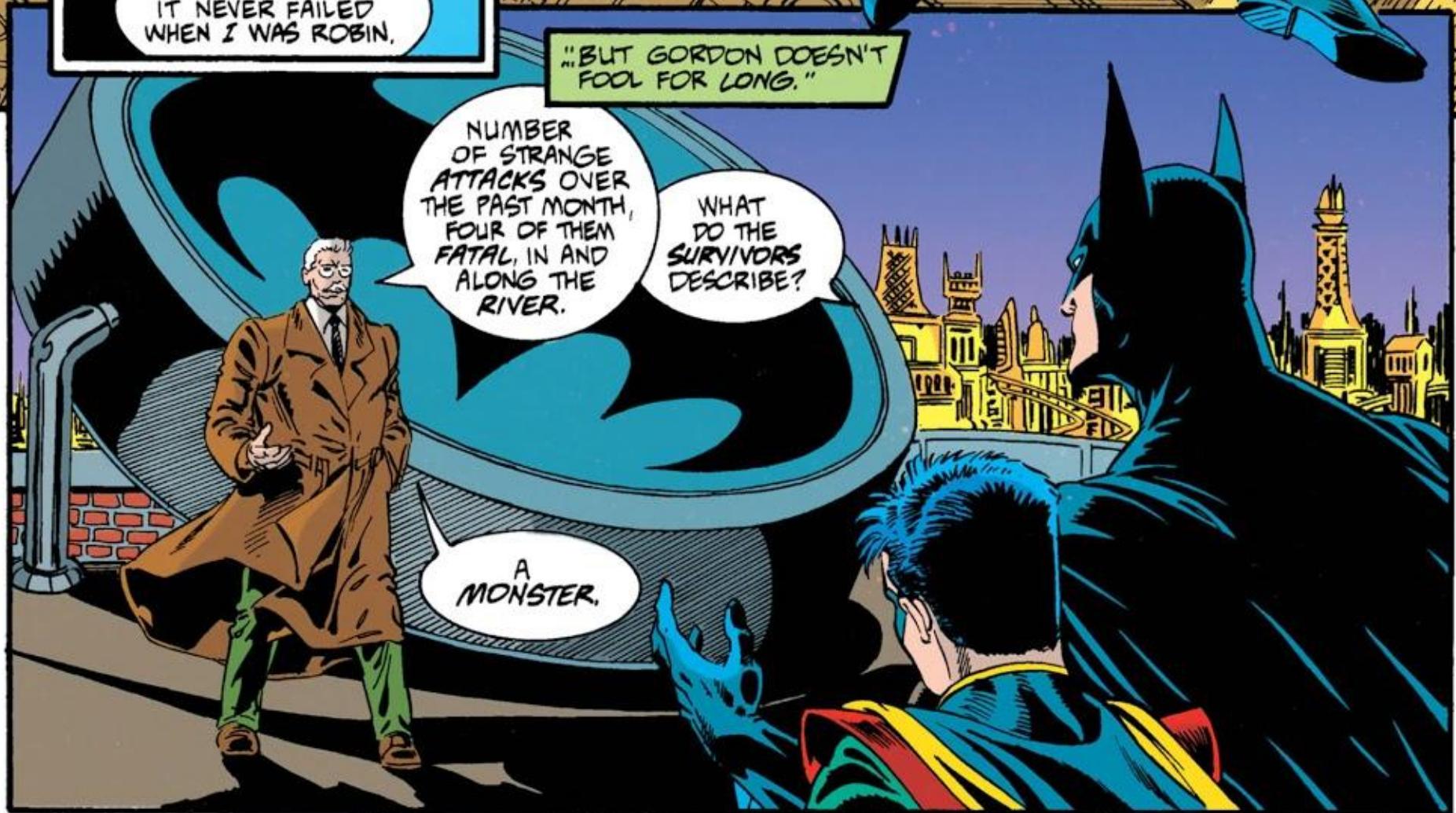
"...MORE ELEGANT THAN ANYTHING A KID FROM THE CIRCUS COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE... AND FILLED WITH VIBRANT LIFE... WITH PEOPLE WHO LOOKED AND SPOKE LIKE CHARACTERS FROM A BOOK..."

"...OR MAYBE EVEN... FROM A DREAM."

AHEM...







ANYTHING ELSE, COMMISSIONER?

JUST ONE THING.

WHICH ONE AM I TALKING TO TONIGHT?

GONE--AND SO MUCH FOR THE ROUGH AND SPOOKY VOICE.

COME ON.

WITH A TON OF LUCK, MAYBE I CAN AT LEAST FOOL--

"--THE BATS IN THE CAVE."

GORDON'S CONSULTANTS WERE RIGHT.

ANIMAL DENTITION, ALL RIGHT, BUT THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE BITE IS--

HUMAN, DICK--OR AS CLOSE TO HUMAN AS WAYLON JONES GETS!

NO MATCH IN FILES

AND WAYLON JONES IS-

KILLER CROC--BUSTED OUT OF ARKHAM ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHERS BY BANE...

"I GOT TRAPPED BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM IN A SEWER CHAMBER."

"WHEN THE CAUSEWAY WE WERE ON COLLAPSED--"

"--I MANAGED TO STOP MYSELF--"

--BANE AND CROC WERE SWEEPED INTO THE TUNNEL, STILL TRYING TO TEAR EACH OTHER APART.

"THEY MUST HAVE BEEN WASHED ALL THE WAY OUT TO GOTHAM HARBOR..."

BANE SHOWED UP AGAIN, OF COURSE, BUT THAT WAS THE LAST WE SAW OF CROC.

I EVEN THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE DROWNED...

NO SUCH LUCK-- HE JUST GOT HUNGRY.

AND IT'S TIME TO GO SEE HIM NOW--

"..ON THE RIVER."

WHATTA  
WE GOT  
TONIGHT,  
SALT?

SHIPMENT'A  
GUNS-DUE  
IN ABOUT AN  
HOUR.

WERE  
SMUGGLIN'  
GUNS  
NOW?

AUTOMATIC  
ASSAULT PIECES-  
GONNA SELL 'EM  
TO THE JAMAICAN  
GANGBANGERS...

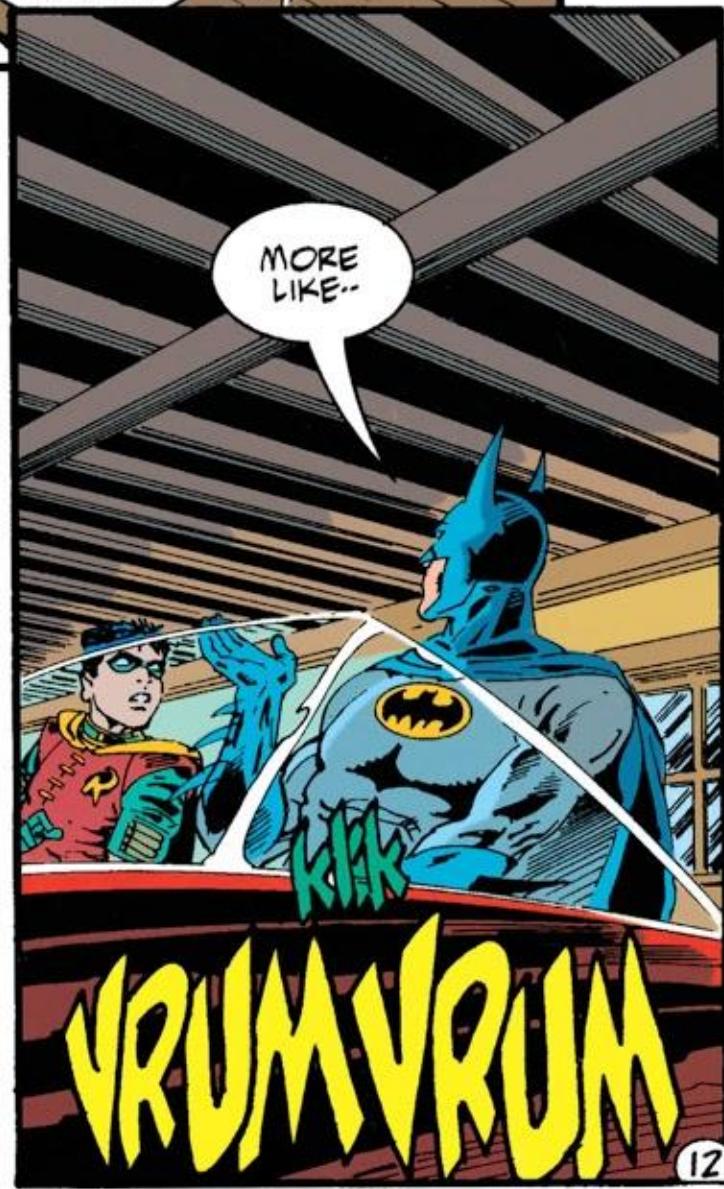
...MAKE UP FOR  
SOME OF THE DOPE  
PROFITS THEY HORNED  
IN ON AND...

HEY,  
WHAT WAS  
THAT--?

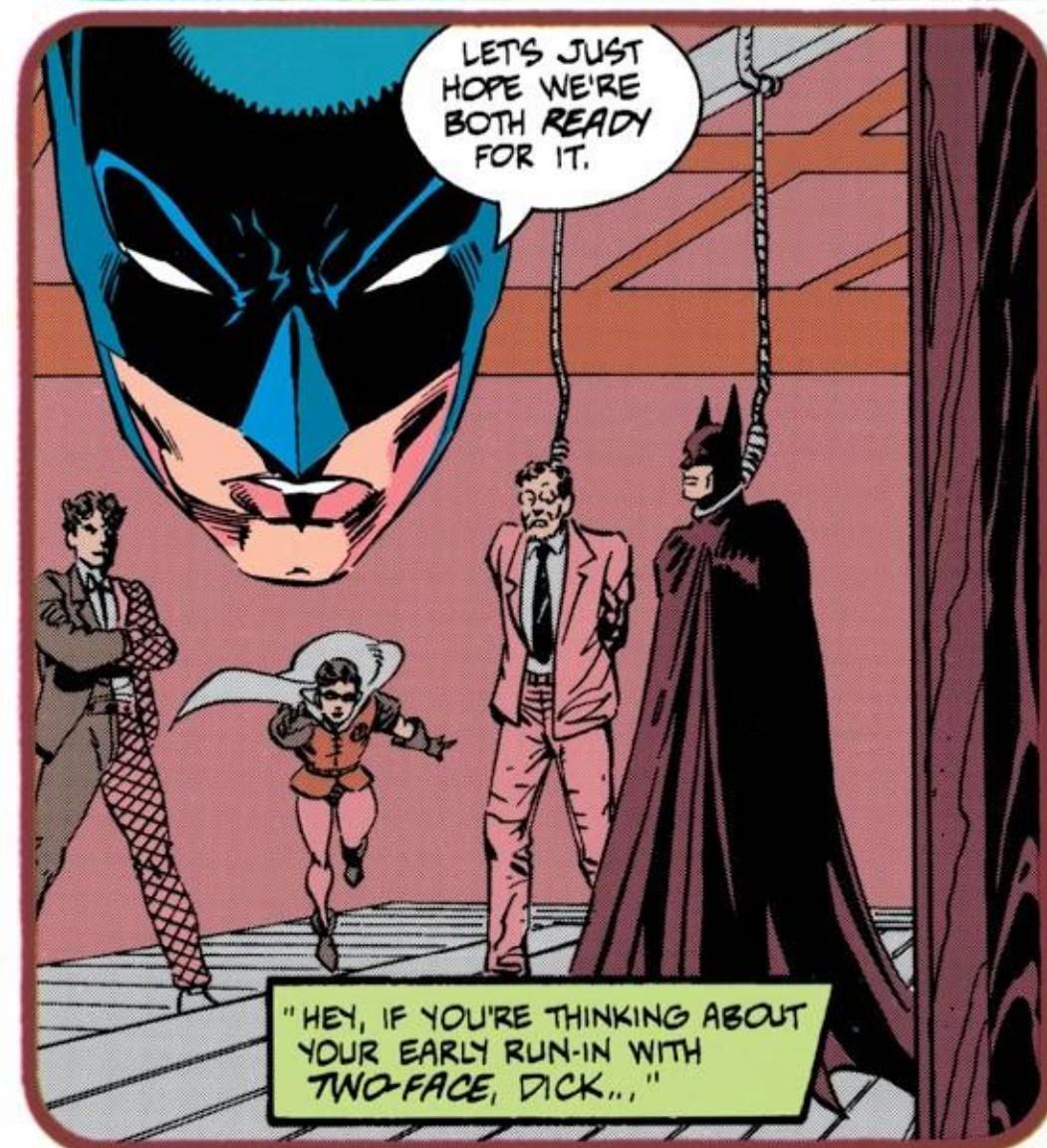
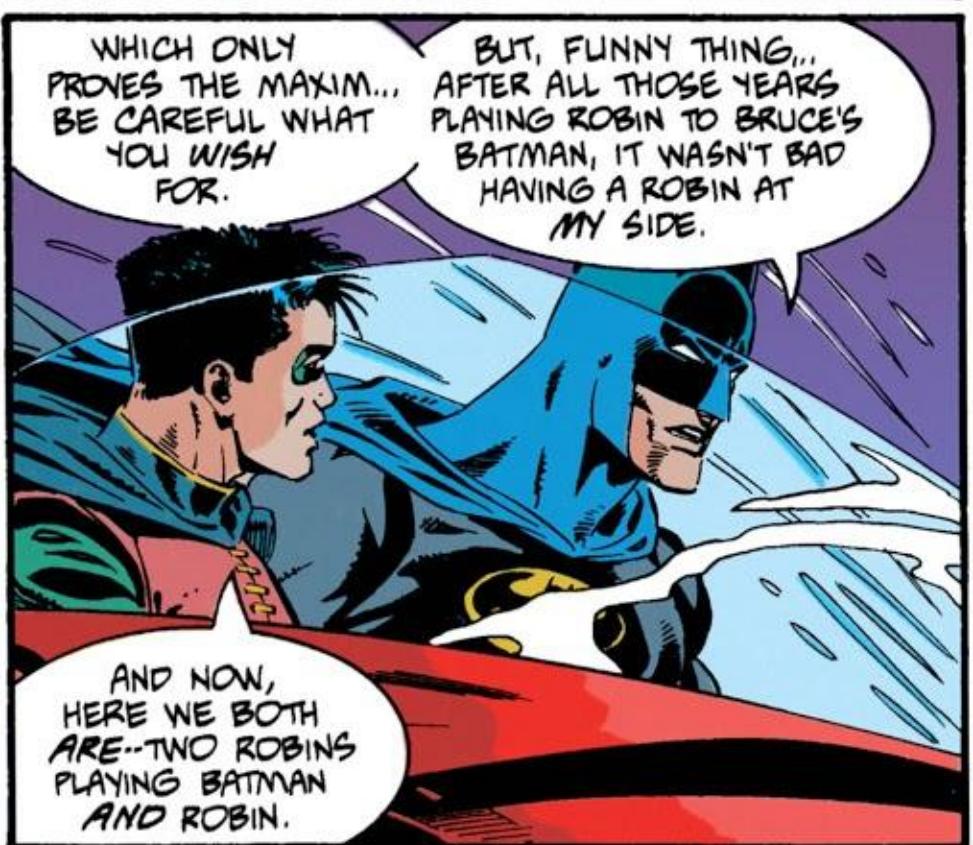
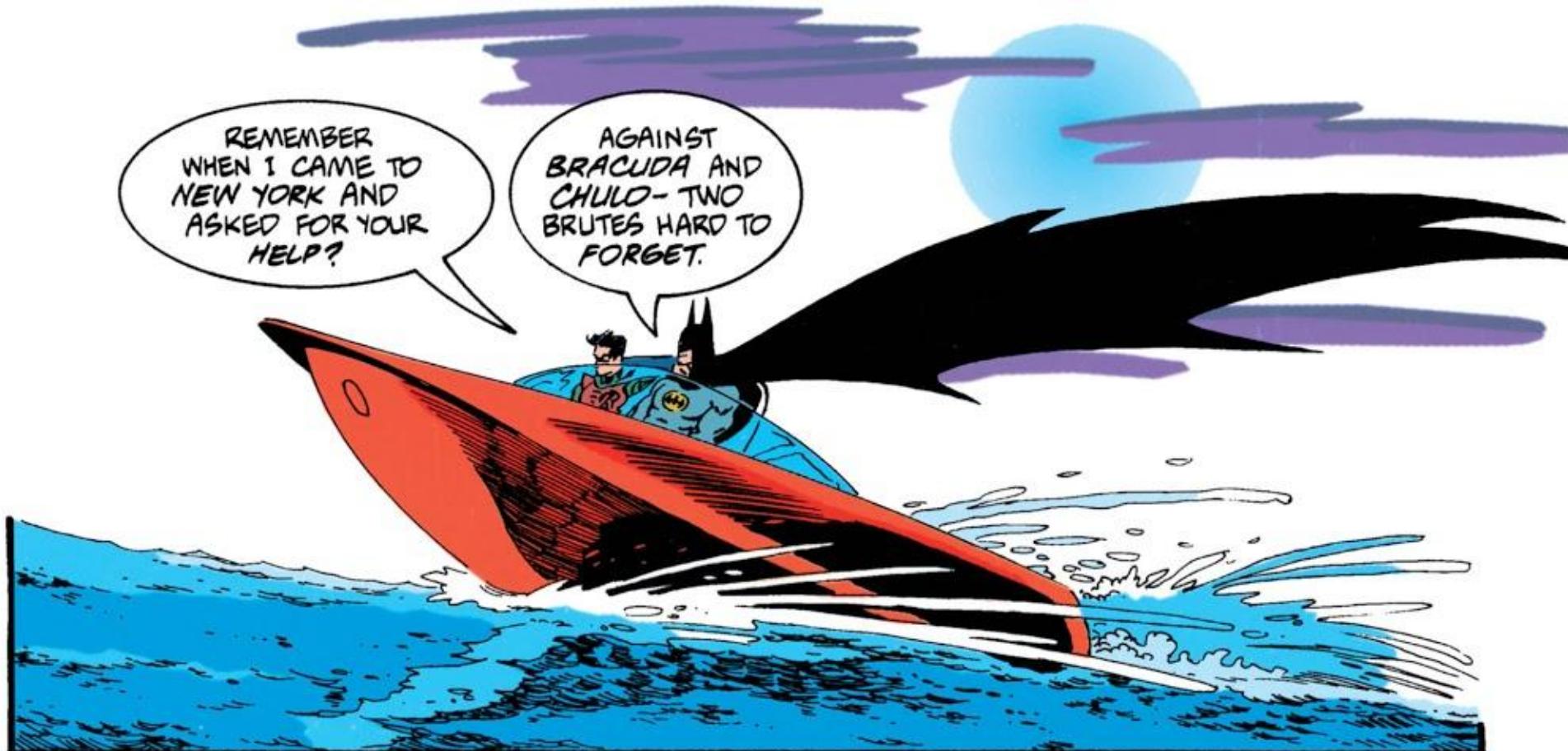
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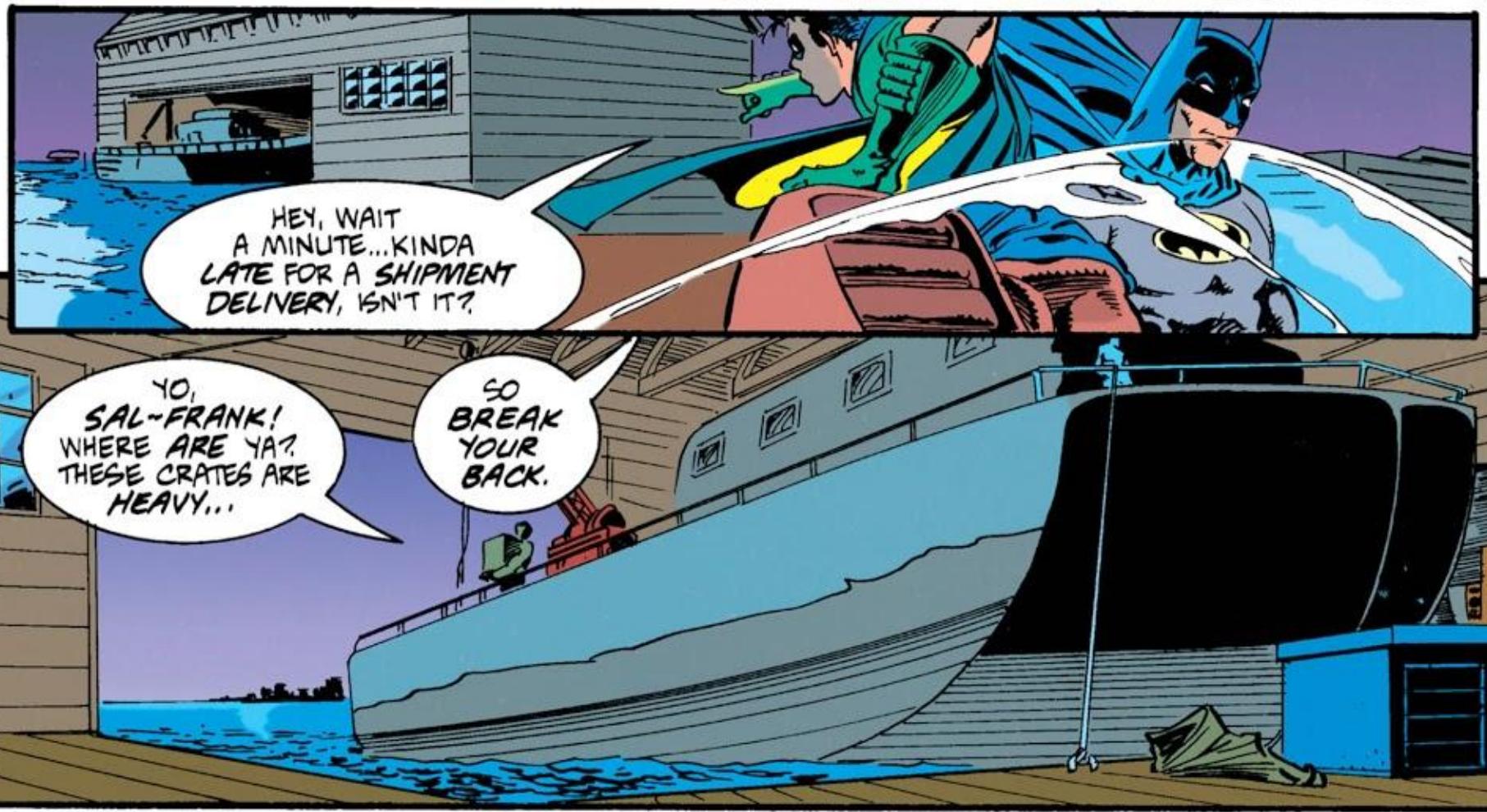
WH-WHAT  
THE~?!

S-SOME  
KIND OF  
M-MONSTER..  
?!









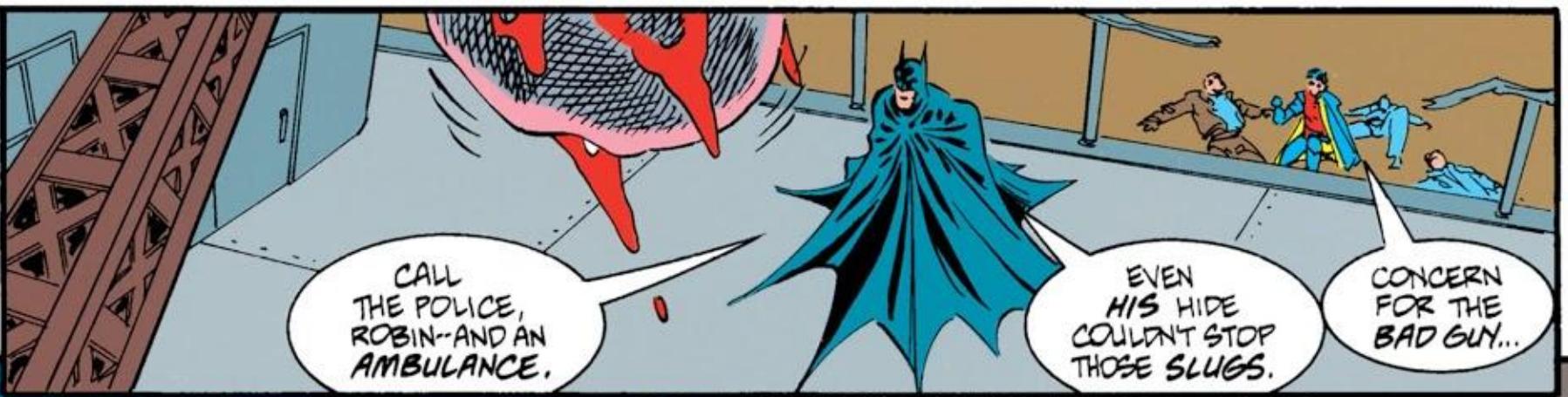
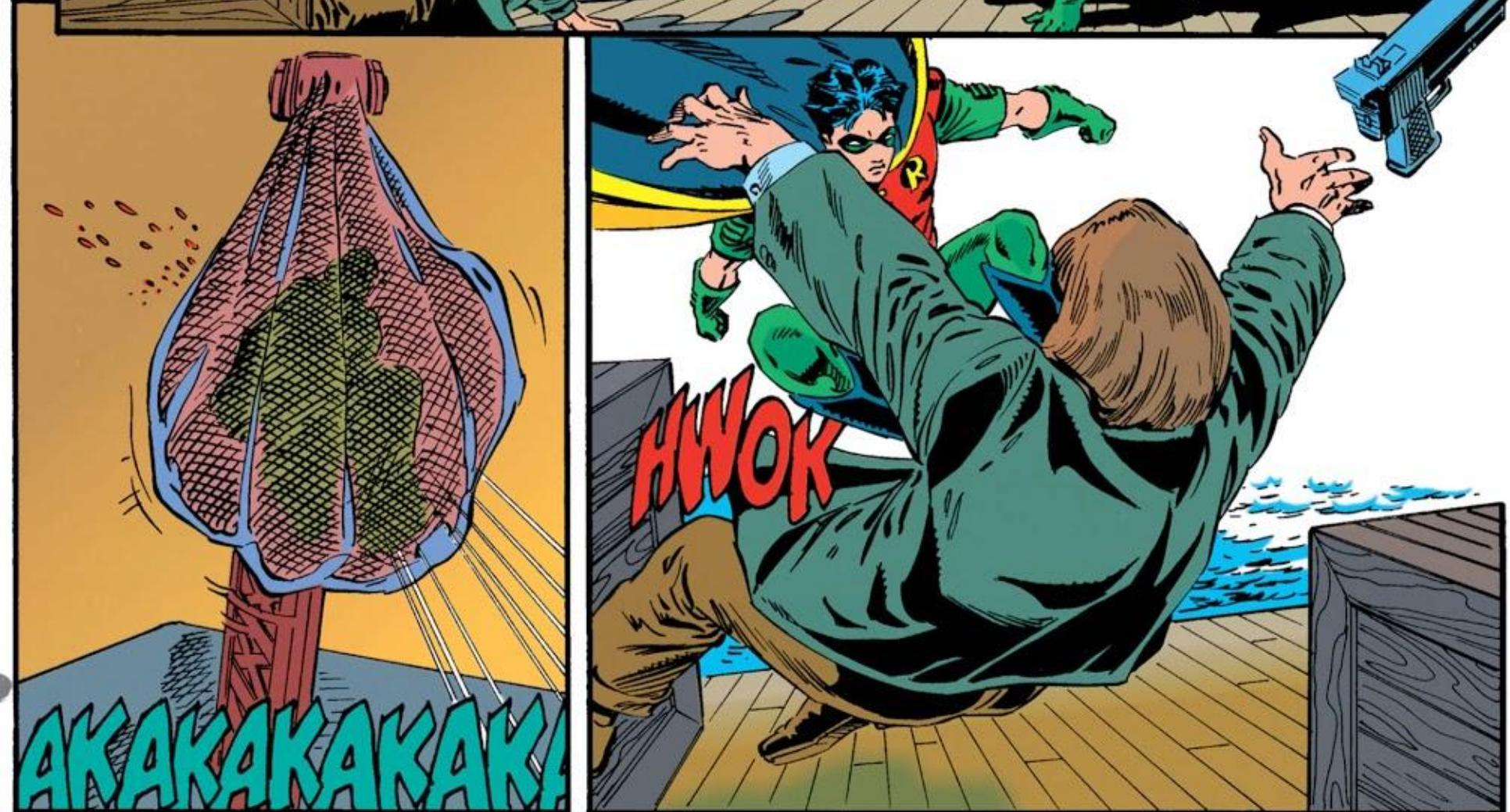
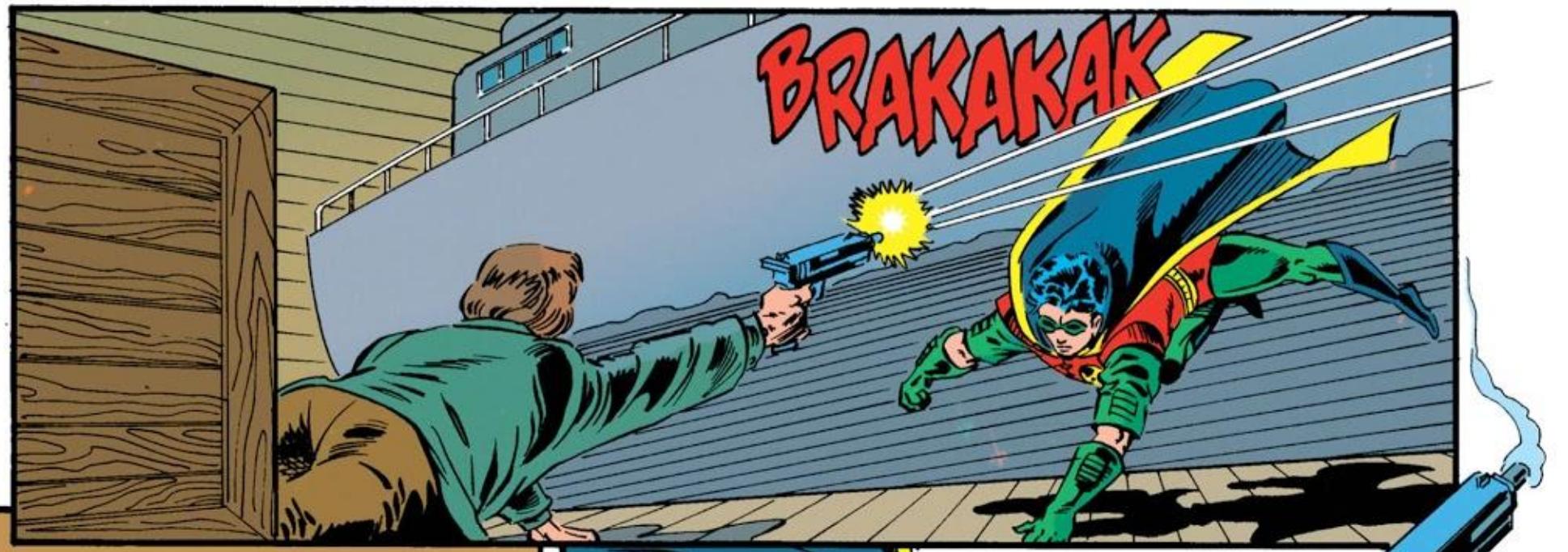
















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