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## Gotham

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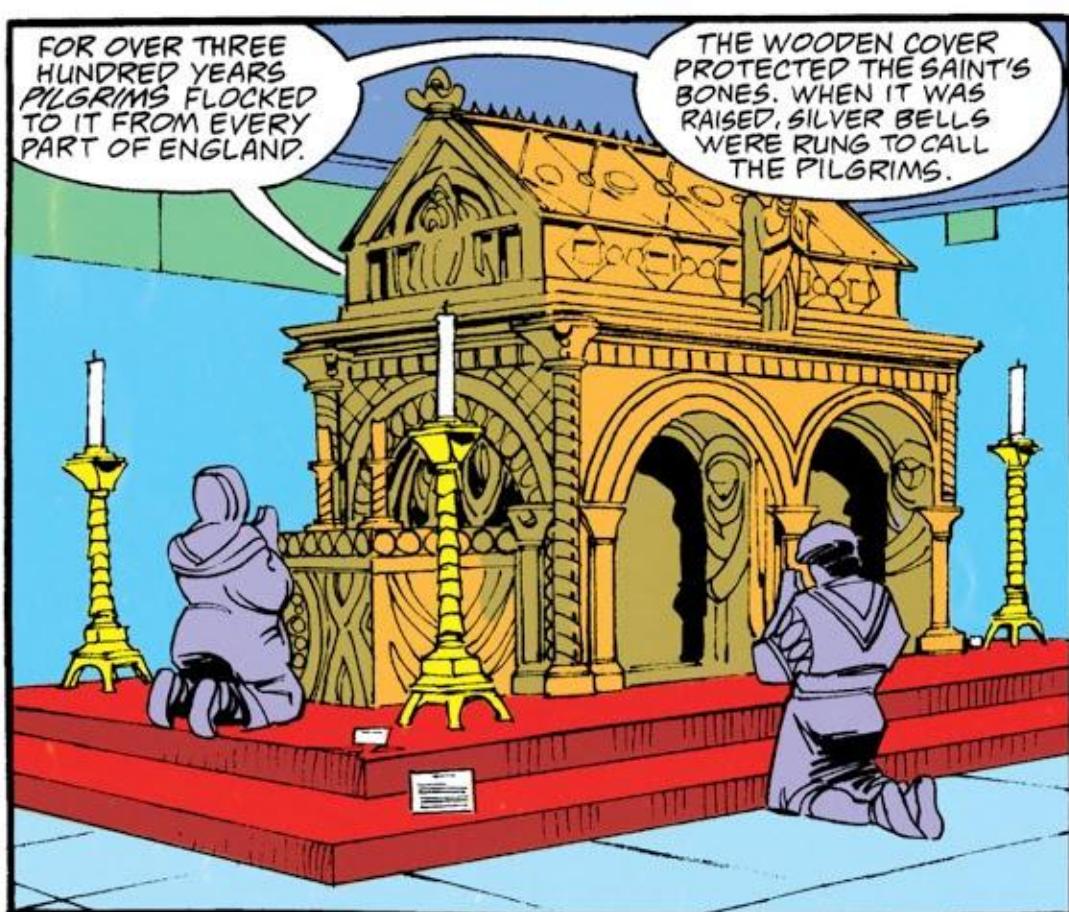


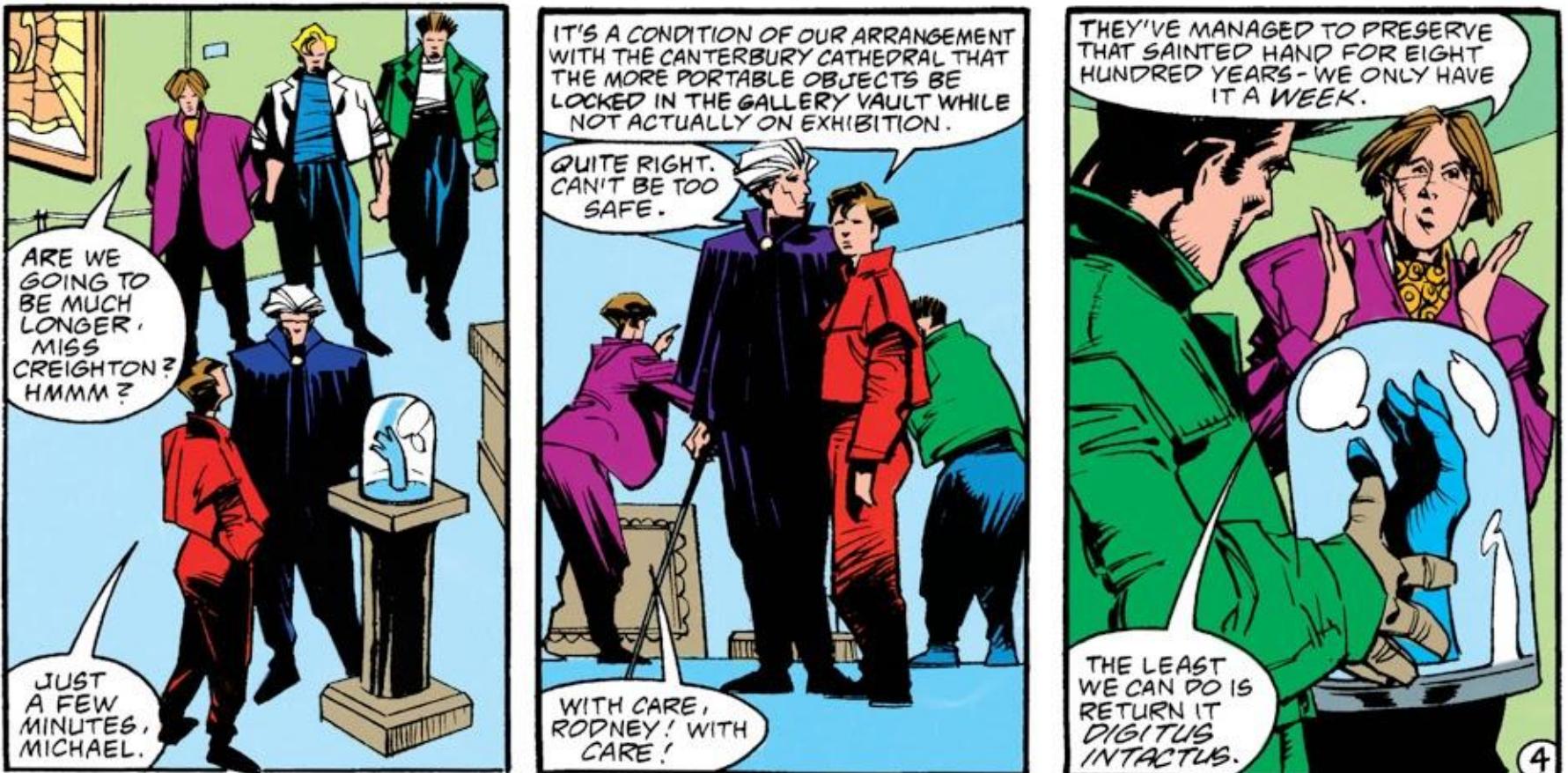
When clouds o'ershadow  
night's great eye,  
And winged creatures swirl  
on darkning sky;  
When north wind's chill  
breath winds  
Through Gotham's caverns,  
caressing every spine.  
In that hour the Gargoyle  
stalks his prey,  
And darker demons speed  
the dawn of judgment day...

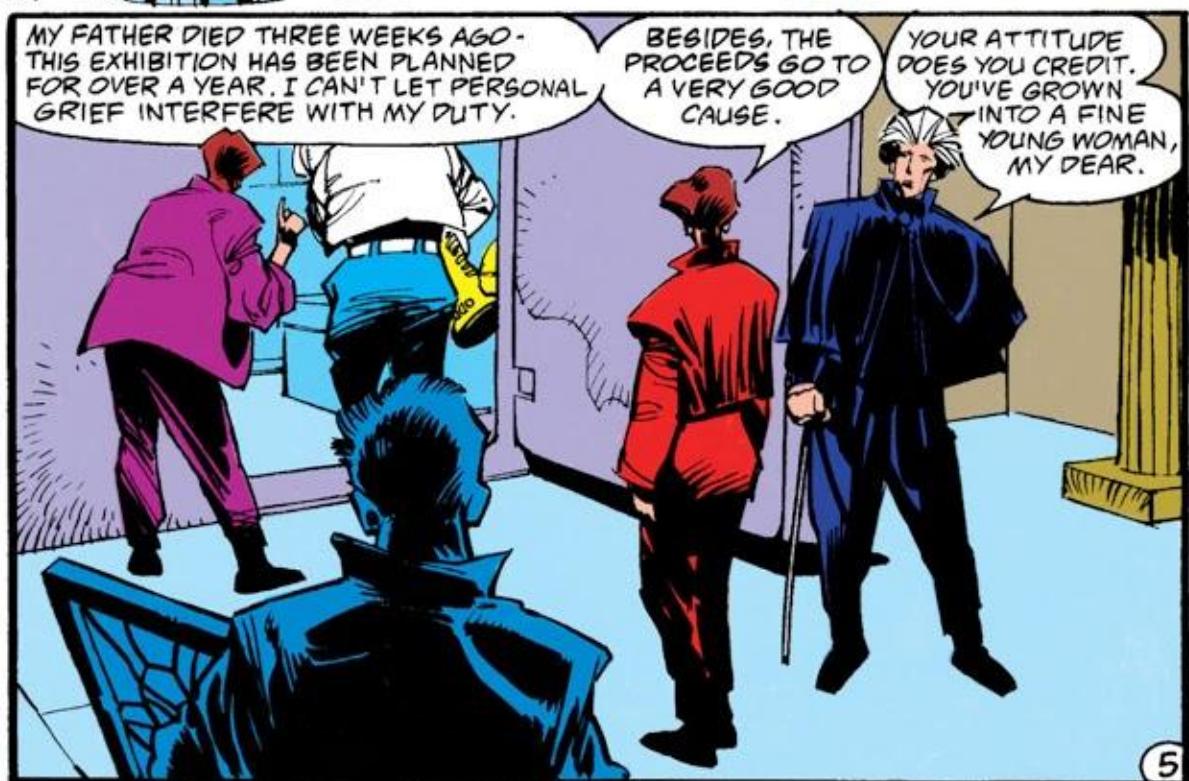
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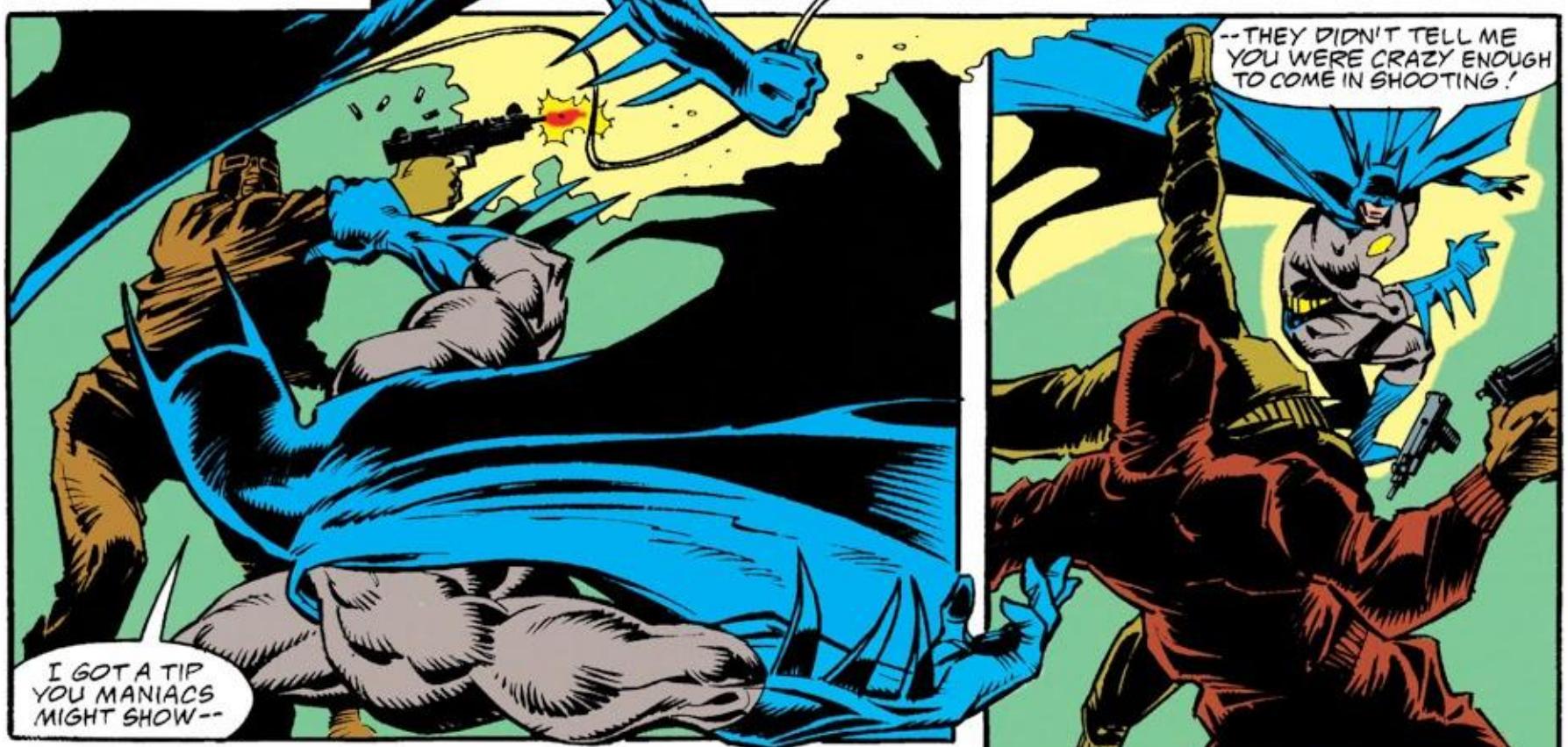
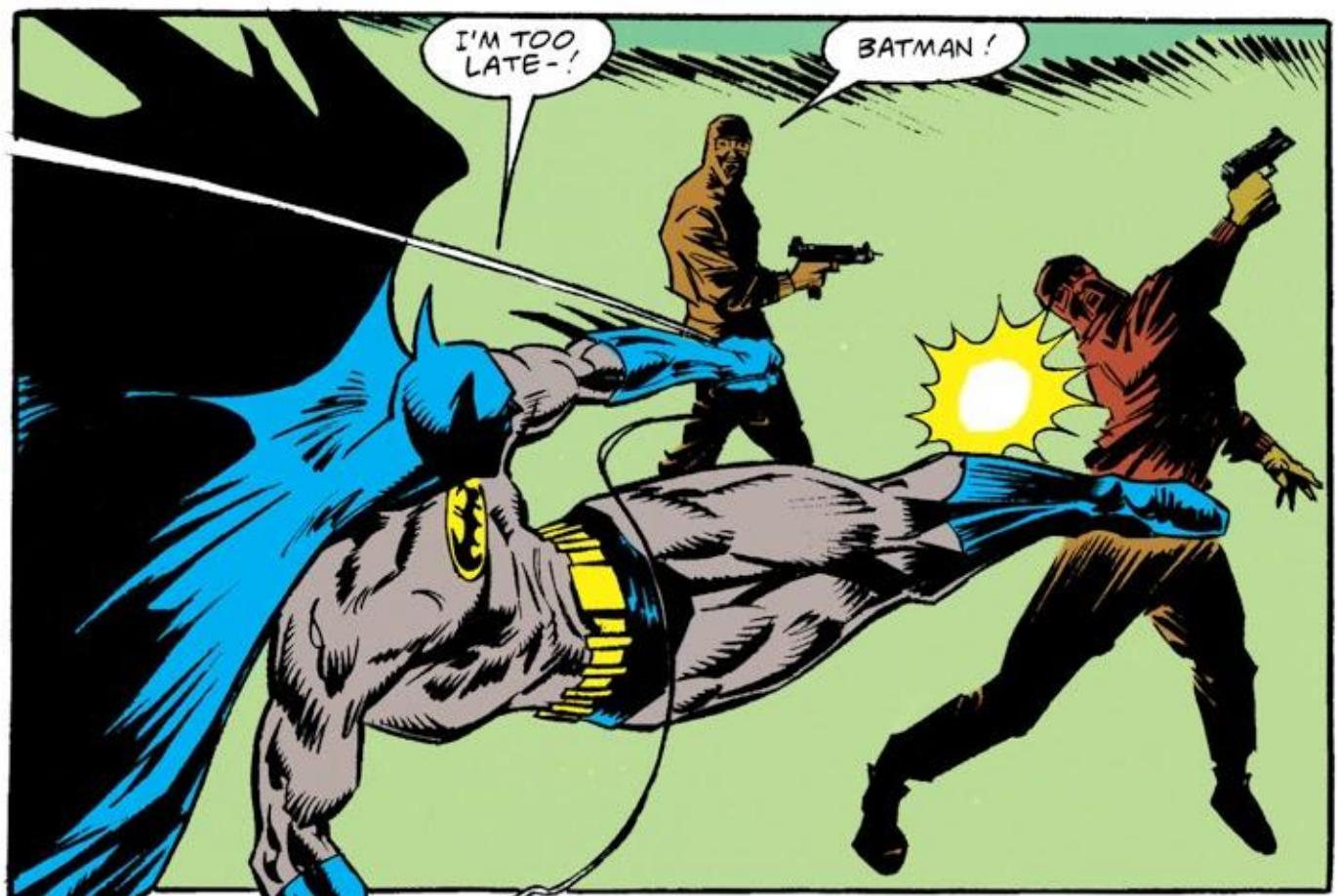


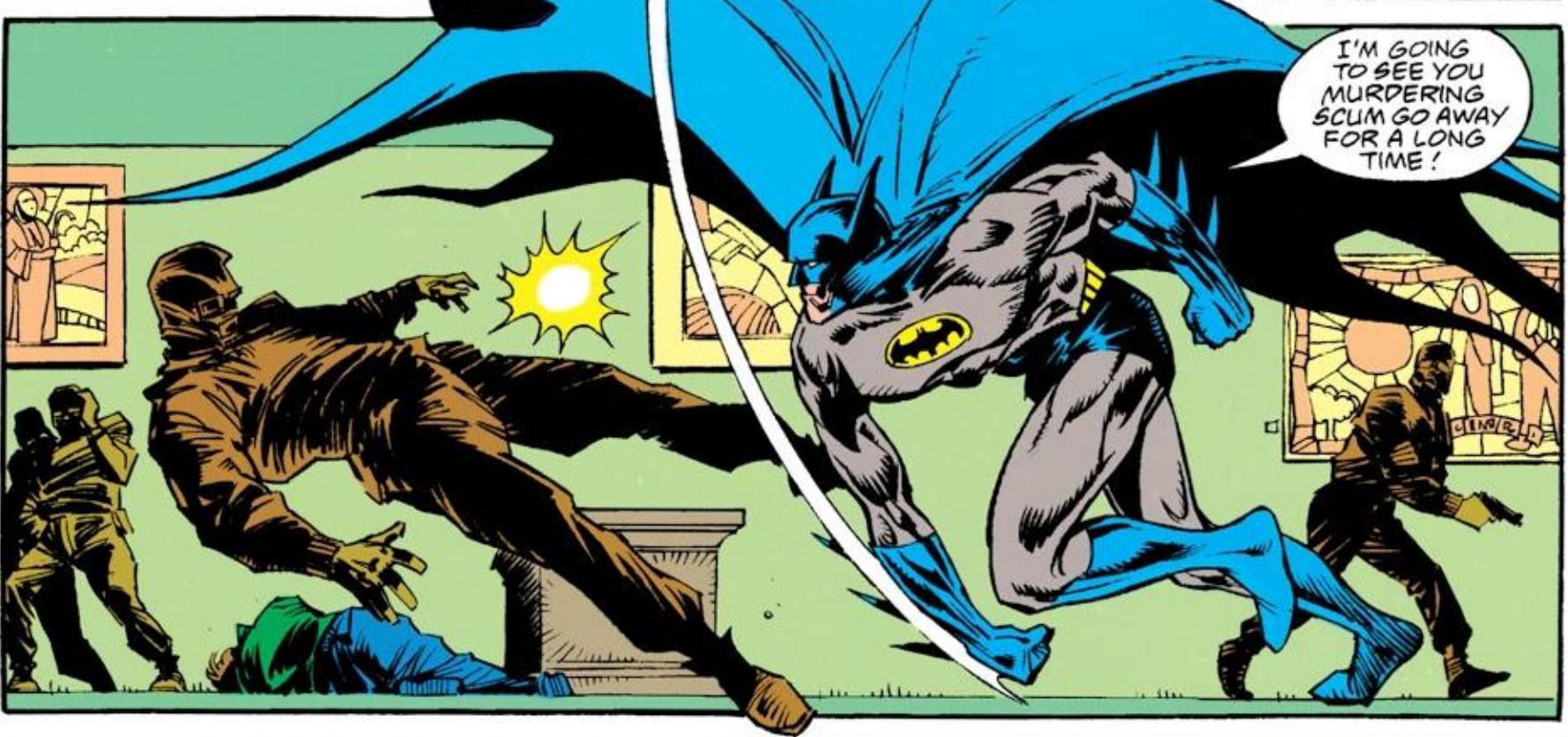


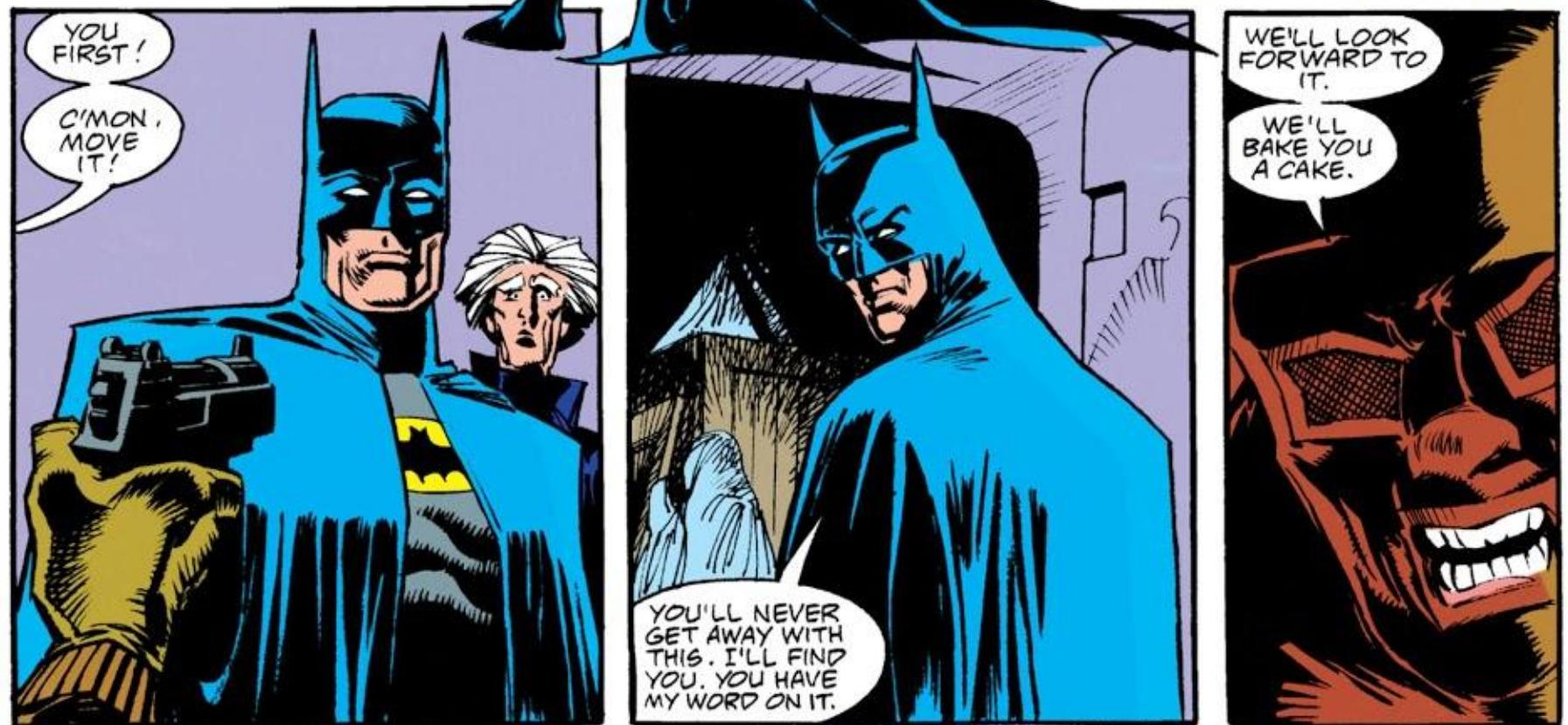
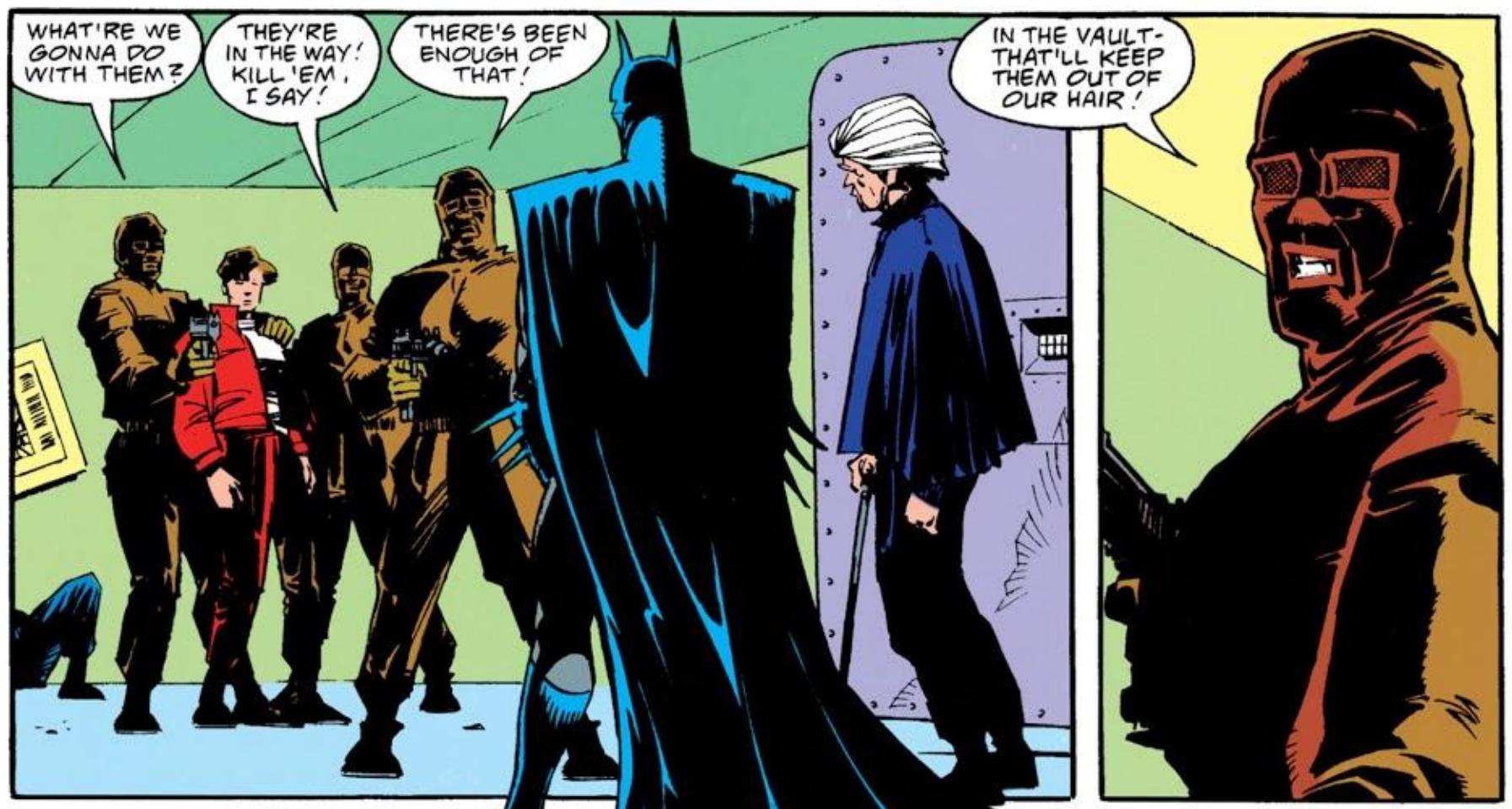


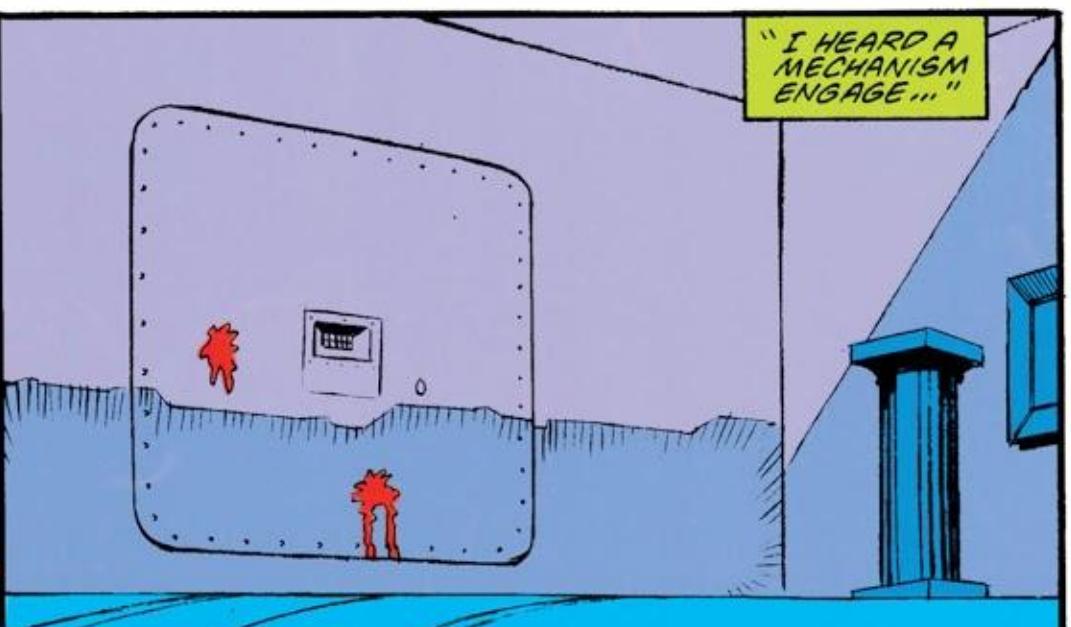
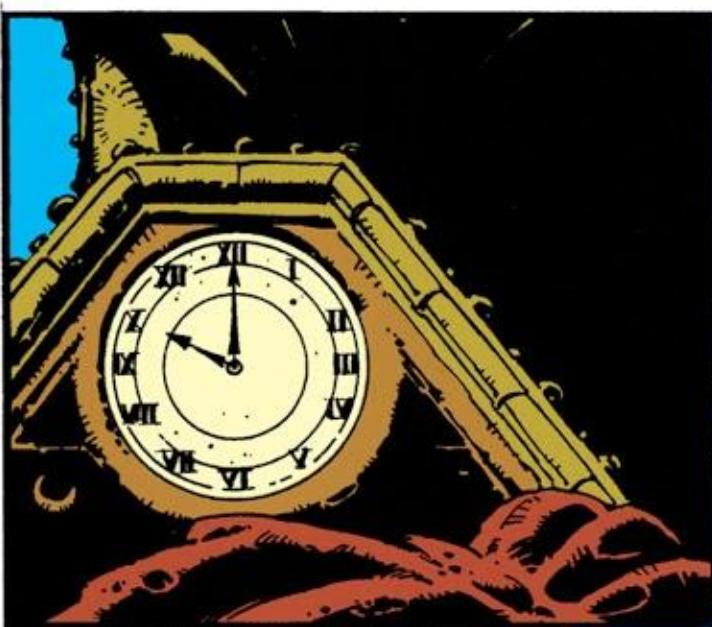


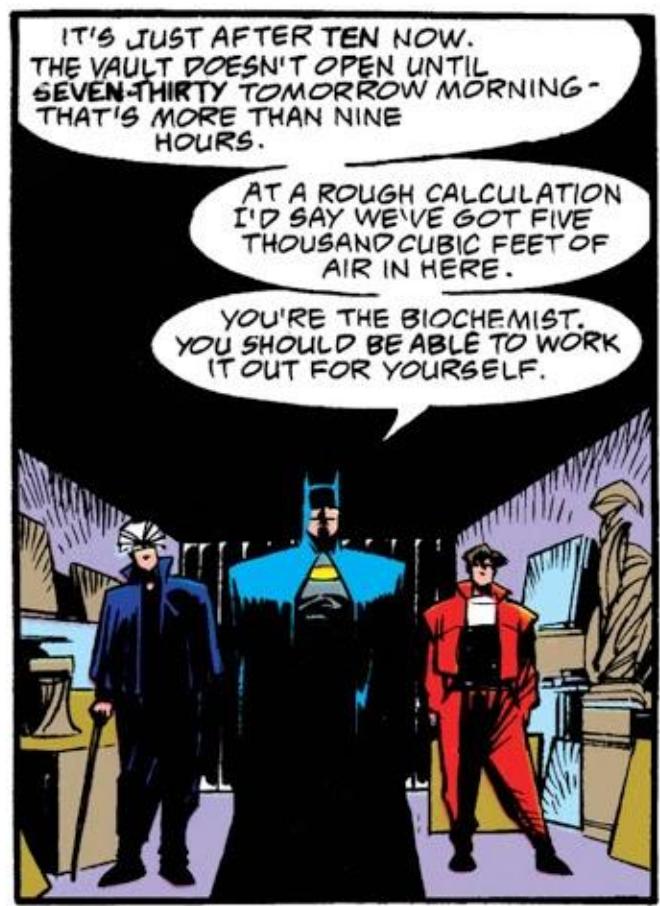
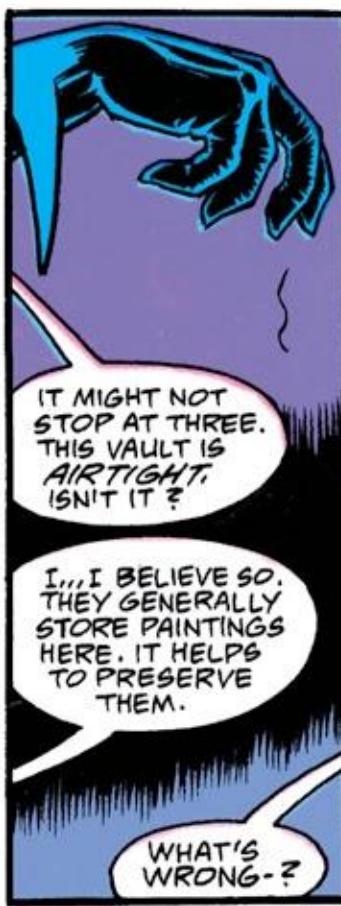
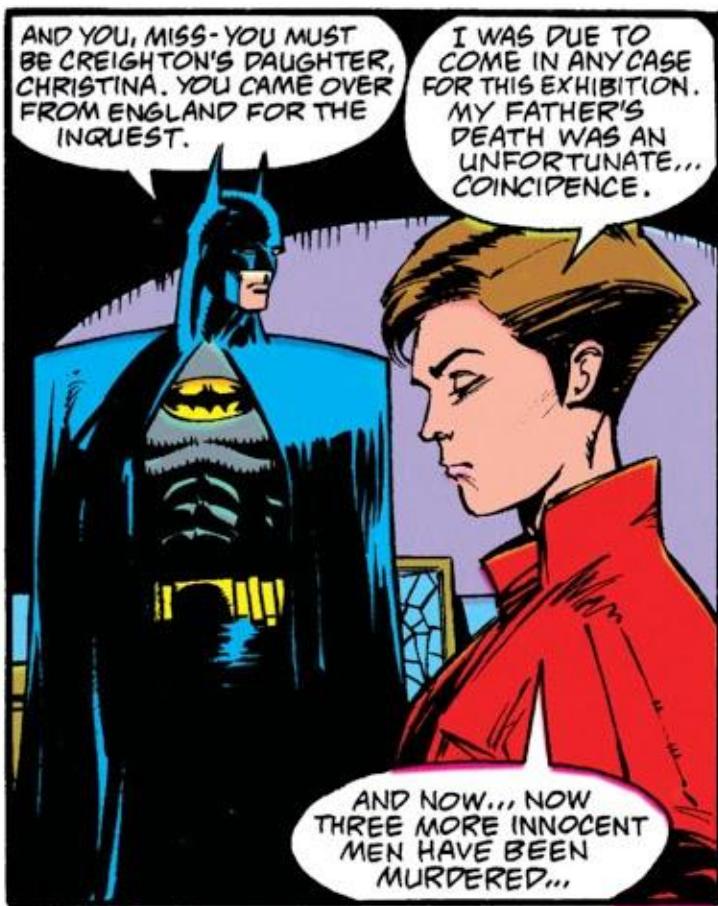




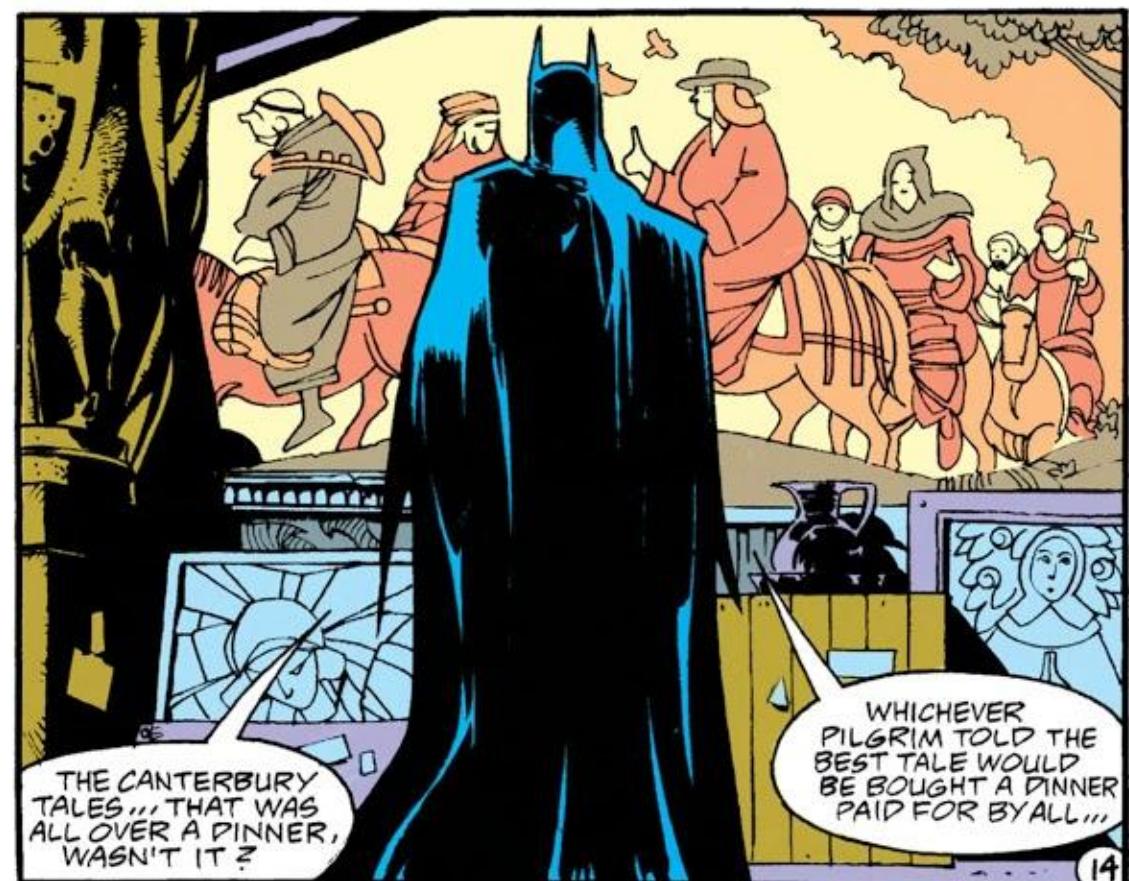














"I WAS NEVER HAPPY AT THE INSTITUTE. AS YOU KNOW, IT'S ONE OF THE FINEST GOTHIC BUILDINGS IN GOTHAM - BUT TO A TEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD IT WAS A PLACE OF TERROR..."



"EACH DARK RECESS HELD SOME IMAGINED HORROR, WAITING TO POUNCE... EACH CARVED GARGOYLE FACE SEEMED FILLED WITH EVIL INTENT, SPECIALLY FOR ME..."

"WHEREVER I WENT THEIR EYES WOULD FOLLOW ME..."

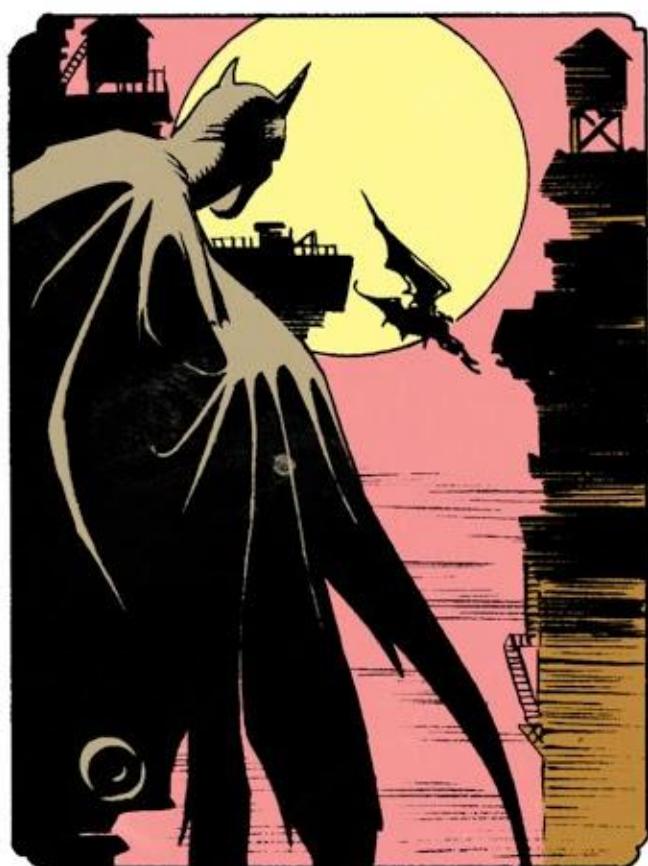
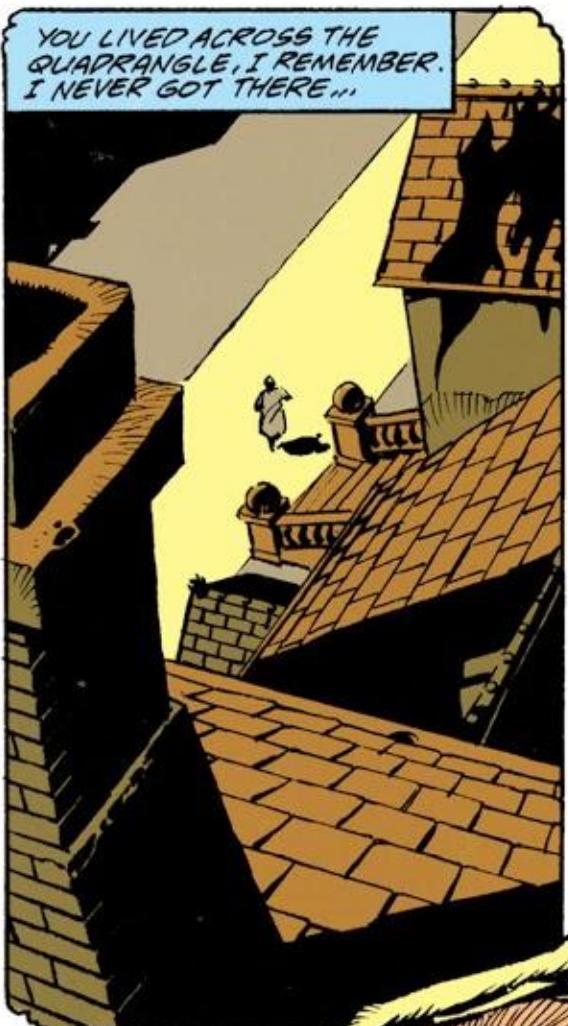
"STONE FACES, COLD EYES... BUT I WAS SURE THAT THEY WERE ALIVE, THAT THEY WANTED TO HURT ME..."

"AND ONE NIGHT IT CAME TRUE..."

"IS... IS SOMEBODY THERE...?"

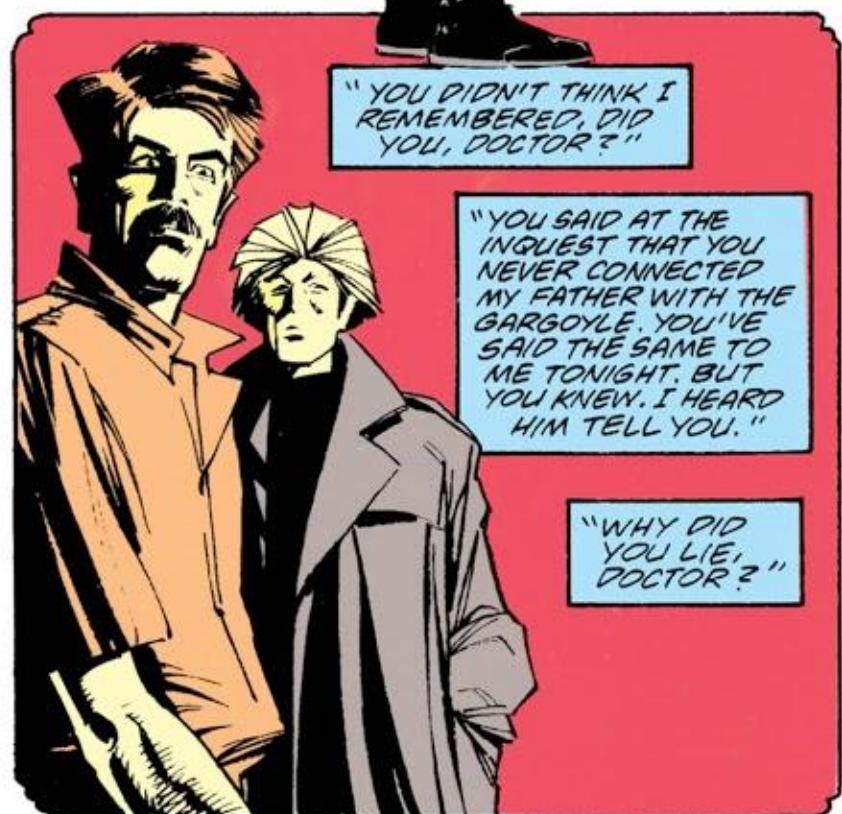


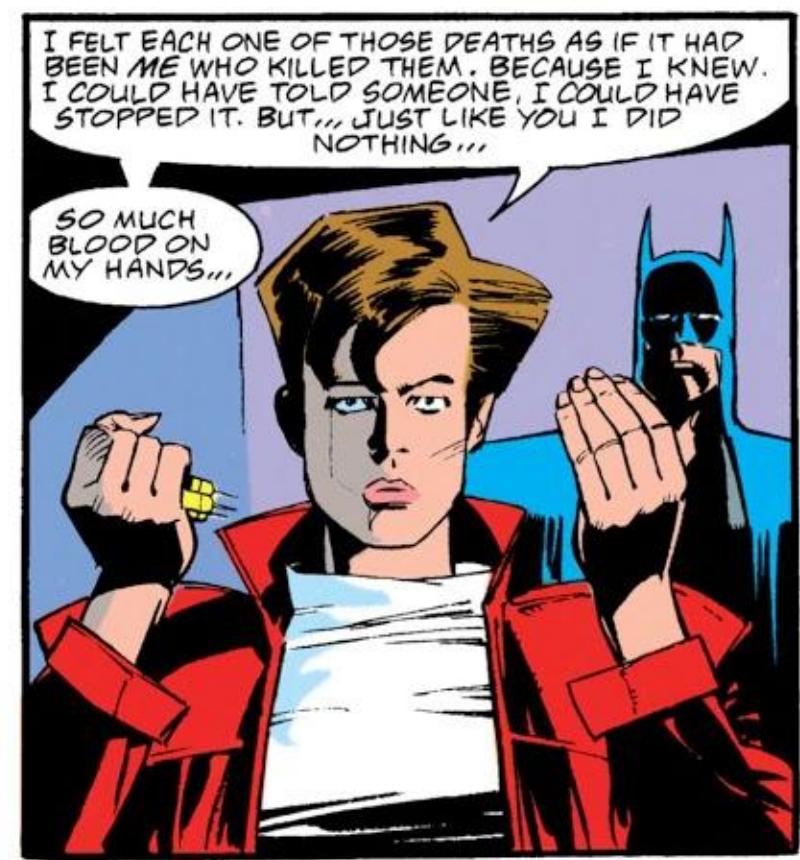














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