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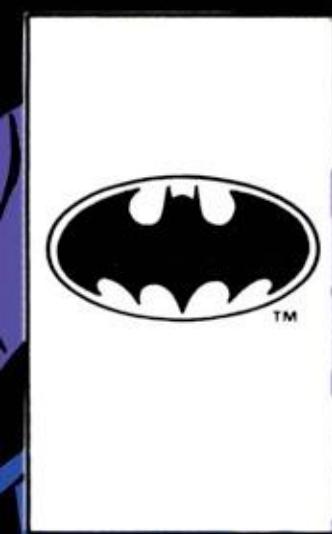
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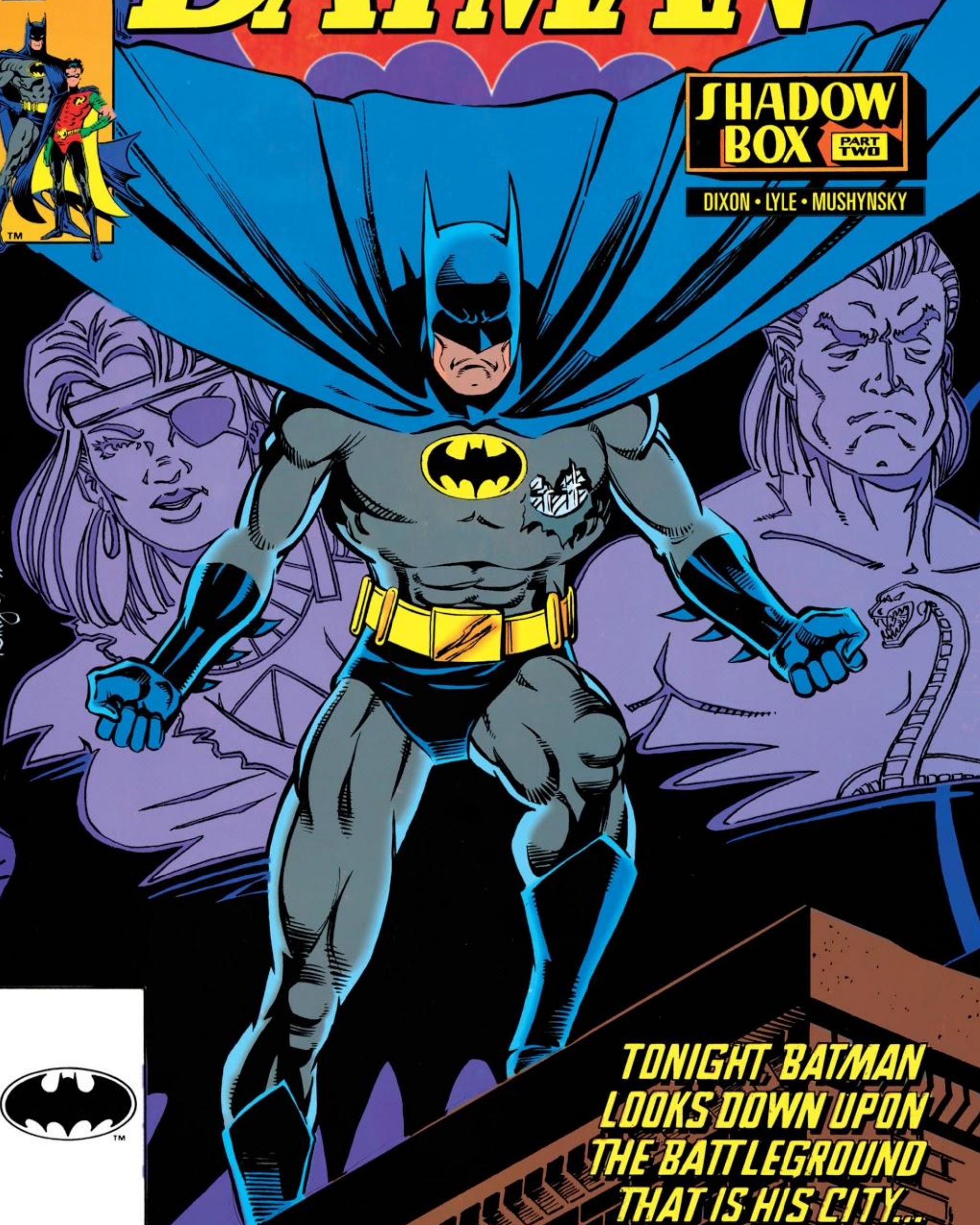
SHADOW
BOX PART
TWO

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TONIGHT, BATMAN
LOOKS DOWN UPON
THE BATTLEGROUND
THAT IS HIS CITY...



SHADOW BOX

PART TWO

A JOKE. A WARNING.

OR BOTH.

THE BODY OF A YOUNG CHINESE
TOUGH DRESSED IN A ROBIN
COSTUME.

CHUCK DIXON: STORY
TOM LYLE: PENCILS
ANDY MUSHINSKY: INKS
TODD KLEIN: LETTERS
ADRIENNE ROY: COLORS
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THE MEANING
IS CLEAR.

ARE YOU
SAYING THAT THIS
KING SNAKE MAY
STILL BE ALIVE,
BATMAN?

I'M
SAYING
I'M NOT
SURE.



I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT SOMEONE WAS ONLY BORROWING HIS IDENTITY.

USING HIS PERSONA TO BRING THE UNDERWORLD OF GOTHAM'S CHINATOWN IN LINE.

BUT THIS SICK PRANK IS A PRODUCT OF A MIND POSSESSED BY PSYCHOTIC RAGE.

I DOUBT THAT ANYONE WOULD CARRY AN IMPERSONATION OF SIR EDMUND DORRANCE THIS FAR.

I HAVE MORE THAN A VENDETTA TO WORRY ABOUT.

I HAVE A STREET GANG THAT I KNOW NEXT TO NOTHING ABOUT PROWLING GOTHAM.

ON TOP OF THAT, THEY'RE ARMED WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART ASSAULT WEAPONS. LOTS OF THEM. YOU TELL ME THERE'S A POWER STRUGGLE COMING AMONG THE ASIAN GANGS.

WITH THE TRANSFER OF HONG KONG TO COMMUNIST CHINA ONLY SIX YEARS AWAY, THE CHINESE CRIMELORDS ARE LOOKING TO THESE SHORES.

A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR COMES OUT OF GOTHAM FOR THE TRIADS IN ASIA.

WE'RE ABOUT TO BE INVADED, JIM.

DEAD OR ALIVE, THE KING SNAKE AND THE GHOST DRAGONS ARE ONLY THE VANGUARD.







BUT NO MORE.

YOU CAN NO LONGER BE THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN THE WORLD...

...WITH YOUR BACK BROKEN.

SO SAD.

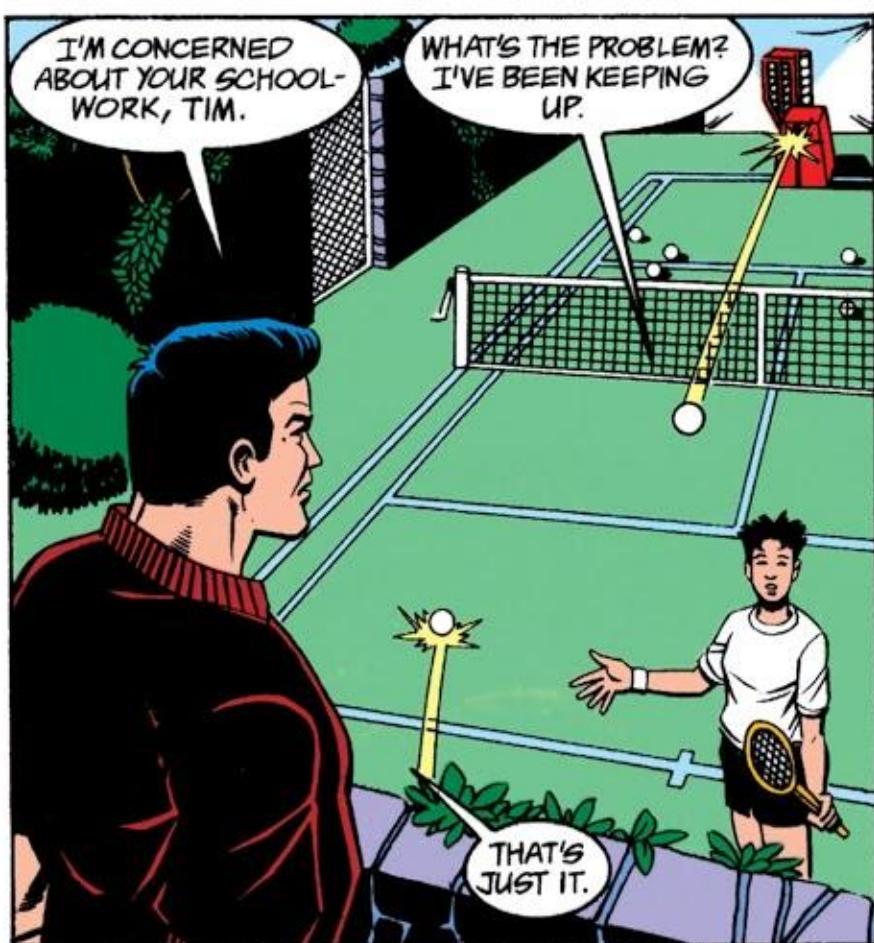
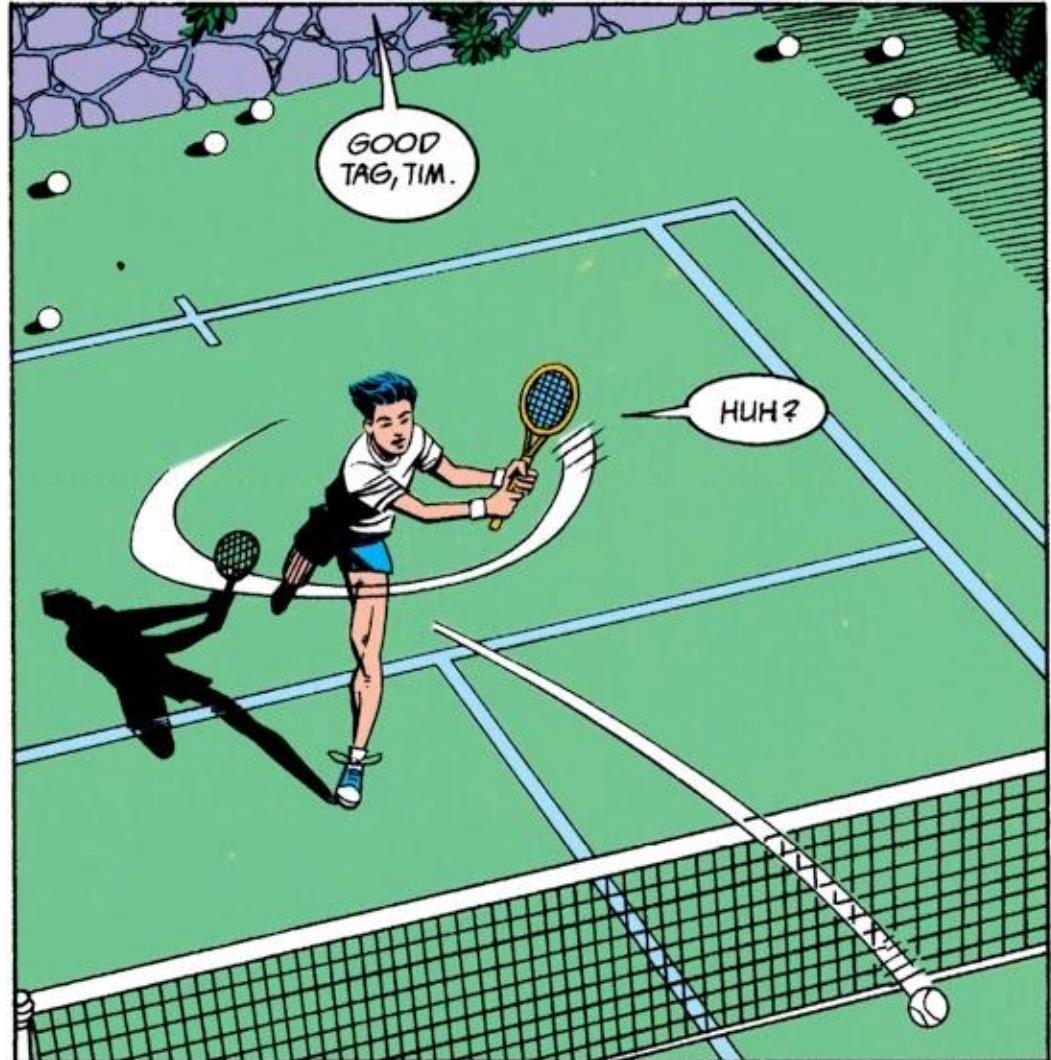
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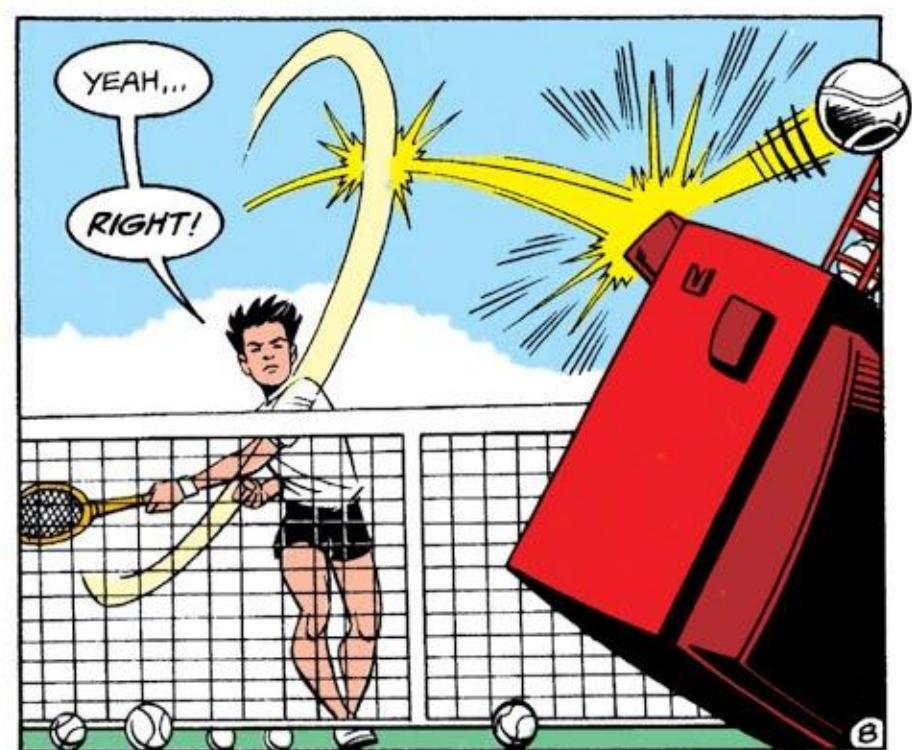
THE BOY...

CURSE THAT BOY.

I WILL HAVE YOU, BOY. I WILL CHOKES THE LIFE FROM YOU WITH THESE HANDS.

NO ONE PITIES THE KING SNAKE. NO ONE.



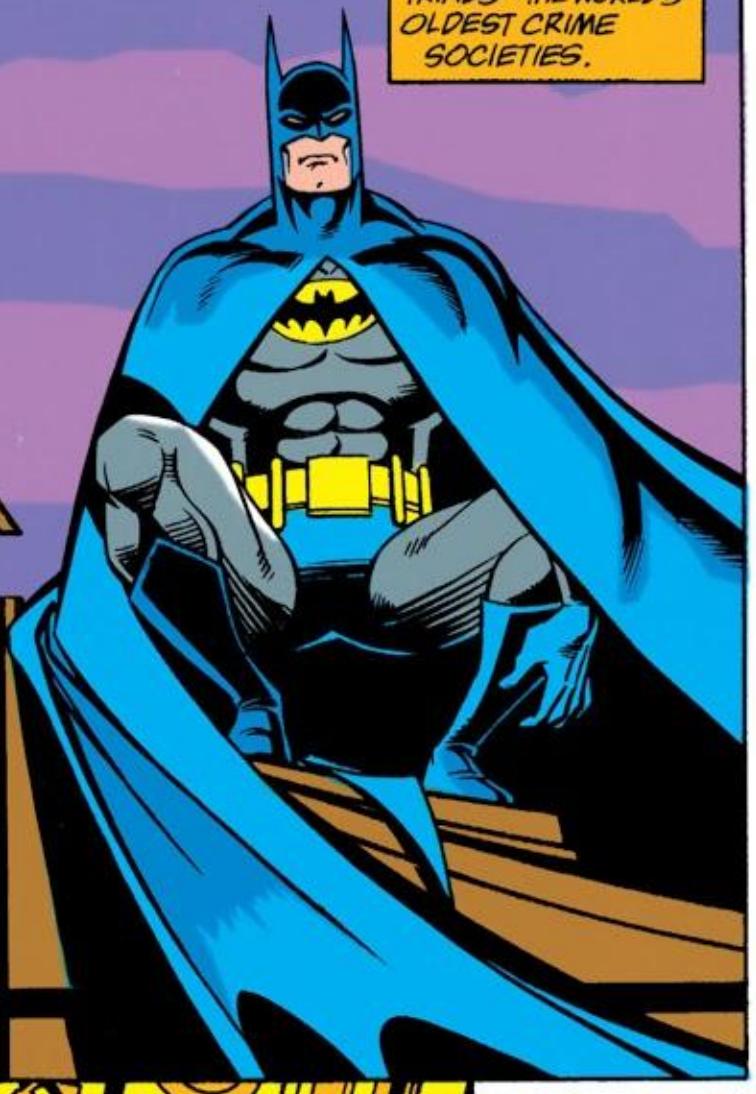


GATE STREET.

THE GATE HAS STOOD HERE
NEARLY A CENTURY, A SYMBOL
FOR THE IMMIGRANTS WHO
CAME TO GOTHAM SEEKING
A NEW LIFE.

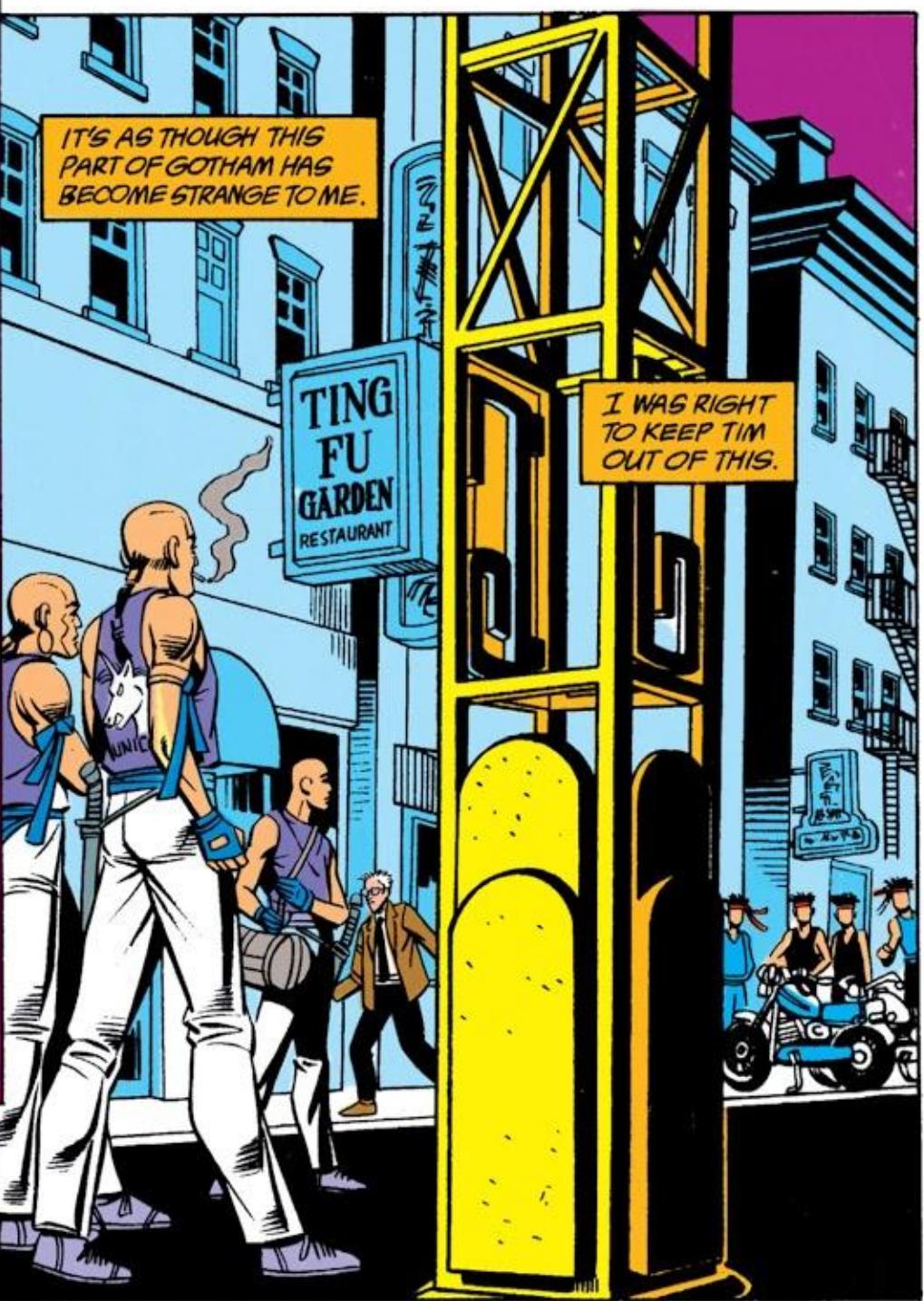
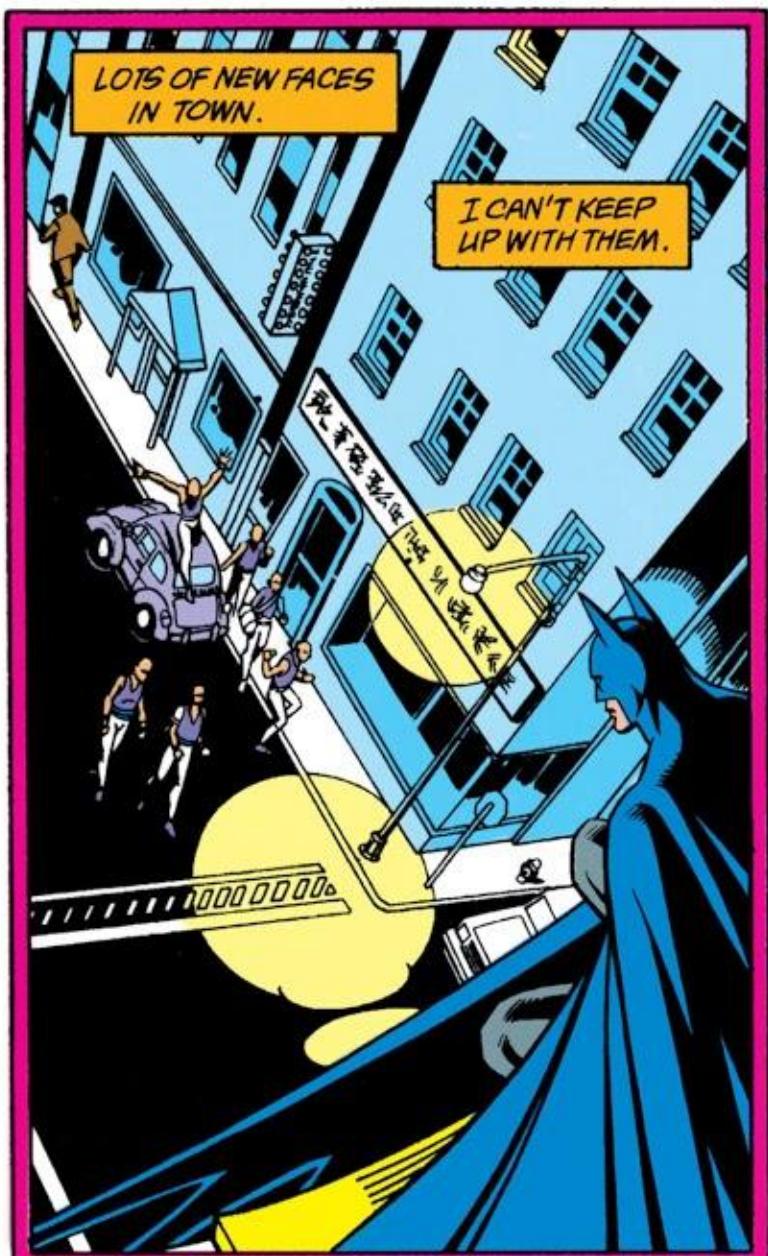
THEY WORKED HARD IN
THIS NEW LAND BUT IT
WAS FOR AN OLD MASTER.

TRIBUTE PAID TO THE
CRIMELORDS OF THE
TRIADS--THE WORLD'S
OLDEST CRIME
SOCIETIES.



DRIVEN FROM THEIR LAIRS IN
HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, THE
HEADMEN OF THE TRIADS ARE
LOOKING TO CLAIM THIS CITY
AS THEIR OWN.

MY CITY.





THE GETAWAY.

HIT-AND-RUN ATTACK.
LIKE THEY OWN THE
STREETS.

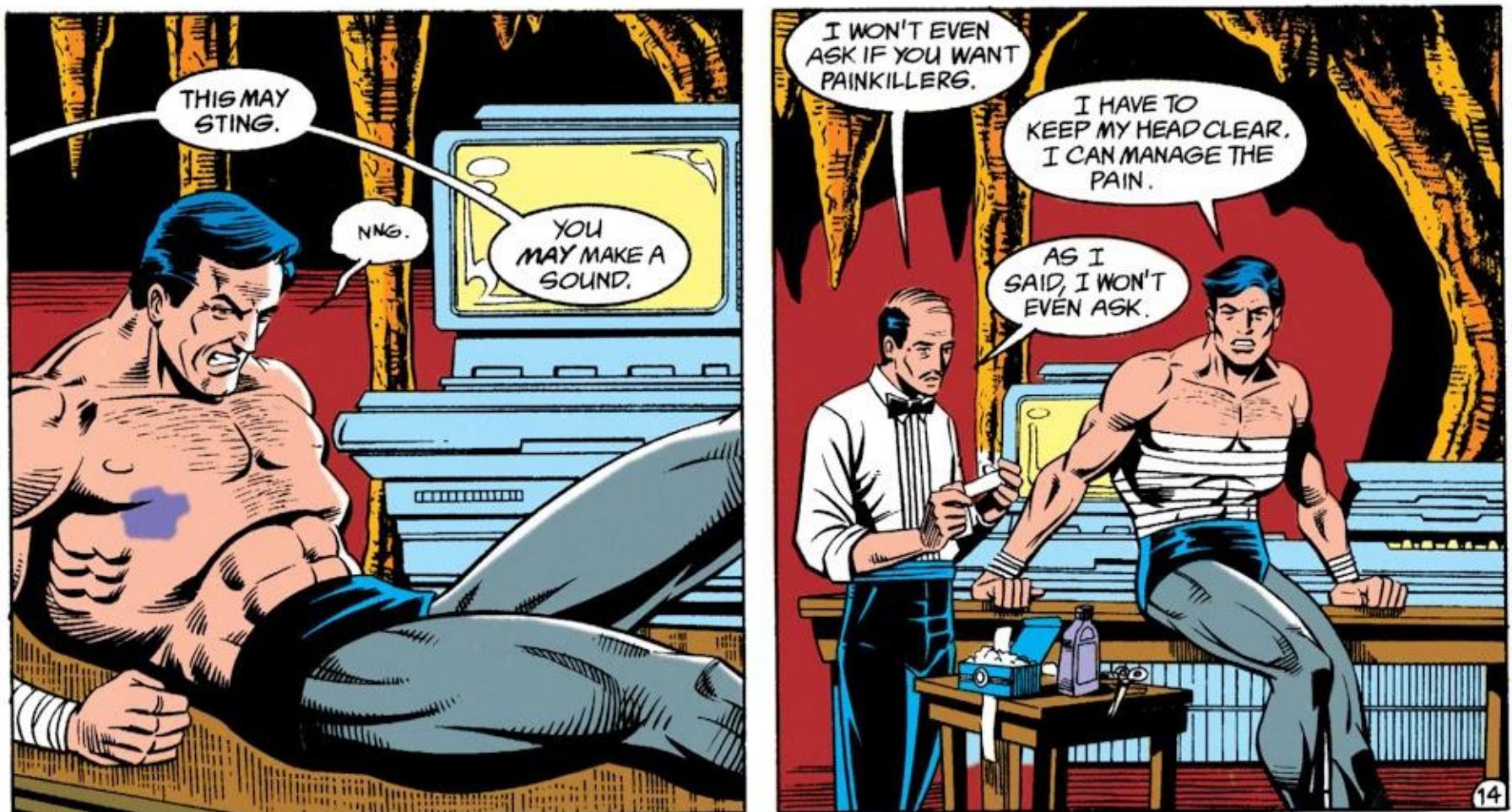
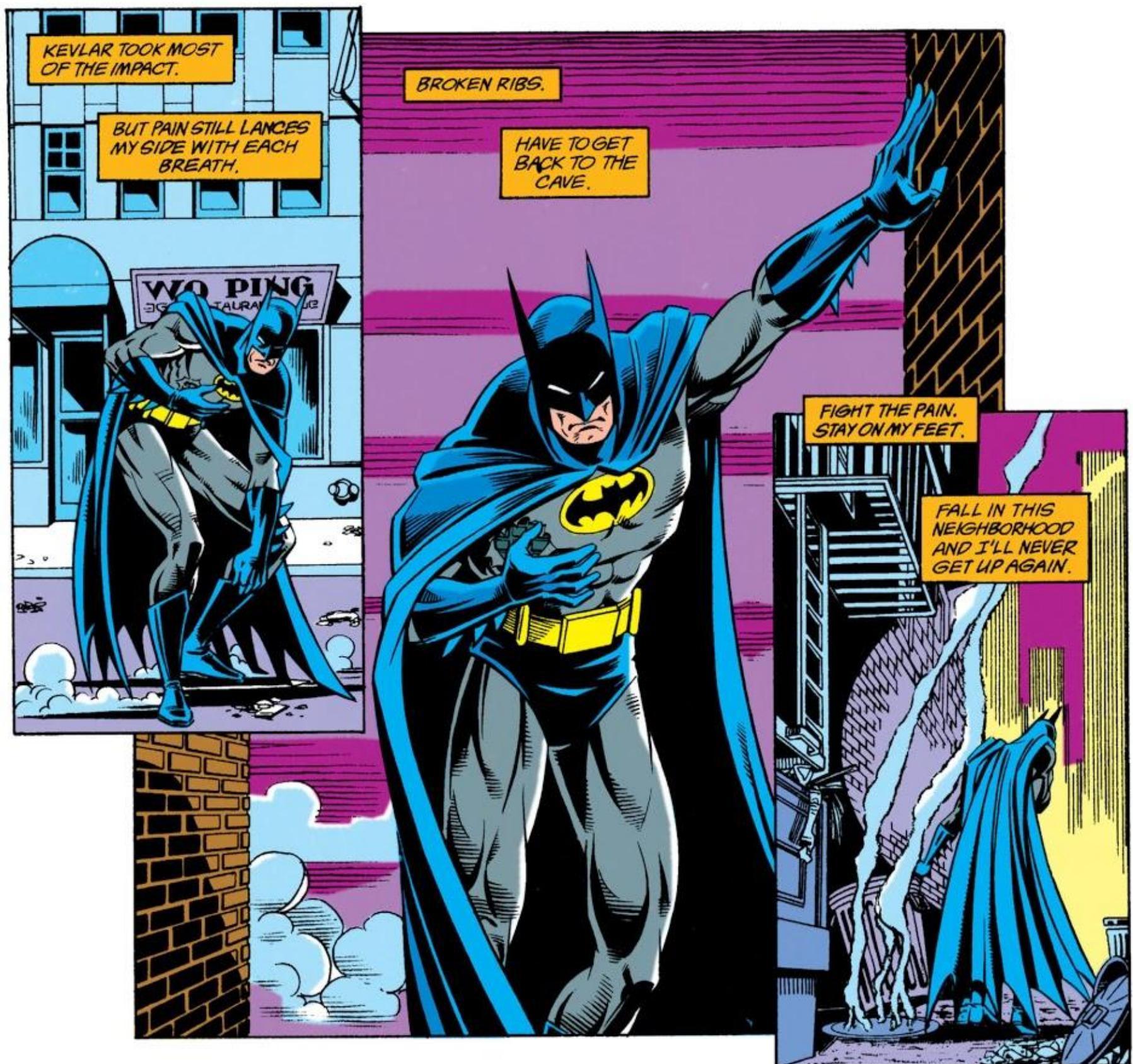


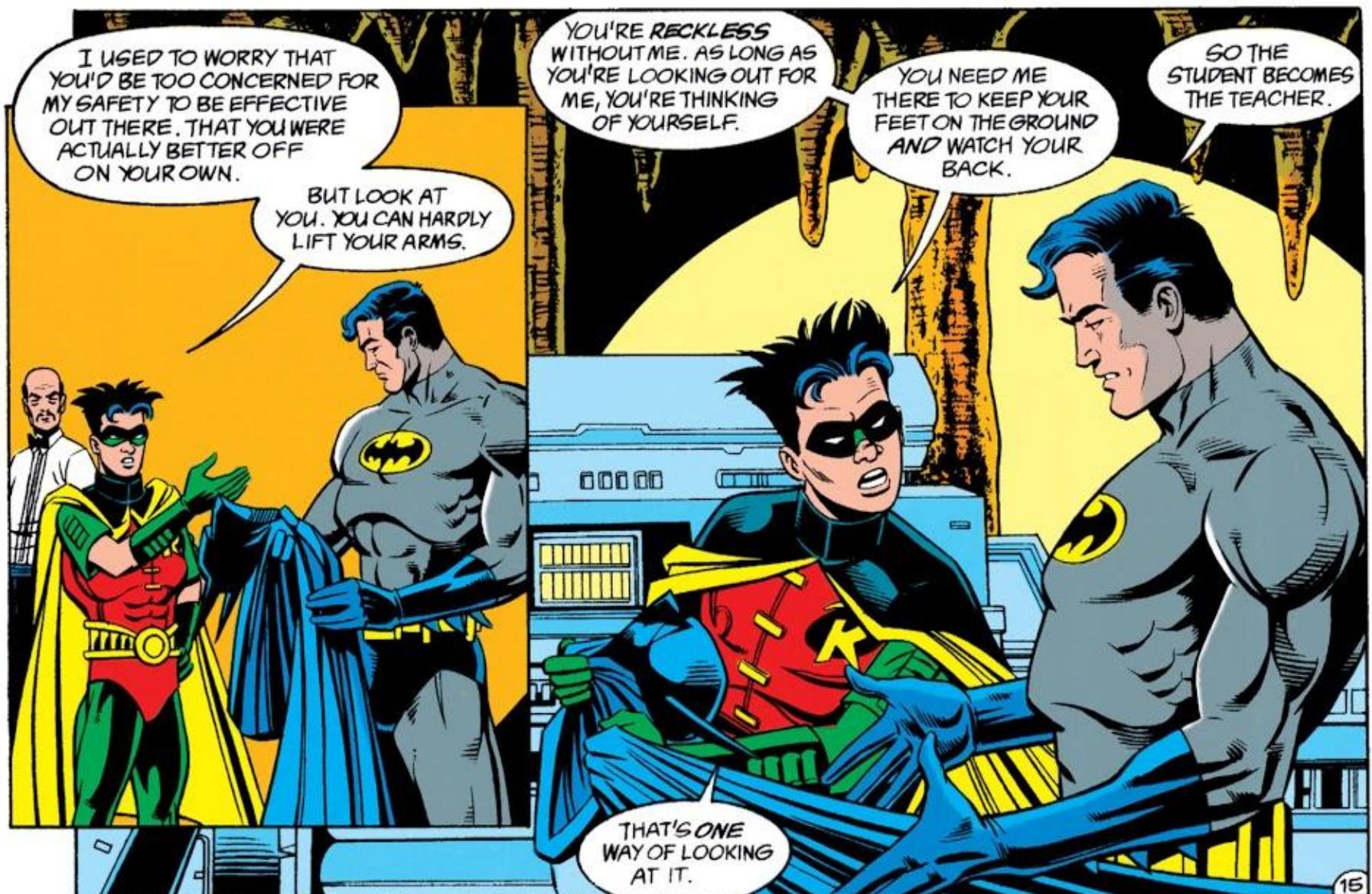
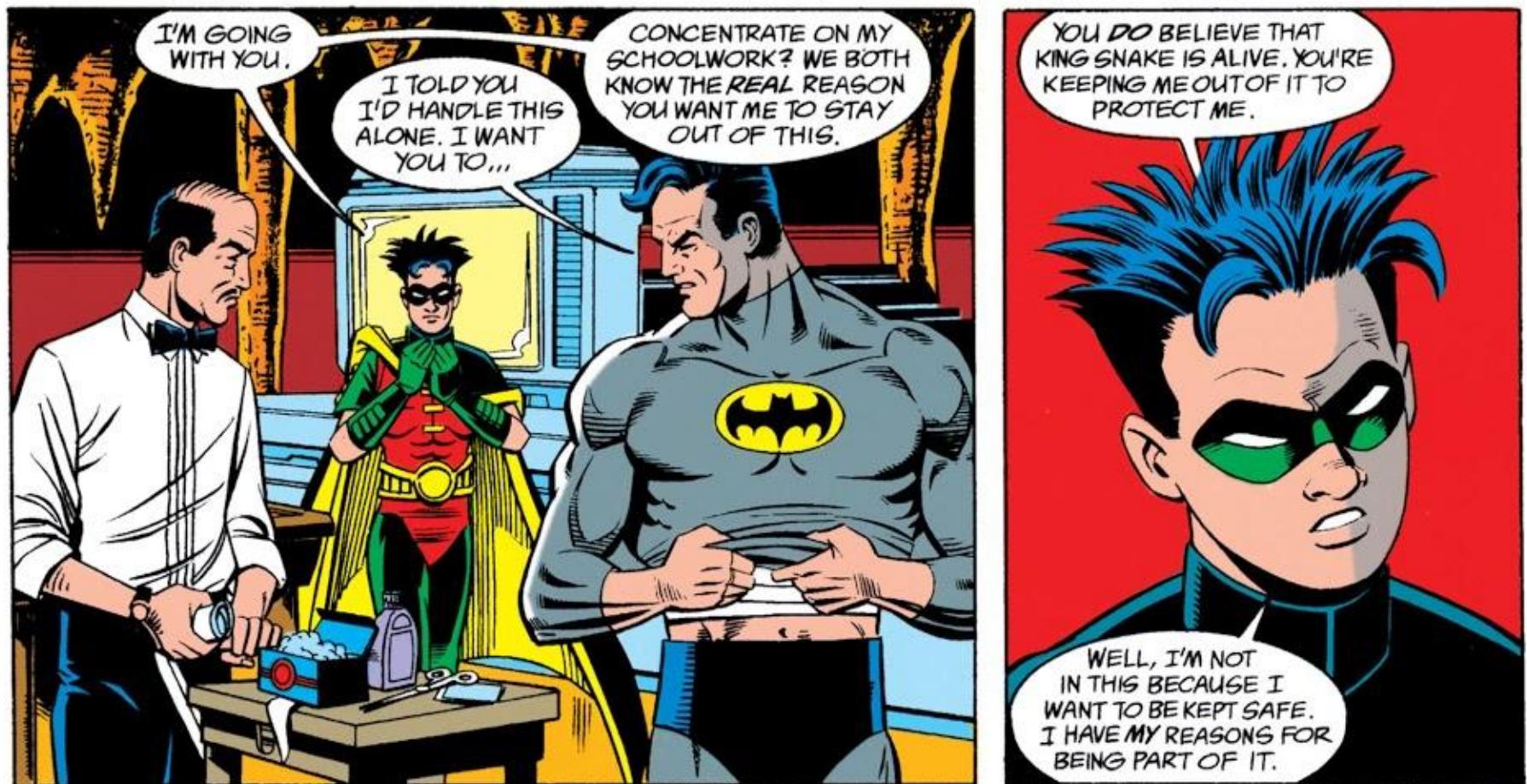
BUT I OWN
THE STREETS.

I OWN THE
NIGHT.























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