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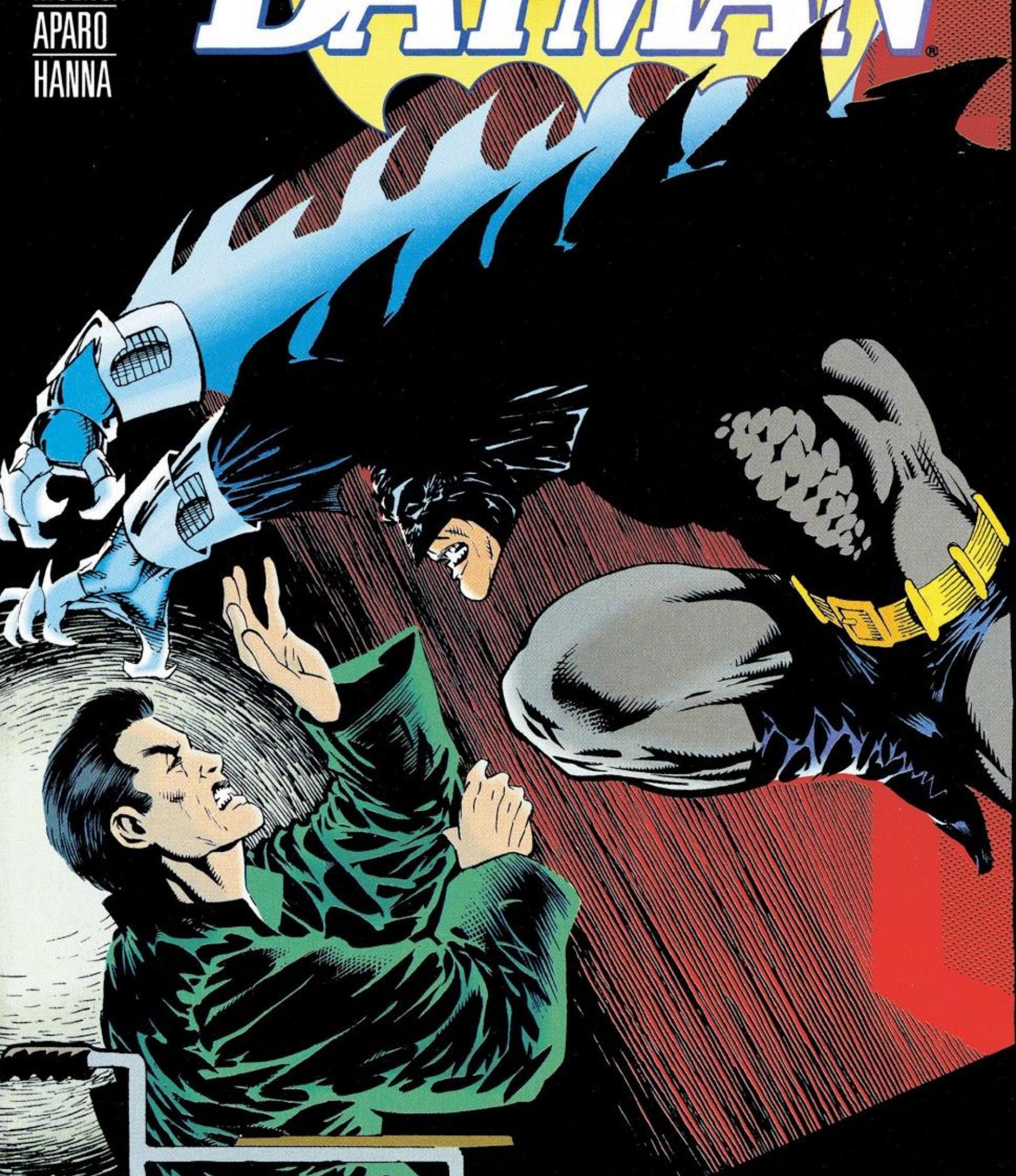
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THE VENOM CONNECTION

AS THE BATMAN, BRUCE WAYNE STRUCK TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF CRIMINALS.

DO WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, TOUGH TONY?

JEAN PAUL VALLEY PREFERENCES FACES.

STOP IT!

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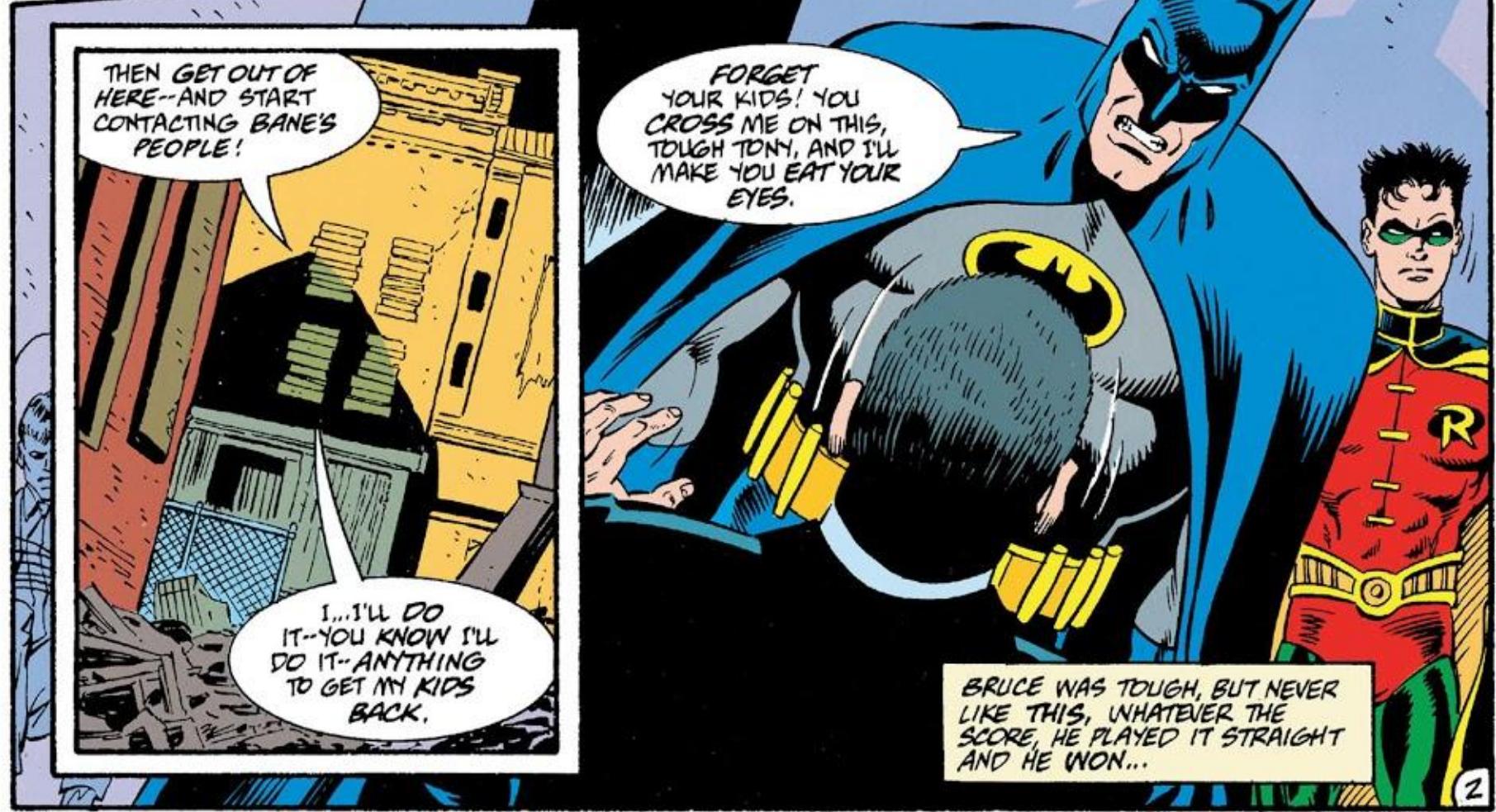
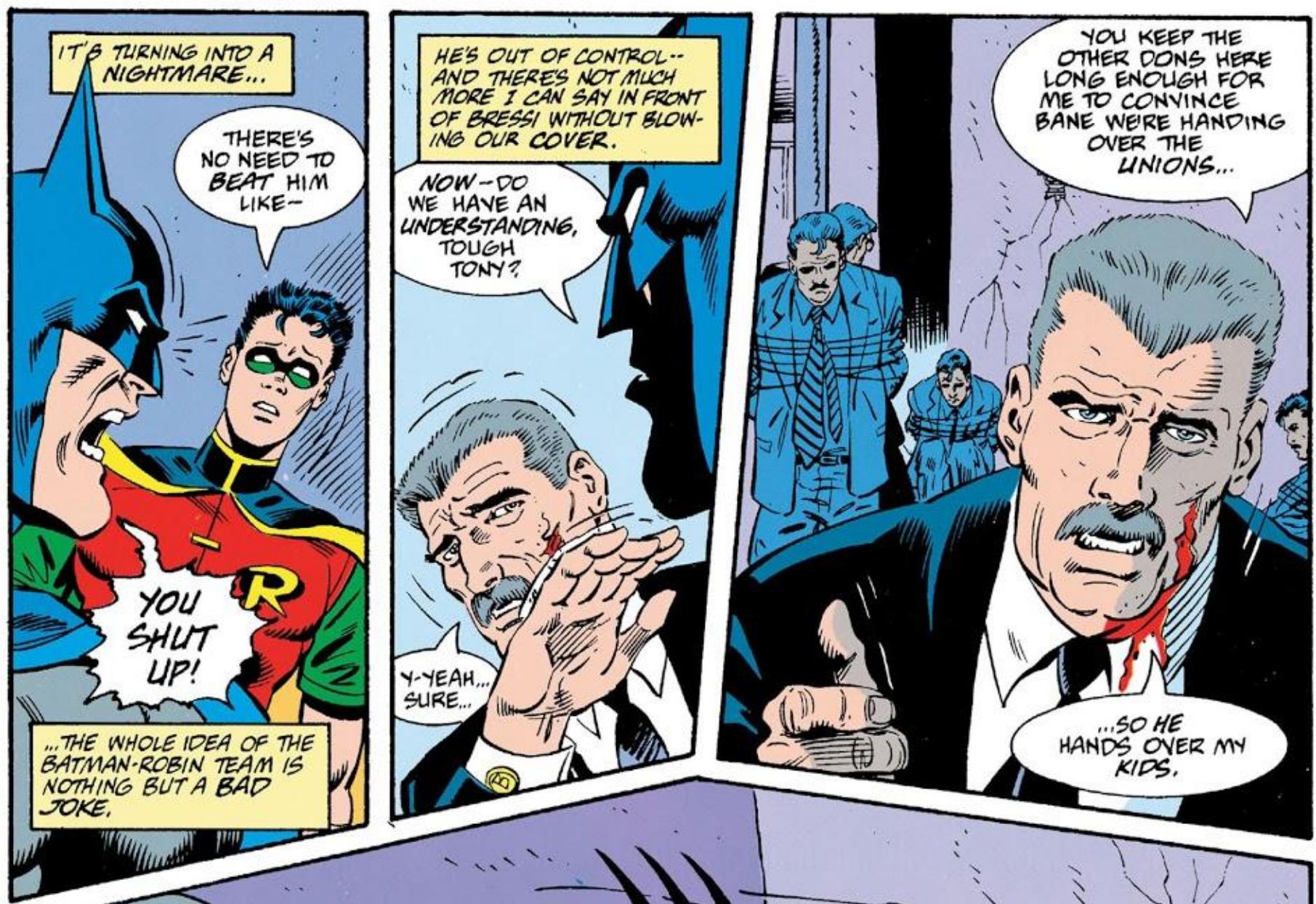
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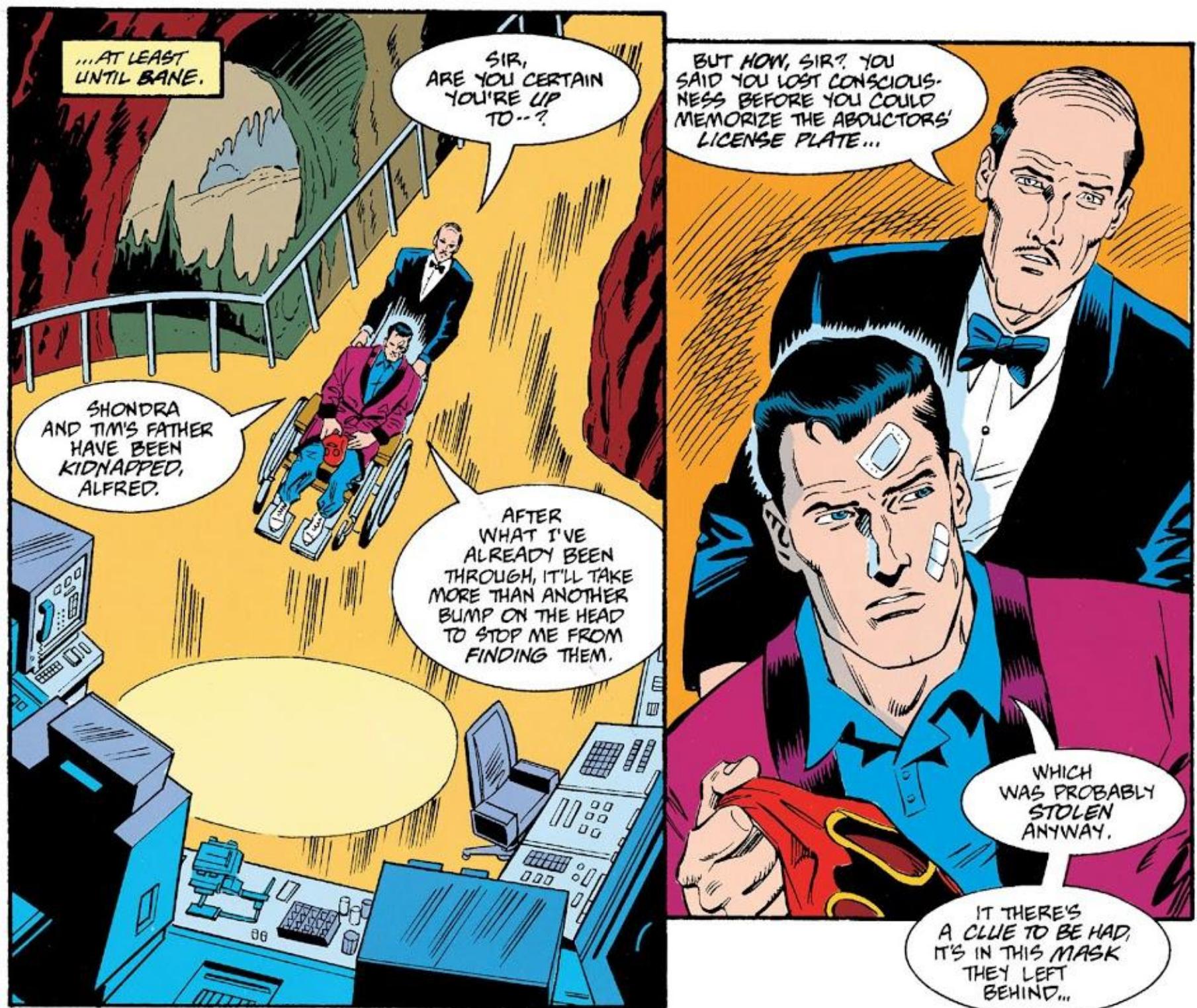
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"INCREASING NUMBER OF EYEWITNESS REPORTS TONIGHT, SEEING TO CONFIRM THE FACT THAT THE BATMAN IS INDEED BACK IN ACTION..."

EARLIER, AS YOU'LL RECALL, IT WAS FEARED THAT THE CAPE CRUSADER HAD BEEN SLAIN, OR AT LEAST CRIPPLED, BY THE CRIMINAL MARAUDER KNOWN AS--

BANE? Y'GOT A MINUTE?

WHAT IS IT, BIRD?

LISTEN, IF WE'RE GONNA CONSOLIDATE OUR HOLD ON GOTHAM...

"CONSOLIDATE"?

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS IN THE HOLE, BANE-- SOMETIMES JAILBIRDS LIKE TO STUDY BIG WORDS.

CONSOLIDATE, LIKE IN TIGHTEN OUR GRIP ON--

I QUESTION ITS USE, BIRD, NOT ITS MEANING.

GOTHAM IS ALREADY MINE-- AND GOTHAM IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

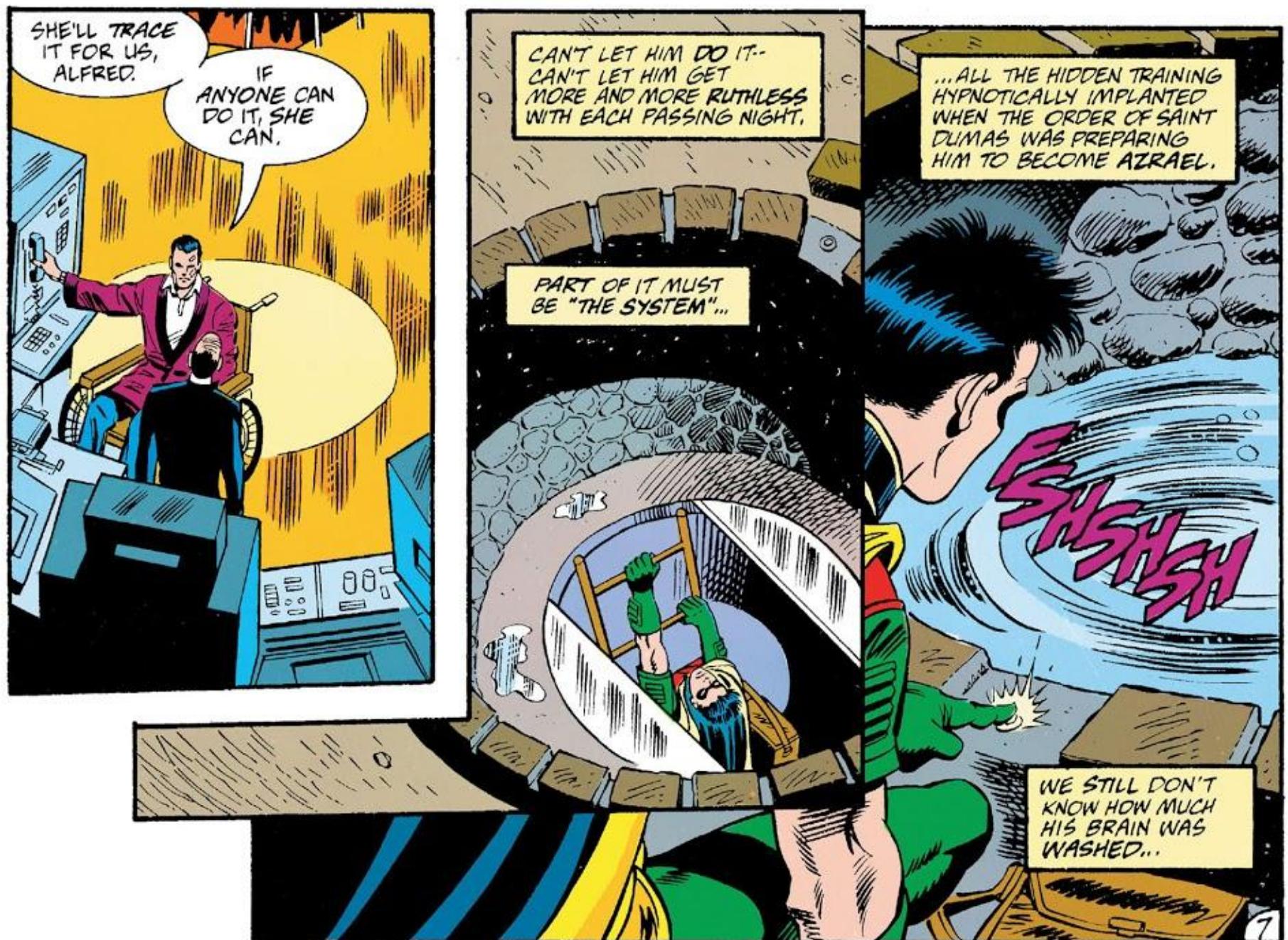
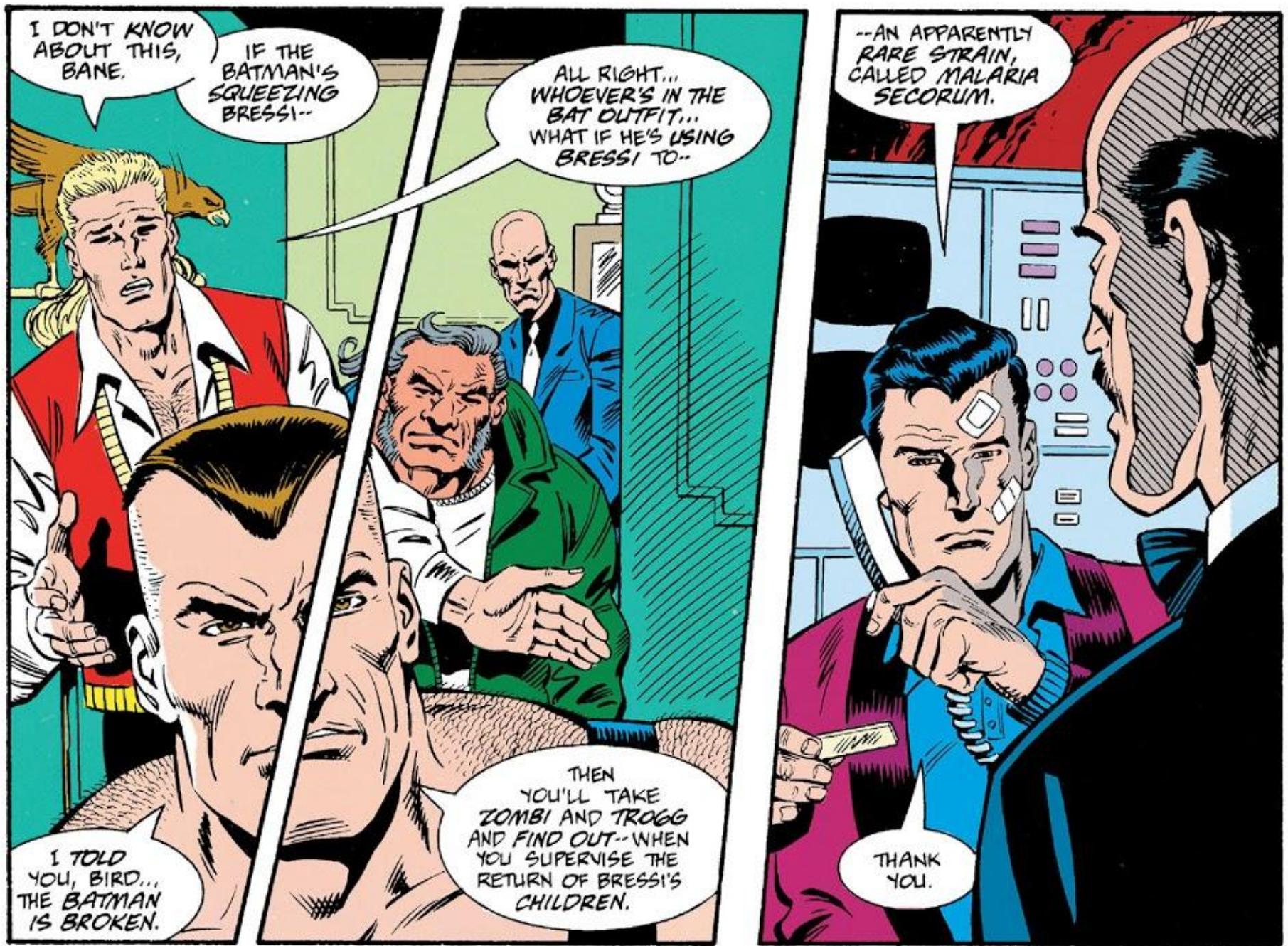
...CUZ NOW THAT THE BATMAN'S BACK... OUT THERE SQUEEZIN' PEOPLE, MAYBE EVEN THE MOB BOSSSES IN CONTROL OF THE UNION RACKETS--

THE BATMAN?

YEAH, WELL, ACTUALLY MAYBE IT AINT, AND THAT'S WHAT PROMPTED ME ON THIS CONVERSATION...

Y-EAH...

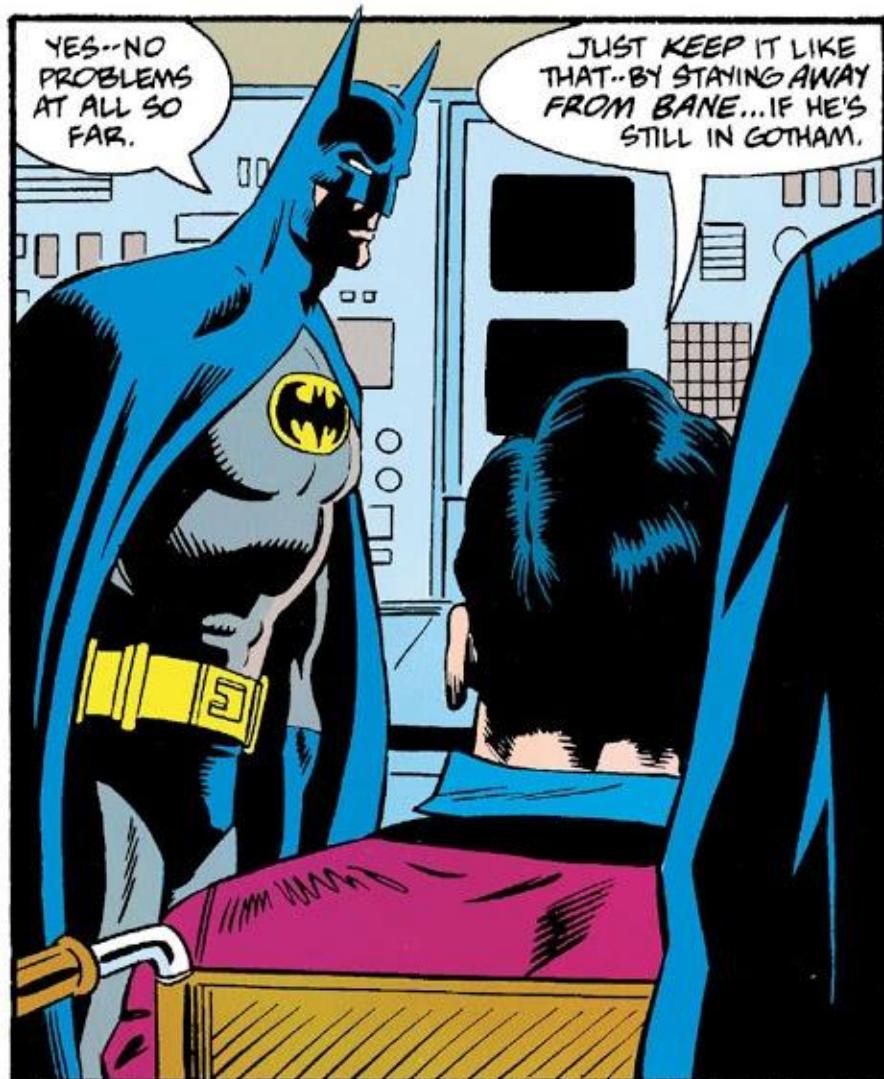
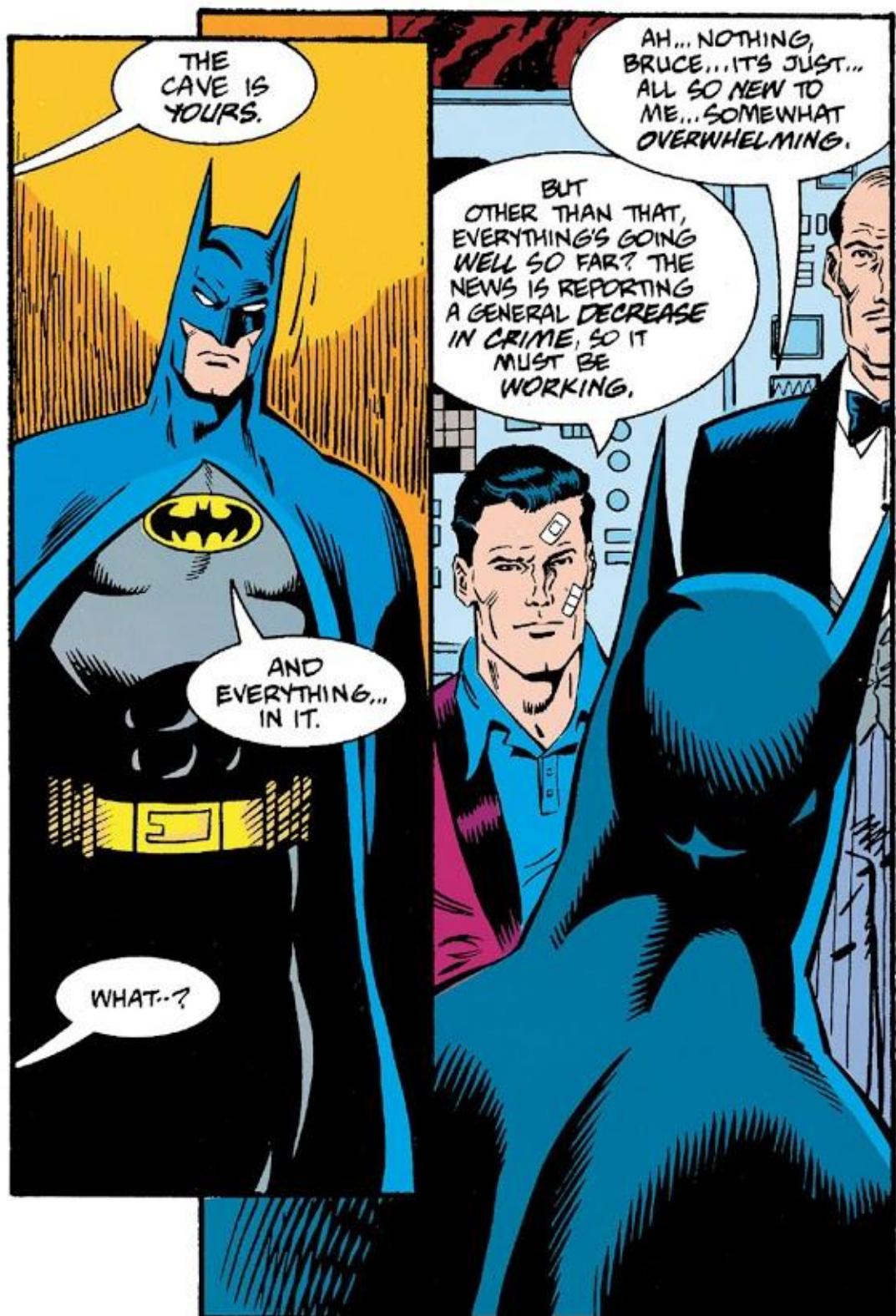


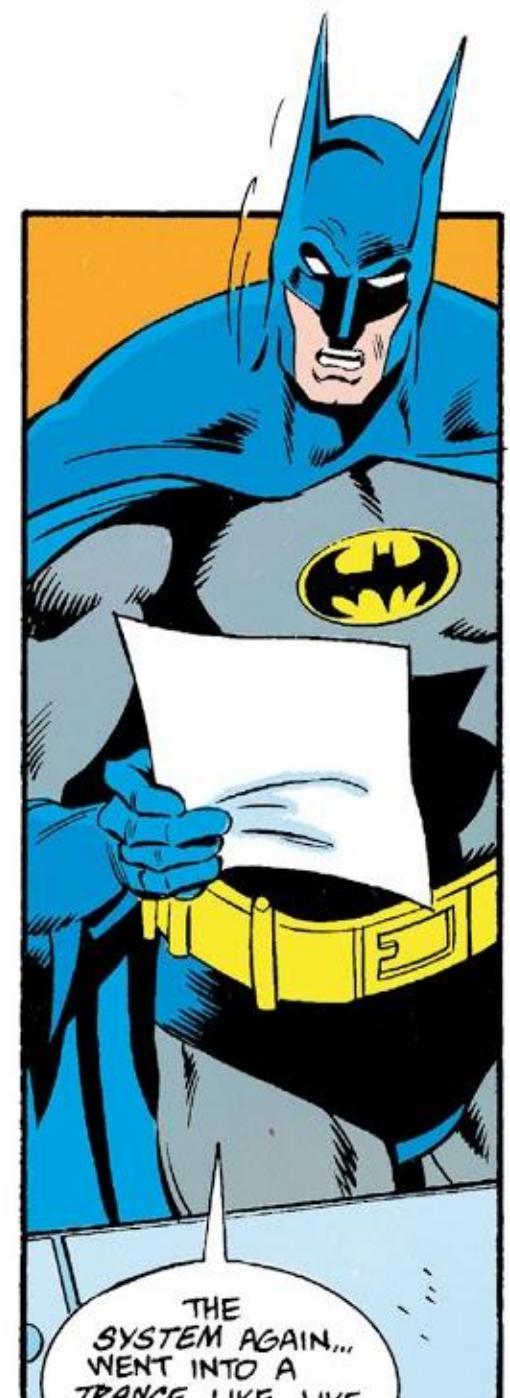


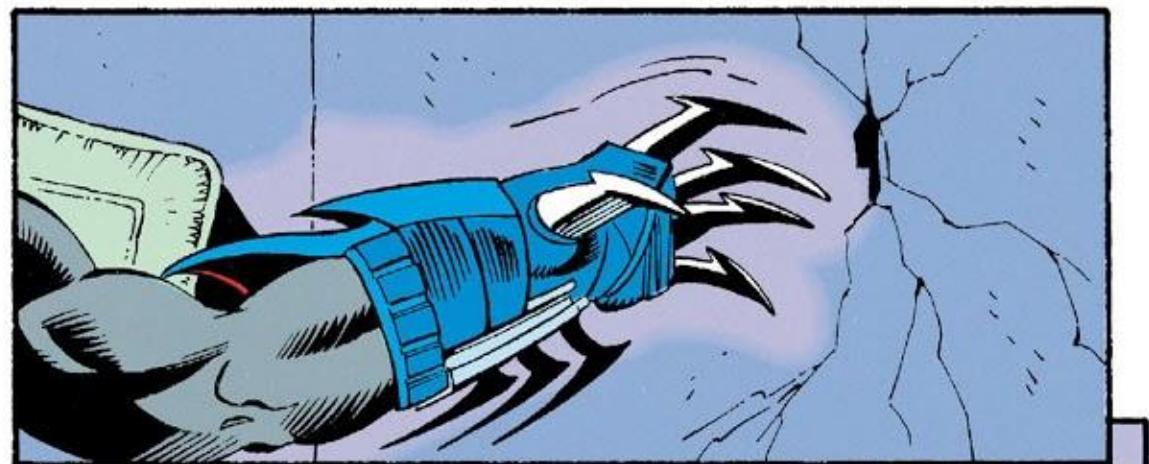
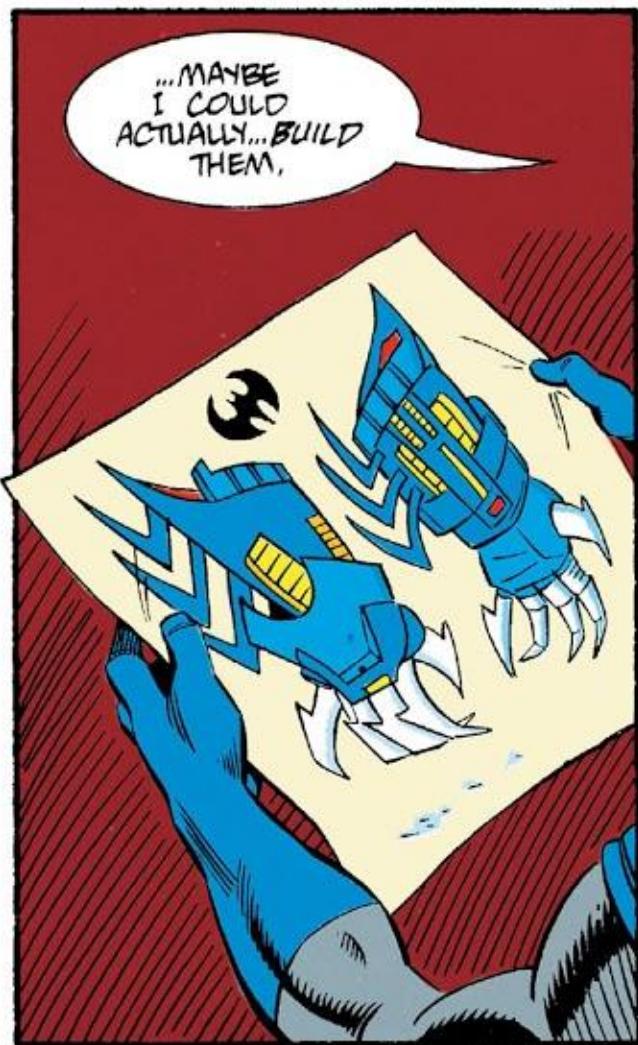
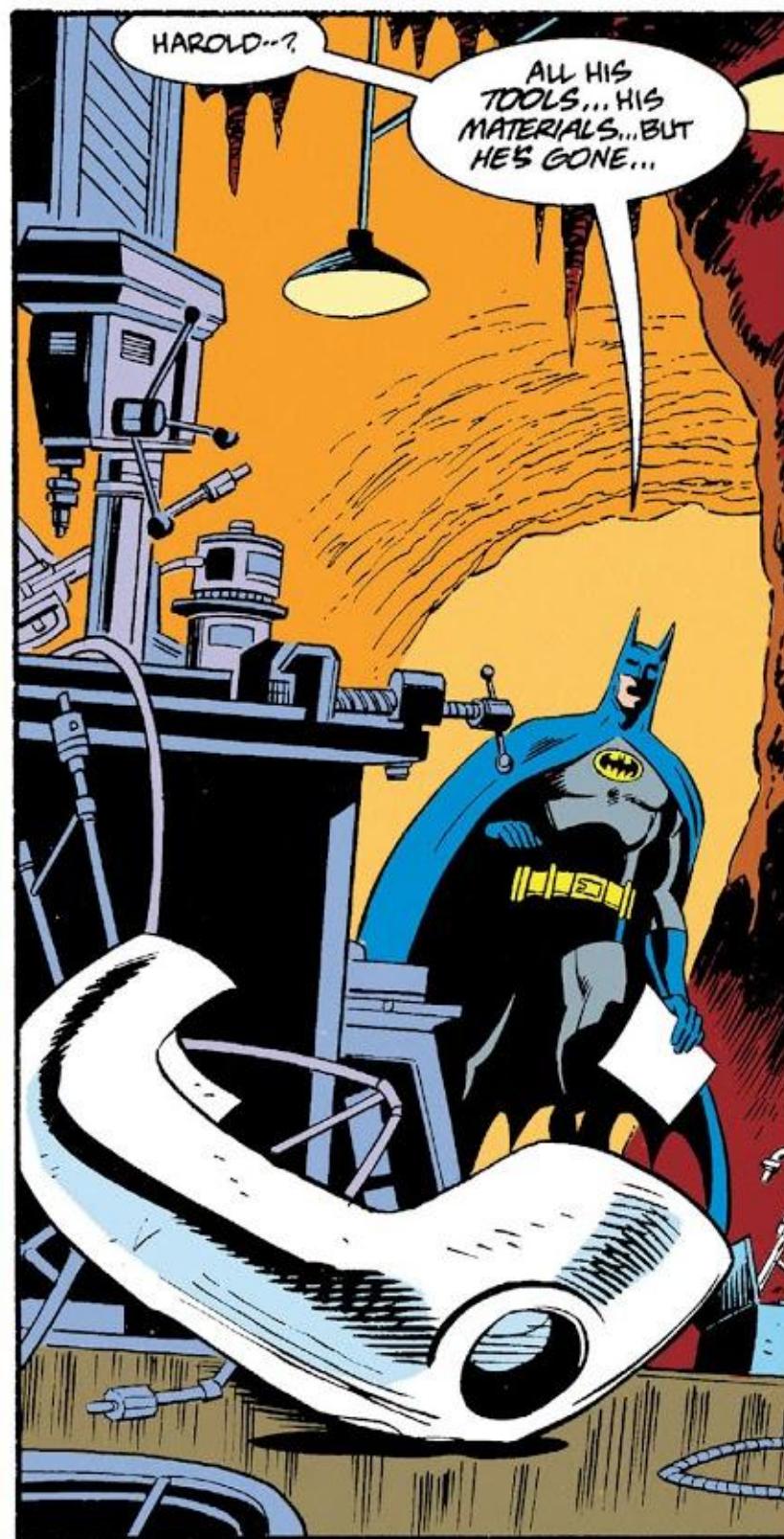
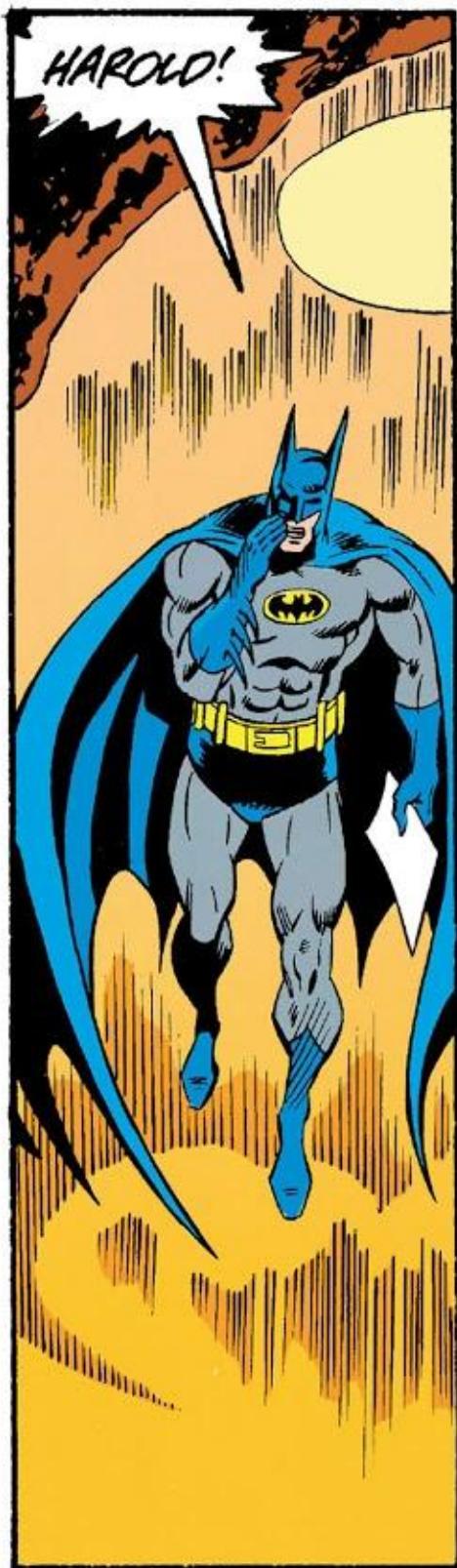












TOUGH TONY FREED HIS FELLOW DONS, BUT NOT UNTIL BANE AGREED TO HAND OVER HIS CHILDREN--AT THE SALERNO WAREHOUSE IN AN HOUR.

THEN THAT'S THE LAST PLACE WE GO.

THIS IS IT, ROBIN--THE BATMAN'S CHANCE TO BRING DOWN BANE.

YOU'RE NOT THE BATMAN.

I'M NOT THE OLD BATMAN--AND I'M NOT GOING TO FAIL.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR BRUCE, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BE A STAND-IN, AND HIS ORDERS ARE--

ONLY BECAUSE BRUCE'S LAST ONE WAS A MISTAKE!

I TOLD YOU--I MAKE THE DECISIONS NOW.

YOU THINK YOU CAN BATTER AND SMASH YOUR WAY TO THE GOAL--JUST LIKE THE ONES WE'RE SWORN TO STOP!

AND WHY NOT? FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE IS--

A SURE WAY TO CREATE HELL!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PUT THE FIRES OUT--NOT ADD TO THEM!

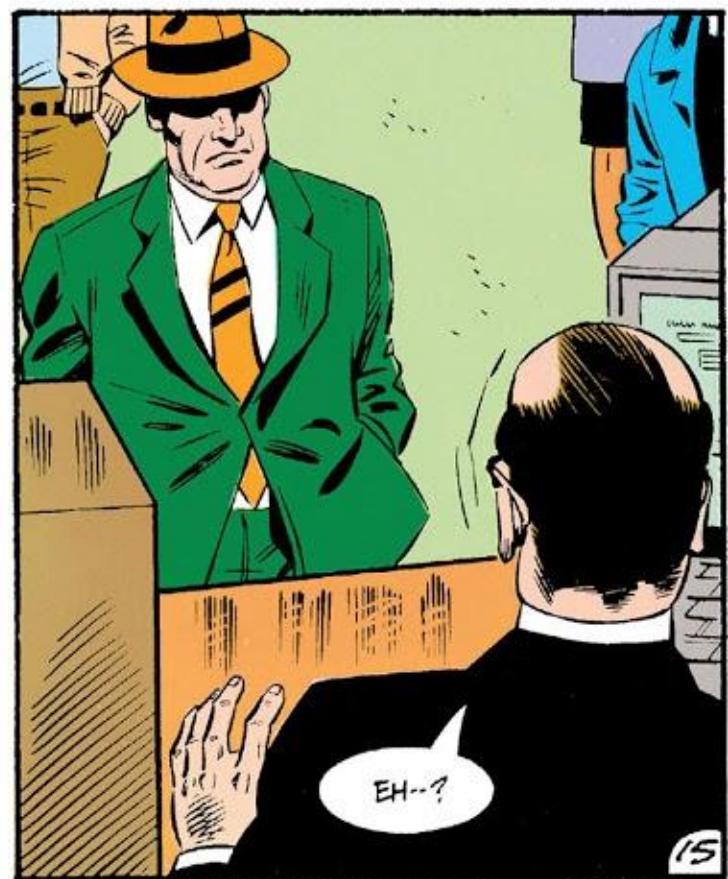
I'M PUTTING THUGS AND MONSTERS OUT!

NOT GOOD ENOUGH? BECAUSE KILLER CROC HURT ME BACK IN THE BEGINNING?

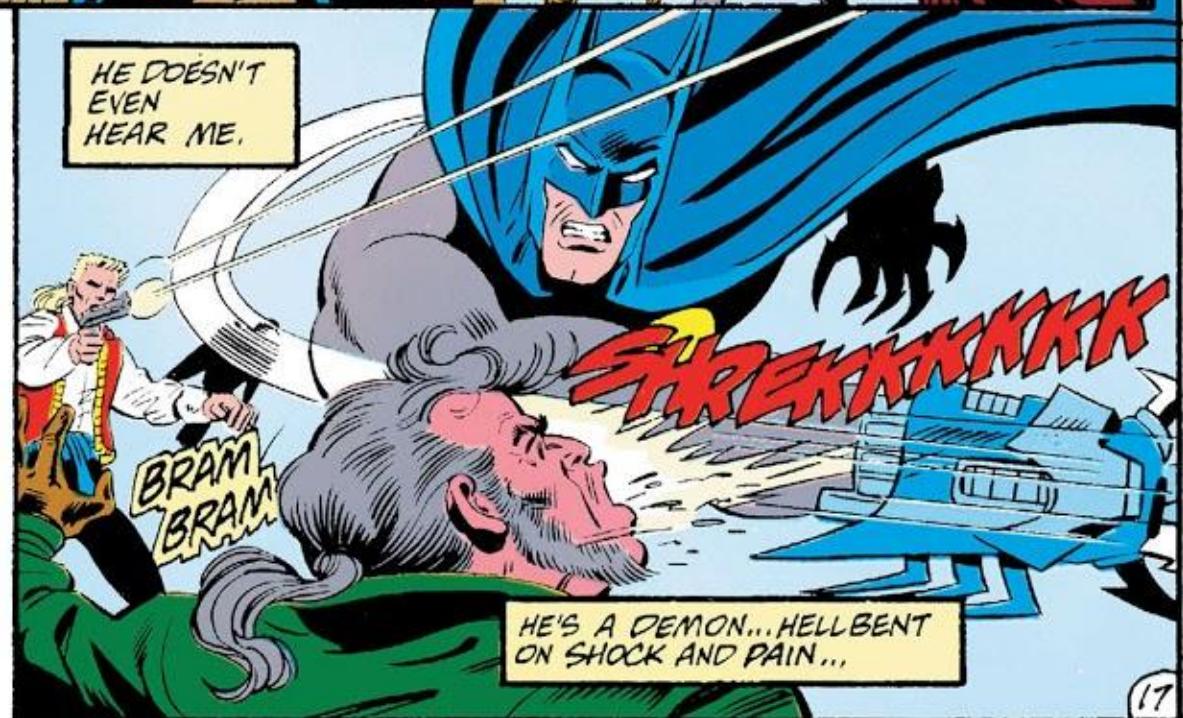
IT'S THE WRONG WAY TO DO IT! AND MAYBE YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY!

BECAUSE BANE WALKED RIGHT PAST ME IN CONTEMPT--?

HE'S GETTING SCARY AGAIN--THE SHEER INTENSITY.







...AND I HELPED TRAIN HIM?
I SHOWED HIM THE ROPES?

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HE'S GONE WAY BEYOND MY TRICKS...

...INTO A WHOLE NEW NASTY BAG.

--NOT EVEN WITH A BERSERK BIRD OF PREY.

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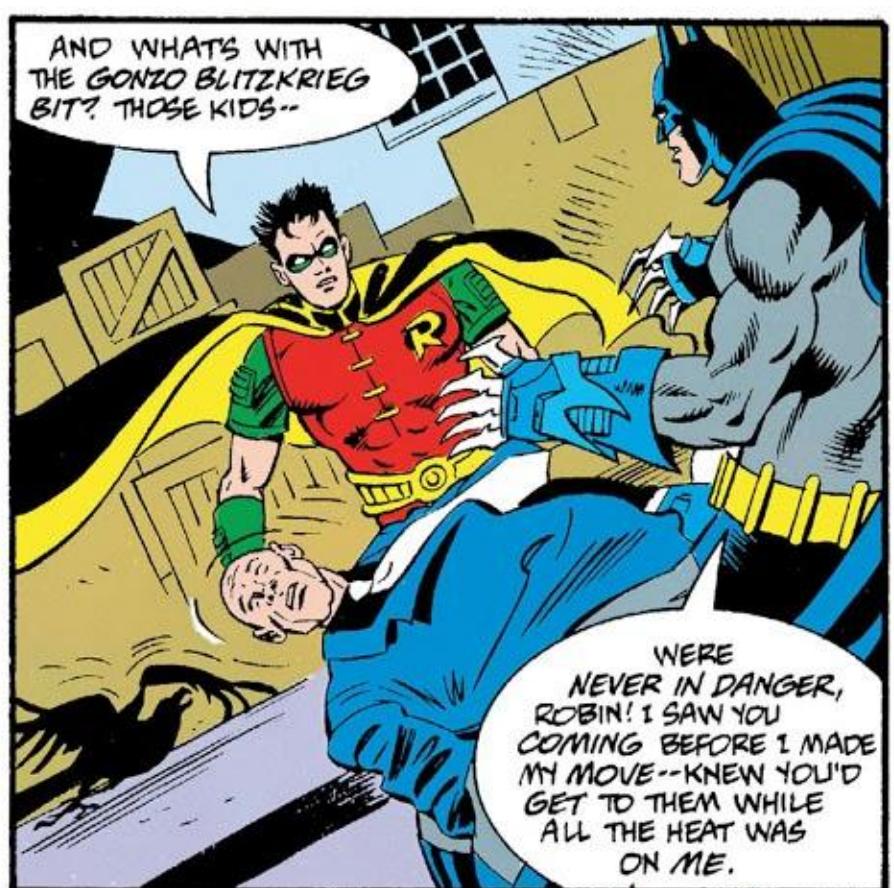
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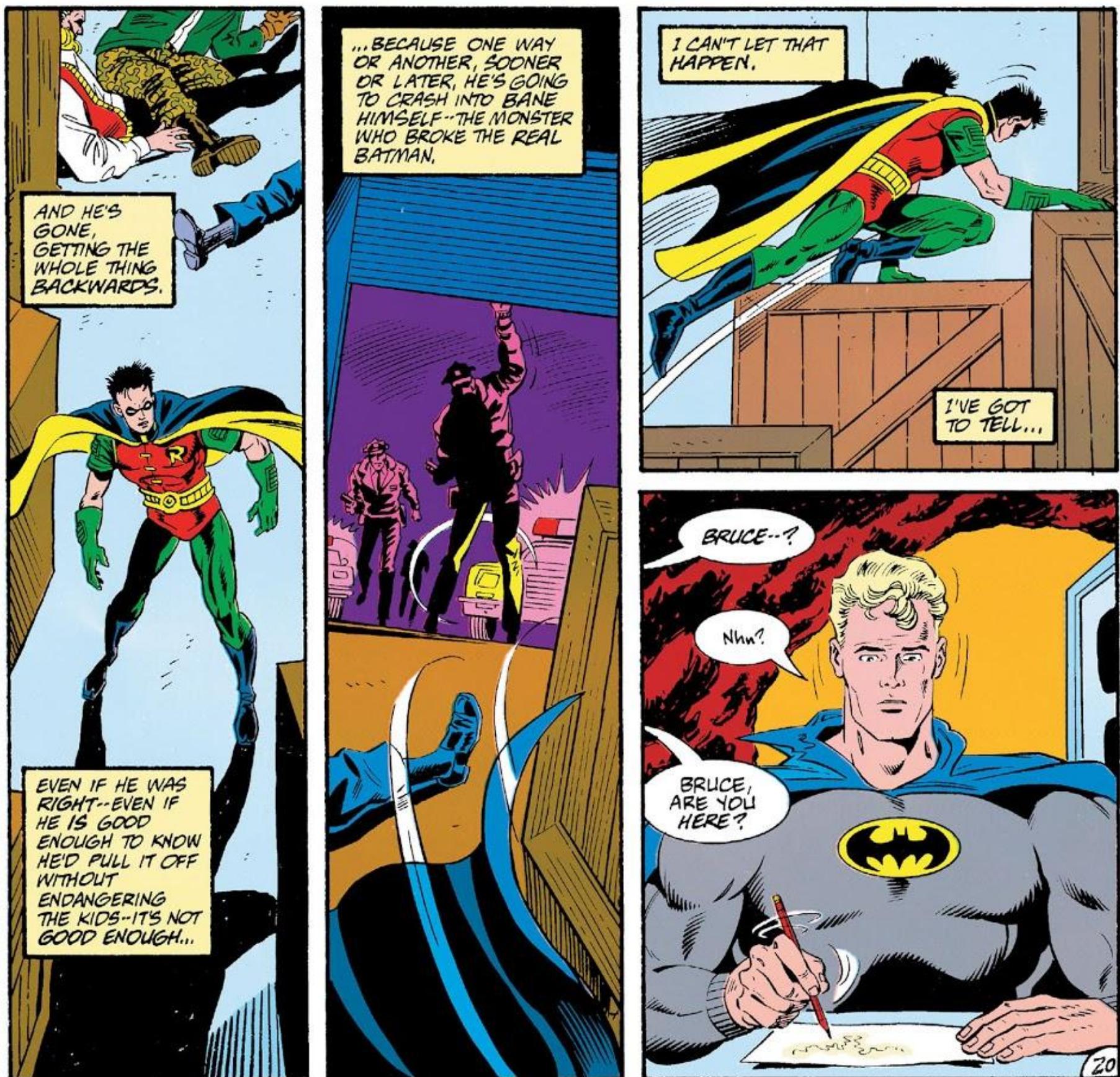
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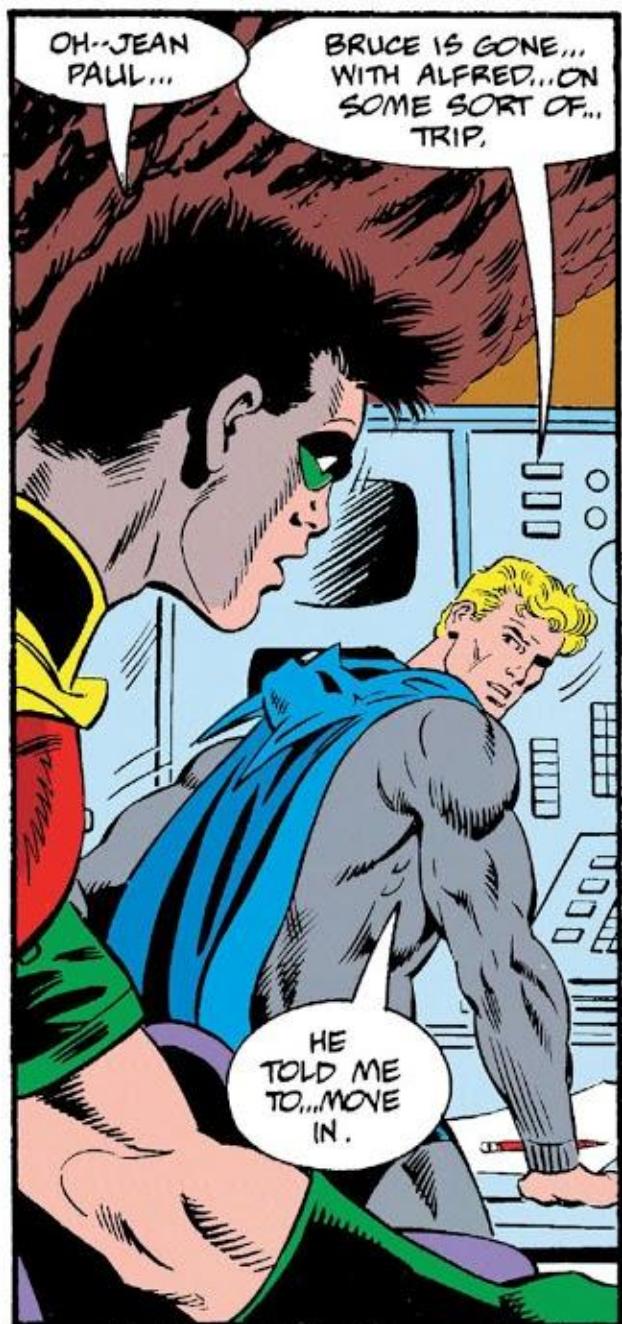
THESE THREE MUGS DON'T HAVE A CHANCE--

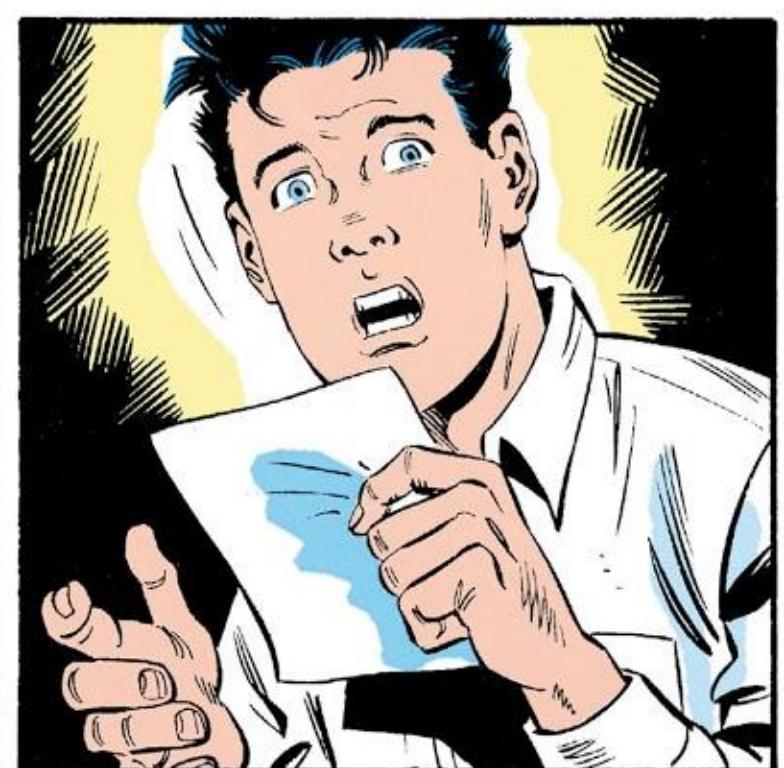
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