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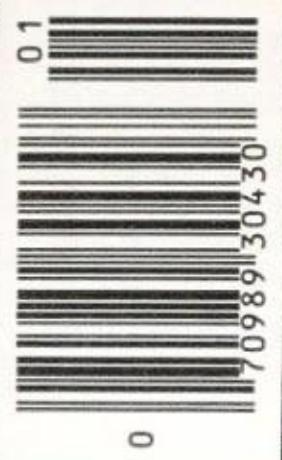
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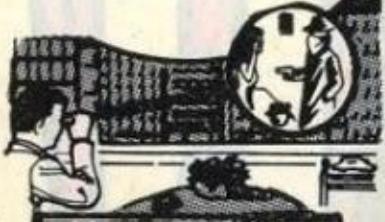
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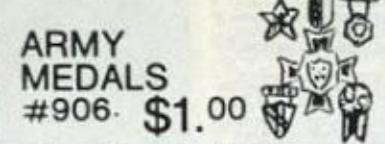
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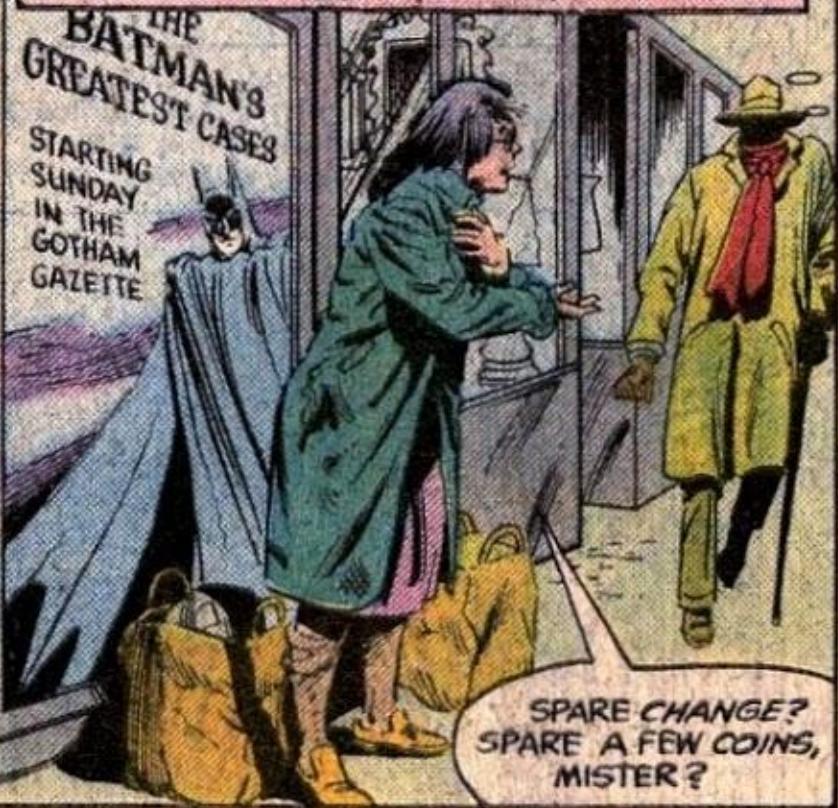
ORPHANED AS A CHILD WHEN HIS PARENTS WERE MURDERED BEFORE HIS EYES, BRUCE WAYNE HAS TRAINED HIMSELF TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST CRIME AS THE DREAD AVENGER OF THE NIGHT...

BATMAN

CREATED BY BOB KANE

FOR AS LONG AS ANYONE COULD REMEMBER, IT HAD BEEN THE BALLERINA'S CORNER!

EVERY NIGHT, SHE COULD BE FOUND HERE IN THIS UNDERGROUND ARCADE, STILL STRUGGLING TO SALVAGE SOME SMALL PIECE OF HER DREAM...



HERE YOU ARE, MY GOOD WOMAN. MAY THEY BRING YOU PEACE!



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MAY
YOU
SLEEP
WELL!

THEN, WITH AN AWKWARD HOBBLING SHUFFLE, AND A SOFT SIGH OF RELIEF, THE DARK-CLAD FIGURE IS GONE--

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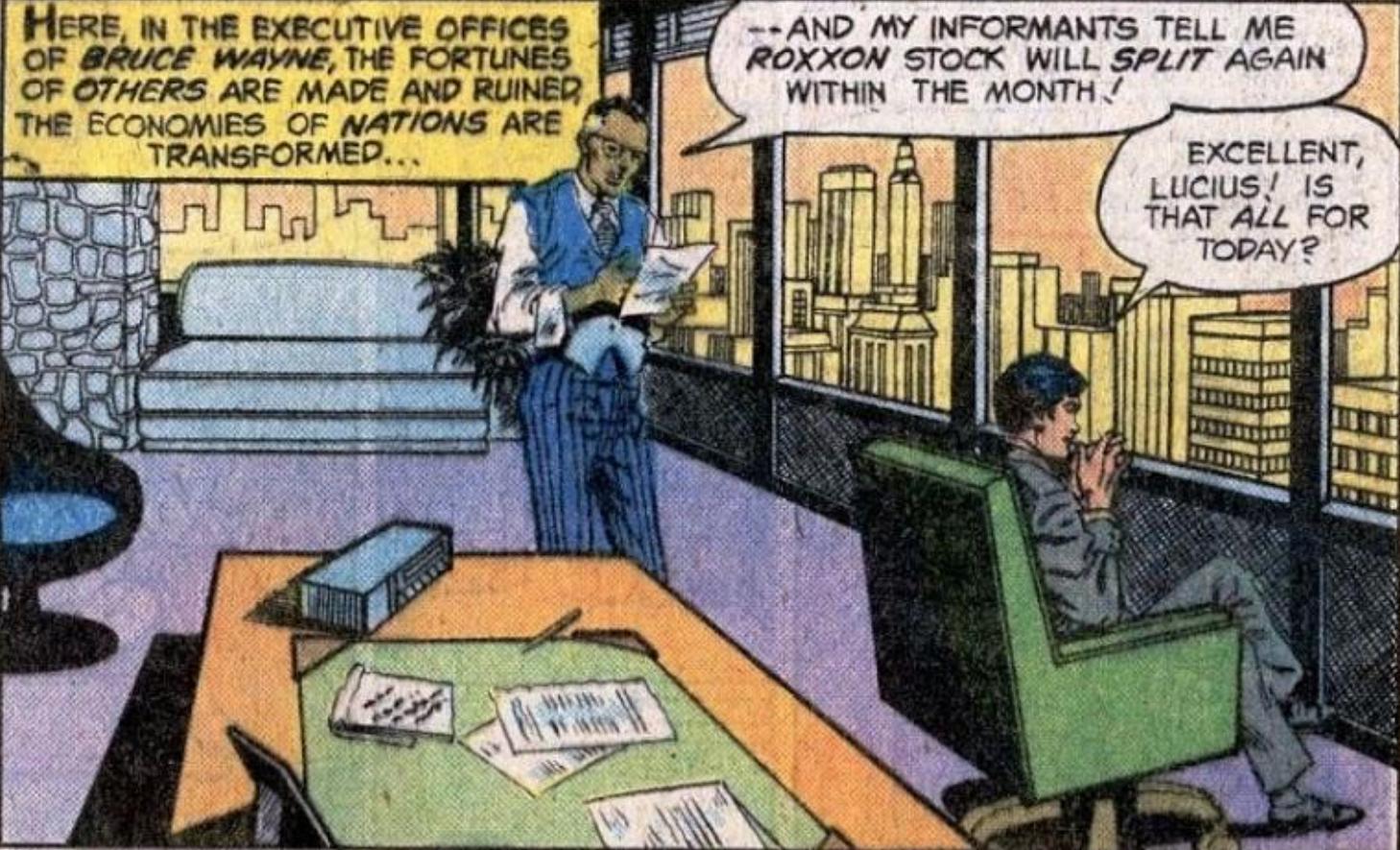
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ACROSS THE TOWERING SKYLINE OF GOTHAM CITY, ONE BUILDING STANDS OUT FROM ALL THE REST--



--THE GLEAMING WAYNE FOUNDATION!

HERE, IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF BRUCE WAYNE, THE FORTUNES OF OTHERS ARE MADE AND RUINED, THE ECONOMIES OF NATIONS ARE TRANSFORMED...



EXCELLENT, LUCIUS! IS THAT ALL FOR TODAY?

NOT QUITE, BRUCE--THERE'S ONE THING MORE!

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A MAN NAMED GREGORIAN FALSTAFF?

CONSIDERING MY FINANCIAL CIRCLE, THAT'S A LITTLE LIKE ASKING IF I'VE EVER HEARD THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER, ISN'T IT?

ACCORDING TO MY SOURCES, FALSTAFF HAS JUST PURCHASED THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL--AND INSTALLED HIMSELF ON THE TOP THREE FLOORS!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING HERE, BRUCE--BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT CAN'T BODE THE WAYNE FOUNDATION ANY GOOD!

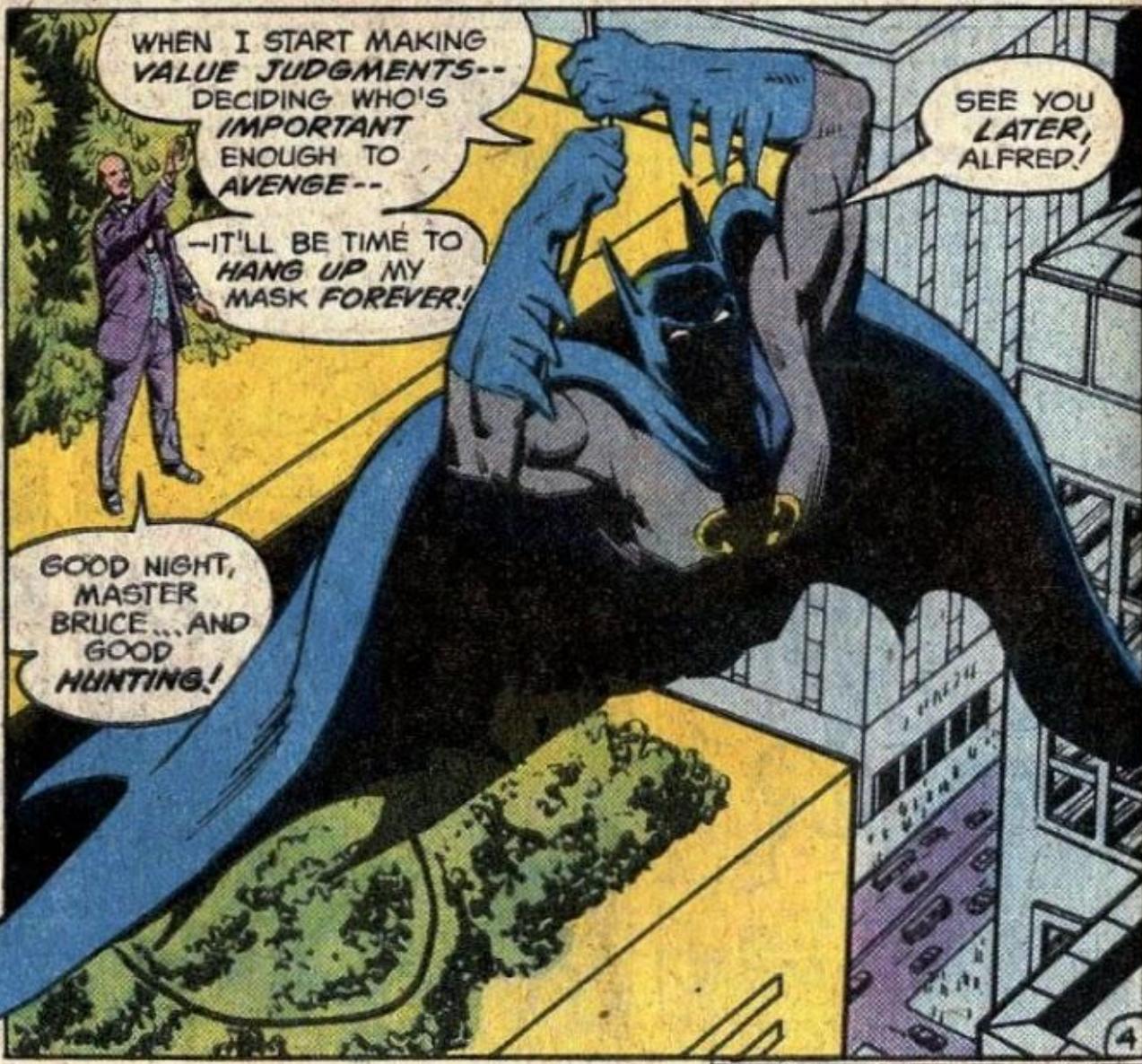
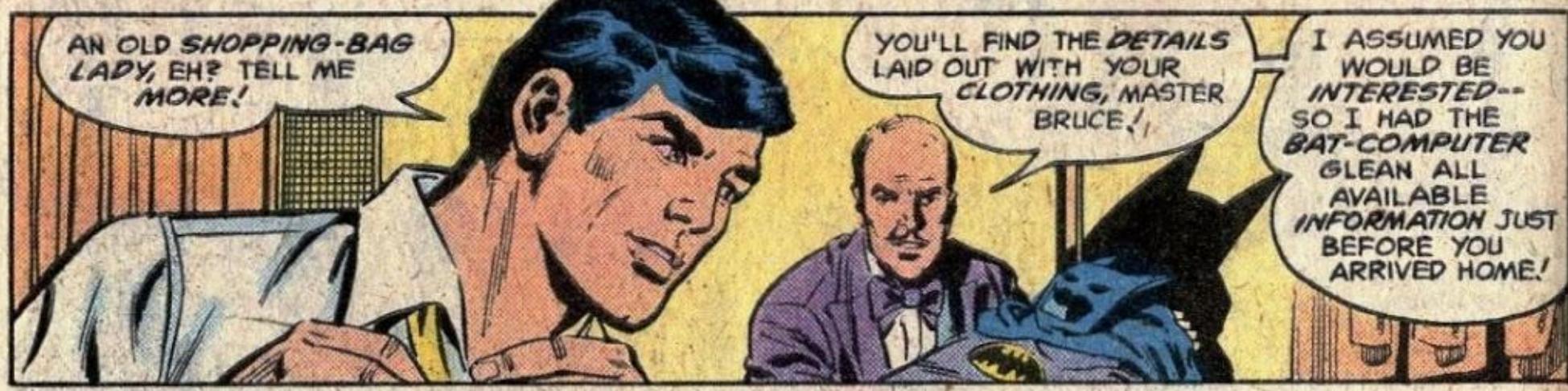


YOU MAY WELL BE RIGHT, MR. FOX--BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS IN THE MORNING!

IT'S SUNDOWN--AND I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO ATTEND TO RIGHT NOW!

THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS FOUNDATION?





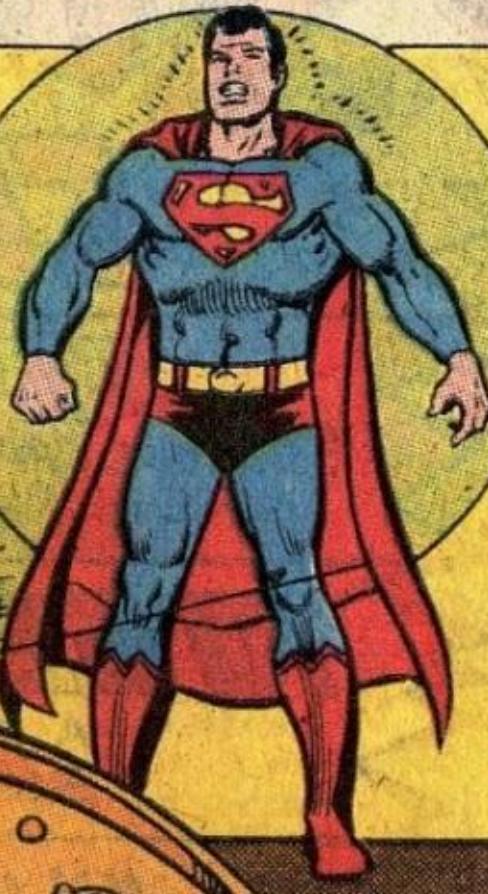
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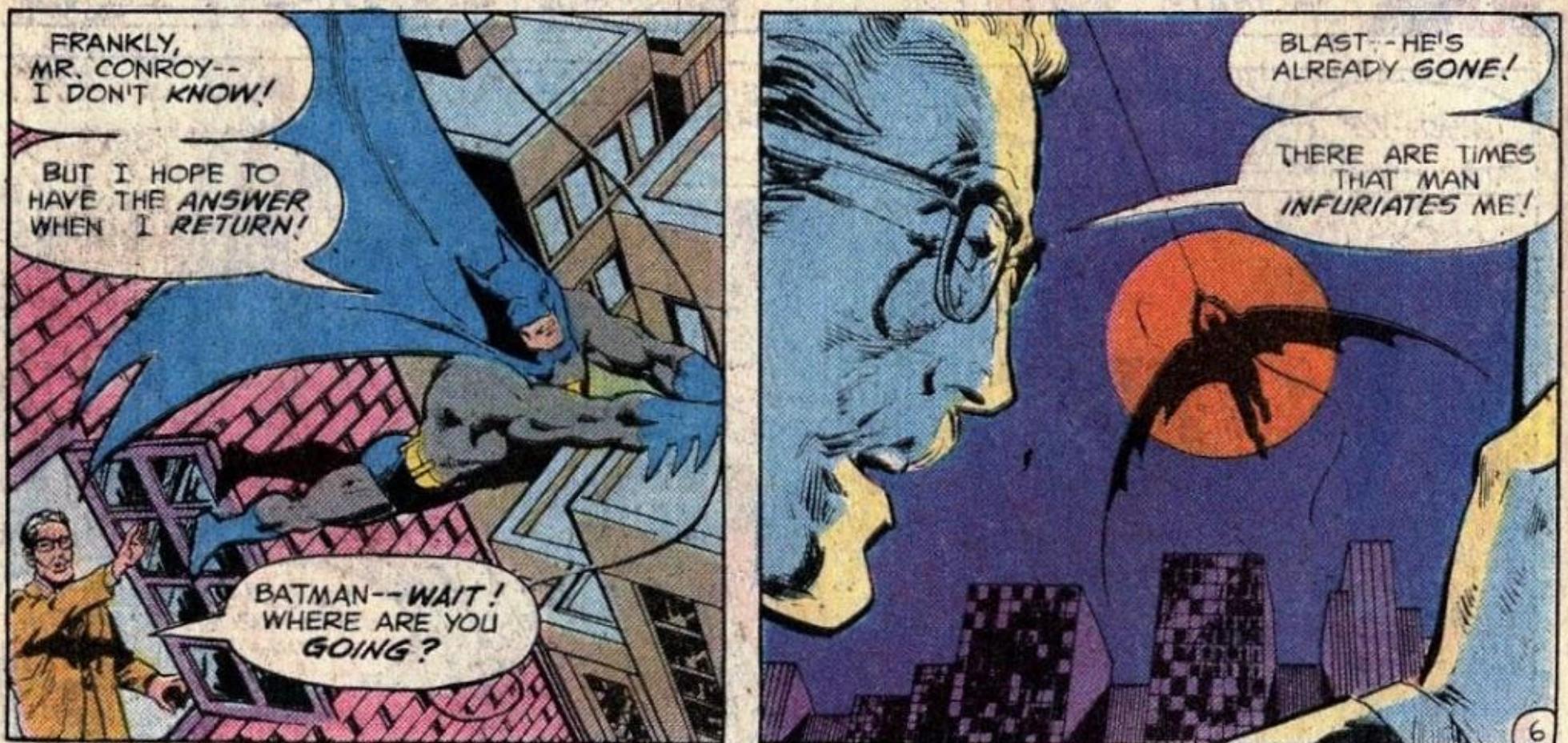
SHORTLY, IN THE OFFICES OF POLICE COMMISSIONER JAMES W. GORDON...

I'M A TAX-PAYING CITIZEN, GORDON-- AND I WON'T BE IGNORED!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, GLORIA--I'LL SEE THE GENTLEMAN!

I'M SORRY, SIR! I TRIED TO KEEP HIM OUT, BUT--!





THUS FAR, THE NIGHT HAS BEEN GOOD TO SQUIRREL KOMINSKY.

HE'D FOUND A NOT-QUITE-EMPTY BOTTLE OF TWO-DOLLAR HOOCH FOR HIS DINNER-- A SHELTERED DOORWAY FOR HIS BED-- AND A DRY COPY OF THIS AFTERNOON'S GAZETTE FOR HIS BLANKET!

ALL IN ALL, A RELATIVELY PLEASANT WAY TO PASS THE MIDNIGHT HOURS--

--IF NOT FOR THE CONSTANT INTERRUPTIONS!

MY FRIEND, I'D LIKE WORDS WITH YOU!

HUH?

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE BATMAN IS AN IMPRESSIVE FIGURE. HIS UNEXPECTED VISAGE, LOOMING LARGE OUT OF THE DARKNESS, IS OFTEN VIEWED WITH ADMIRATION... OR HOSTILITY... OR OUTRIGHT FEAR...

...BUT RARELY WITH INDIFFERENCE!

OH.

SURE AN' I'M SORRY IF ME PRESENCE STARTLED YE, LADDIE.

NOTHING STARTLES ME, FRIEND-- NOT ANY MORE! YOU HAVE A NAME?

WELL, ME FRIENDS-- FEW AN' FAR BETWEEN AS THEY BE-- CALL ME SHAMROCK!

AN' 'TIS PLEASED I AM T'BE MAKIN' THE ACQUAINTANCE O' THE LEGENDARY BATMAN!

THEN PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP ME, SHAMROCK! I'M INVESTIGATING LAST NIGHT'S MURDER!

AYE, THE BALLERINA-- AN' A FINE LASS SHE WAS! 'TIS A SHAME, HER BEIN' TAKEN BEFORE HER RIGHTFUL TIME!

BUT ALL I KNOW ABOUT IT, LADDIE, IS WHAT I READ IN THE PAPERS!

IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT HAVE SEEN SOMETHING?

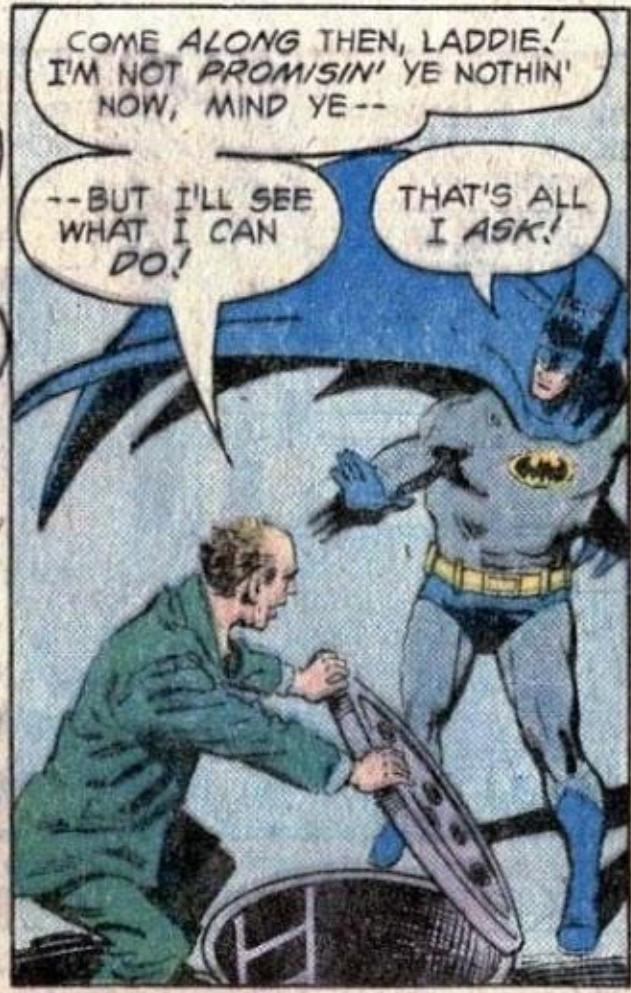
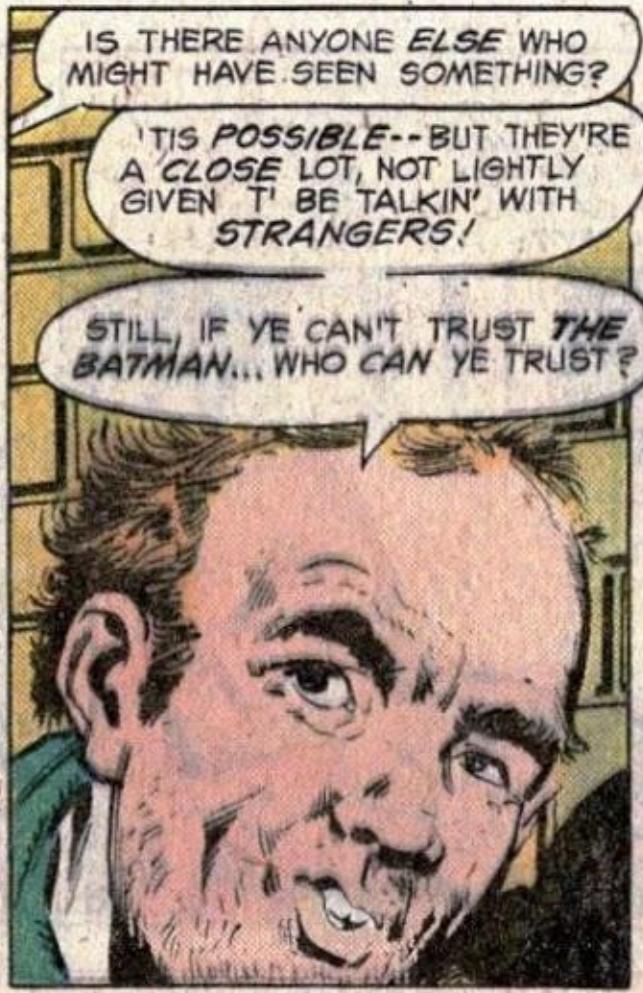
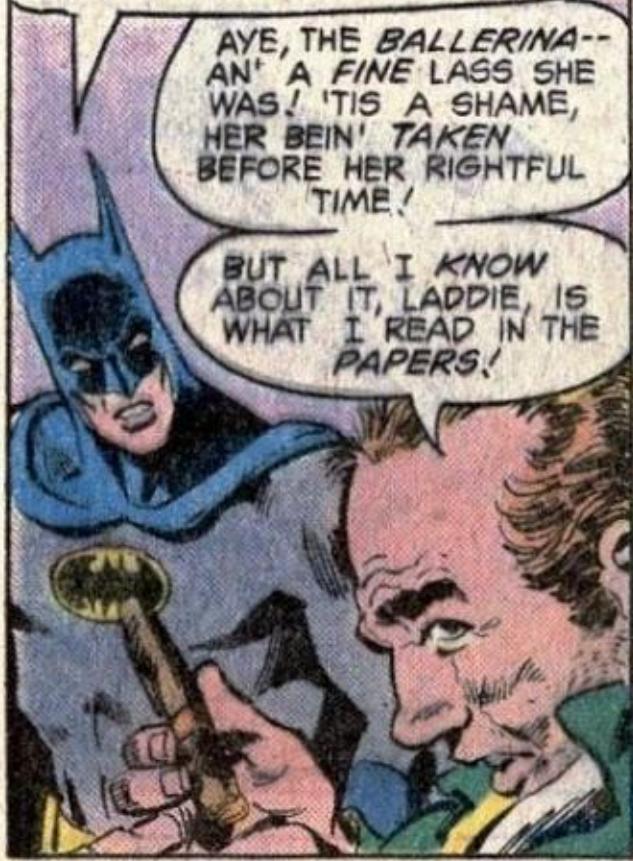
'TIS POSSIBLE--BUT THEY'RE A CLOSE LOT, NOT LIGHTLY GIVEN T' BE TALKIN' WITH STRANGERS!

STILL, IF YE CAN'T TRUST THE BATMAN...WHO CAN YE TRUST?

COME ALONG THEN, LADDIE! I'M NOT PROMISING' YE NOTHIN' NOW, MIND YE--

--BUT I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!

THAT'S ALL I ASK!



INTO THE VERY BOWELS OF THE CITY THEY DESCEND, A BORROWED BAT-FLASH LIGHTING THEIR WAY, AS THEY MOVE CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH MILDEWED PASSAGES WHICH TWIST AWAY INTO THE ALL-CONSUMING DARKNESS!



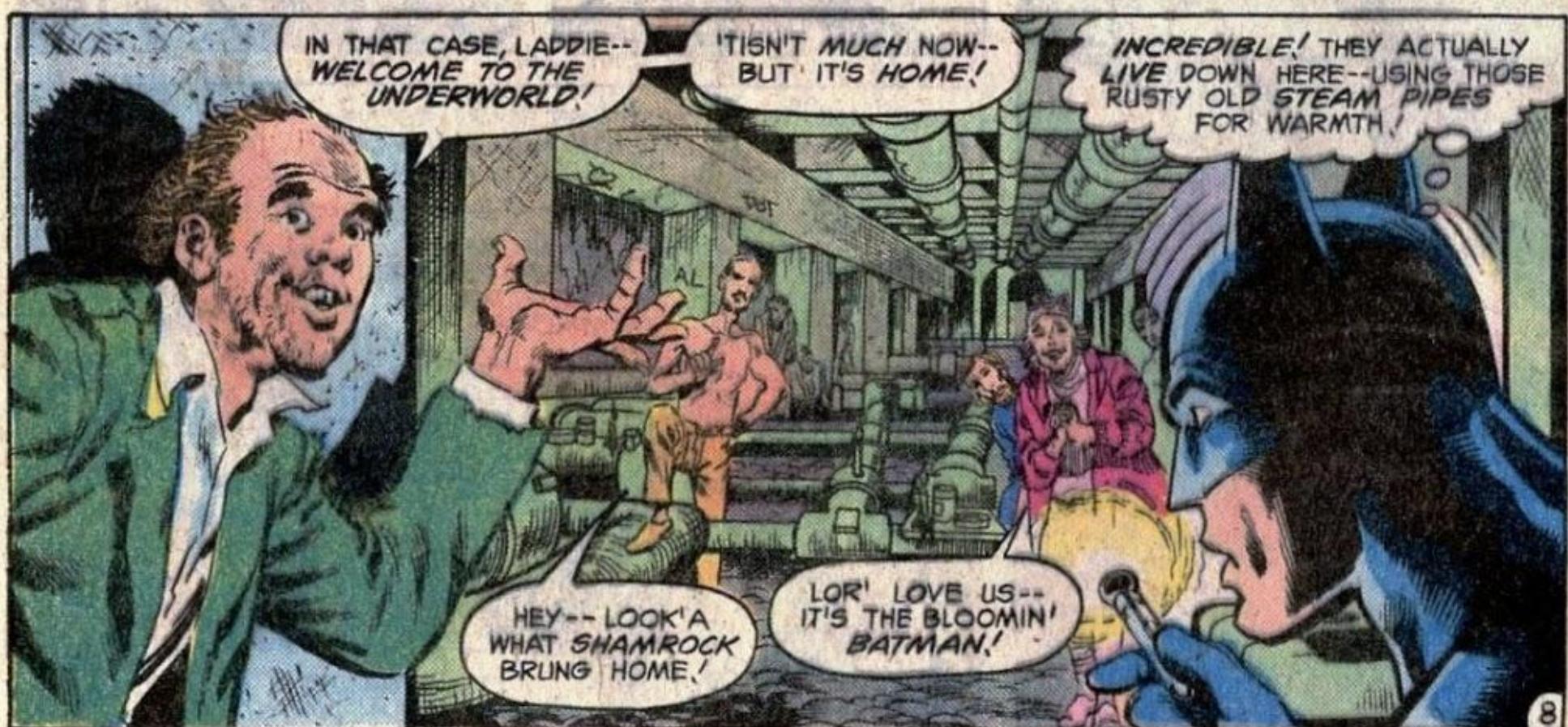
BEFORE THEM, FIERY-EYED RATS SCURRY FROM THEIR PATH, CHITTERING THEIR ANNOYANCE-- AND THE PERSISTENT DRIP OF WATER PLAYS A MONOTONOUS DIRGE...

UNTIL, AT LAST...

I'M WARNIN' YE AGAIN, LADDIE--YE MAY BE WASTIN' YER TIME HERE!

THEM YE BE WANTIN' T' SPEAK TO AIN'T GOT MUCH USE FER THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

STILL-- I HAVE TO TRY!



IN THAT CASE, LADDIE-- WELCOME TO THE UNDERWORLD!

'TISN'T MUCH NOW-- BUT IT'S HOME!

INCREDIBLE! THEY ACTUALLY LIVE DOWN HERE--USING THOSE RUSTY OLD STEAM PIPES FOR WARMTH!

HEY--LOOK'A WHAT SHAMROCK BRUNG HOME!

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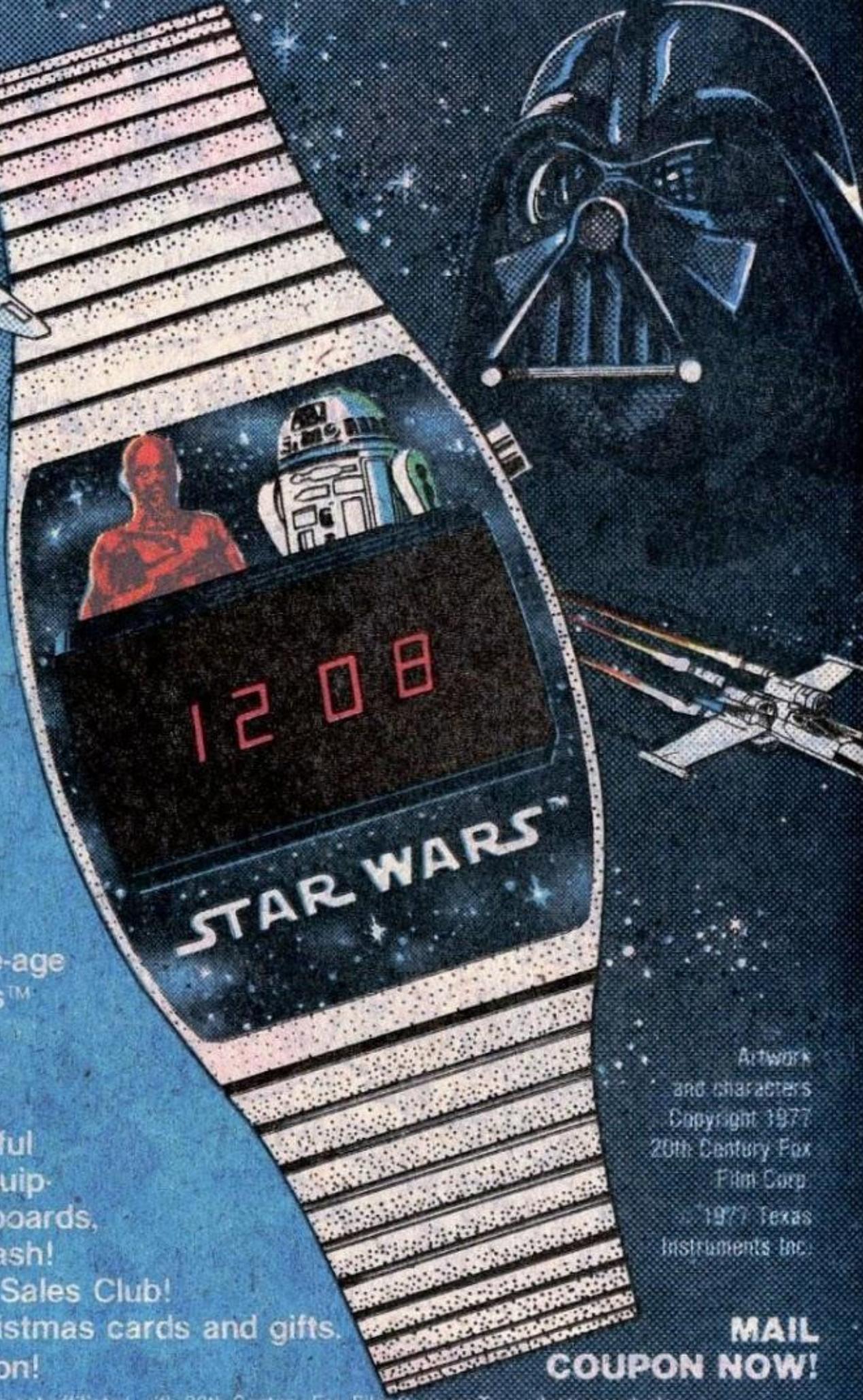
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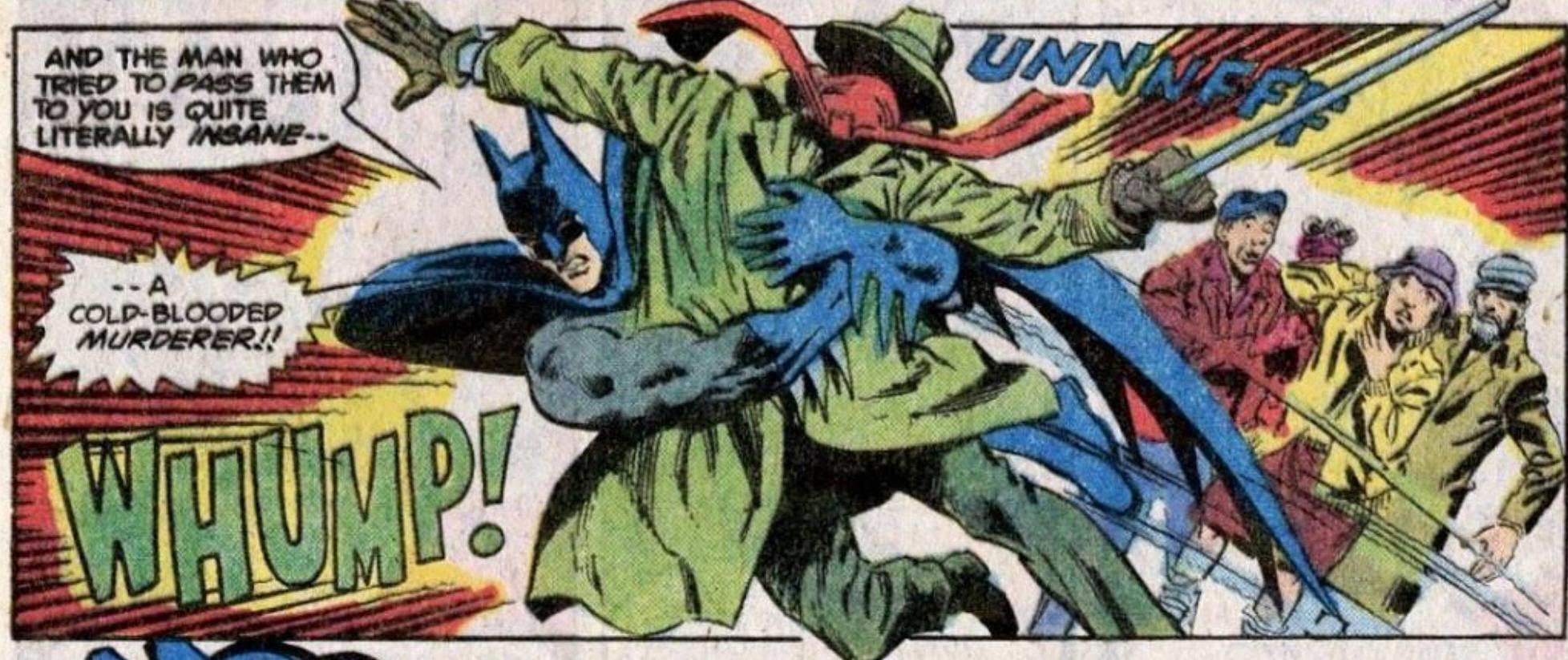
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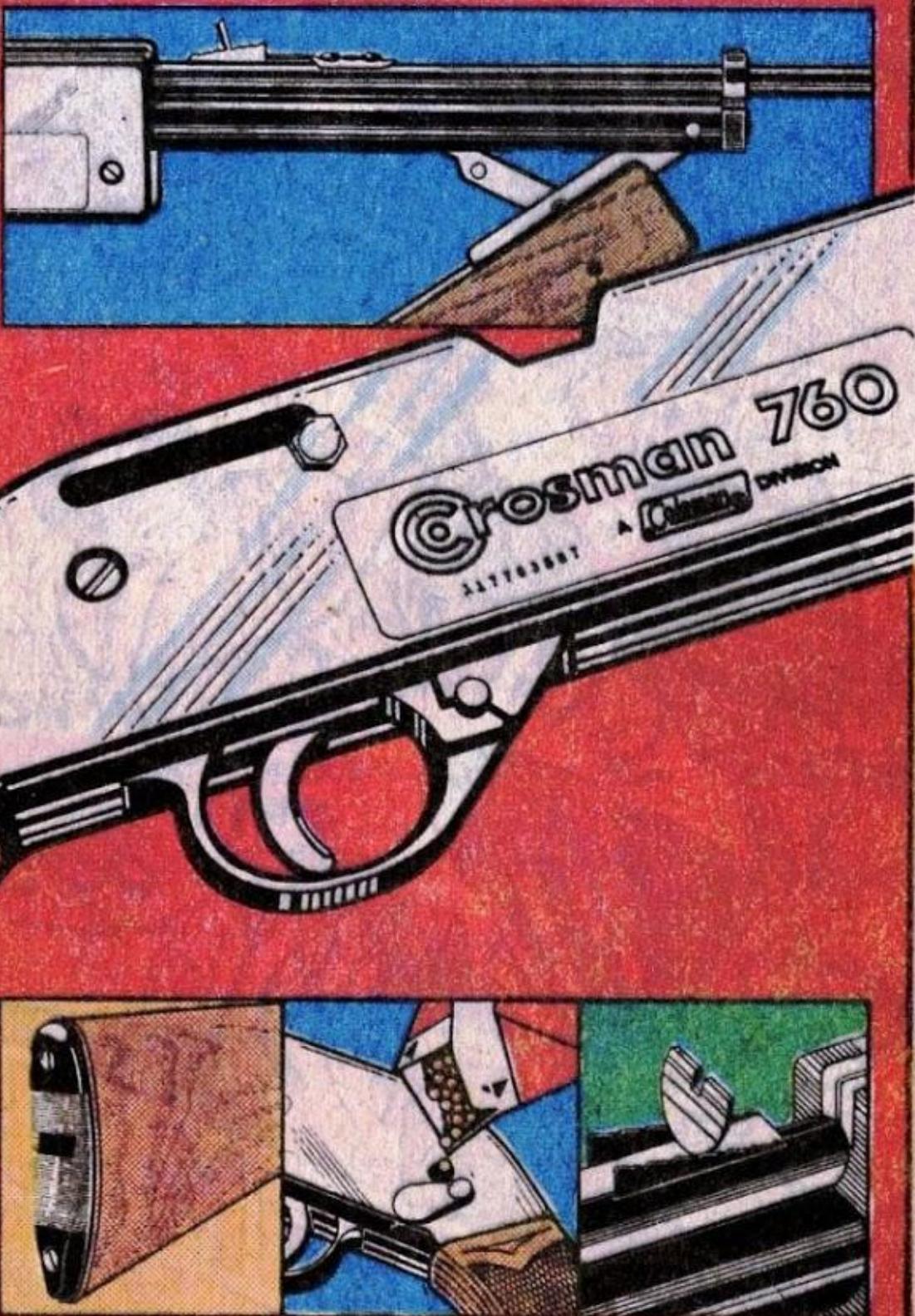




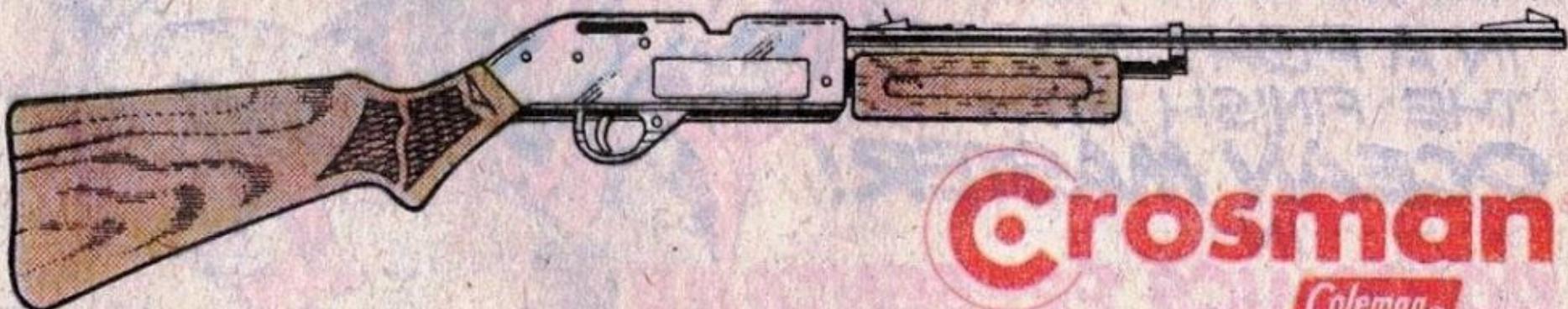
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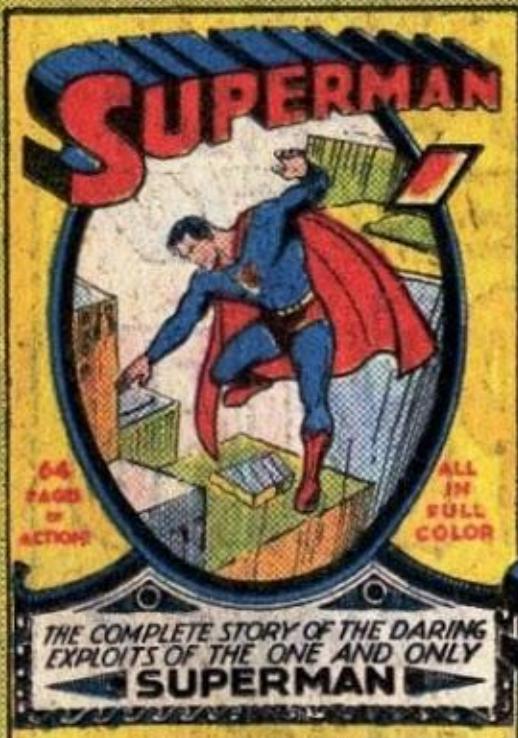
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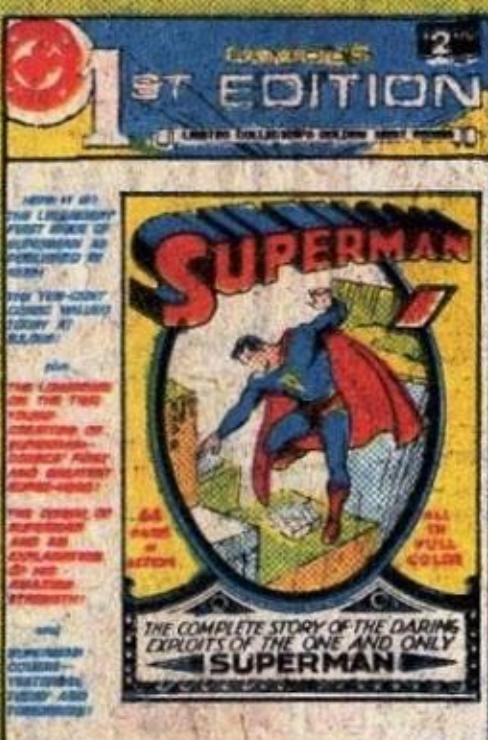
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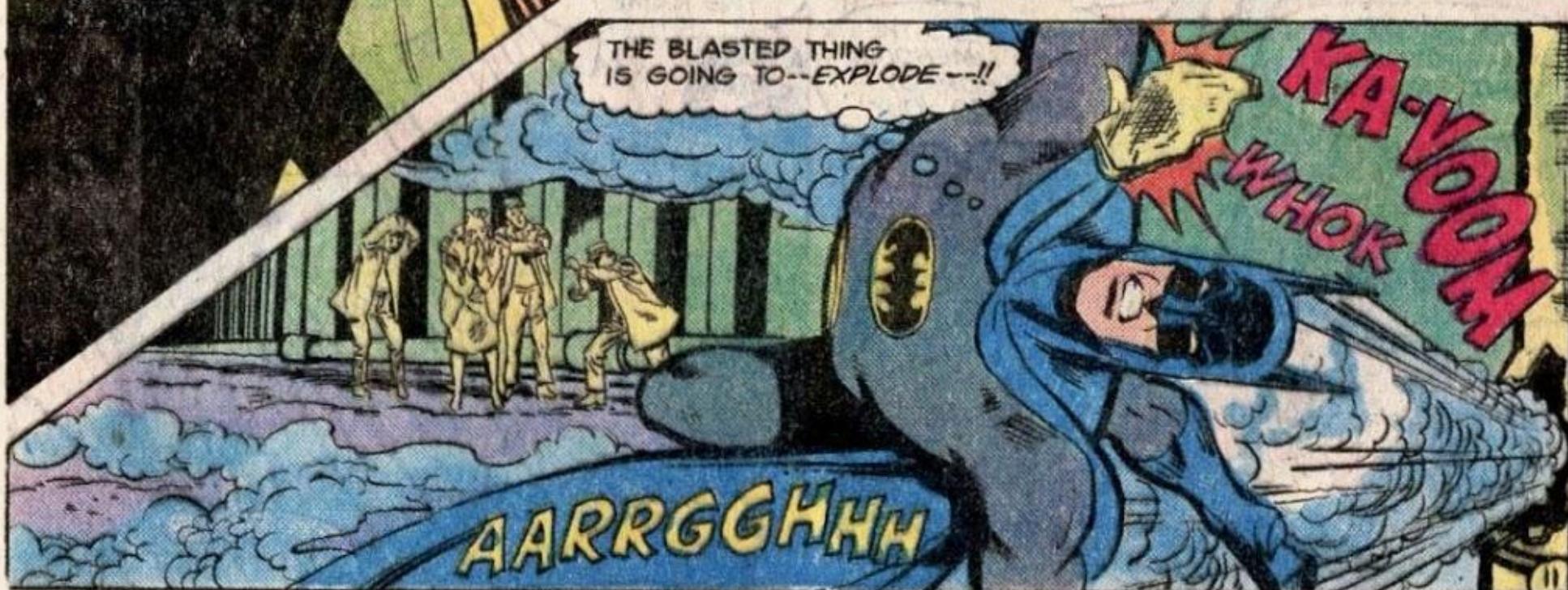
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ARE YE HURTIN' BAD NOW, LADDIE?

IT'S NOTHING, SHAMROCK-- ONLY AN INJURED SHOULDER! I'LL SURVIVE!

INDEED, SIR--BUT SHALL WE?

YEAH--EVEN A GUY LIKE YOU AIN'T NO MATCH FER A GHOST!

I'LL RESERVE COMMENT ON THAT! TELL ME MORE!

SURE AN' THE BOYO USED T' BE JUST LIKE US-- A SLEEPER IN DOORWAYS-- ONE O' THE DISCARDED!

BUT TEN, FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, TH' BLIGTER JUST UP AN' DISAPPEARED!

WE FIGGERED HE HADDA BE DEAD BY NOW!

WE CALLED HIM LIMEHOUSE JACK, GOOD SIR!

HIS GIVEN NAME WAS JOHN FRANCIS CONROY!

HOODED EYES NARROW IN SUDDEN UNDERSTANDING--

-- AND SOME TIME LATER, IN A WELL-APPOINTED WEST SIDE APARTMENT...

QUENTIN CONROY, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



EH? WH-WHO--?!

THE BATMAN!? WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME NOW?

SOME ANSWERS, MISTER!

WHAT DOES THE NAME LIMEHOUSE JACK CONROY MEAN TO YOU?

N-NOTHING! I--I'VE NEVER HEARD THE NAME!

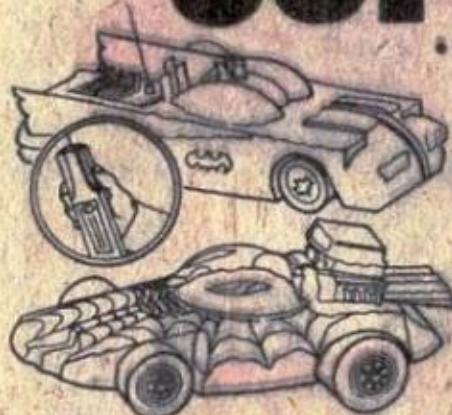
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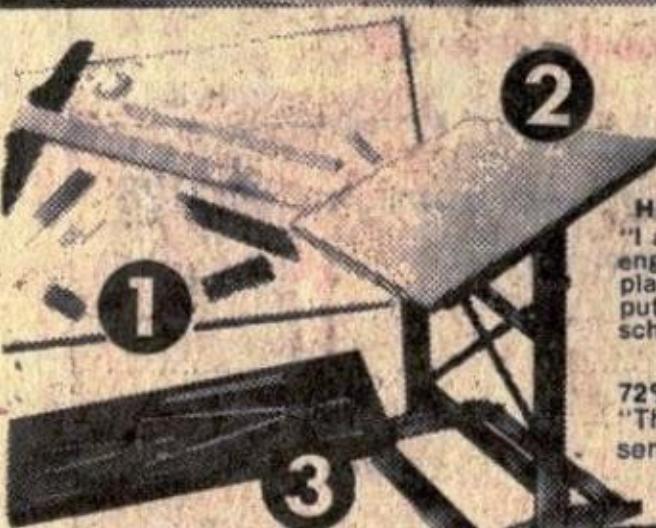
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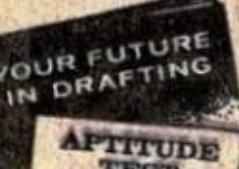
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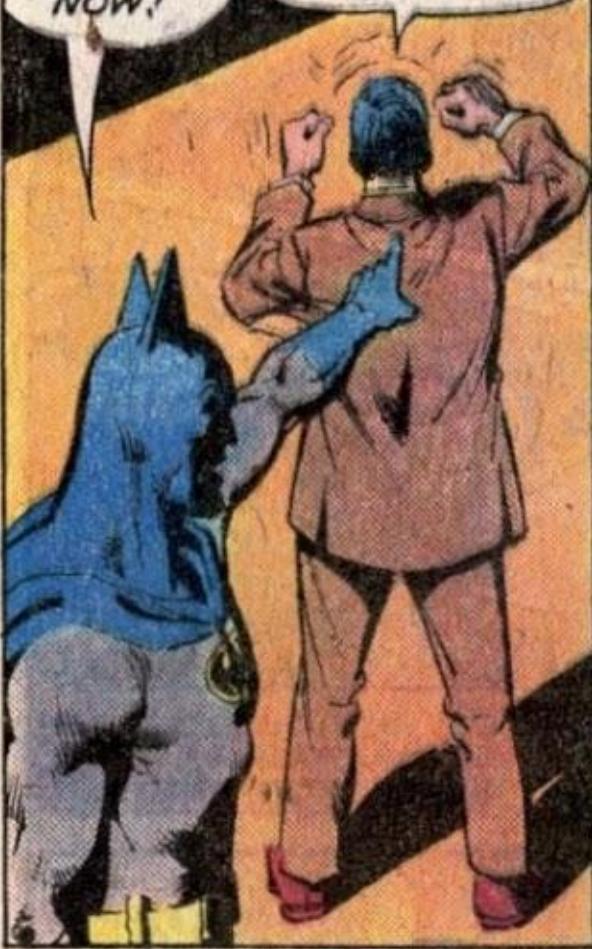


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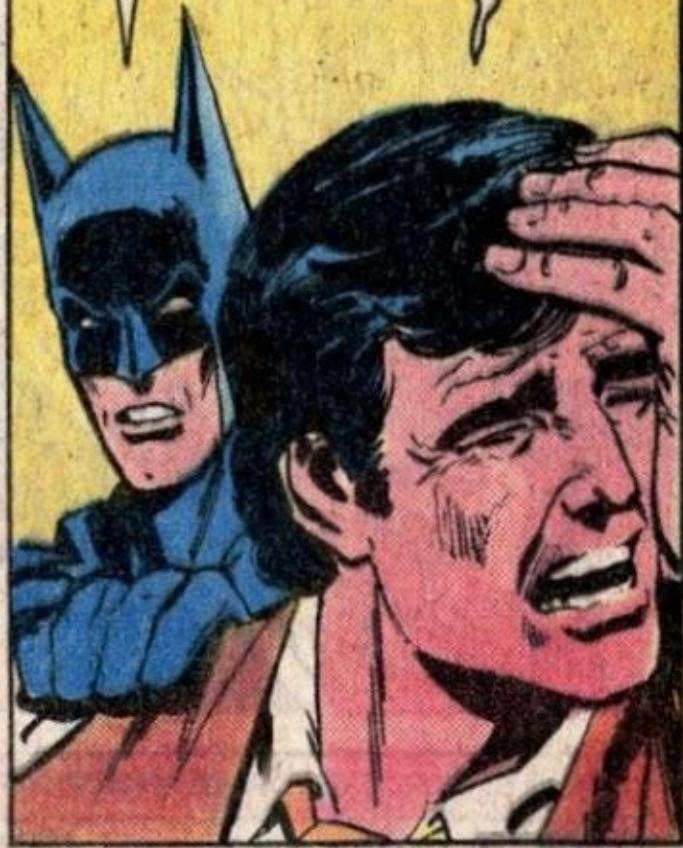
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WHO IS DEAD, QUENTIN? WHO IS LIMEHOUSE JACK TO YOU?

YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU?

LIMEHOUSE JACK CONROY WAS MY ...MY FATHER!



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DID HE, CONROY?

I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER!

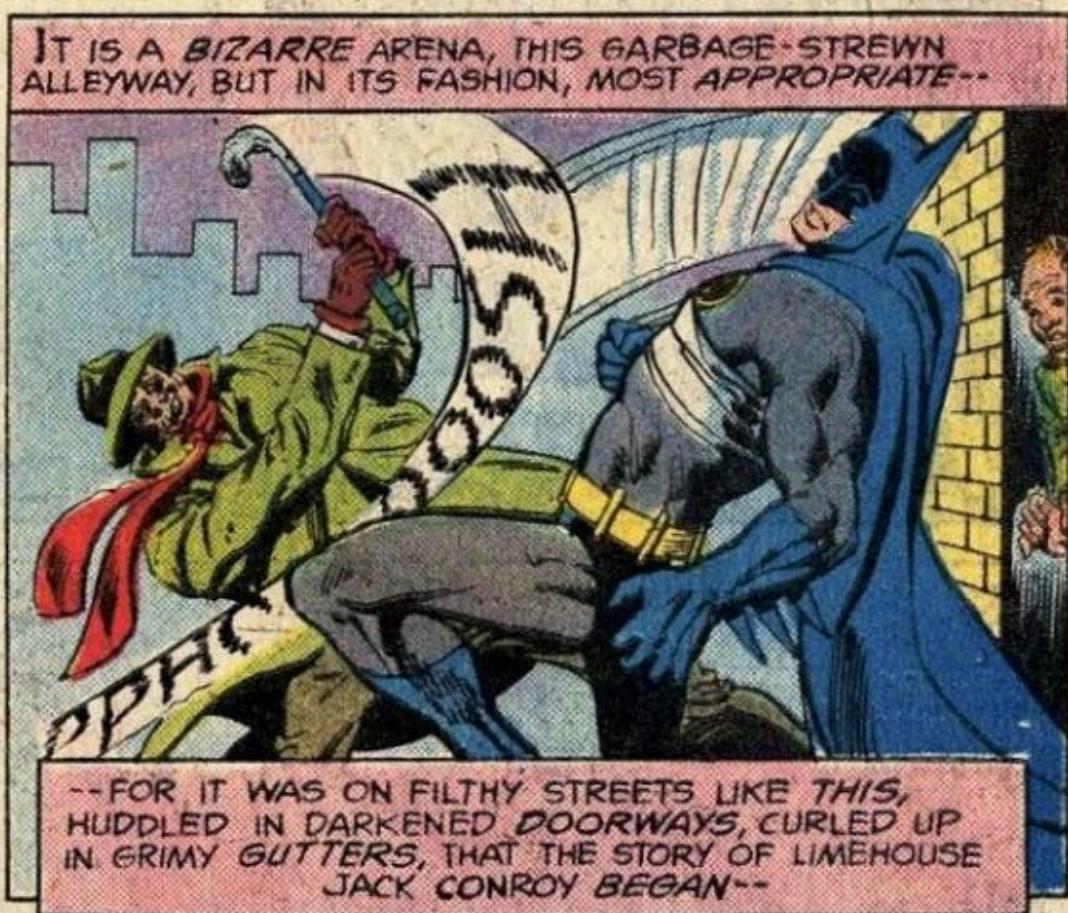


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TO GIVE YOU PEACE!

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REALLY
THINK SO!

SURE AN' THAT
KIND O' PEACE WE
CAN DO WITHOUT!

AS I SEE IT, THE
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THAN BALANCED--

--AND YOU DON'T
BELONG HERE
ANYMORE!

NO! THESE PEOPLE
ARE MY FRIENDS!
I'M ONE OF THEM!

YOU WAS NEVER ONE
OF US, MATE!

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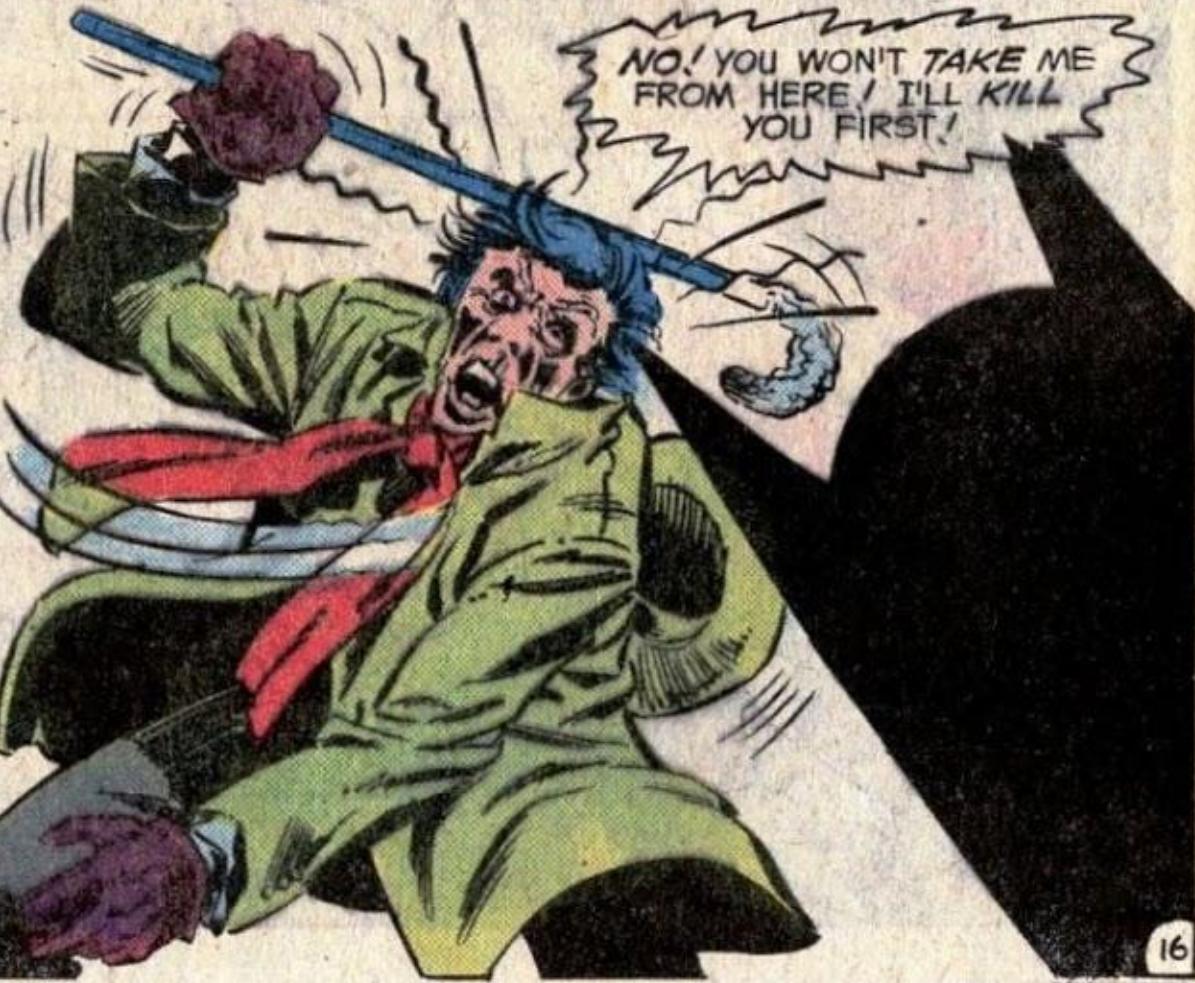
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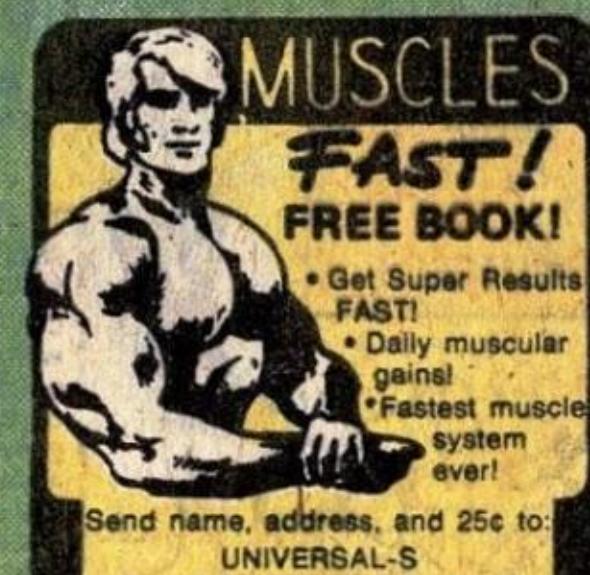
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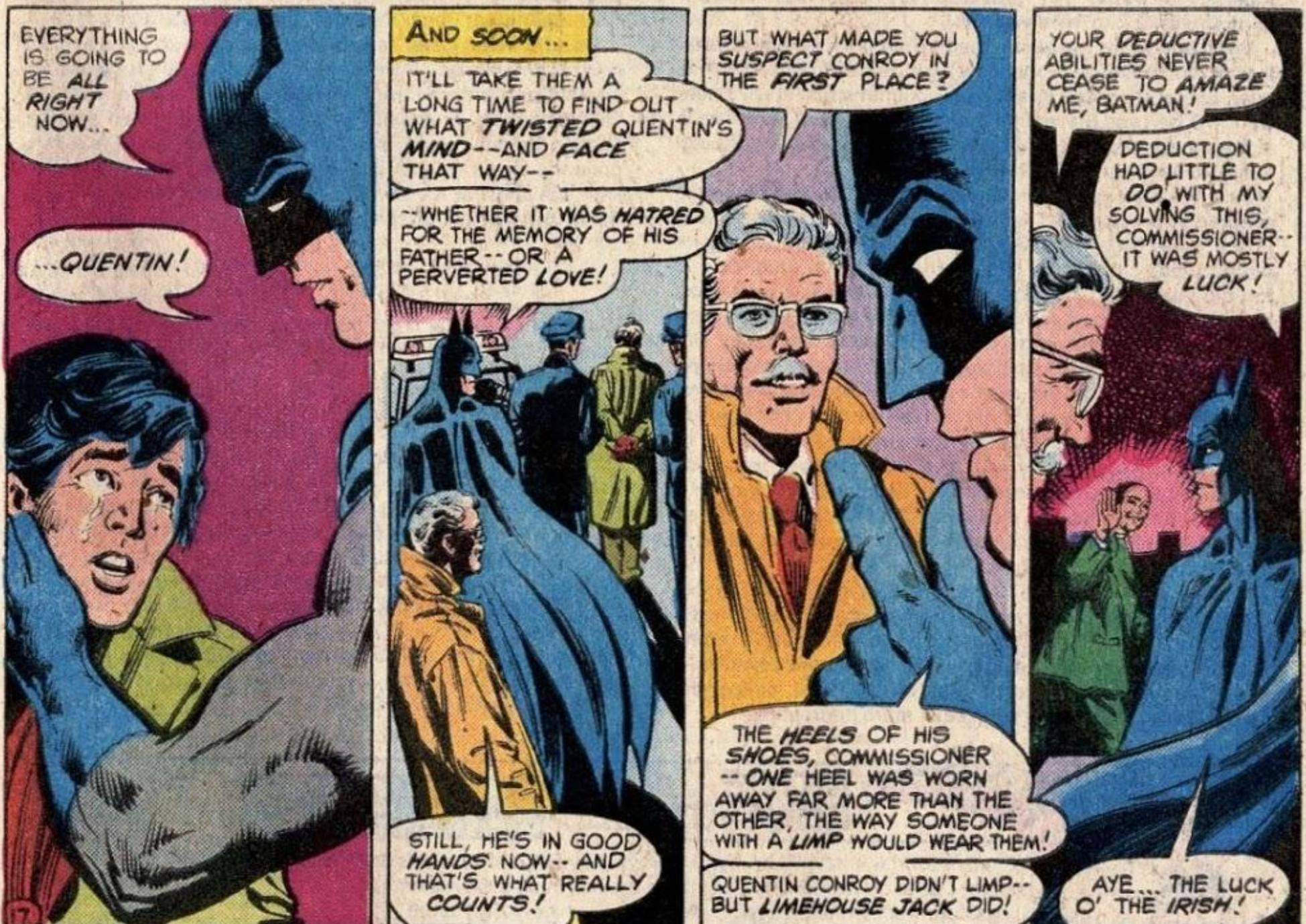
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I've been following *The Batman* for a number of years now and I've seen him through New Looks and Big Changes and all that fol-de-rol. These days, however, David V. Reed has his own little revolution going on in *BATMAN* and I find myself enjoying it more and more. And after "Attack of the Wire-Head Killers" in #302, I'm prepared to hitch myself semi-permanently to the Reed version.

What impresses me about Reed's *Batman* is the almost total lack of emotionalism. For almost eight years, *The Batman* has been one of the most intensely emotional strips at *DC* under Denny O'Neil and Steve Englehart. But these days, one treads a fine line between tradition and overkill and I'm perfectly suited to Reed's placing his priority on plot!

And his plots are marvelous! The last time *Batman* was scripted by anyone with nearly as much plotting prowess was in the Silver Age, with Gardner Fox. But Reed's *Batman* is more human than Fox's, though there is still a great deal of forethought and detective skill involved. *Batman* constantly has to reassess and remaneuver due to that ever-constant "X-factor" that never showed up in the Fox tales. For instance, in the Wire-Head two-parter, *Batman* had to think on his feet and shuffle the deck due to Millbrook's accidental death; and, in #302, the accidental heart-attack that killed the wire-head assassin at a crucial moment. It's all great fun; by the time a Reed story ends, the original goal has been eliminated and a deft transition has been made to another. I love the shifts and the Reed handling of *Batman*—level-headed, prone to human error, but in spite of it (or perhaps because of it) still larger than life.

Characterization, while certainly played down, is nice too. Although Alfred does little these days except stand in the background and hand things to Bruce, *Robin* is doing wonderfully—he's so collegiate, as we all knew he would be—and Commissioner Gordon, one of the best supporting characters around, has seldom been more interesting.

John Calnan and Dick Giordano did a clean, precision job on the art this issue; their style is perfect for Reed's swift-paced narrative. Altogether, a very good team.

I wish I could say that I haven't enjoyed *Batman* this much in years, but actually, I've been enjoying him all along. Would you settle for an admission that I'm enjoying him as much as ever? I guess you'll have to . . . that's all I'm offering.

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We hope you're enjoying Len Wein's version of *The Batman*. Al.—BR

Dear Editor:

"Attack of the Wire-Head Killers" was good solid stuff—I think the name "wire-heads" is a catchy one and I hope they'll return in the future. The device of having Bruce narrate the flashback for Dick was well done, so well done that I almost forgot it was just one of those standard recaps. And later, when *Robin* (as *Batman*) is stuck with the criminals while Bruce goes gallivanting off with Melanie, I felt a warm glow for the crazy friendship these two men share in the midst of constant danger.

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Dear Editor:

Another great Reed/Calnan/Giordano *BATMAN*!

David V. Reed never ceases to amaze me with his weird but great *Batman* tales. "Attack of the Wirehead Killers" was both original and entertaining. The art by John Calnan and Dick Giordano was, as usual, flawless. The Strong Man and the Human Dynamo were finely depicted, Bruce and Dick were done the way they should be, and *Batman* looked almost real! (And the shots of the *Batmobile* were so good I thought it was going to drive right off the page!)

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Wouldn't it be great if the *Batmobile* could drive off the page? Imagine the savings on a car that runs on ink instead of gasoline?—BR

BAT POLL RESULTS: Not too many readers took time to vote in our recent poll, but even the few votes we got tell the story. Sixteen per cent of the readers said they would like to see *Batman* as a loner in the magazine and 30% said they wanted to see him teamed with *Robin* all the time. But 52% said they would prefer occasional team-ups of the Dynamic Duo. The third choice seems to be the logical route then . . . to please most of the people most of the time! (By the way, only one reader wanted to see *Batman* teamed up with a new partner—he chose *Batwoman*.) You can be sure that editor Julie will be taking these votes into consideration . . . so watch future issues for results!—Bob Rozakis

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 d) while Clark was a student at Metropolis University



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Q: Will you show *Superman's* origin again?—Szelim Kong. A: It's recapped in our *FAMOUS FIRST EDITION* of *SUPERMAN* #1 and will be shown in detail in the upcoming *Superman* movie!

Q: Will we be seeing *Batman* battling Ra's al Ghul and Talia again soon?—Unsigned. A: They appeared in the *BATMAN SPECTACULAR*.

Q: How many stretchable super-heroes are there?—Stanley Overly. A: Offhand, I can think of *Elongated Man*, *Plastic Man*, *Elastic Lad* and Marvel's *Mr. Fantastic*.

Q: How can *Superman* and *Batman* see their *Super-Sons* in *WORLD'S FINEST* if they're not married?—Timothy Robinson.

A: By using a computer forecaster in *Superman's* Fortress of Solitude.

Q: Can *The Flash* get tired?—Bobby Moore. A: Eventually.

Q: How much is *JLA* #45 worth?—Michel Gauthier. A: In good condition, about 60¢.

Q: How about an *Adam Strange* story somewhere?—Lawrence T. Bridget. A: He appeared in *DC COMICS PRESENTS* #3 . . . or did you miss him?

Q: How long does it take from the time we send our questions till the time you answer them?—Judy Marco. A: Your letter is dated March 2nd. I'm writing this column on July 7th. What date are you reading this column?

Q: Where is Snapper Carr?—Ben Scibetta. A: Working in *SUPERMAN FAMILY*.

Q: What is the relationship between *Aquaman* and *Aqualad*?—Jimmy E. Pendergrass. A: They are just friends, there is no blood relation.

Q: Is *Firestorm* going to join the *JLA*?—Matt Schmidt. A: Not in the near future.

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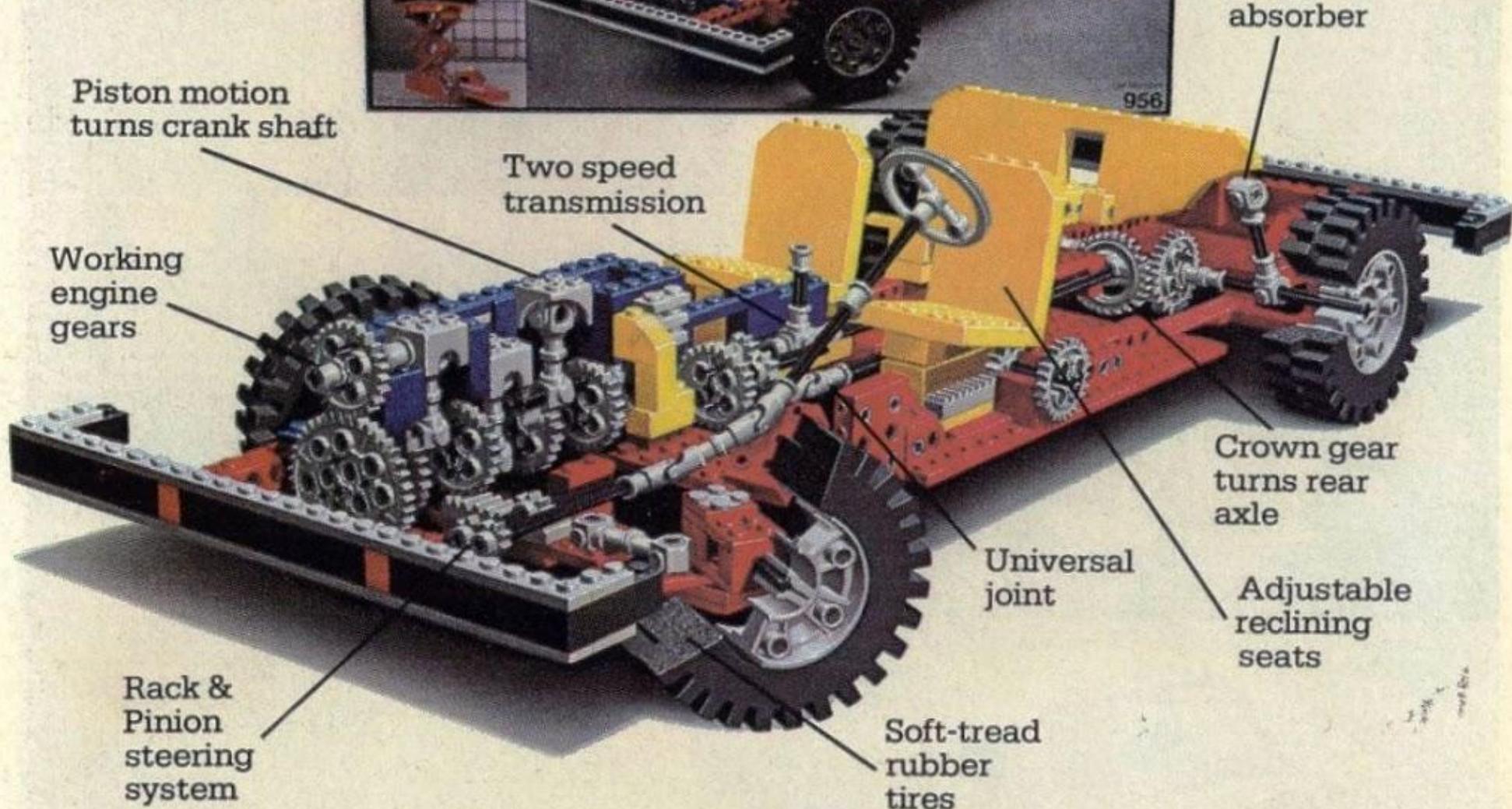


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