



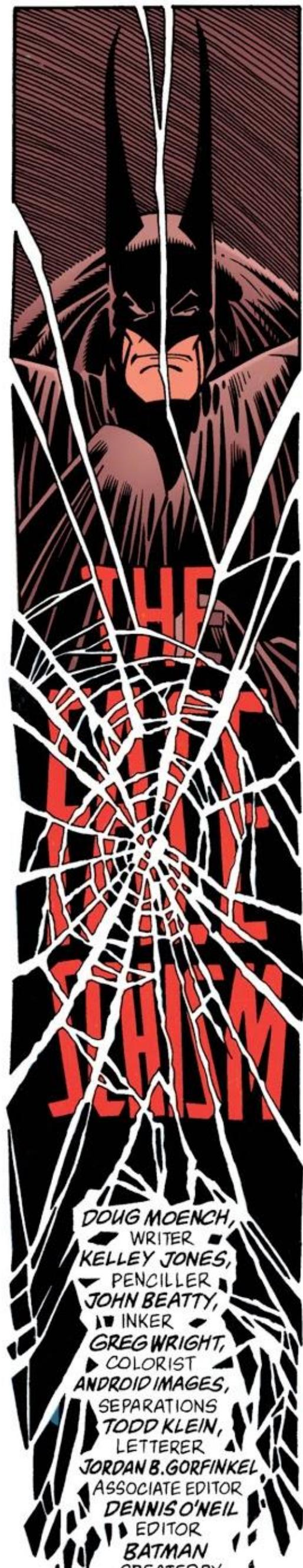
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IT'S A NEW CRIME THE TABLOIDS ARE CALLING "HOME INVASION"--
COMMITTED BY SMALL GANGS OF THIEVES TOO LAZY TO RANSACK
AN UNOCCUPIED HOUSE.

THEY WAIT FOR THE RESIDENTS TO RETURN AND THEN BARGE IN,
FORCING THEIR TERRORIZED VICTIMS TO SERVE UP HIDDEN CASH
AND VALUABLES ON A SILVER PLATTER.

IT'S EPIDEMIC IN THE SUBURBS, BUT IT HAPPENS HERE TOO, RIGHT
IN THE HEART OF THE CITY--CRIME MORE BRAZEN AND BRUTAL
BY THE NIGHT.



THIS INVASION STOPS
AT THE THRESHOLD.

FWAKK

YO!
WATCH THE
CANDY
BAR!

AIN'T ME!
DUDE'S GOIN'
POSTAL ON
US!

YOU HEAR
SOMETHING
OUT BACK,
GEORGE?

WITH LUCK, THE RESIDENTS ARE
OBLIVIOUS TO THEIR NEARLY
SHARED NIGHTMARE.

AW, JUST
ALLEYCATS
AGAIN.

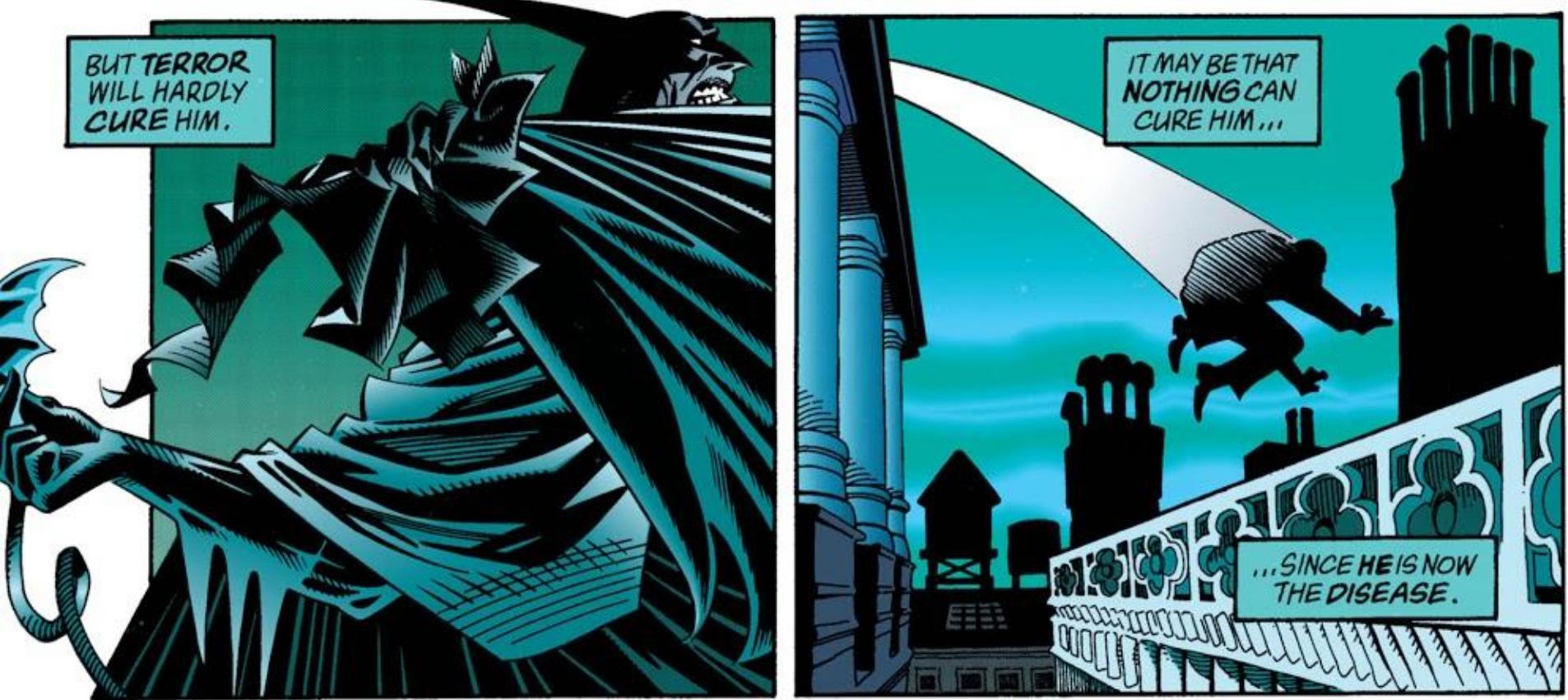
GWUH-H!

THRACKT

TWO DOWN.

THIRD ON THE FLY.

YOU KNOW,
GEORGE, WE
REALLY SHOULD
INSTALL A
LIGHT OUT
THERE...





...AND CRIPPLED
JUSTICE IS FALL-
ING BEHIND.

HEY!
YOU AIN'T
FRANKIE!
YOU
AIN'T EVEN
LIMPIN'...

"WHERE'S
FRANKIE--?"

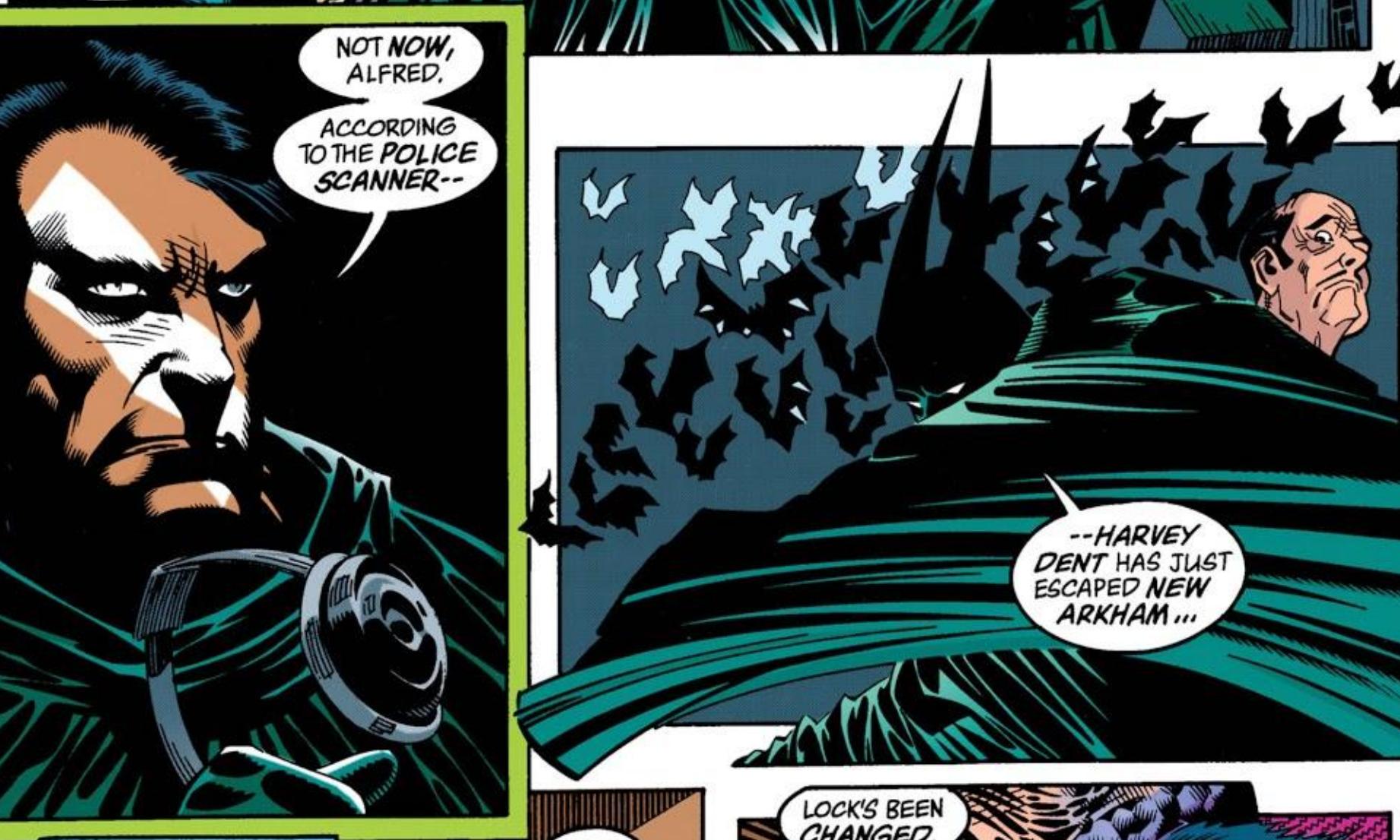
HOLD
IT!

WHO
ARE
YOU?!

WE
ARE--

THRUNCH

--FREE!







THE POLICE ARE GONE, WAITING
FOR DAYLIGHT TO FIND...WHAT?

NO, NOT ROUGH ENOUGH--YET TOO
THICK FOR PAPER AND TOO THIN
FOR CARDBOARD.

YES--THE CORNER OF A
CRUMBLING FILE FOLDER
...BROWNED...OLD.

A FLAKE OF
PLASTER?

WITH THE ROUNDED CORNER, IT
ALMOST LOOKS LIKE...

200X

DATA--AND NOT JUST
PREDATING COMPUTER
STORAGE, BUT FROM A
TIME WHEN FILE FOLDERS
WERE MADE OF THICKER
CARDSTOCK.

OLD ENOUGH TO BE FORMER
D.A. HARVEY DENT'S INVESTI-
GATION FILES...

THE ONES
HE COULDN'T
ACTON.

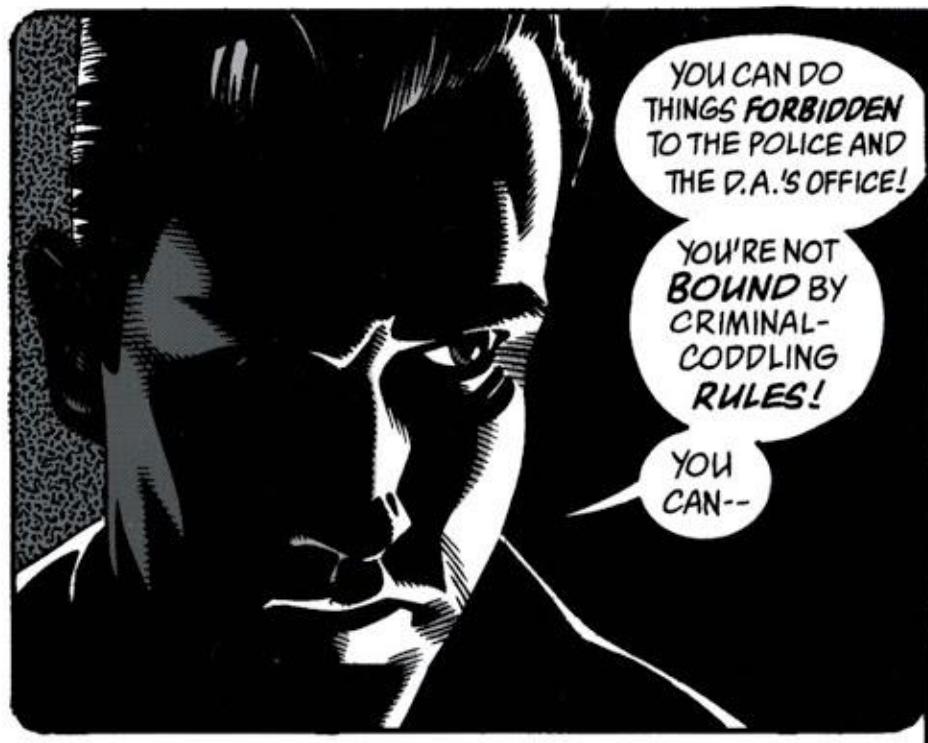
SUSPECTS HE
"KNEW" WERE
GUILTY IN CASES
LACKING
SUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE FOR
PROSECUTION.

...THE SAME ONES HE BRANDISHED YEARS AGO
AT MEETINGS ARRANGED BY JIM GORDON.

THE INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE EXISTS--
IT MUST--BUT I CAN'T TOUCH IT, NOT
LEGALLY.

HIS "GHOST
FILES"...

AND
YOU WANT
ME TO--
GET THAT
EVIDENCE!



I TOLD YOU WE COULDN'T TRUST HIM, GORDON! WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE IS! HIS REAL FACE COULD BE--





DENT REMAINED DISTRICT ATTORNEY THROUGH HIS PROSECUTION OF A GANGSTER NAMED BOSS MORONI--



WORSE THAN ANYONE HE EVER PROSECUTED, HIS DARK SIDE IMPELLED HIM TO CRIME IN GENERAL.

2ND NATIONAL BANK OF GOTHAM

THIS MONTH ONLY:
OPEN A PASSBOOK
ACCOUNT & RECEIVE
DOUBLE INTEREST

SINCE JUSTICE
FAILED HIM, HE
HE ONCE SAID, HE
MIGHT AS WELL
JOIN THE WINNING
SIDE.

--A WARPED PROCESS
WITH HIMSELF APPOINTED
SOLE JUDGE ...

INNOCENT--
OR GUILTY?

THE VERDICT
IS DULY
NOTED.

...AND HIS
GUN THE
SOLE
EXECUTIONER.

DEATH
IT IS.

YET TWO-FACE HAS NEVER FULLY ESCAPED HIS HARVEY DENT PERSONA AND HAS OCCASIONALLY TRIED TO "PROSECUTE THE ONES WHO GOT AWAY," SUSPECTS FROM HIS GHOST FILES, MANY OF WHOM NO DOUBT SHOULD PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES...

...BUT NOT
HIS WAY.

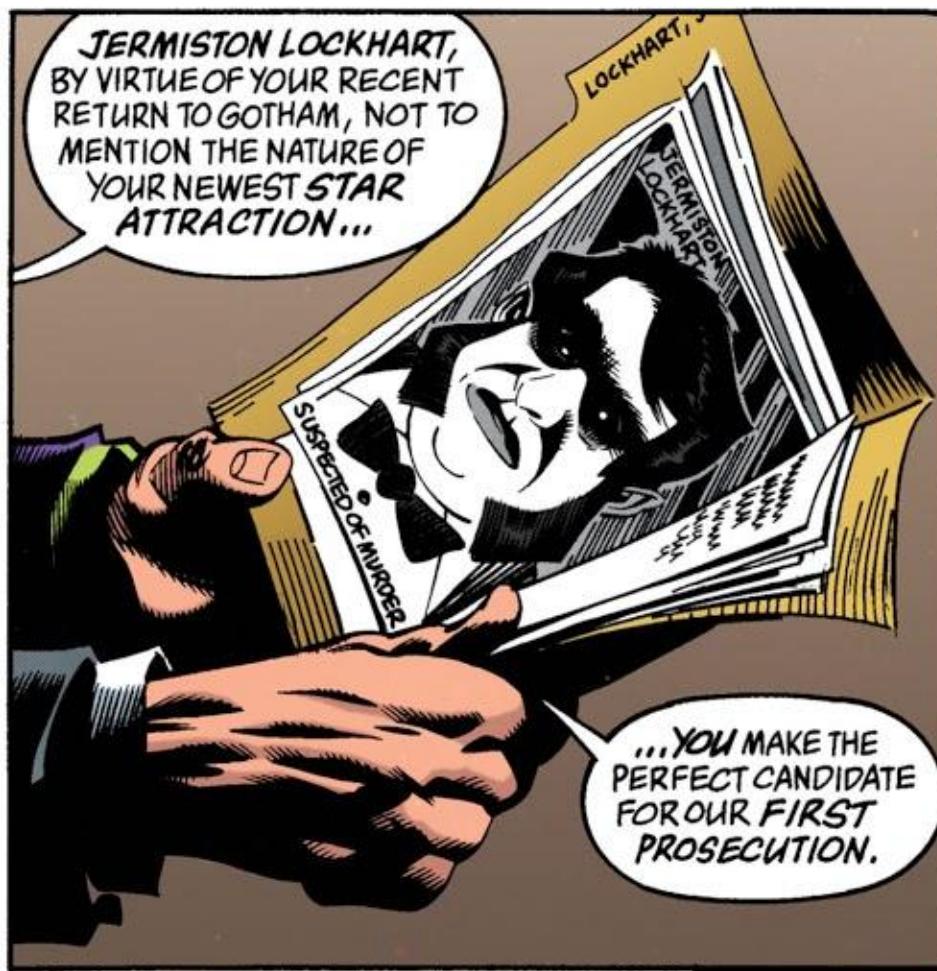
HIS "LAW" HAS
BECOME LAWLESS--

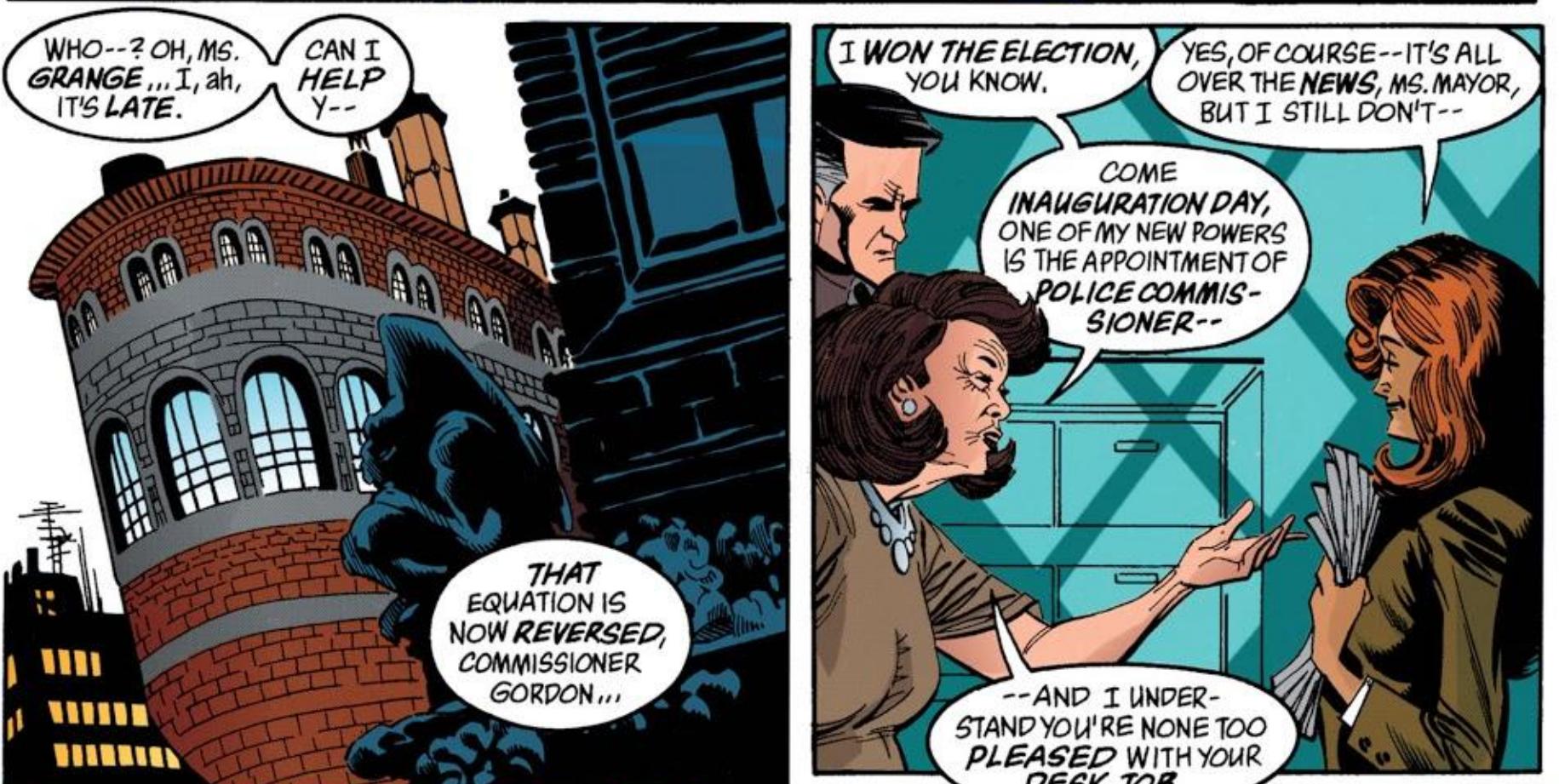
...HIS FETISH COIN
SERVING AS SOLE JURY--
ITS TWO FACES, PRISTINE
AND SCARRED, DECID-
ING YES OR NO, LIFE
OR DEATH...

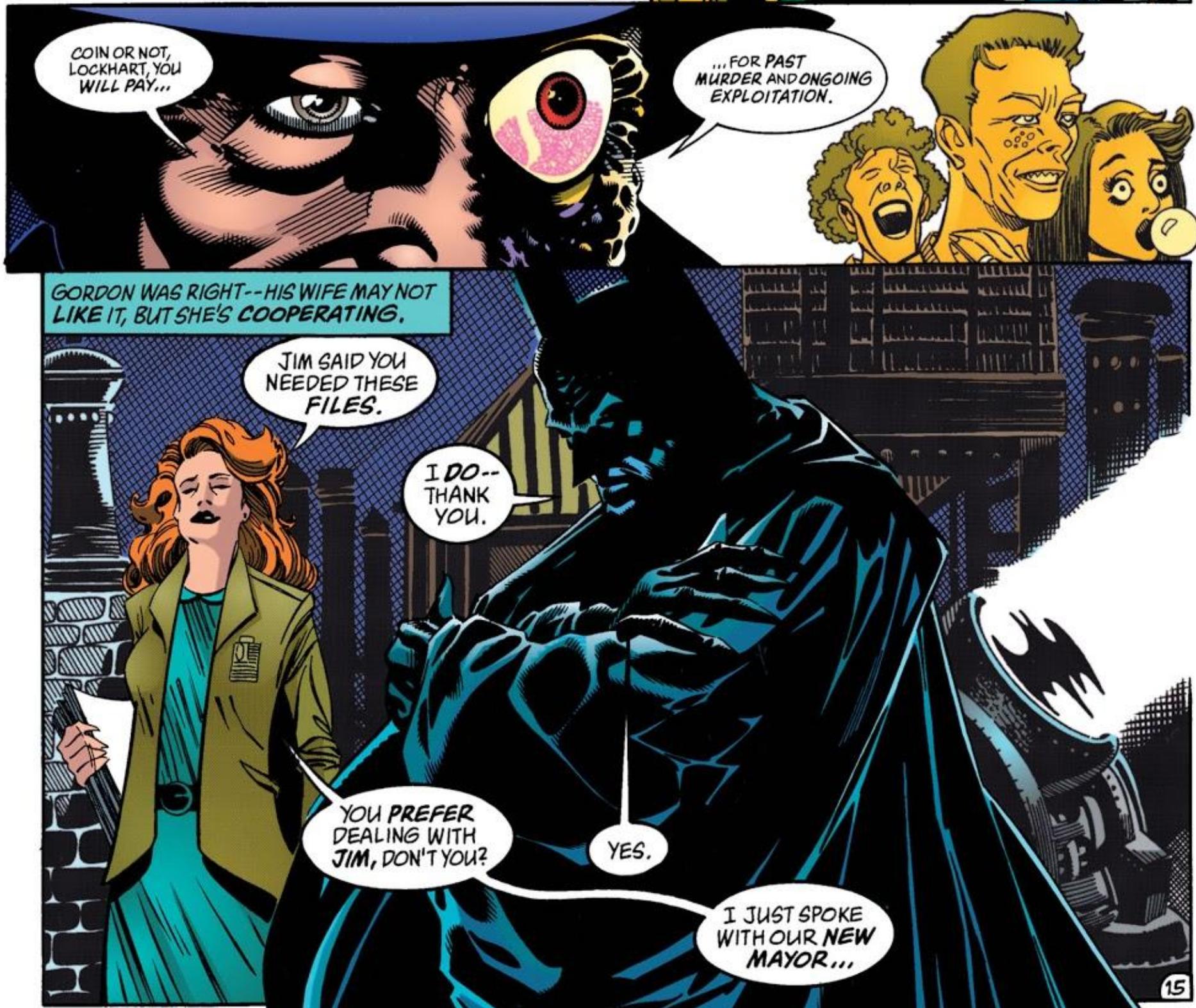
SCARRED.

NOW THAT HE'S RETRIEVED HIS
OLD FILES, SOMEONE IS ABOUT
TO FACE A GROTESQUE TRIAL.

BUT
WHO?







KROL STILL
HAS POWER UNTIL
GRANGE IS
SWORN IN--

--BUT ONCE SHE
TAKES OFFICE, IT SEEMS,
SHE'S PREPARED TO OFFER
THE FORMER COMMISSIONER HIS OLD JOB
BACK.

A WISE
CHOICE.

ONE WONDERS
HOW THE MAYOR-
ELECT ARRIVED
AT IT.

THIS IS ALL CONTINGENT ON MY
STEPPING DOWN, OF COURSE,
WHICH I ASSUME YOU THINK I--

I THINK YOU
SHOULD TALK TO
YOUR HUSBAND.

GOOD WORK,
LUCIUS.

BUT
WE--

ALREADY
GONE?
AGAIN.

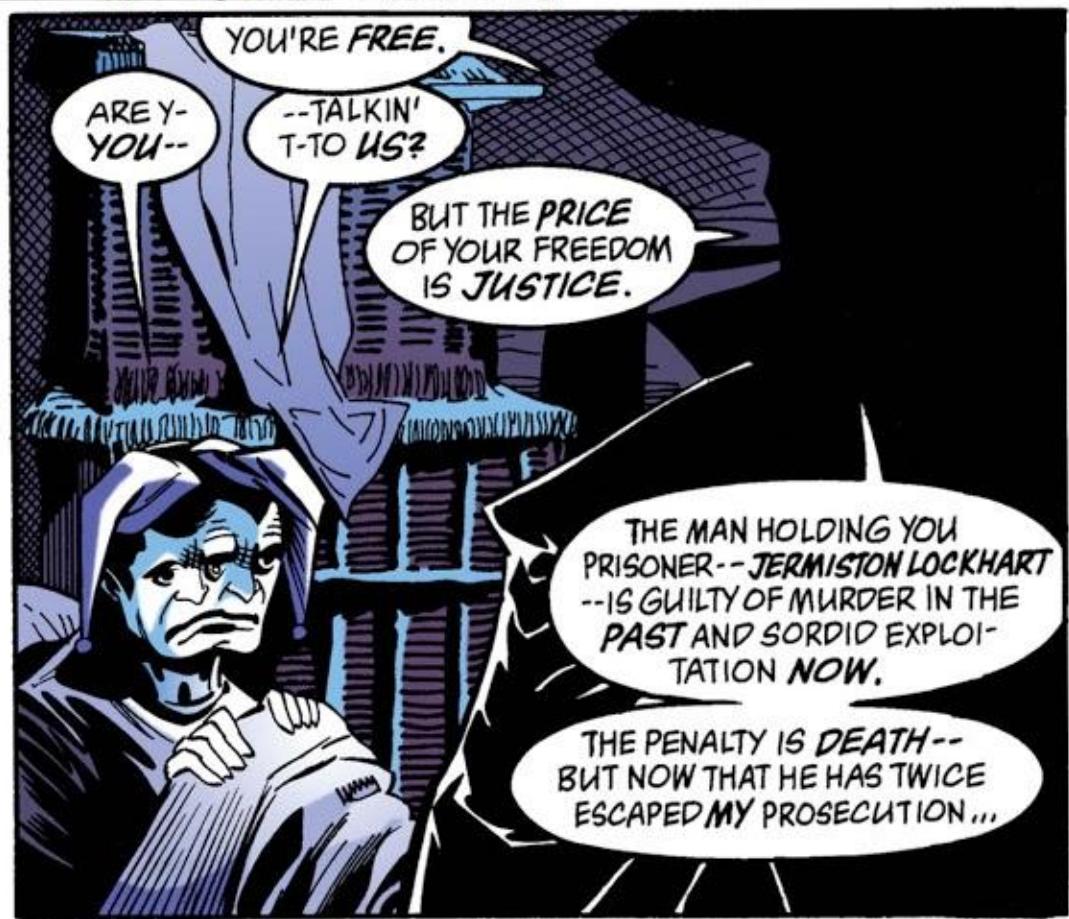
DENT WAS INVESTIGATING DOZENS OF SUSPECTS, BUT
WHICH ONE WOULD TWO-FACE GO AFTER NOW?

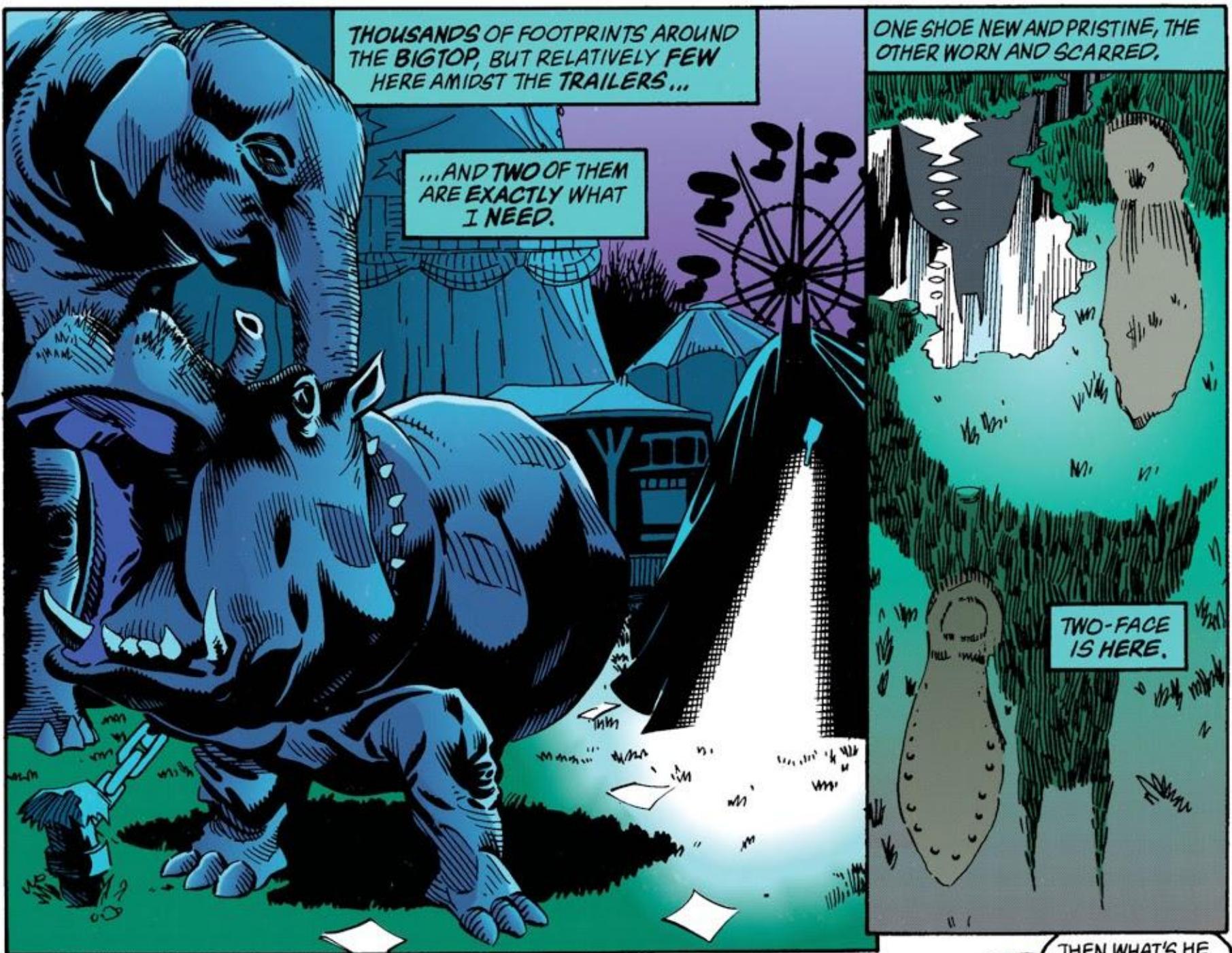
SOMEONE WITH
A LINK TO HIS
MANIA FOR THE
NUMBER TWO...

ONE-HALF... BISECTING...
DOUBLING... OR-- WAIT.

JERMISTON LOCKHART... SUSPECTED OF MURDER
--WITH THE HELP OF THE STRONGMAN AND THE
KNIFE-THROWER, NO LESS-- TO INHERIT HIS
UNCLE'S CIRCUS.







NO SURPRISE THAT THE MISMATCHED TRACKS LEAD TO A VICTIM OF VIOLENCE -- BUT WHY THIS VICTIM? AND WHY THIS TRAILER?

SURELY IT CAN'T BE LOCKHART'S LIVING QUARTERS.

AS OWNER OF THE CIRCUS, HE'D--

THE AIR.







NEXT ISSUE:

THE CONCLUSION...
TWO-FACE PART II
The Schismed Face



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