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THE CRUSADE



BATMAN

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MORTAL REMAINS

ABATTOIR, KILLER OF BLOOD KIN, STILL STALKS THE DARK.

HIS COUSIN, GRAHAM ETCHISON, REMAINS MISSING.

AND JEAN PAUL VALLEY, THE NEW BATMAN, REFUSES TO REST.

SOMEWHERE IN THE ENDLESS NIGHT, GUNHAWK AND ABATTOIR MOCK HIM, BOTH UNFINISHED BUSINESS...

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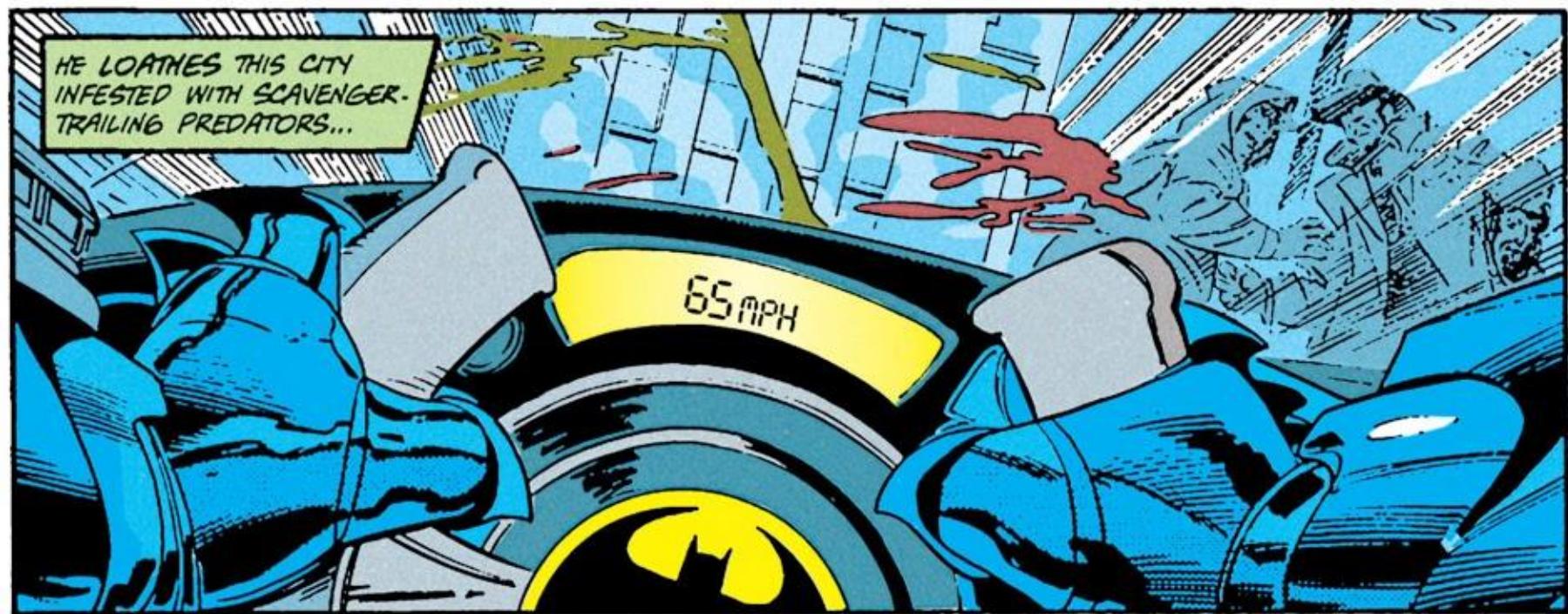
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HE ROARS THROUGH STREETS SPLASHED RED NIGHTLY, THROUGH NEIGHBORHOODS CHOKING ON VIOLENCE AND DEATH BLOCK BY BLOODY BLOCK.



HE LOATHES THIS CITY INFESTED WITH SCAVENGER-TRAILING PREDATORS...



...BUT FOR A CRIMEFIGHTER OBSESSED WITH PROVING HIMSELF, THE BRIGHT HELL OF GOTHAM HAS BECOME A DARK PARADISE OF OPPORTUNITY.

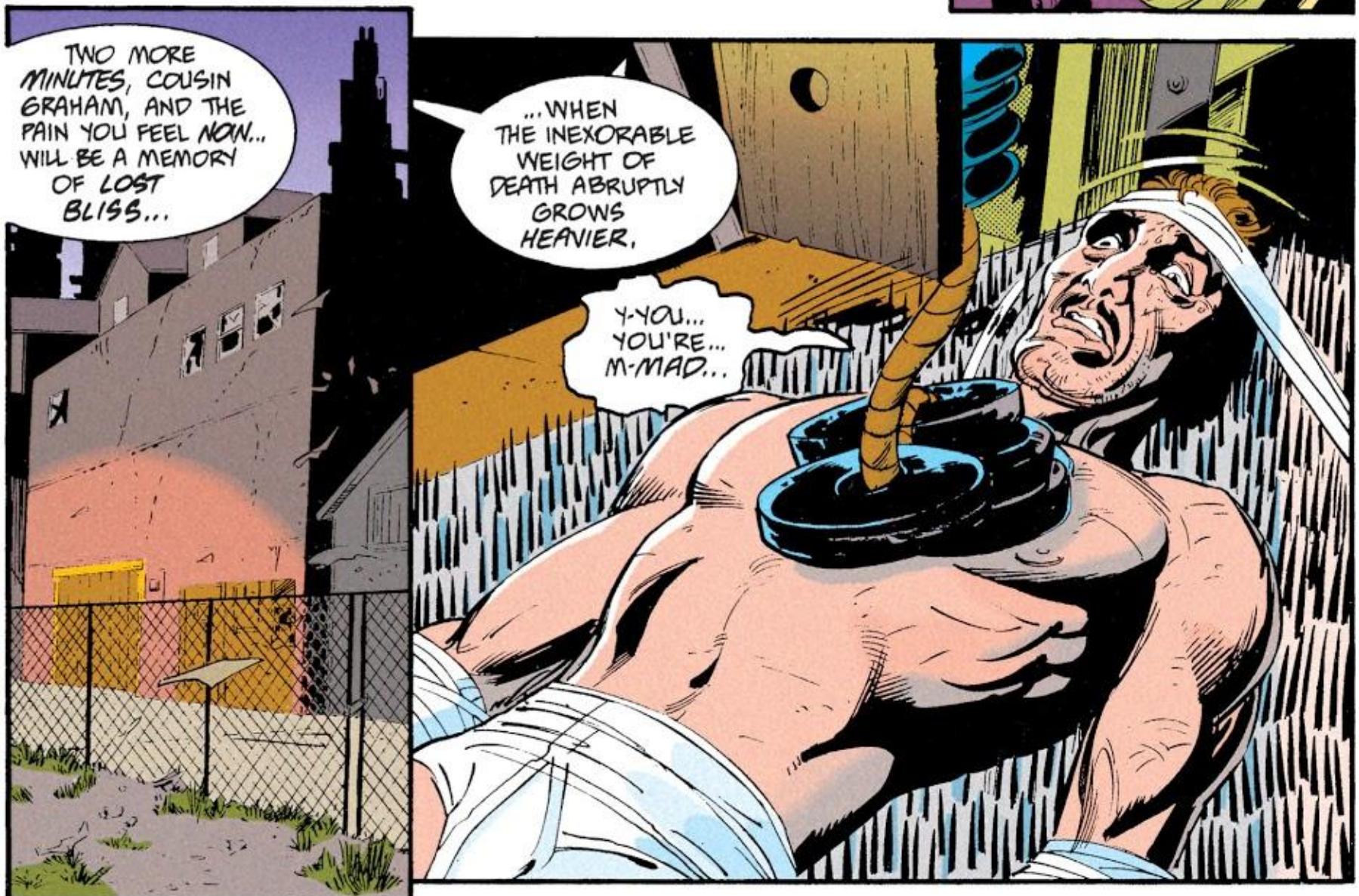
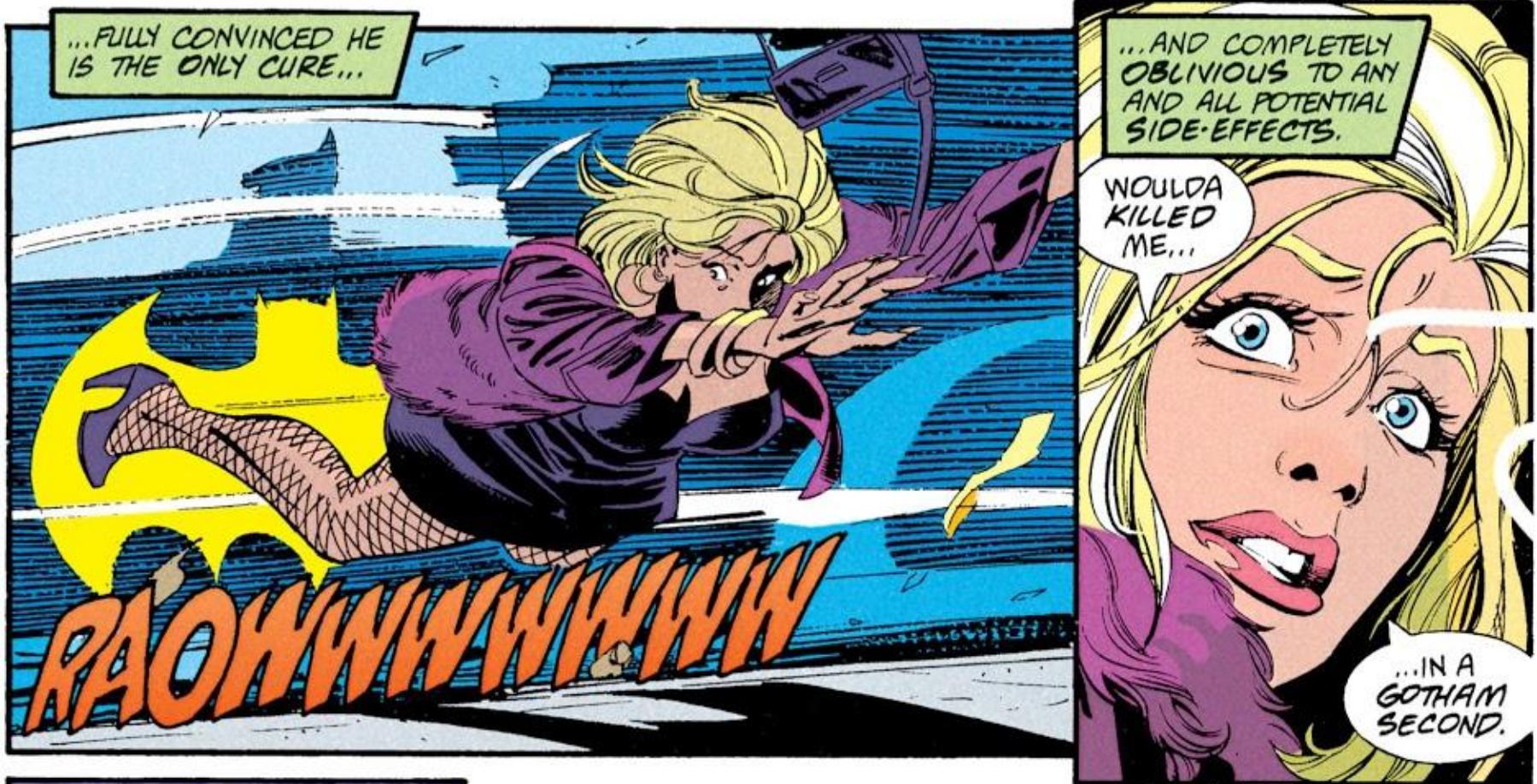


HIS MIND FLASHES ON ABATTOIRS SICK, TWISTED FACE FRAMED BY LANK, GREASY HAIR—AND HE JACKS THE CAR INTO HIGHER GEAR...



...SURGING FASTER THROUGH THE CITY'S ARTERIES LIKE SOME DARK AND DANGEROUS ANTIDOTE TO A SUICIDE'S SPREADING POISON...





ONE MORE MINUTE
NOW, COUSIN GRAHAM...
ONE MORE MINUTE
OF SAVORED
ANTICIPATION...

...BEFORE THE
NEXT WEIGHT
FALLS.

ARE
YOU GOING TO
STOP ME~WHEN EVEN
THE HIGH AND
MIGHTY BATMAN
COULDN'T?

NO~ YOU
CAN'T KEEP...
DOING
THIS...!

ONE
SWIFT STAB
IN THE BACK WOULD
HAVE KILLED YOU
LONG AGO...

--BUT A HUNDRED SLOW
PUNCTURES WILL BE SO MUCH
MORE INTERESTING... AS
BEFITS A TRUE ABATTOIR.

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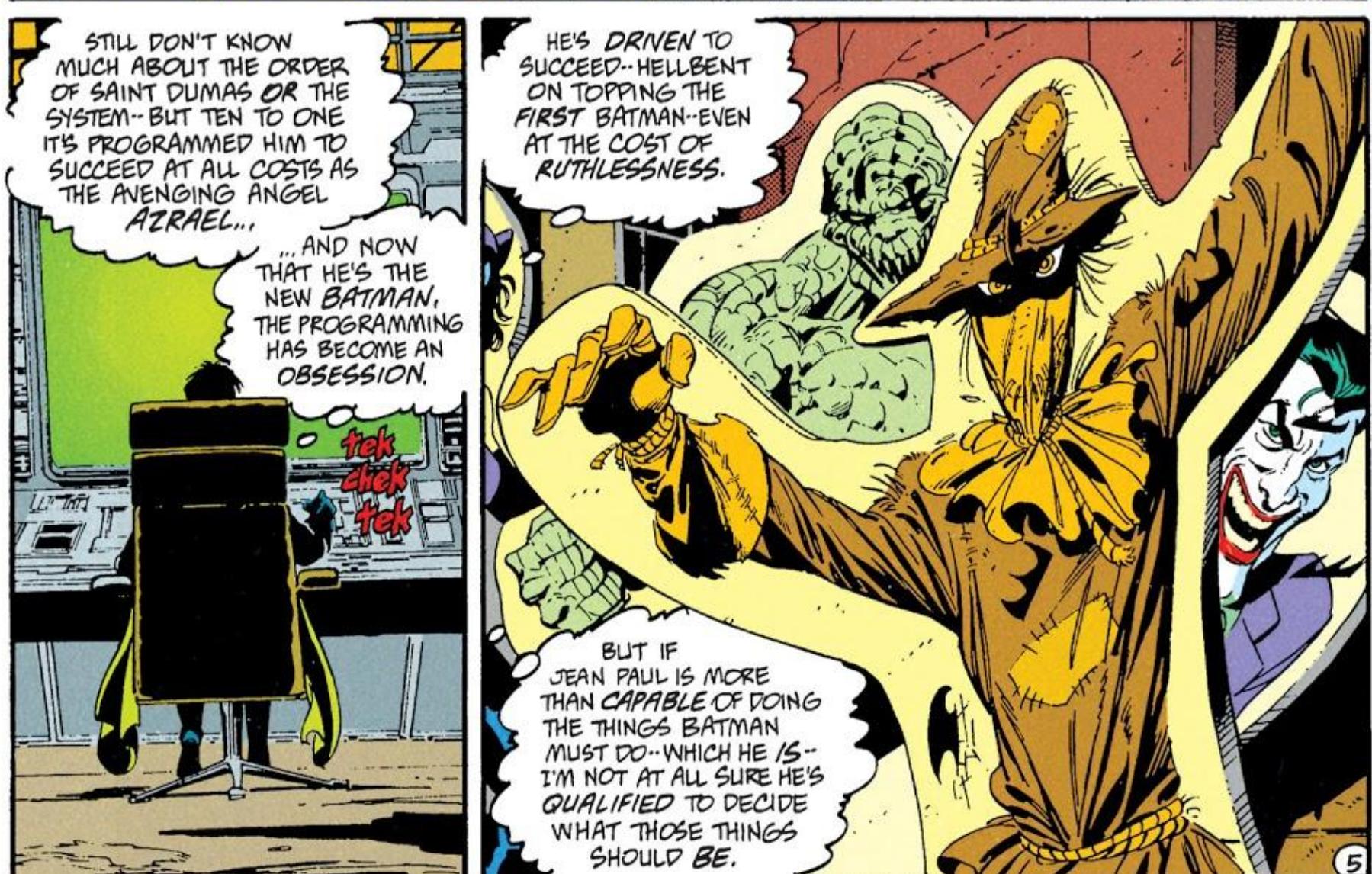
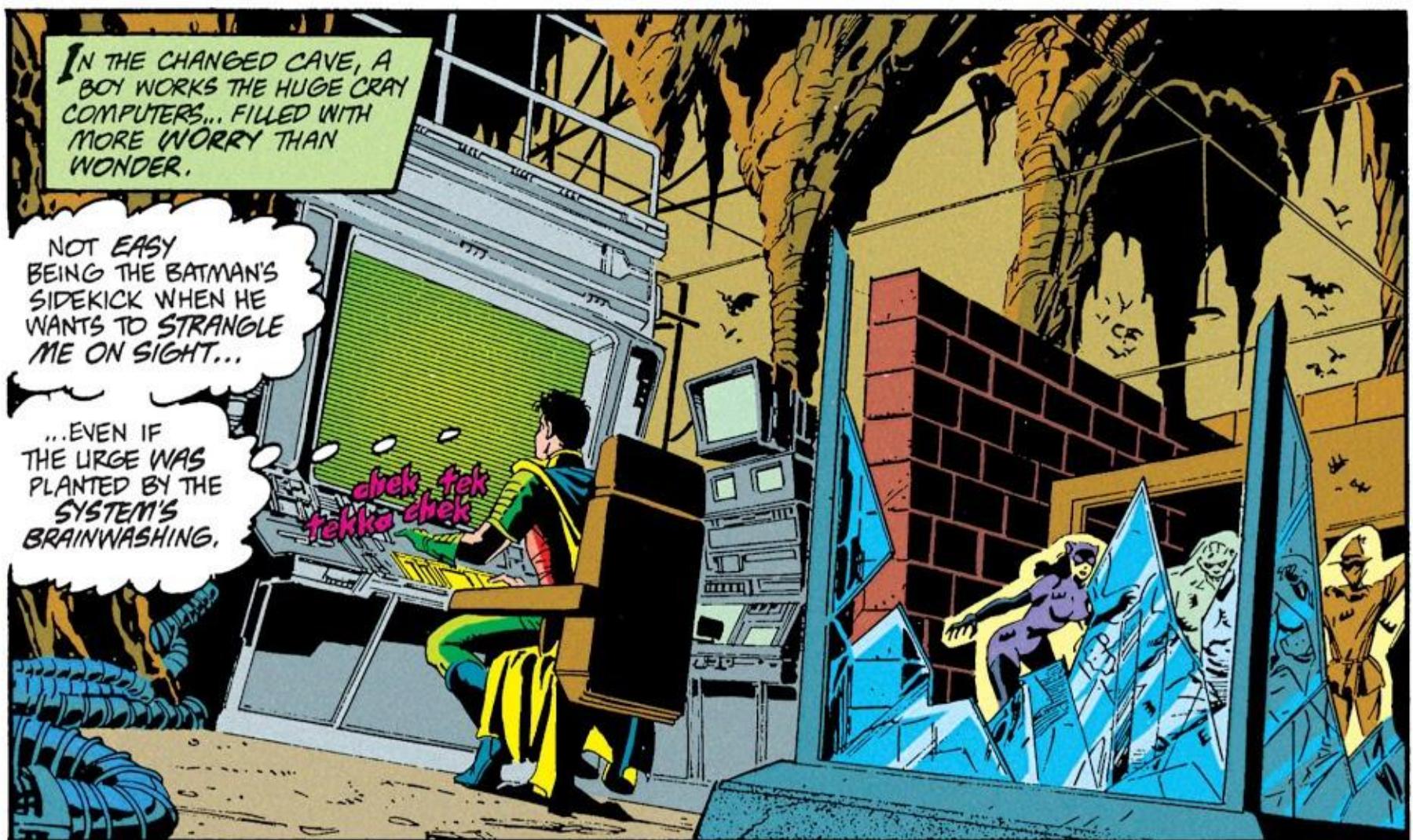
THROAT'S
GETTING THICK,
ISN'T IT?

YOU'LL
PROBABLY CHOKE ON
YOUR DYING WHIMPER
WHEN IT COMES... BUT
RIGHT NOW...

RATCH

AAKEEE
KTANK

--FEEL
FREE TO
SIMPLY
SCREAM.



BEING GOOD ENOUGH ISN'T ENOUGH IF YOU'RE NOT GOOD.

LIKE THEY SAY IN HISTORY CLASS: MUSSOLINI MADE THE TRAINS RUN ON TIME - BUT HIS MAIN MAN HITLER WAS USING TRAINS TO FREIGHT PEOPLE LIKE CATTLE TO THE SLAUGHTER.

NOT THAT JEAN PAUL IS ANYTHING LIKE THOSE TWO, BUT AS LONG AS ABATTOIR REMAINS THE ONLY LEAD IN GRAHAM ETCHISON'S ABDUCTION, THE BATMAN'S GONNA GET MY HELP, WHETHER HE WANTS IT OR..

chek-tekka-tek

BINGO.

FINALLY HACKED INTO THE MUNICIPAL TAX RECORDS SYSTEM--WITH A FULL LIST OF THE REAL ESTATE OWNED BY HENRY ETCHISON...

IF HIS NEPHEW ABATTOIR IS HIDING OUT SOMEWHERE, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT'S IN ONE OF THESE PROPERTIES...

SALVAGE,
1312 TENNYSON ST.
ABANDONED WAREHOUSE
129 PELTON AVE.
884 APARTMENTS
RIVER DRIVE
ITAL SHORE CONDOOR
72 E. 23rd ST.



HE RECALLS HIS FIRST, DISASTROUS, ENCOUNTER WITH ABATTOIR.

THE STRUGGLE ATOP THE SWERVING BUS...

WATCHING ABATTOIR JUMP TO FREEDOM...

SECURING THE BUS RATHER THAN PURSUING ABATTOIR...

SAVING THE KIDS...

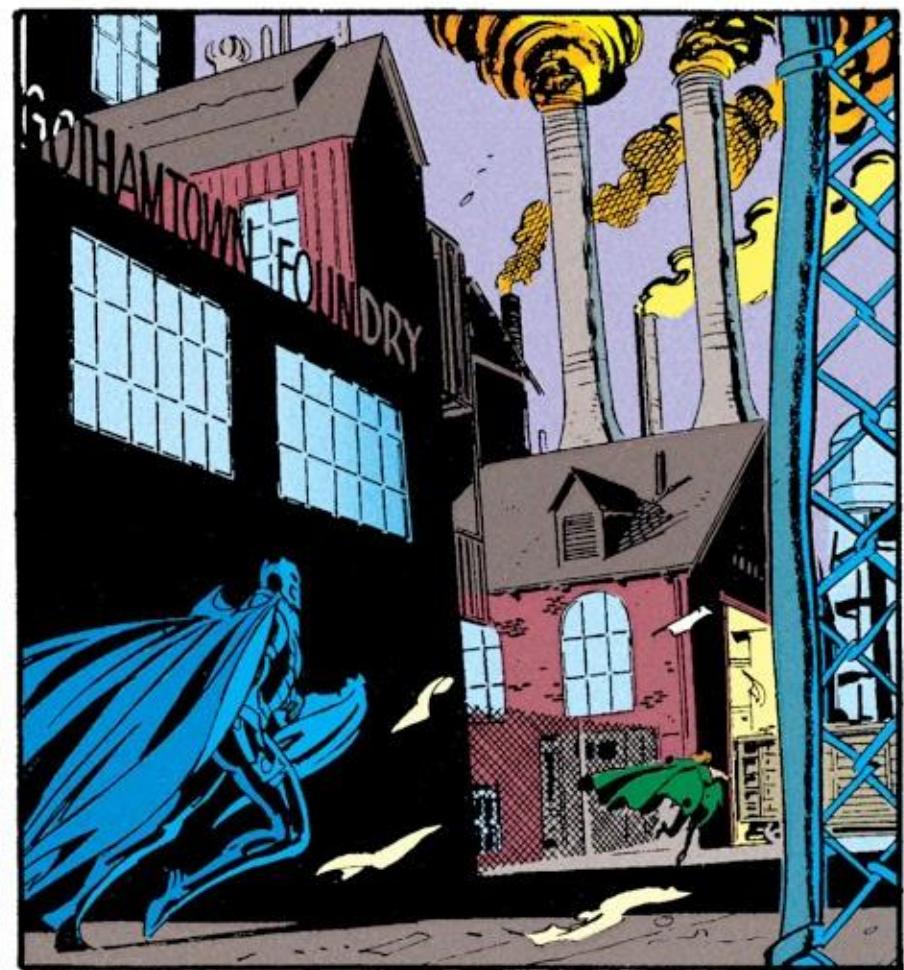
...LOSING THE KILLER.

HE HAS NO DOUBT THAT BRUCE WAYNE WOULD ALSO HAVE CHOSEN TO SAVE THE KIDS...

...BUT HE SUSPECTS THAT A HELPLESS ABATTOIR WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO WATCH.







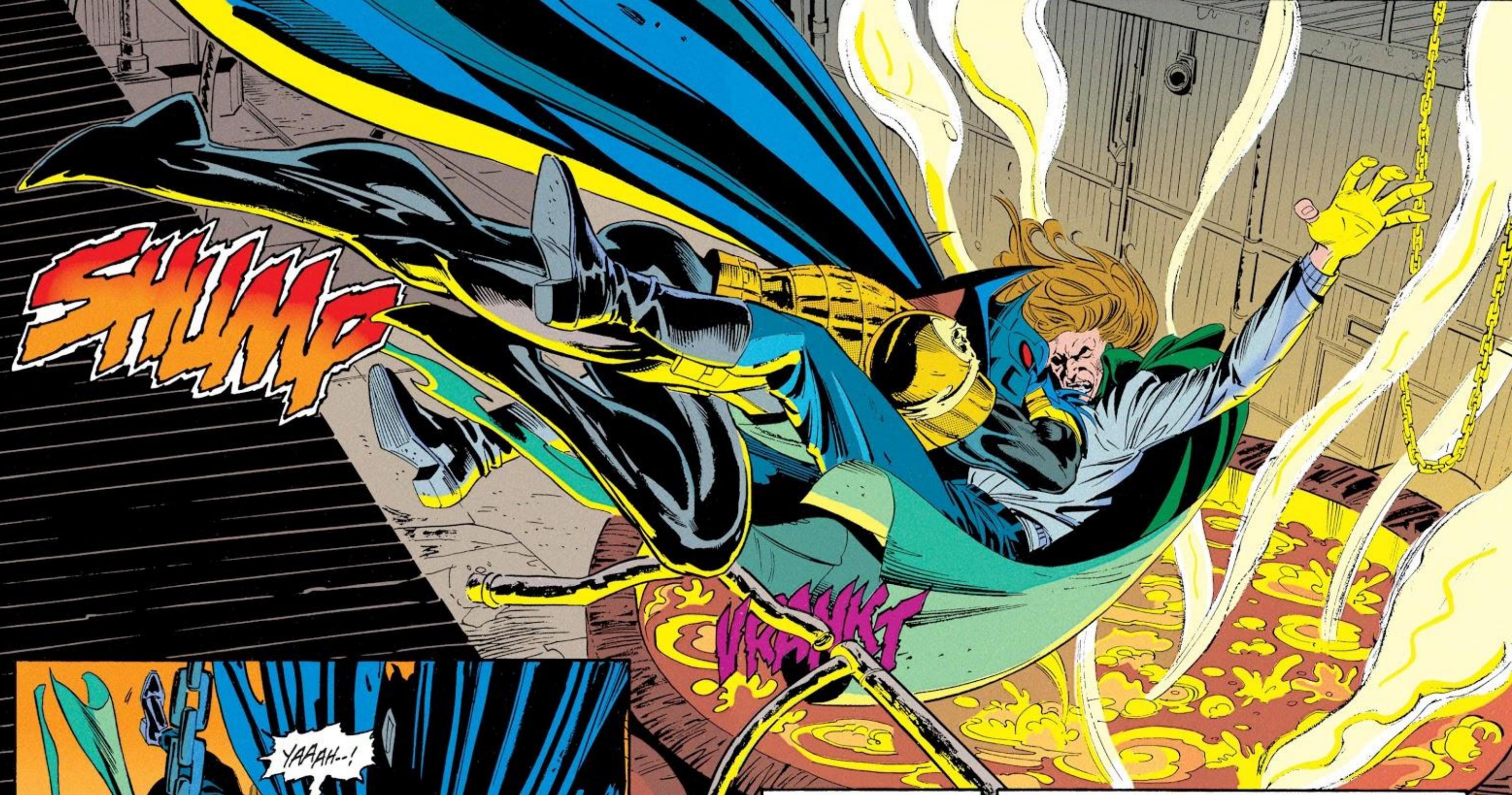


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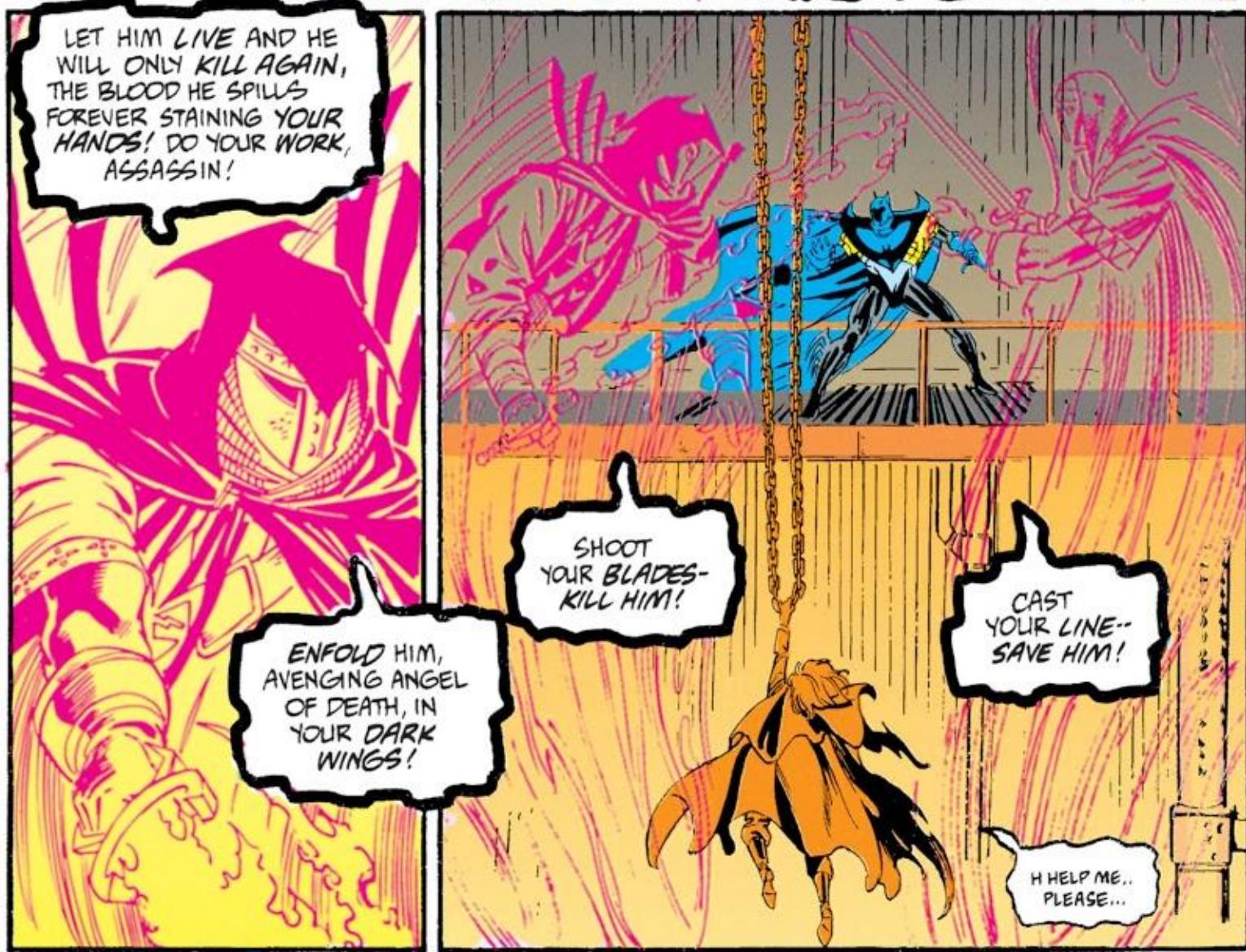
















OR HAS ALREADY
LOST IT.

