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BLACK MASK:

THE SPIDERED FACE

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WITH MY INCREASED
POWER I HAVE ASSEMBLED
THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION
IN THE HISTORY OF GOTHAM'S
UNDERWORLD...

...COMMON CRIMINALS
"SLAIN" AND REBORN BEHIND
MASKS, EACH WITH GREATER
POWER AND ALL AS
MEMBERS OF--

--THE FALSE
FACE SOCIETY
OF GOTHAM.

THE MUSEUM:

DON'T SEE WHY
THEY GOTTA SHUT
OFF THE MAINS
EVERY NIGHT.

COULD AT LEAST LET
ME OVERRIDE FOR MY
ROUNDS... 'SPECIALLY
IN THIS HALL...

I MEAN, HOW MUCH
'LECTRICITY WOULD IT
COST WHEN THESE
FREAKIN' MASKS GIVE
ME SUCH CREEPS?

BOO.

SOMETIMES IN
THE DARK, I SWEAR,
THE LOUSY THINGS
ARE ALMOST--

GOTCHA.

--ALIVE?!

YEP.

I STILL SAY
THIS IS STUPID--
WE WEAR MASKS TO
STEAL MASKS.

YOU EVER THINK
MAYBE THESE FACE-
HUGGERS MIGHT BE
PRICELESS?

BUT
YOU'RE
NOT.

KNOWIN' THAT
HEADCASE BLACK
MASK, HE'LL JUST
KEEP 'EM FOR HIS
STUPID
COLLECTION.

LIKE WE DON'T
DO PLENTY
ENOUGH REGU-
LAR JOBS--

BIG
WHOOP.

--AND GET PAID
GOOD FOR IT?

BETTER,
I GOTTA
ADMIT, THAN
ANY OTHER
GANG IN
TOWN.

"THEY'RE STILL STUPID
AND COMMON, BUT
THE MASKS GIVE THEM
SOMETHING THEY
NEVER HAD BEFORE..."

THEN SHUT
YER FACE AND
GRAB A
MASK.



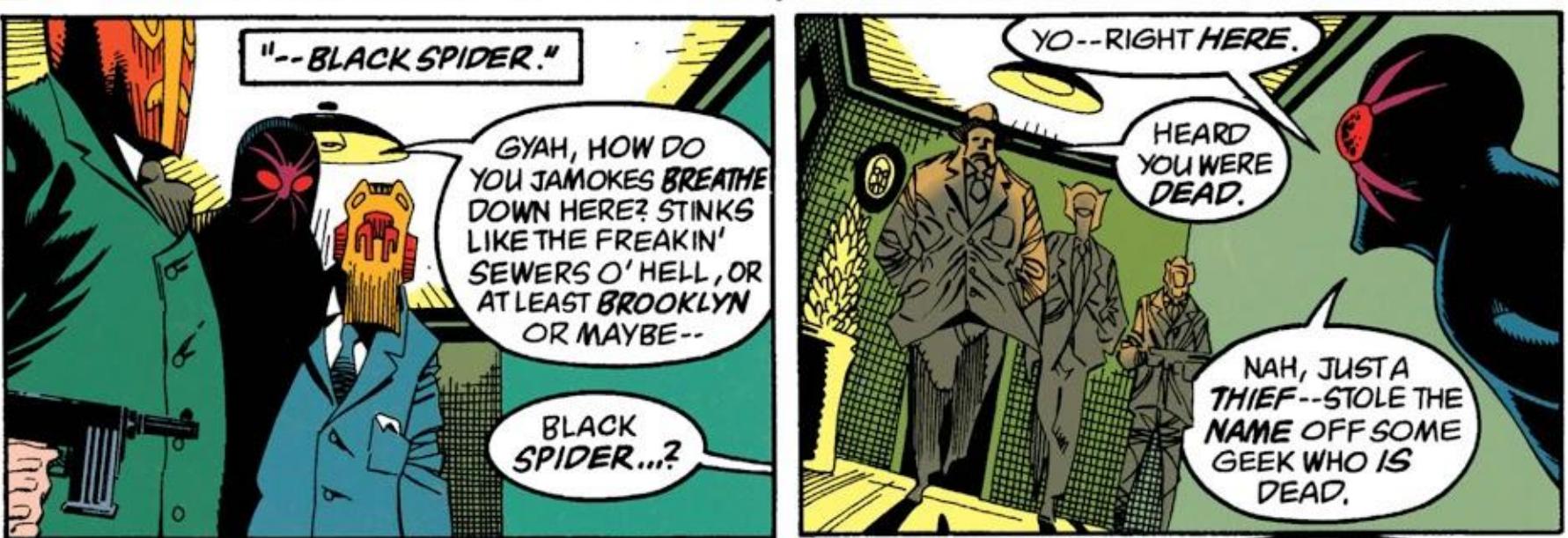
...THE MEANS TO
FACE THAT WHICH THEY'VE
NEVER FACED, AND DO
THAT WHICH THEY'VE
NEVER DONE.

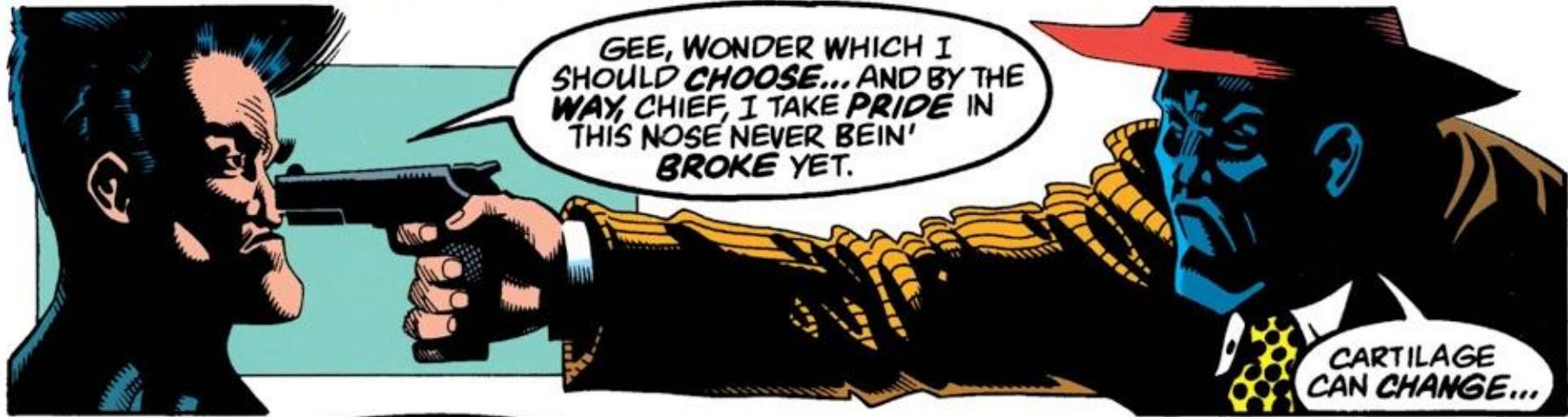
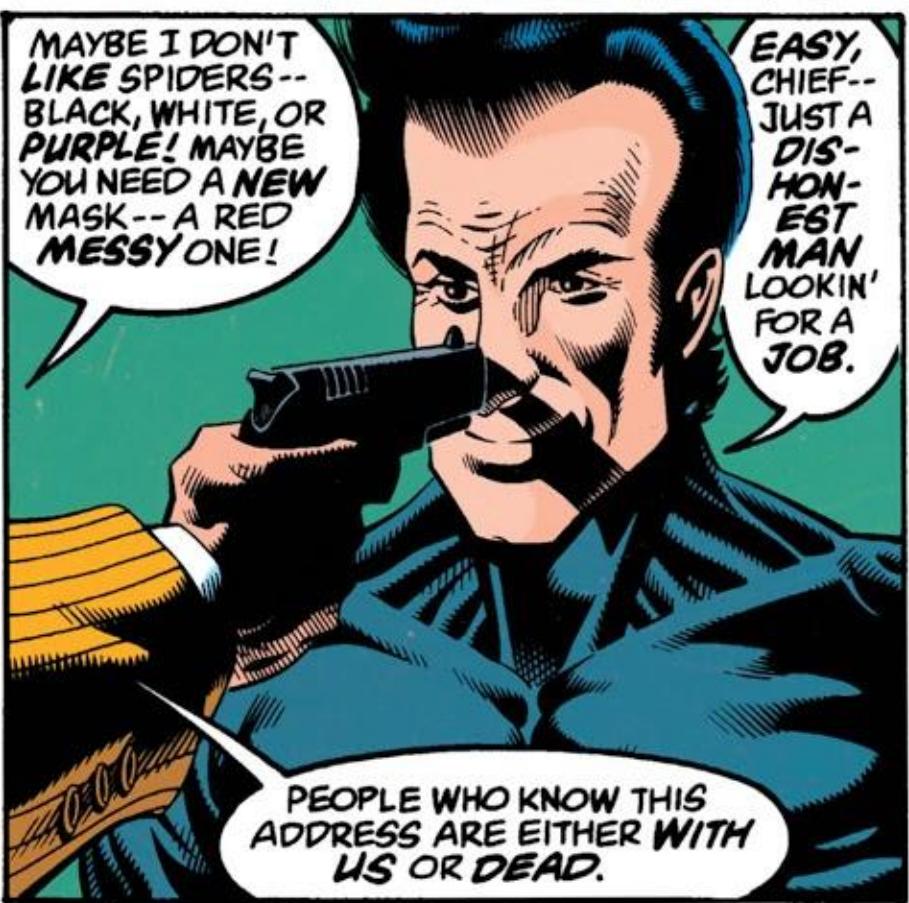
POSSESSED BY
THE SPIRIT OF THE
MASK, THEY BECOME
SOMETHING MORE
THAN THEY EVER
WERE.

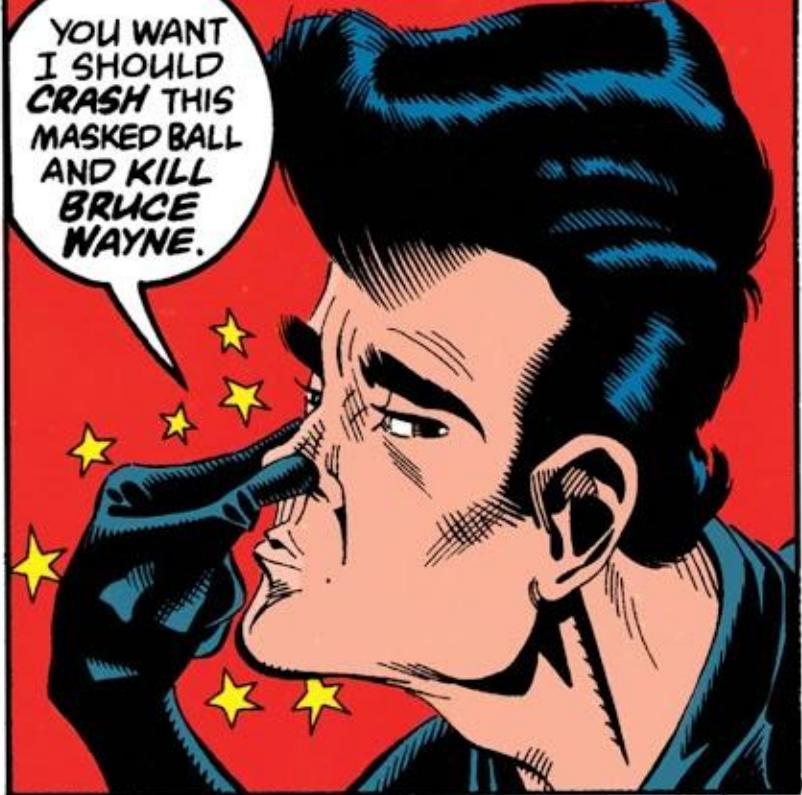
AND THE SPIRIT OF MY
MASK, CIRCE, IS THE MOST
POTENT OF ALL--THE SPIRIT
OF DEATH ITSELF--

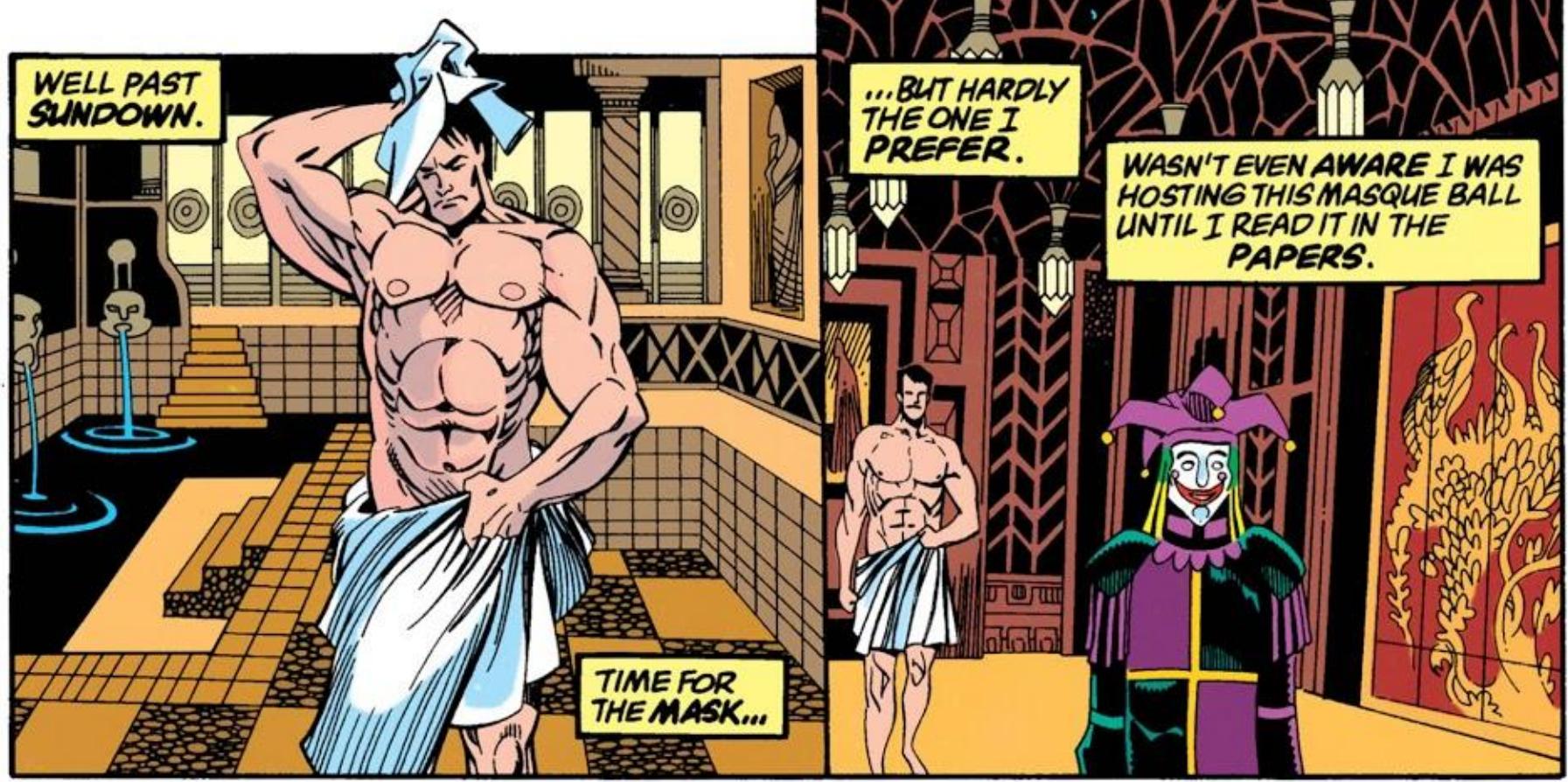
--LOCKED IN BLACK WOOD
CARVED FROM THE LID OF MY FATHER'S
EBONY CASKET.

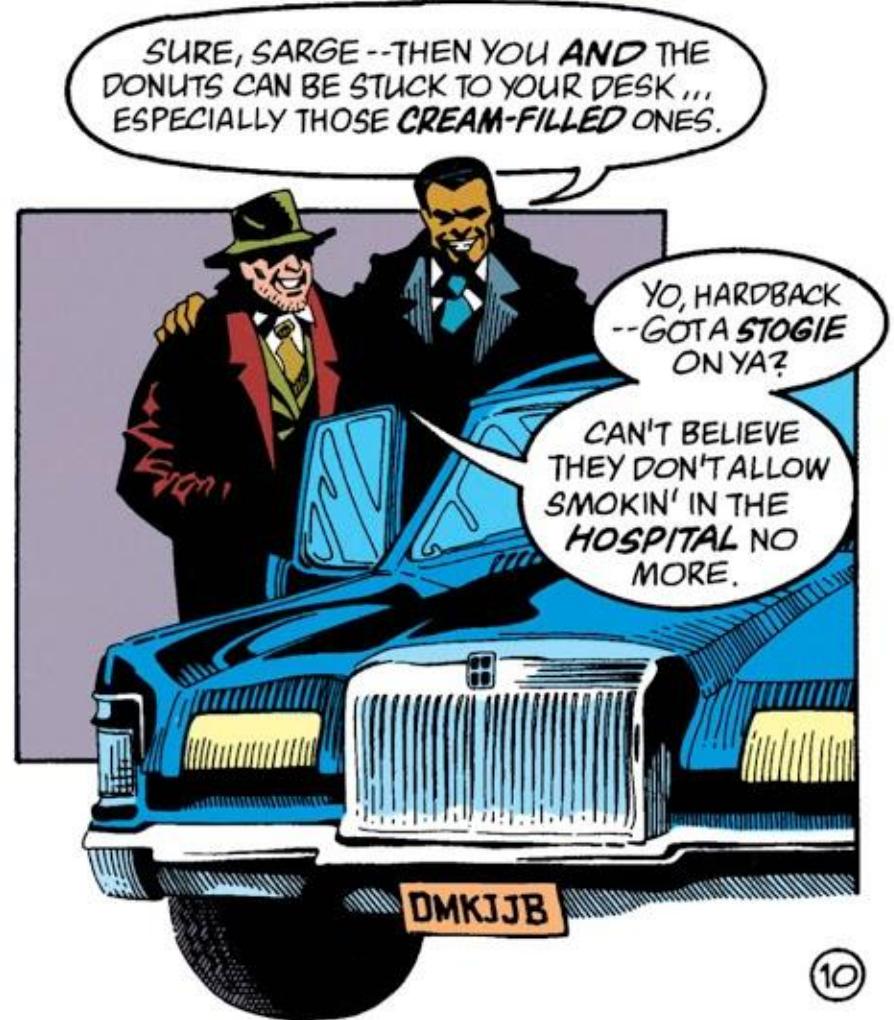










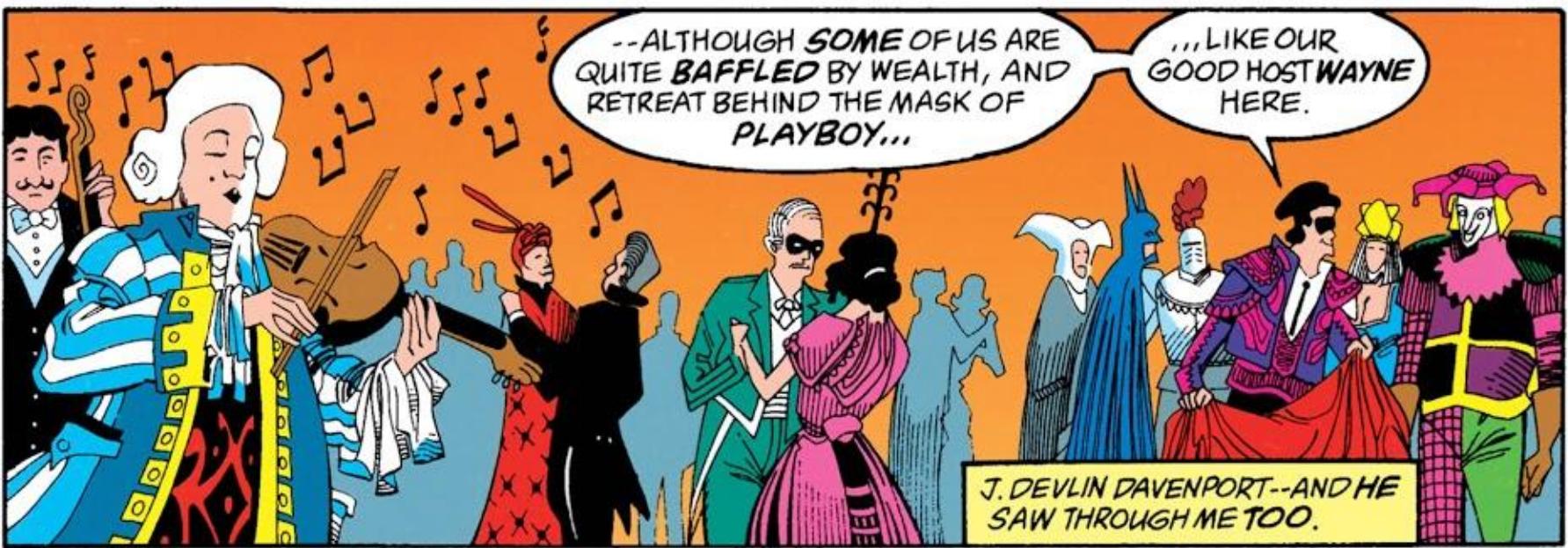


GETTING LATER--AND THE GUESTS HAVEN'T EVEN STOPPED ARRIVING, LET ALONE STARTED LEAVING...

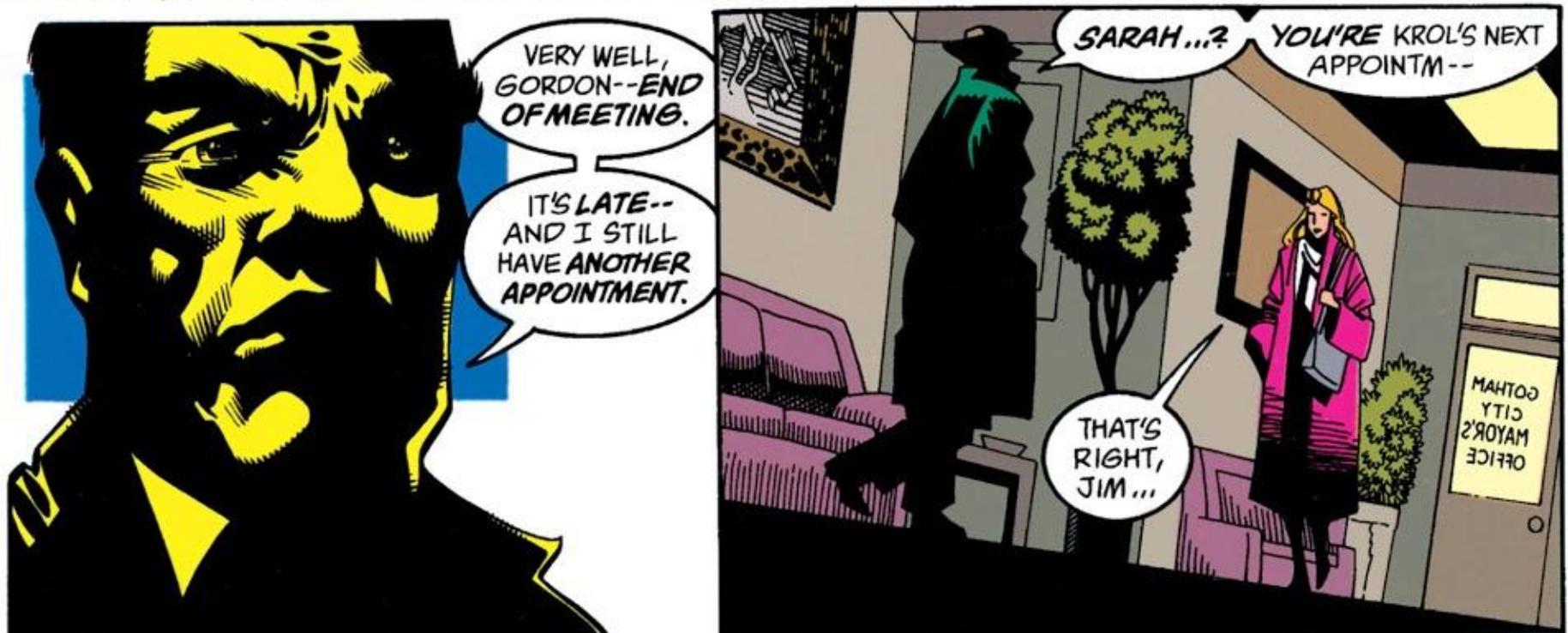
I MAY NEVER CHANGE MASKS TONIGHT.

FINALLY--A CHANCE TO THANK THE HOST FOR A WONDERFUL BALL...

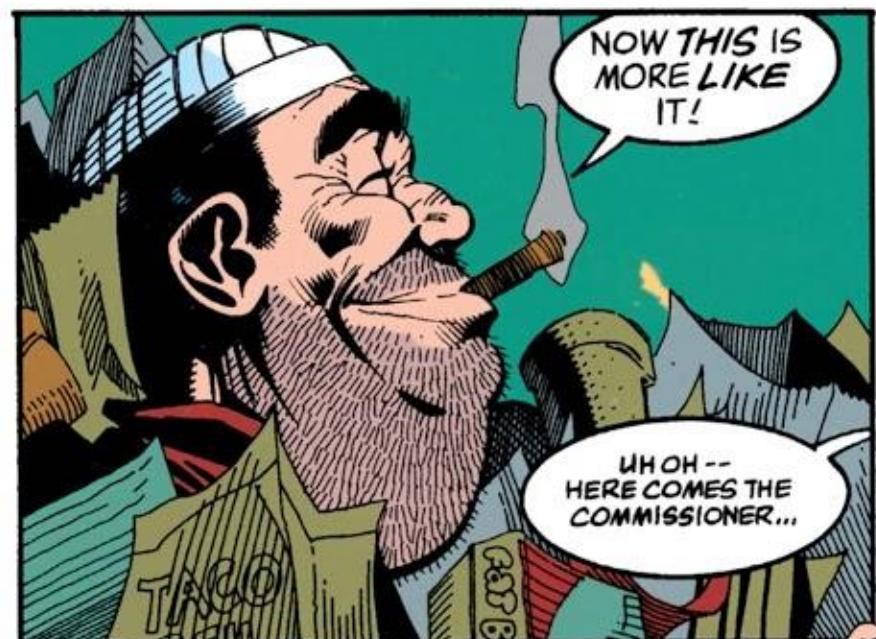
















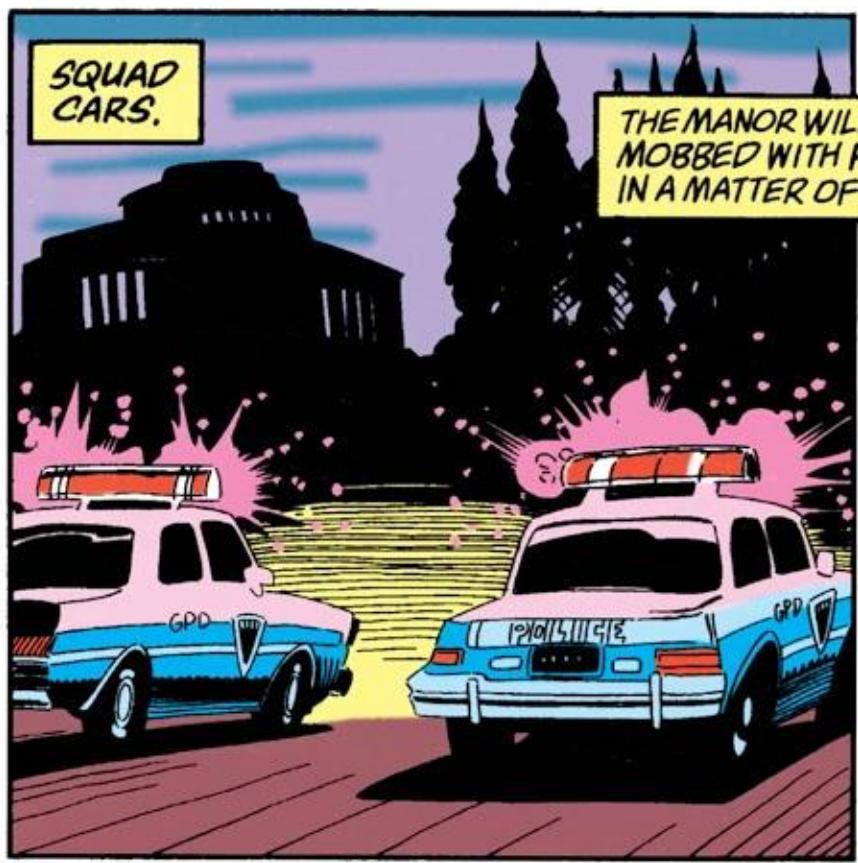






AND SINCE
THE HEADLIGHTS
WERE TOPPED
BY FLICKERS
OF RED AND
BLUE--

--I CAN'T
CHASE HIM.





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