

BATMAN

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Suddenly, there is
no difference between
man and monster...

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BREYFOGLE
MITCHELL

SPIRIT OF THE BEAST

PART THREE: SACRIFICE



"WE ARE BORN WITH A PURPOSE IN LIFE...
AND WE HAVE TO FULFILL THAT PURPOSE."
--Rolling Thunder, Native American
Medicine Man

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FOR A MONTH
I HAD FASTED AND
TORTURED MY FLESH,
PRAYING FOR THE
VISION THAT WOULD
SHAPE MY LIFE--

"THEN MANITOU
SHOWED ME MY
TOTEM--THE BEAST
WHICH WOULD BE
MY ALLY, MY
PROTECTOR.

"THE BAT!"

"BUT FAR IN THE DISTANCE,
PIERCING EVEN THE THUNDER'S
ROLL, I HEARD THE WOLF CRY.

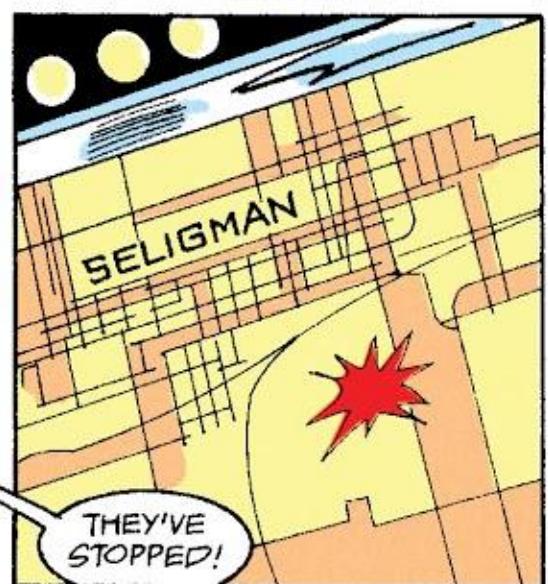
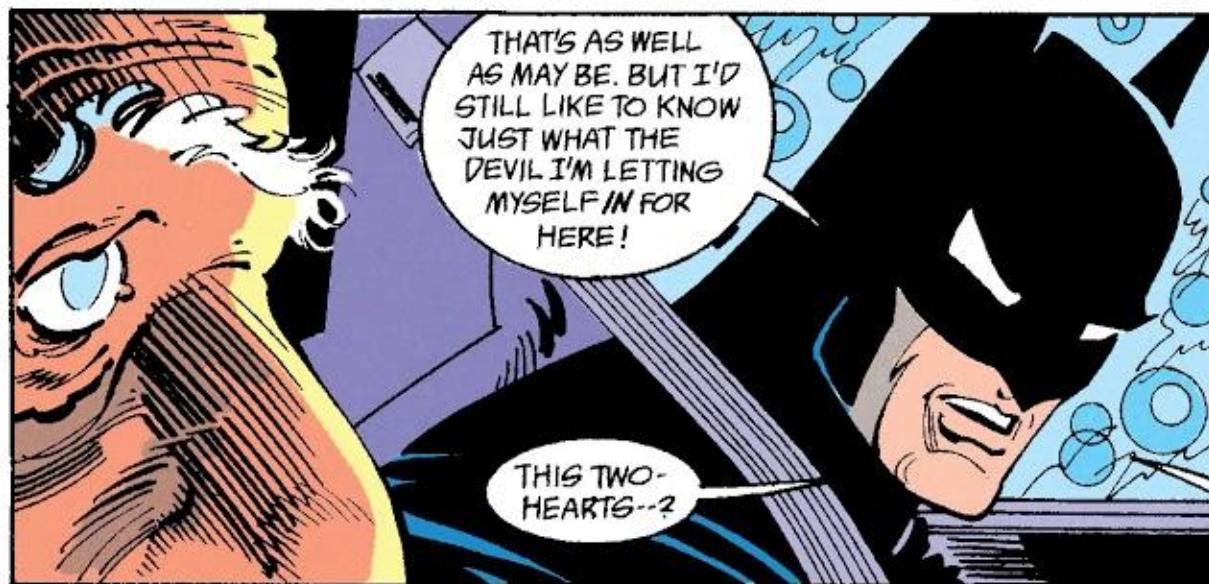
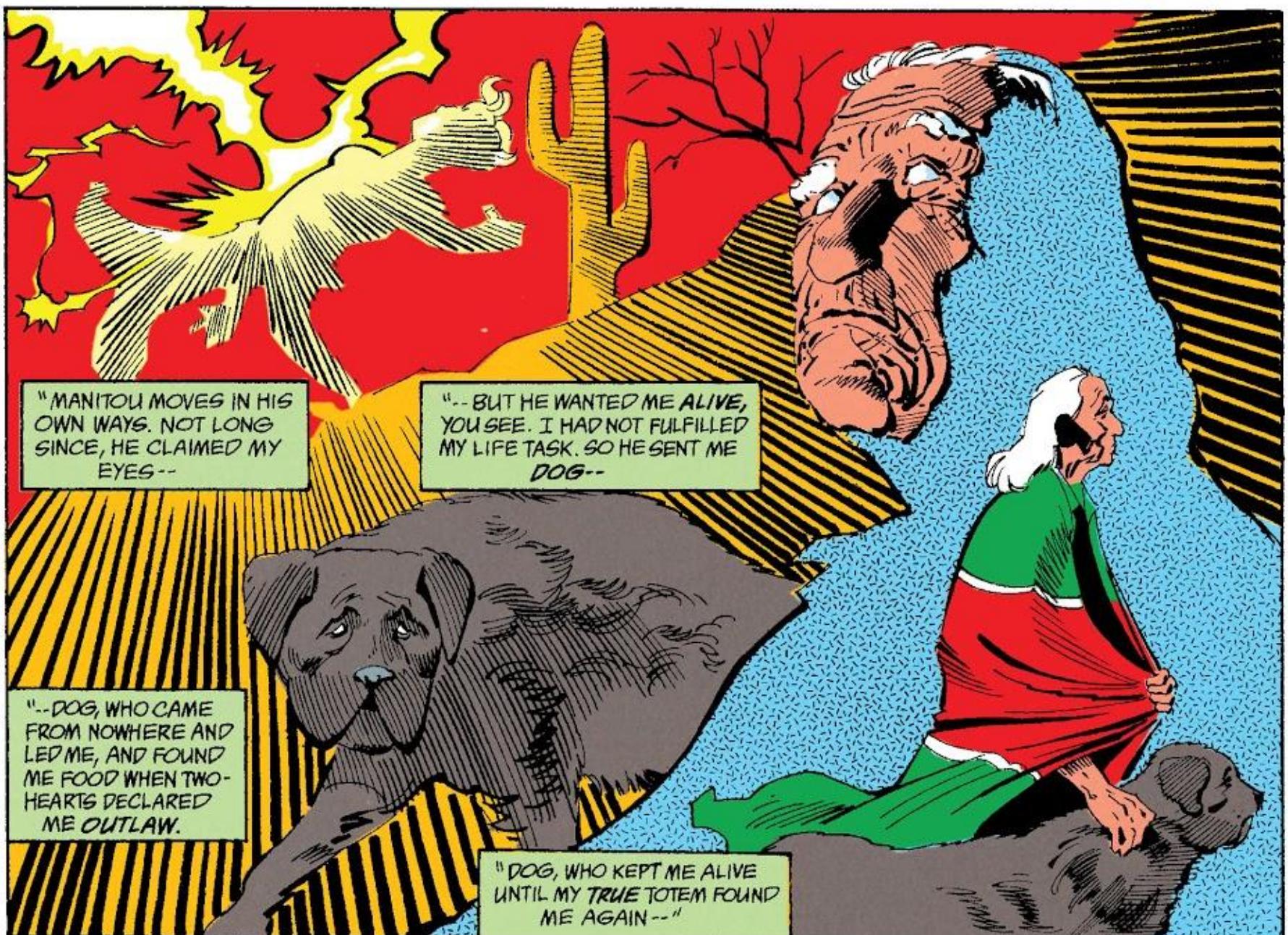
"I TURNED MY BACK
ON THE GREAT SPIRIT'S
GIFT..."

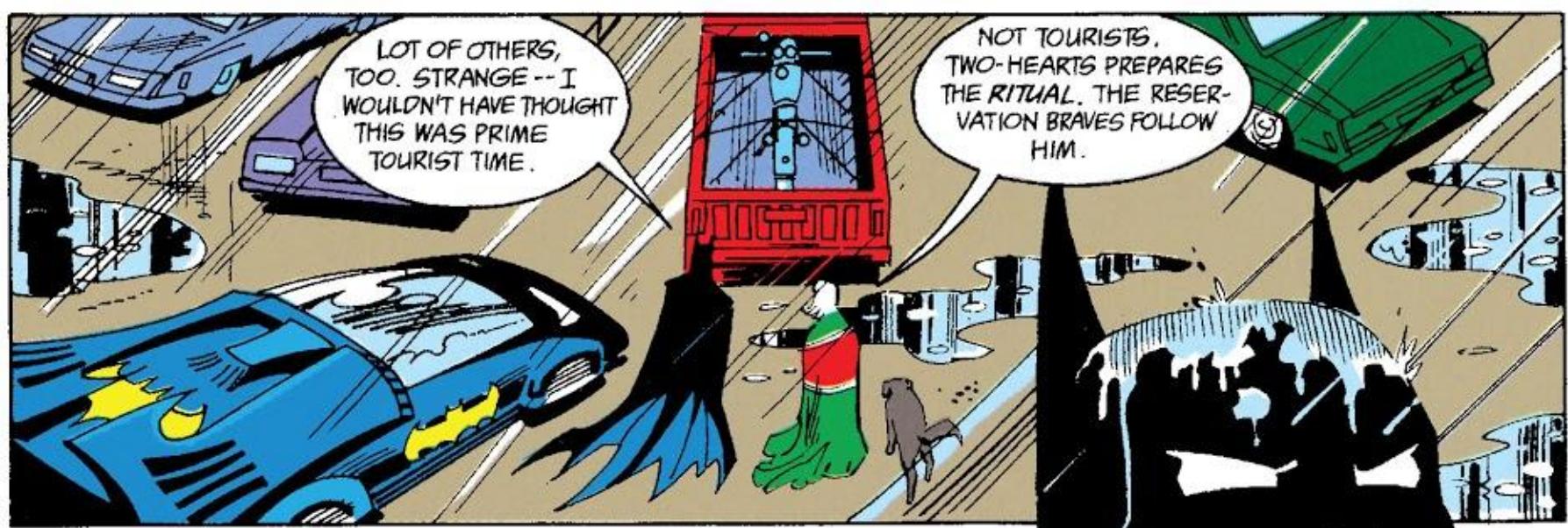
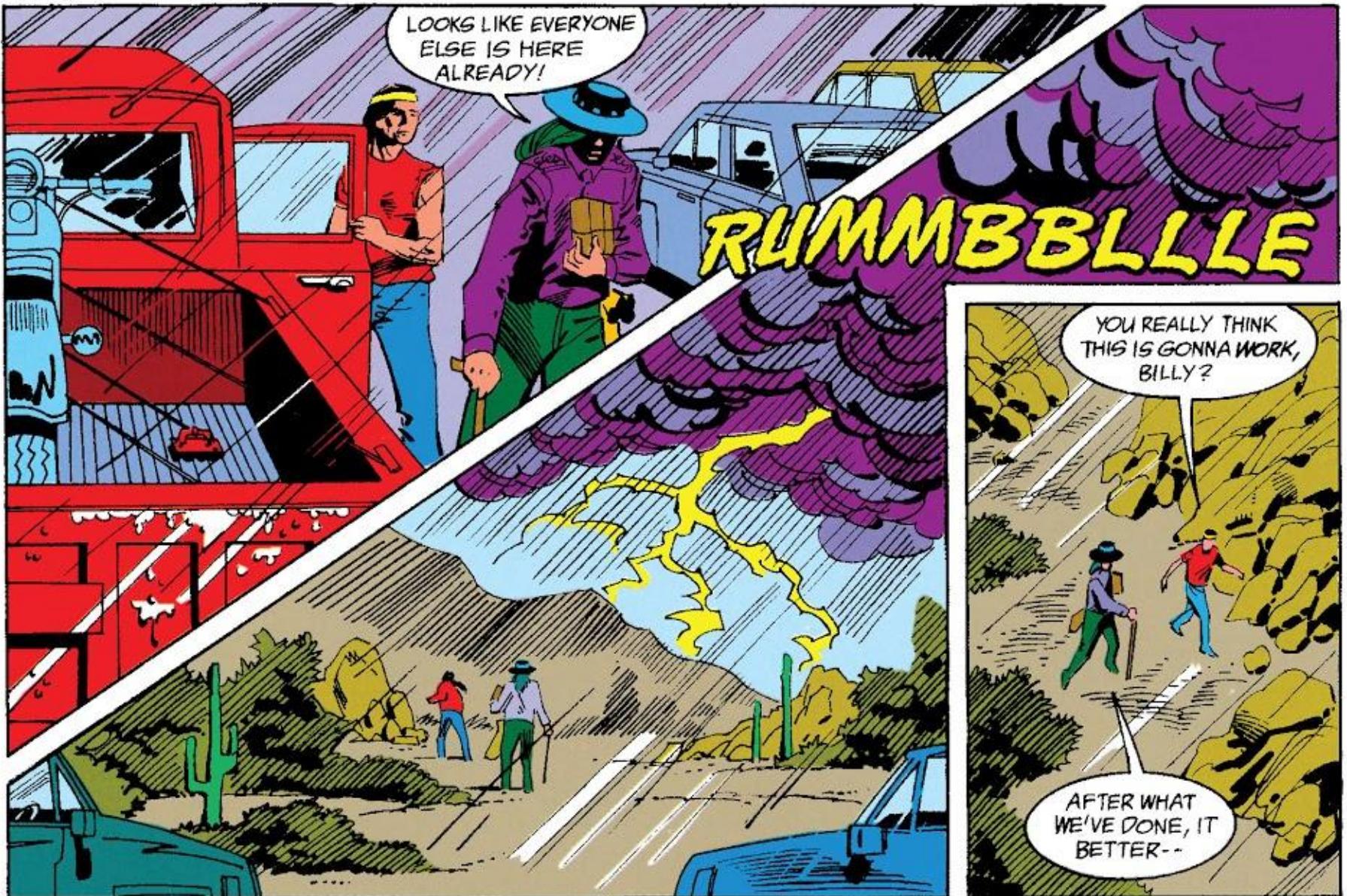
"I CHOSE MY OWN TOTEM.
I ALLIED WITH THE BLACK
WOLF'S POWER. I FOLLOWED
MY OWN TRAIL.

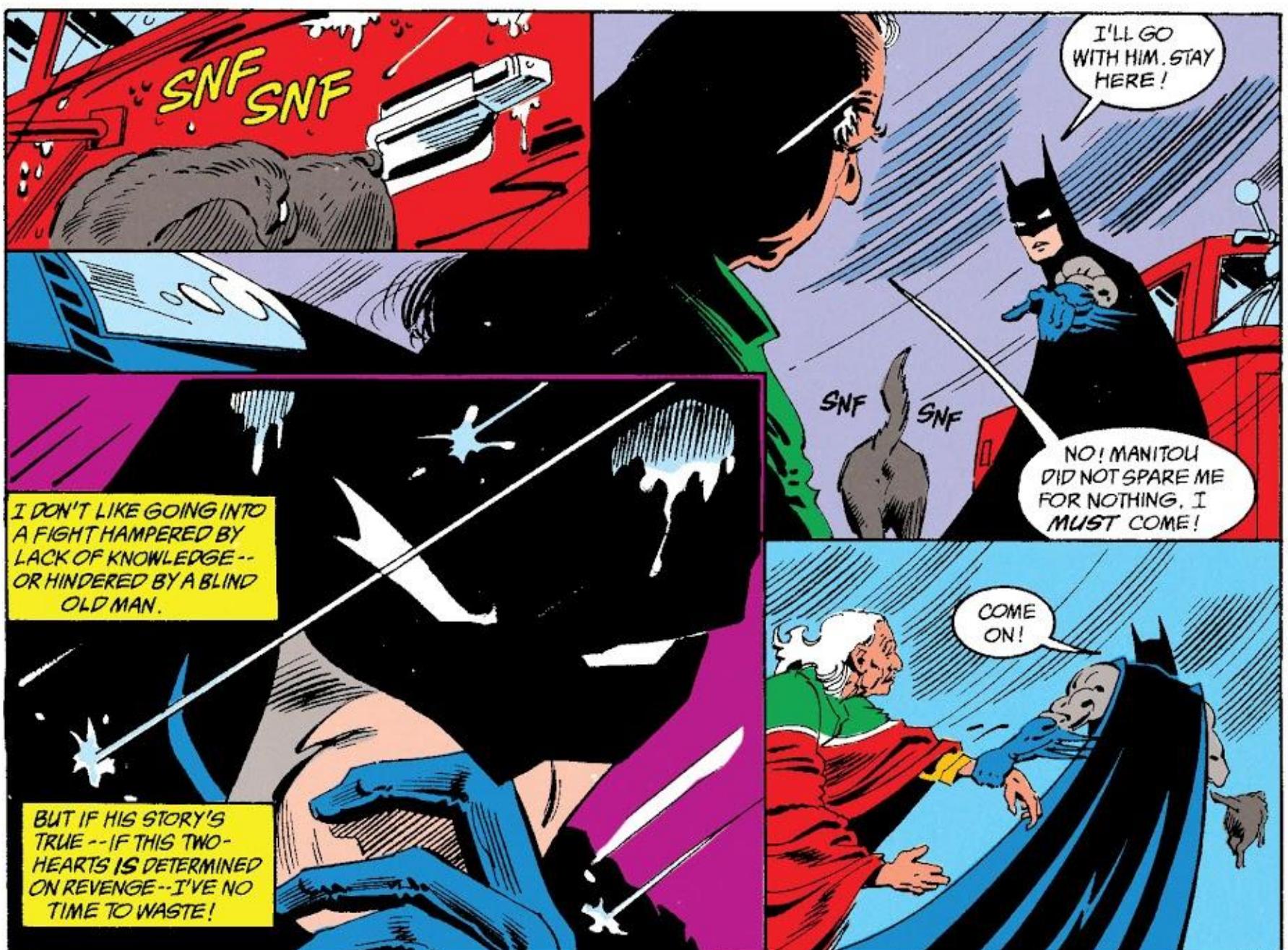
"I SEPARATED FROM THE SPIRIT,
THE MOTHER AND FATHER OF ALL
THINGS. I WALKED THE CROOKED
PATH.

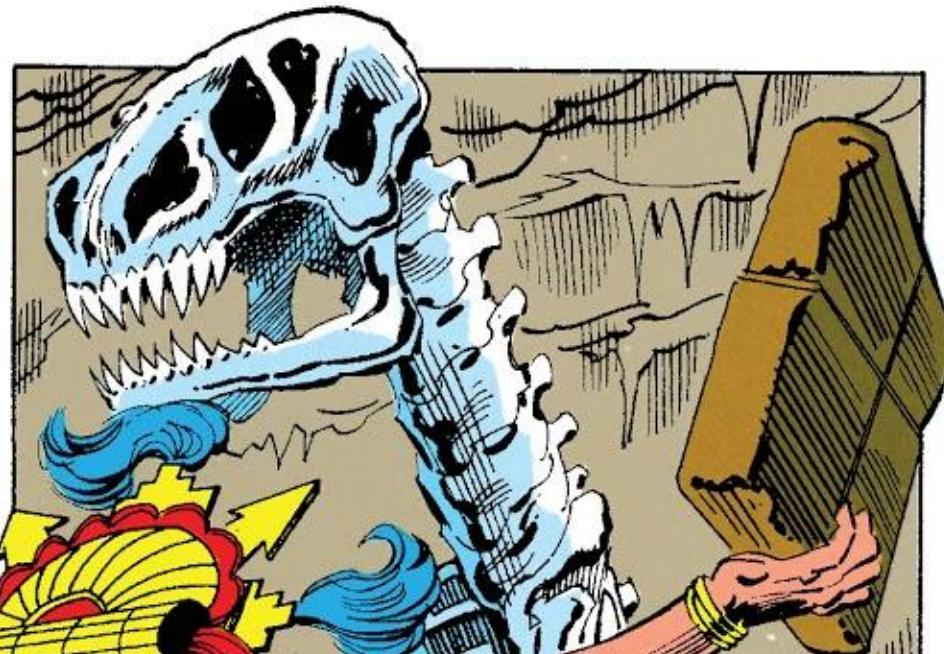
"BUT MANITOU FORGETS
NOTHING. HE CAN WAIT
FOREVER TO CLAIM HIS OWN."

"I GAINED POWER. I PREACHED
HATRED. MEN HEARD MY WORDS
AND FOLLOWED ME. AND I GREW
OLD--

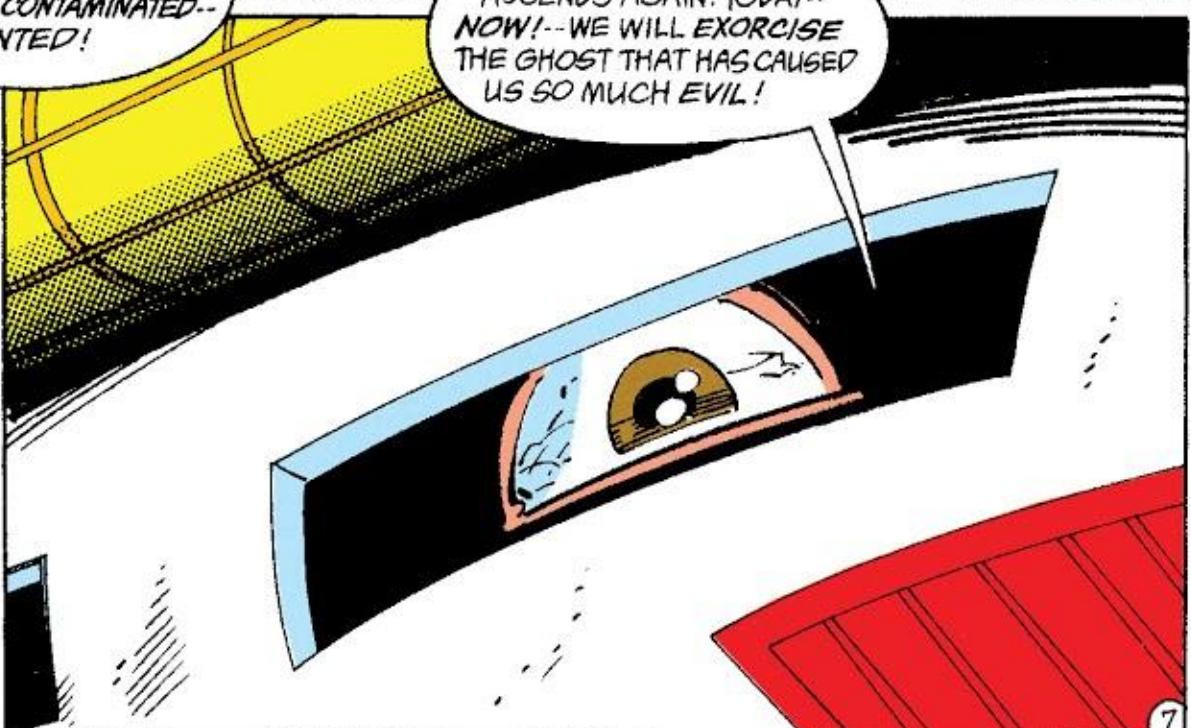


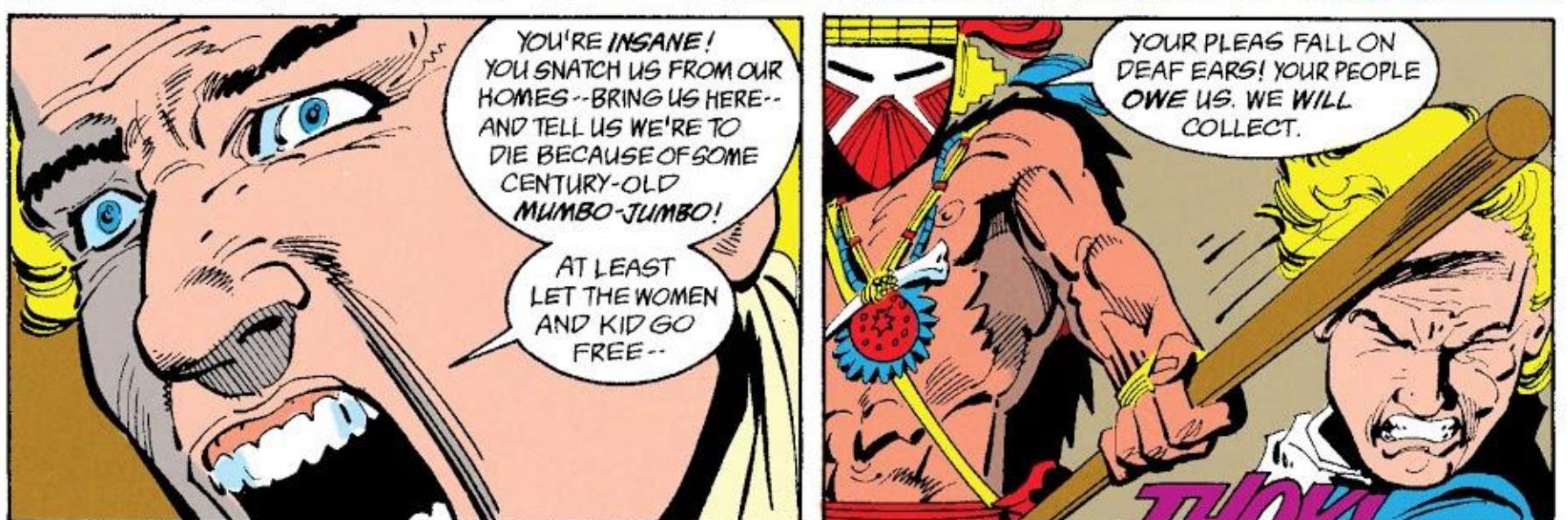
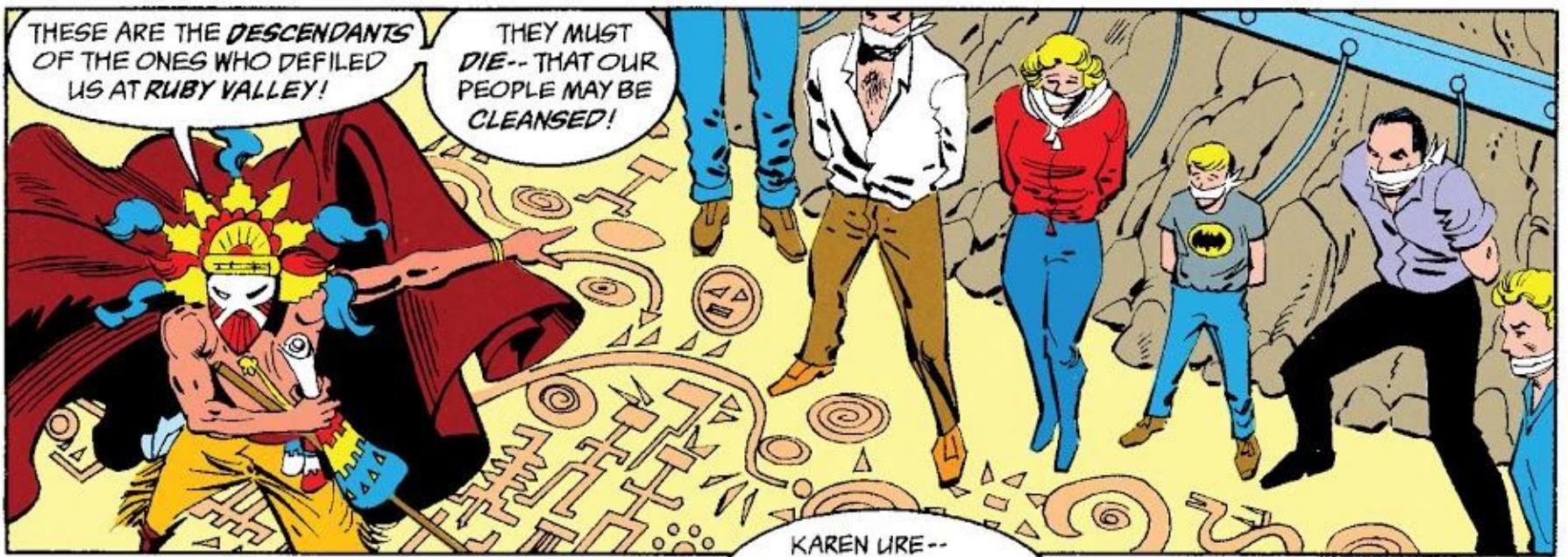


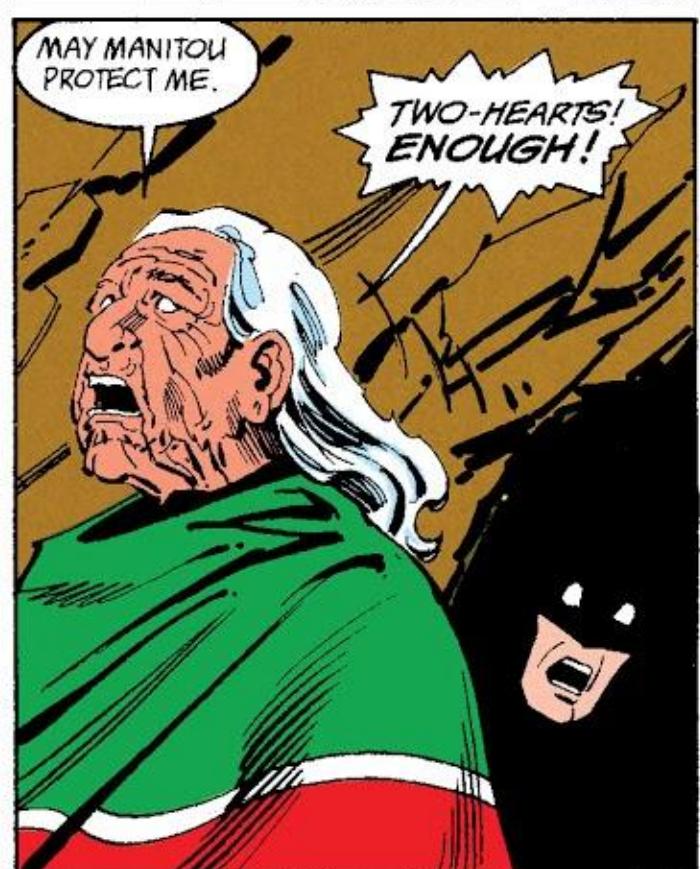
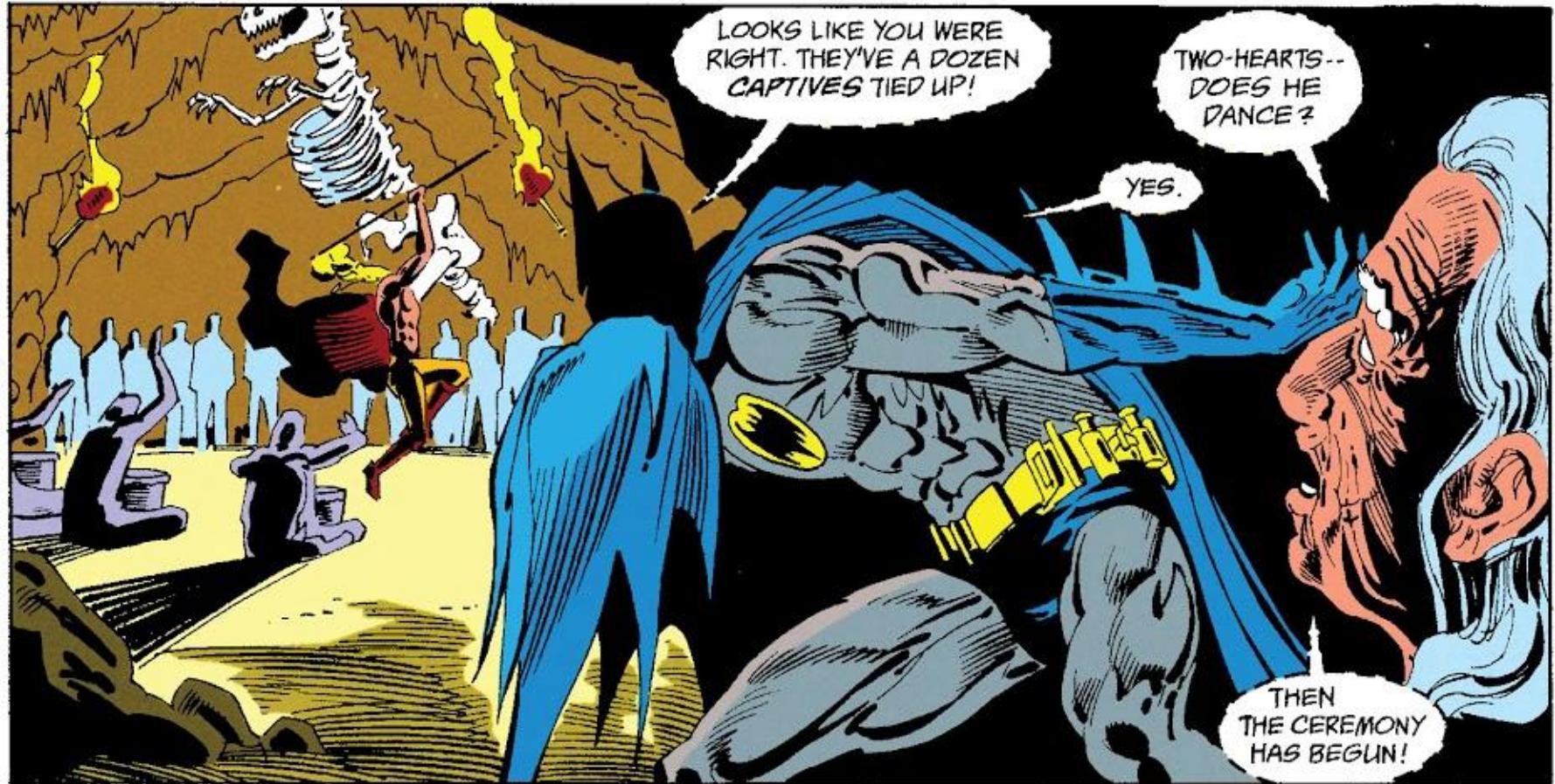




BUT OUR STAR ASCENDS AGAIN. TODAY--NOW!--WE WILL EXORCISE THE GHOST THAT HAS CAUSED US SO MUCH EVIL!

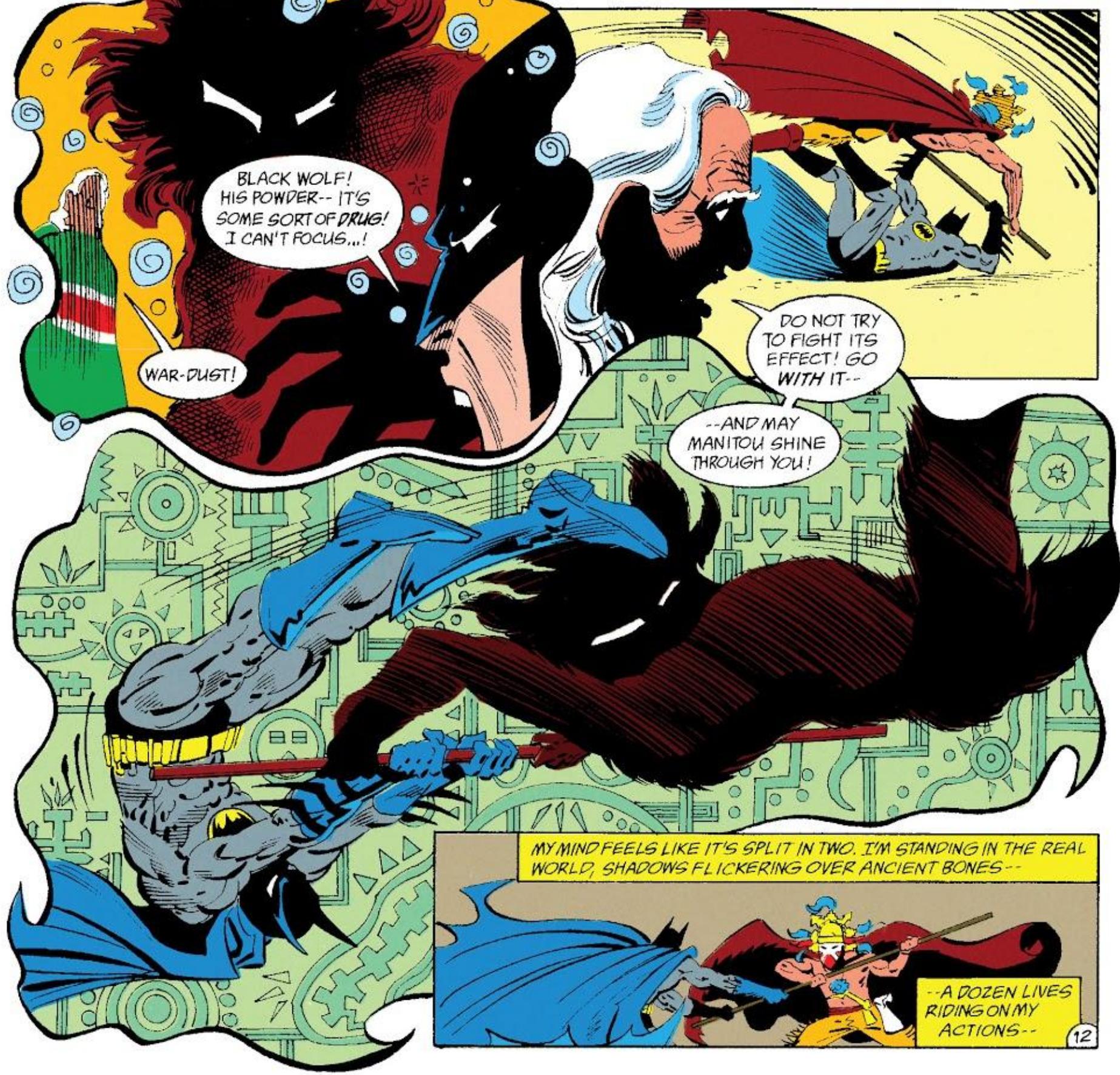












WHILE IN SOME OTHER
REALM SOMETHING
TIMELESS AND UNFATHOMABLE
PLAYS OUT ITS OWN DRAMA...

KRAK!

HE'S YOUNG,
STRONG--

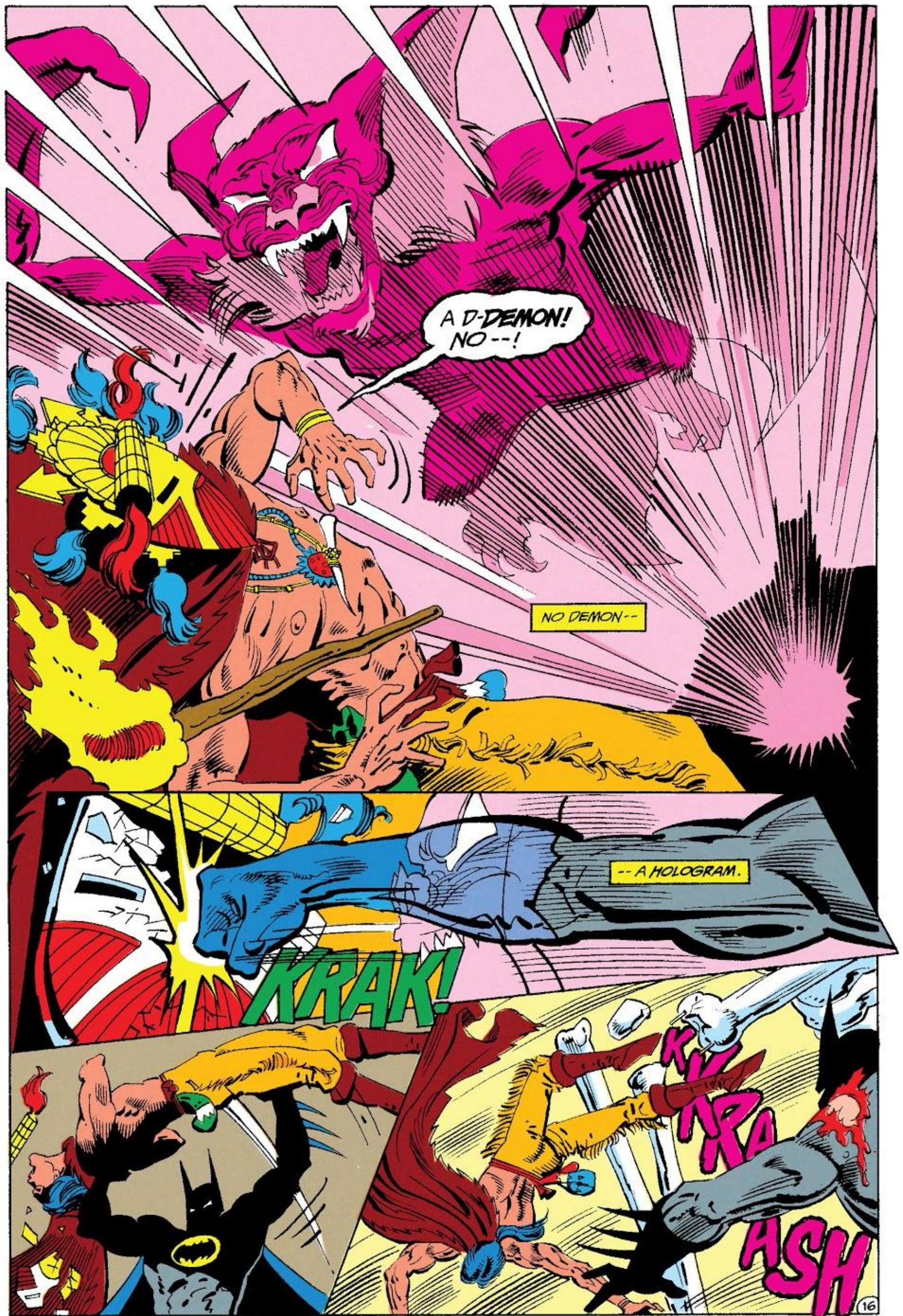
--KNOWS
HOW TO
FIGHT.

OOFF!

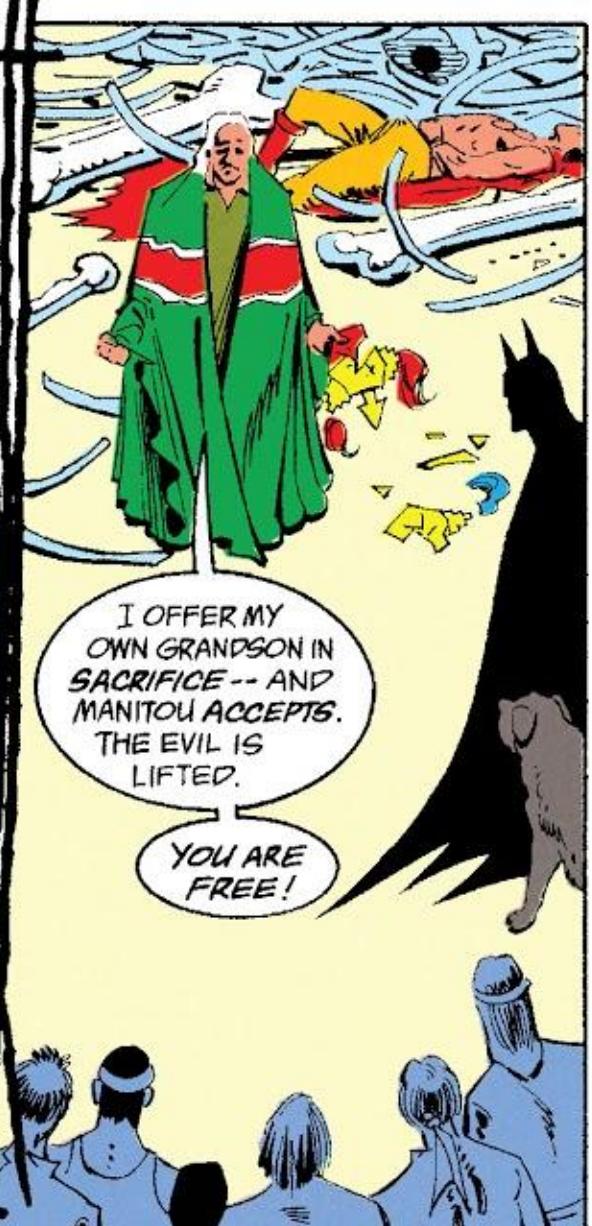
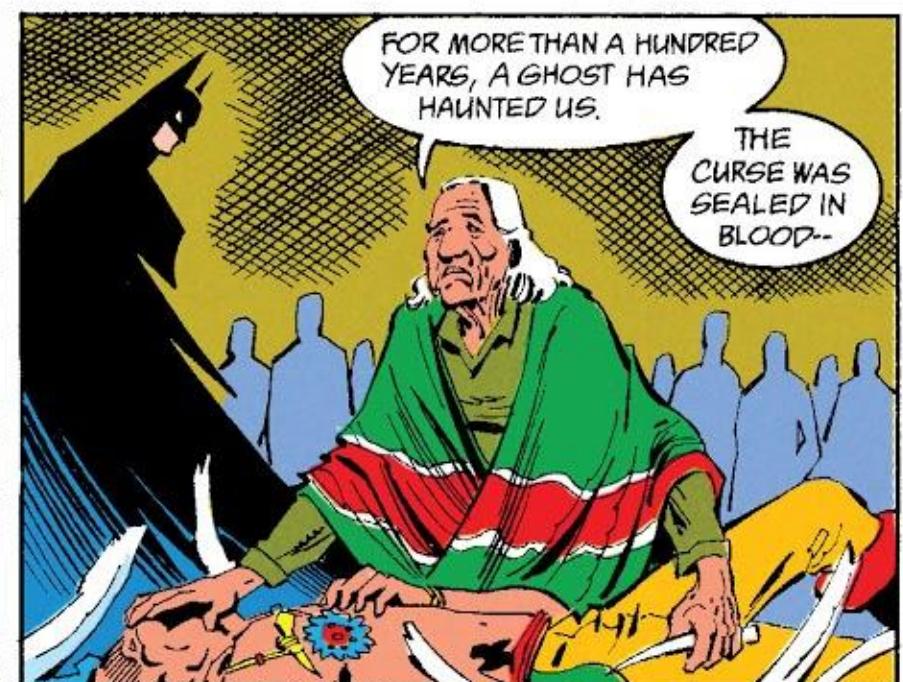
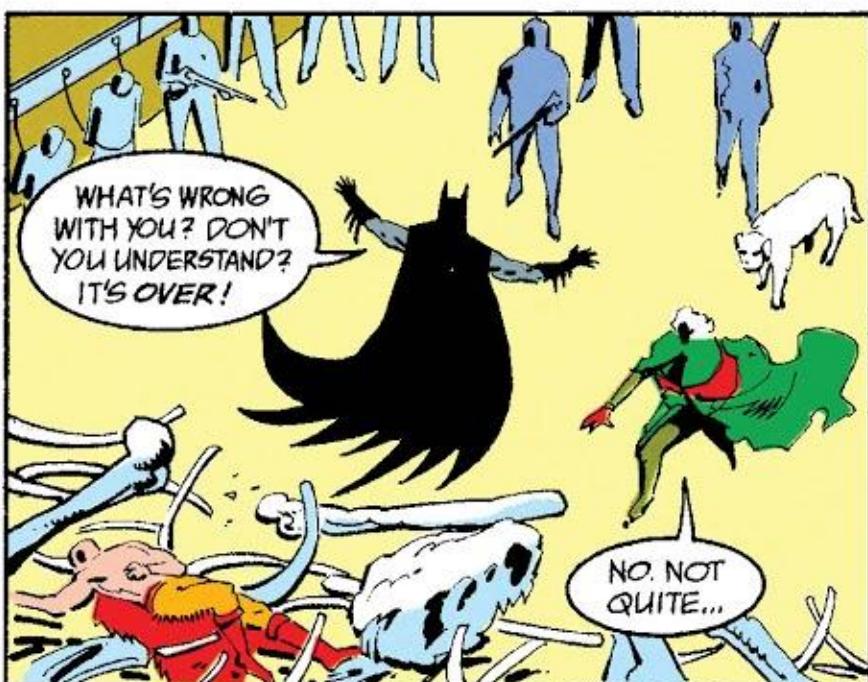
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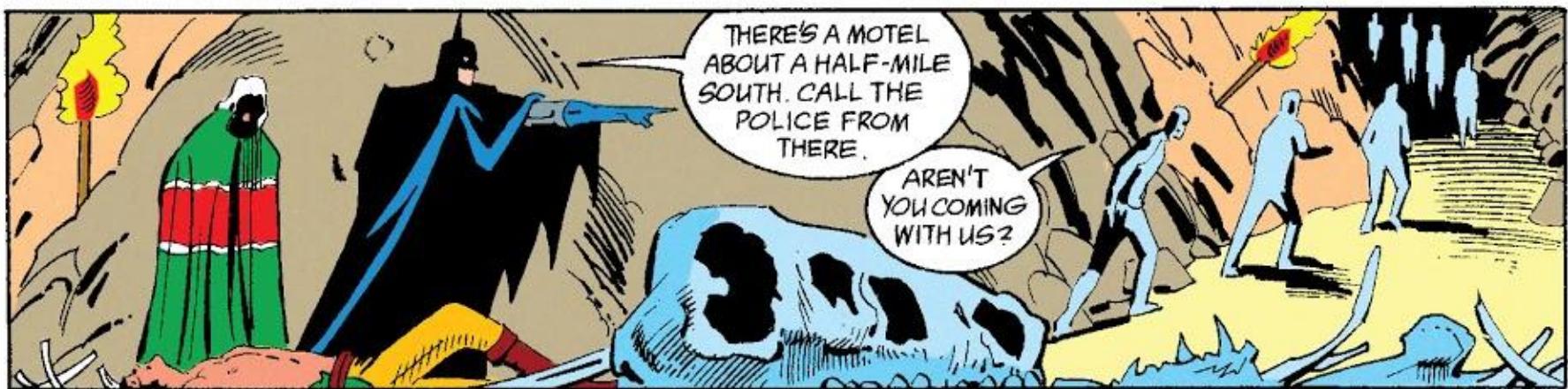
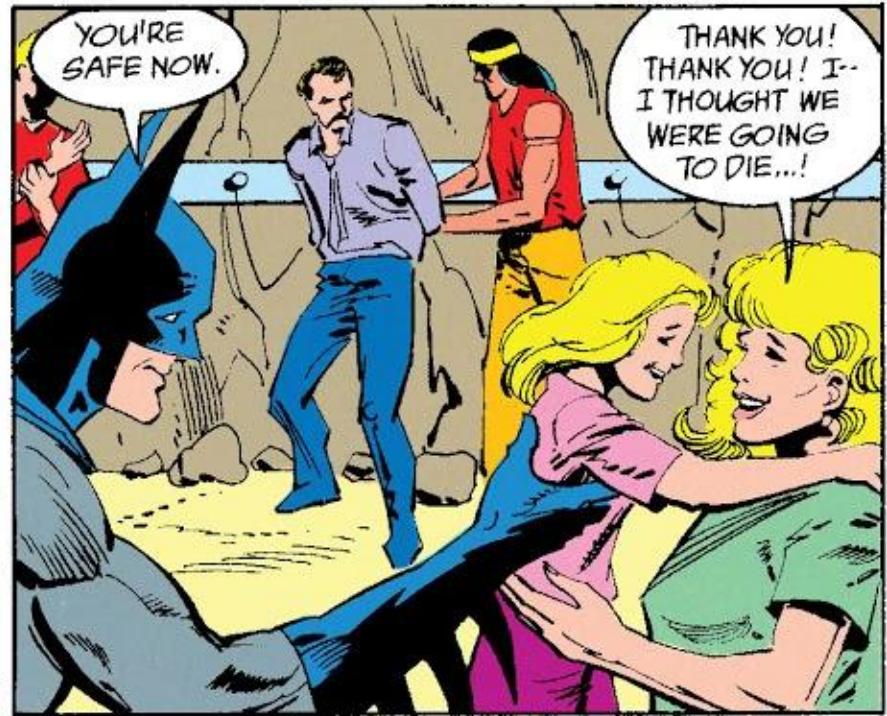


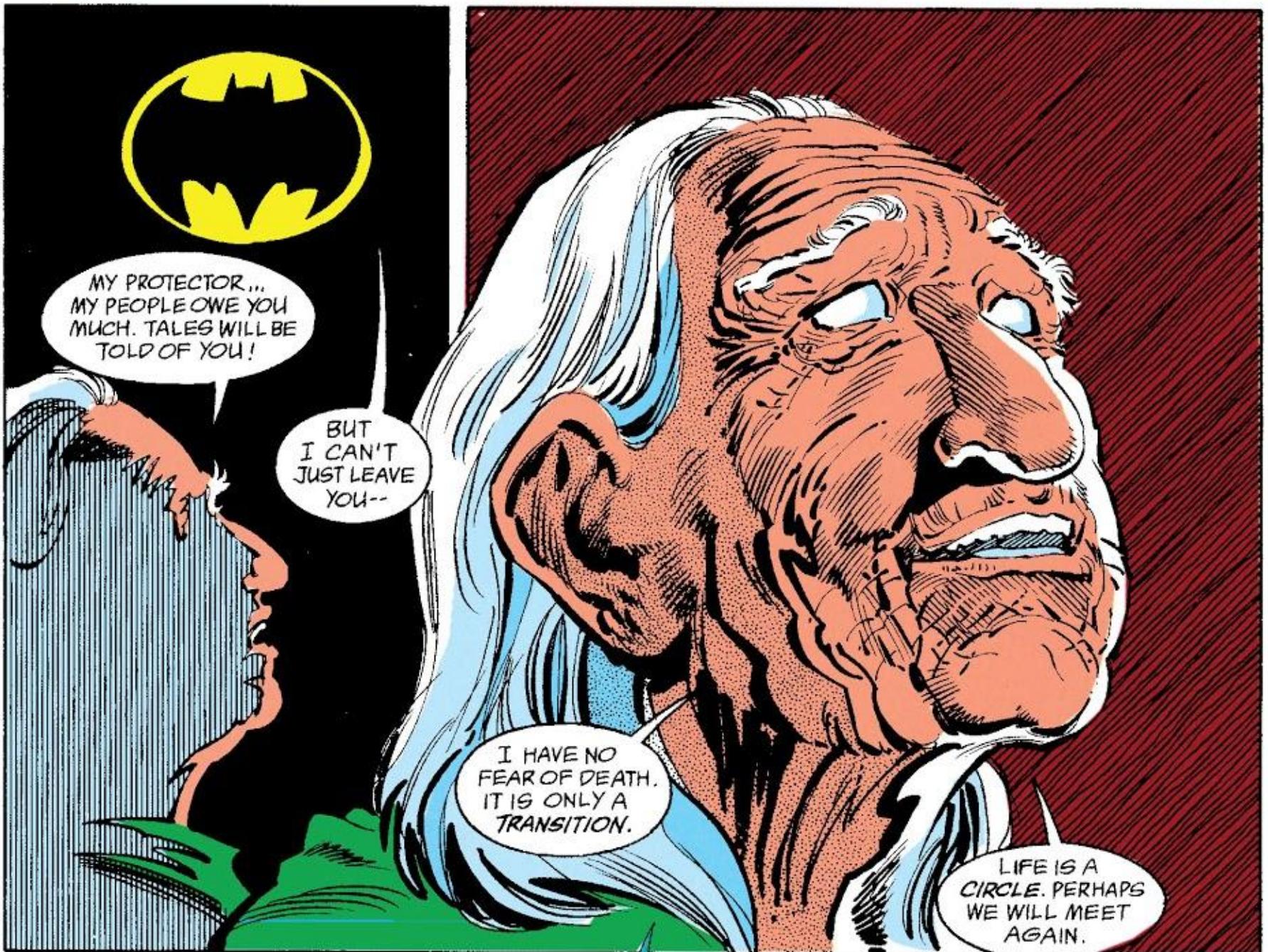




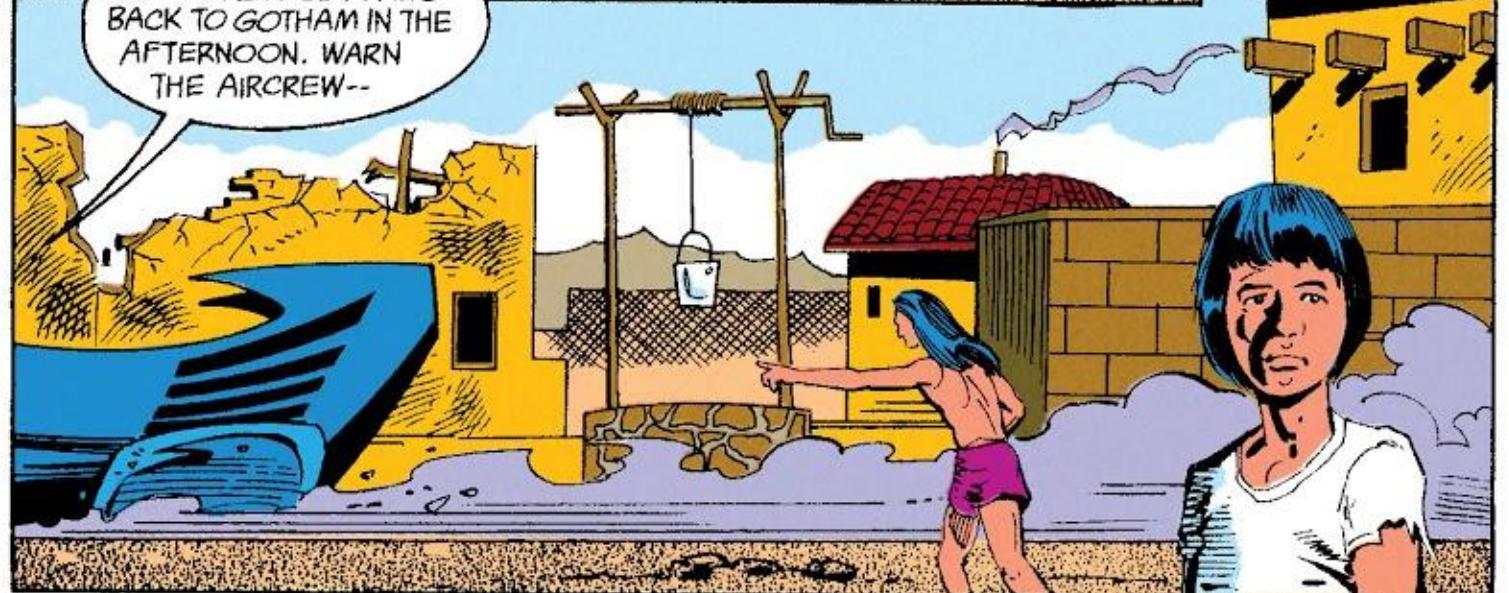
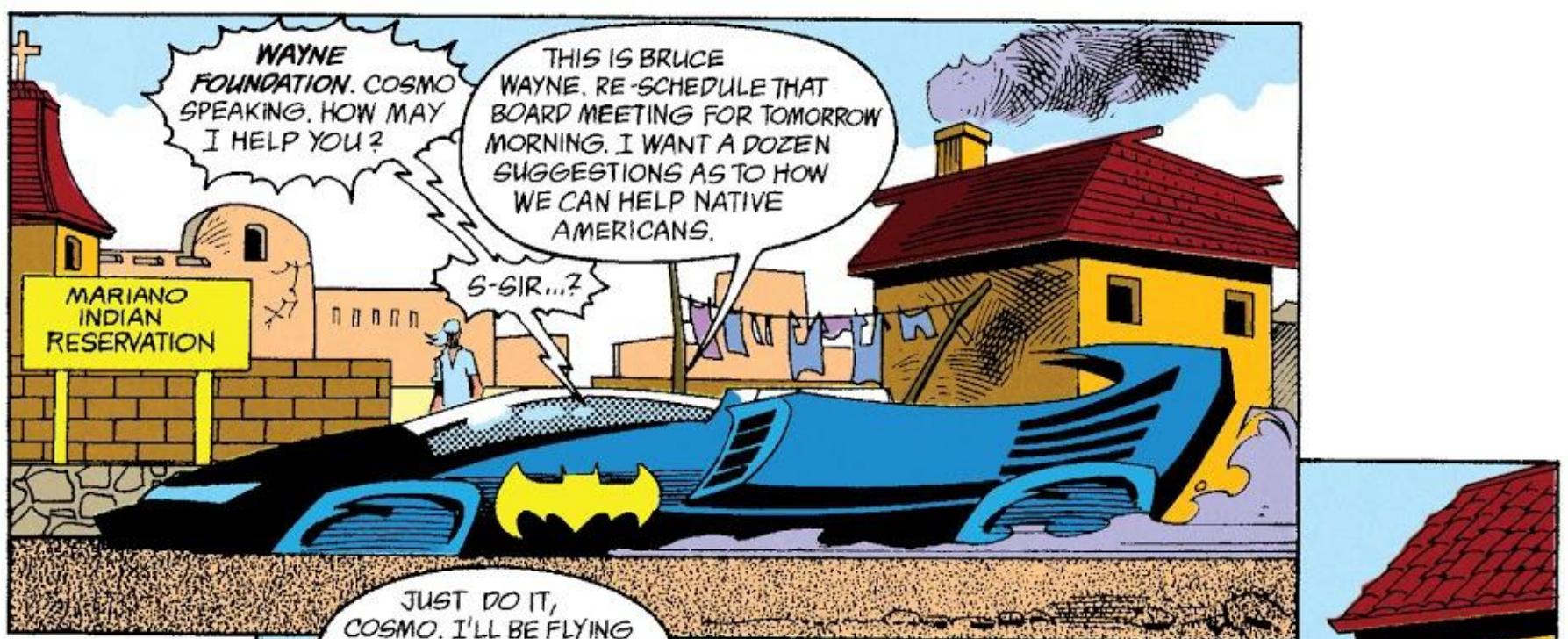
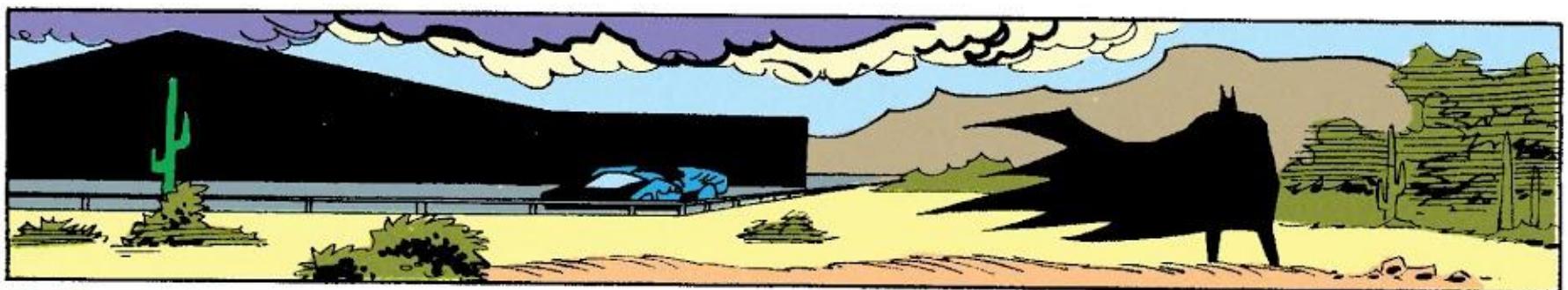












Deadman Wade

"THIS IS WHAT
AWESOME
LOOKS LIKE"

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