

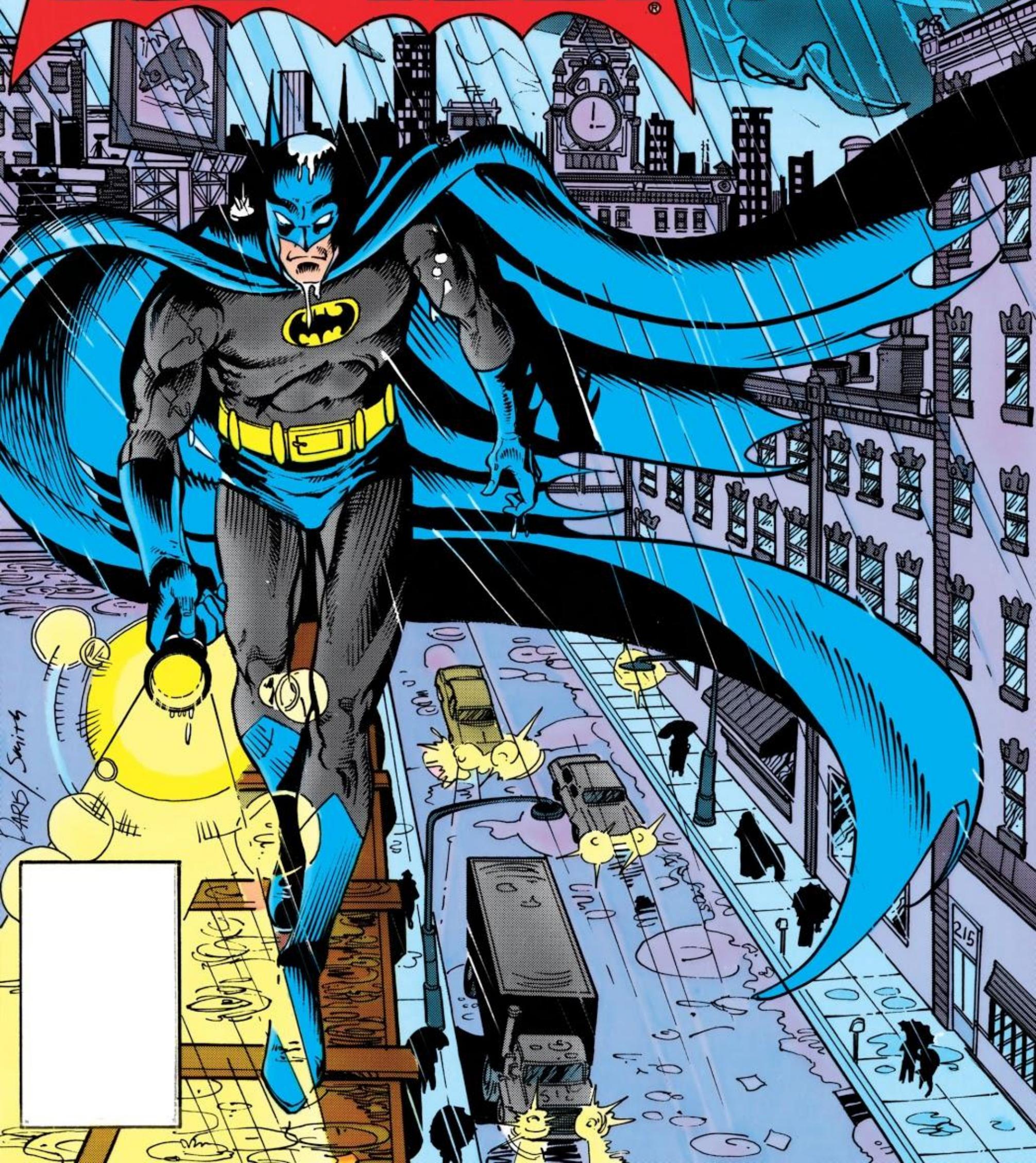


NIGHT OF PERIL-DAY OF DOOM!

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# BAT MAN



ENACTING A BIZARRE VALENTINE'S GAMBIT AT THE NEW HART COMMUTER TUNNEL, THE CALENDAR MAN MADE HIS APPEARANCE AS A GROTESQUE CUPID OF CRIME.

BUT THE CONFRONTATION WOULD BE INTERRUPTED--



# DAY OF DOOM

## BAT-MAN

GOTTA KEEP CALENDAR MAN IN SIGHT--TRY TO FOLLOW HIM ALL THE WAY BACK TO HIS HIDEOUT...

LUCK,  
I LOVE YA!

HE'S SWORN TO KILL BATMAN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING--THREE NIGHTS FROM NOW--BY USING ME AS BATMAN'S ACHILLES' HEEL...

HE JUST SKIDDED INTO A BLIND ALLEY!

AND A HEEL'S EXACTLY WHAT I FEEL LIKE--FOR DISOBEDIANCE BATMAN AFTER HE CUT ME OUT OF THIS CASE.

BUT REGARDLESS OF CALENDAR MAN'S OPINION, I JUST CAN'T LET BATMAN THINK OF ME AS A WEAKNESS THAT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED.

THE ONLY KIND OF HEEL I CAN AFFORD TO BE IS THE KIND THAT STOMPS CALENDAR MAN.

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THERE'S HIS ABANDONED CYCLE...

...LOTSA GARBAGE...  
LOTSA SHADOWS...

...BUT NO CALENDAR MAN, CUPID OR OTHERWISE...

WHERE IS HE--?

CAN'T FIND ROBIN ANYWHERE, ALFRED--AND I'M LOSING BLOOD FAST...

A DEAD-END WITH NO DOORS OR WINDOWS--ALMOST LIKE BATMAN TRYING TO TRACK NIGHT-SLAYER THAT TIME...

MEANING THE ONLY WAY CALENDAR MAN COULD'VE GONE IS UP...

AND THAT MEANS--

GET OUT YOUR BLACK BAG AND PREPARE TO PLAY DOCTOR.

...BUT THIS TIME, THERE'S NOT EVEN A MANHOLE.







IF I LET HIM SUCCEED--IF WE LET HIM SUCCEED--WE'LL BE ADMITTING THAT I'M A DANGER TO YOU RATHER THAN AN AID.

BATMAN PLUS ROBIN MUST EQUAL MORE THAN BATMAN--NOT LESS.

ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE GOT A POINT, BUT--

NO BUTS, BATMAN--PLEASE.

IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO TWO THINGS: DOES THE BATMAN REALLY NEED A ROBIN--AND AM I GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ROBIN?

YES OR NO?

IF I SAY NO...

I'LL TAKE OFF THIS COSTUME RIGHT NOW AND NEVER SAY ANOTHER WORD ABOUT IT-- PERFECTLY HAPPY TO BE JASON TODD AND PROUD TO CALL BRUCE WAYNE MY FATHER.

HE HAS A POINT, SIR.

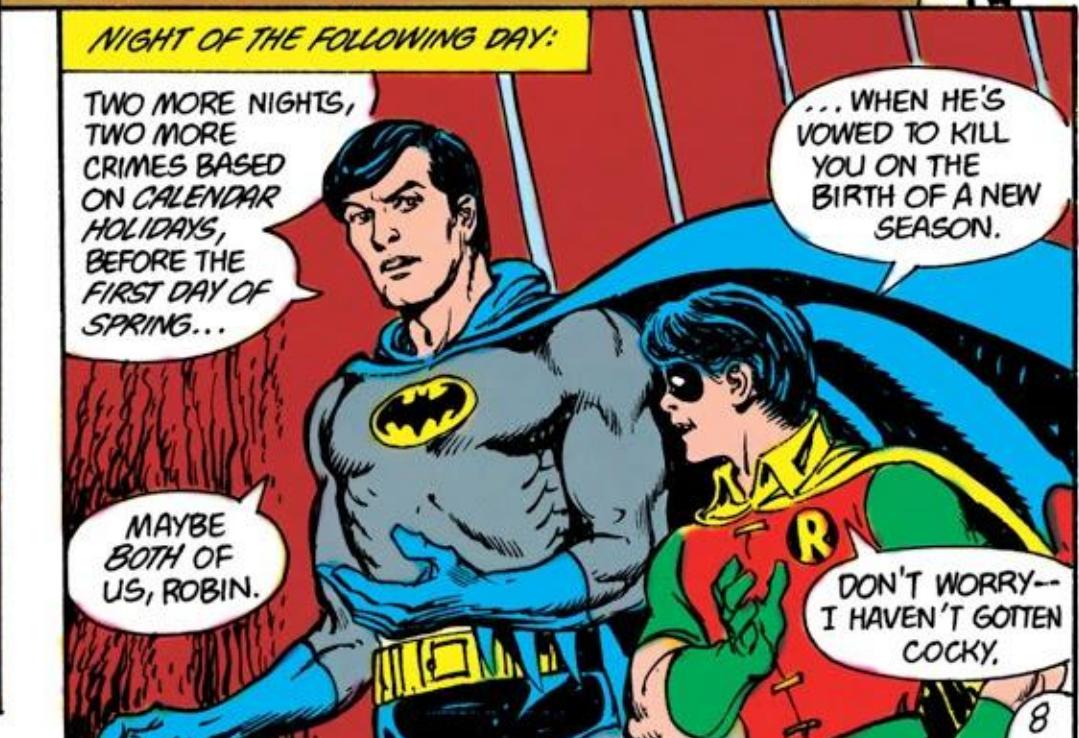
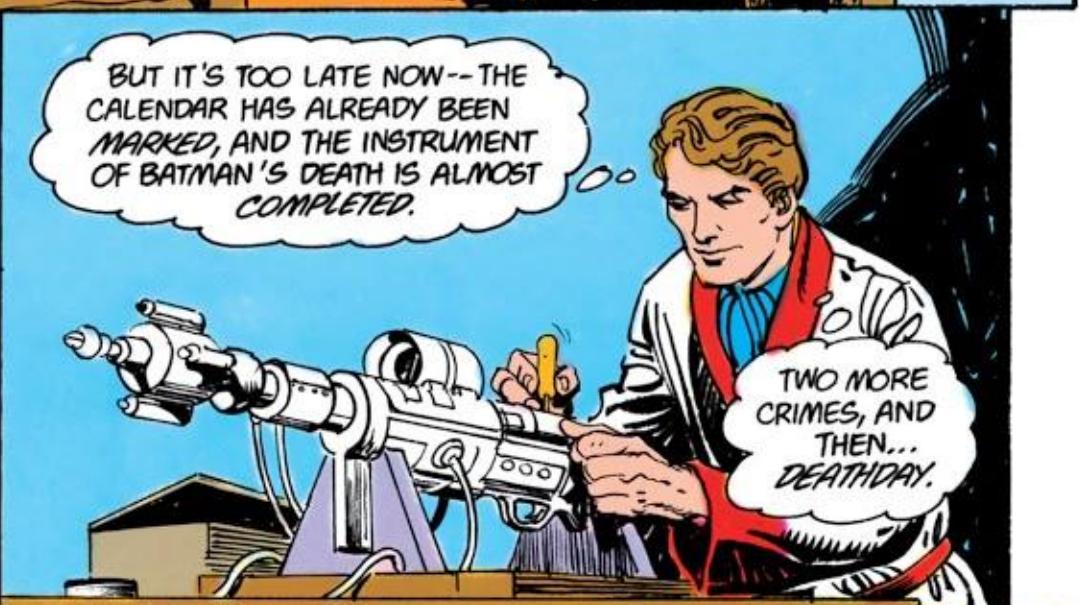
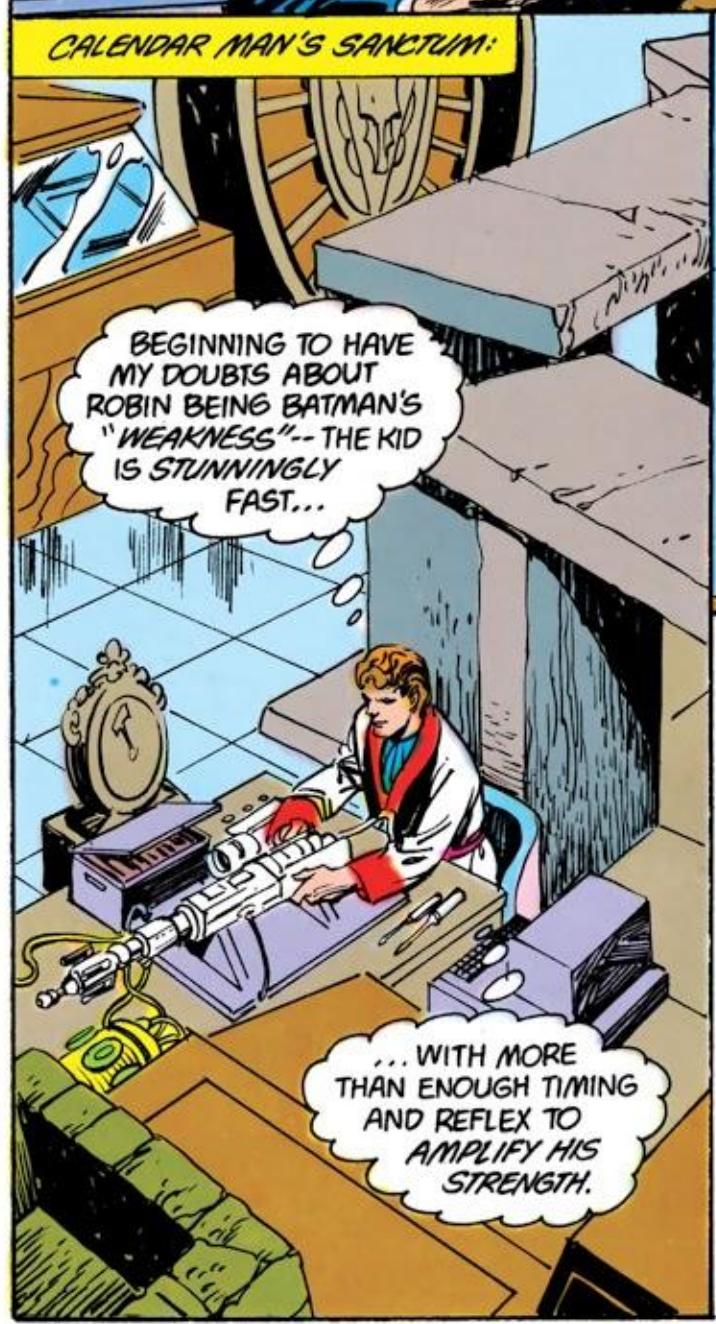
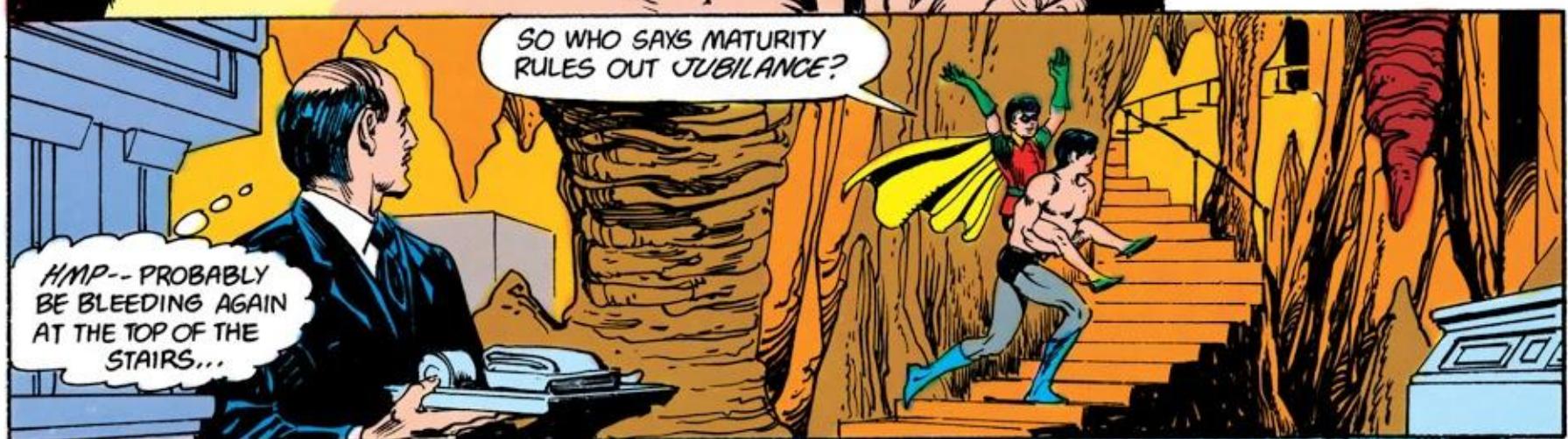
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FOR A MINUTE--BUT IF I SAY YES...?

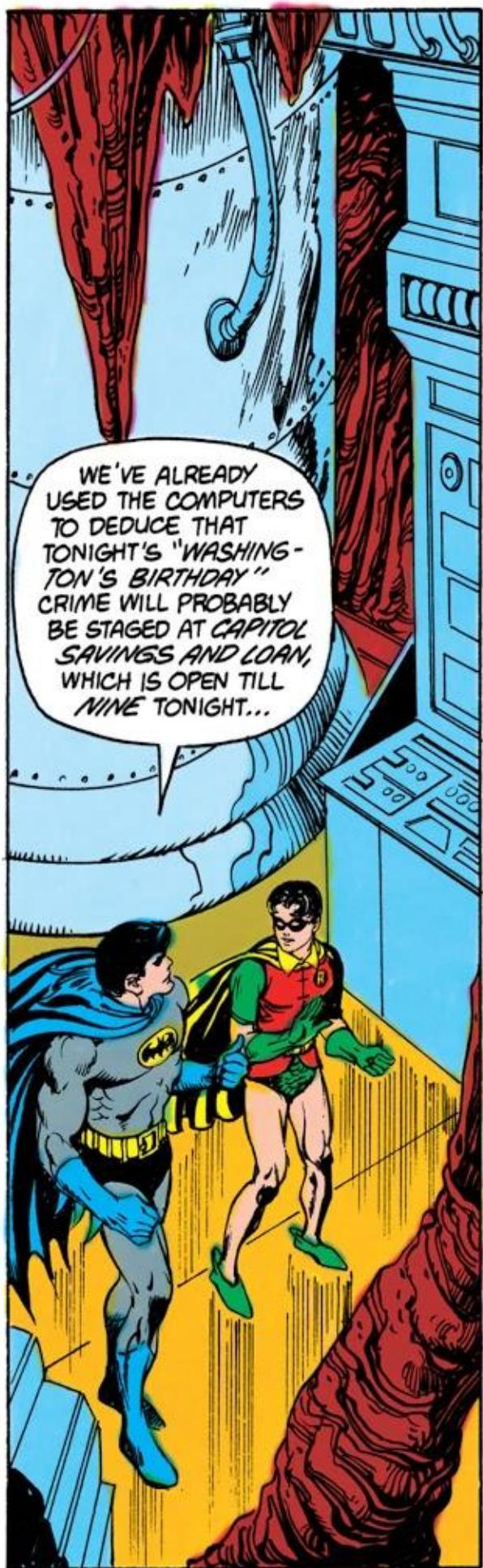
THEN WE'RE A TEAM IN WHICH YOU CALL ALL THE SHOTS.

I...I DON'T KNOW...

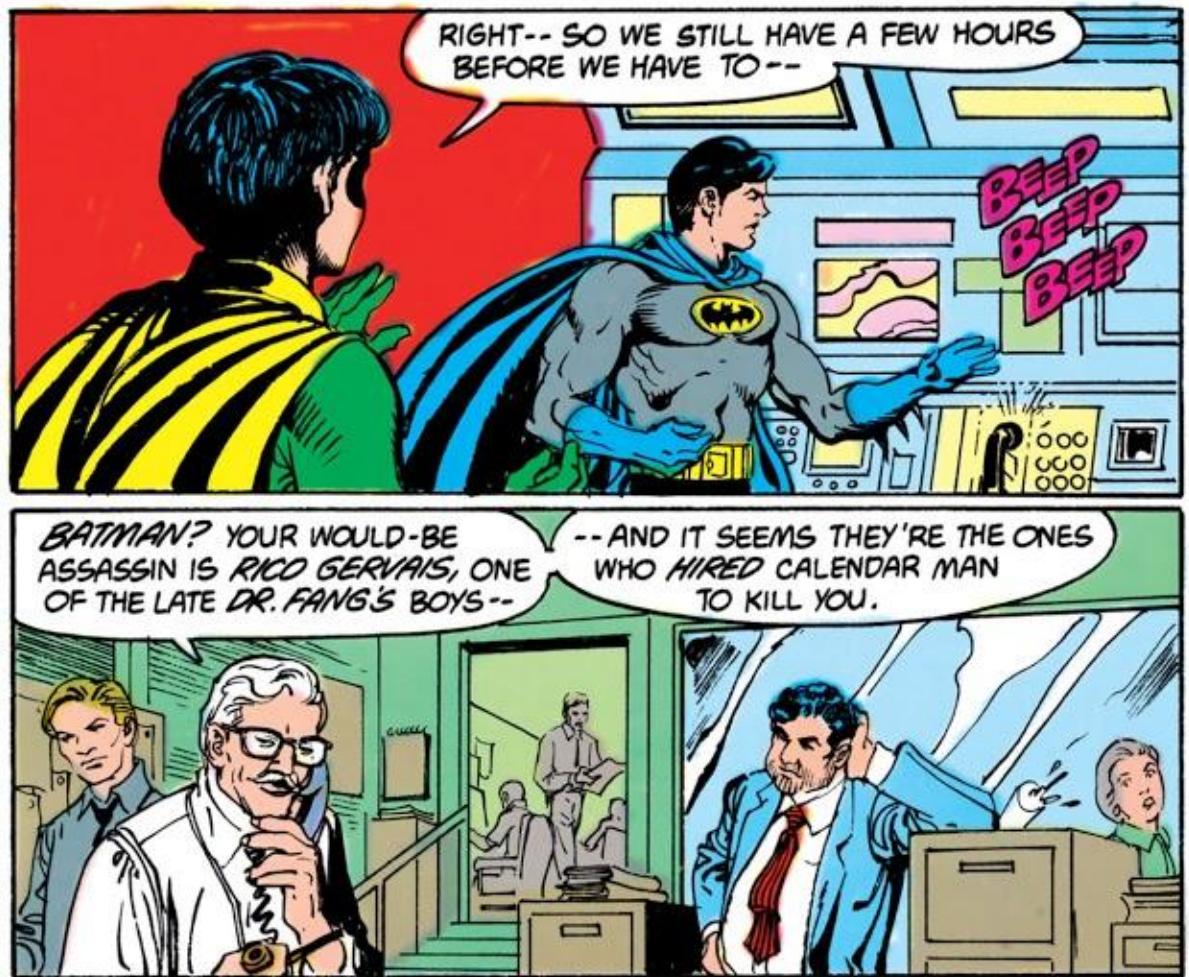
I...JUST... CAN'T...

AS LONG AS YOU RESPECT ME AS ROBIN, I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY.





WE'VE ALREADY USED THE COMPUTERS TO DEDUCE THAT TONIGHT'S "WASHING-  
TON'S BIRTHDAY" CRIME WILL PROBABLY BE STAGED AT CAPITOL SAVINGS AND LOAN, WHICH IS OPEN TILL NINE TONIGHT...



BATMAN? YOUR WOULD-BE ASSASSIN IS RICO GERVAS, ONE OF THE LATE DR. FANG'S BOYS--

--AND IT SEEMS THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HIRED CALENDAR MAN TO KILL YOU.



WHICH EXPLAINS CALENDAR MAN'S CHANGE IN M.O., GORDON--NONE OF OUR PAST TANGLES WERE DESIGNED TO BE FATAL.

ANYTHING ELSE?

BULLOCK'S GOT SOMETHING--HOLD ON.

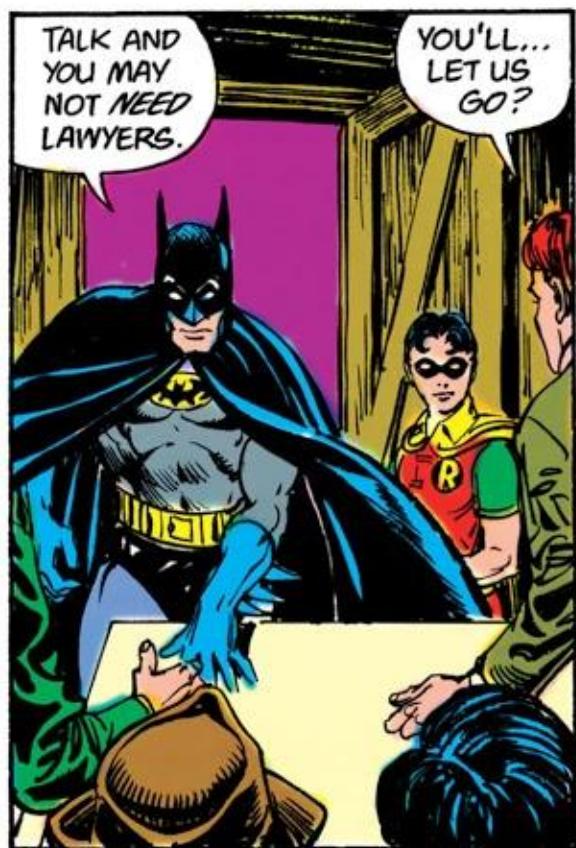


BEEN FOLLOWIN' A LINE OF INFO FOR WEEKS-- AND WE'RE READY TO MAKE A CRASH.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANNA CONFER WITH 'EM FIRST...

DON'T TALK!





"...AND I SURE HOPE WE'VE PEGGED THE  
RIGHT TARGET."

IT'S BEEN  
CLOSED  
FOR A  
WHILE  
NOW...

CAPITOL  
SAVINGS  
& LOANS

YOU TAKE  
THE BACK,  
ROBIN, AND  
I'LL HANDLE  
THE FRONT...

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE  
ABOUT YOU, BATMAN...

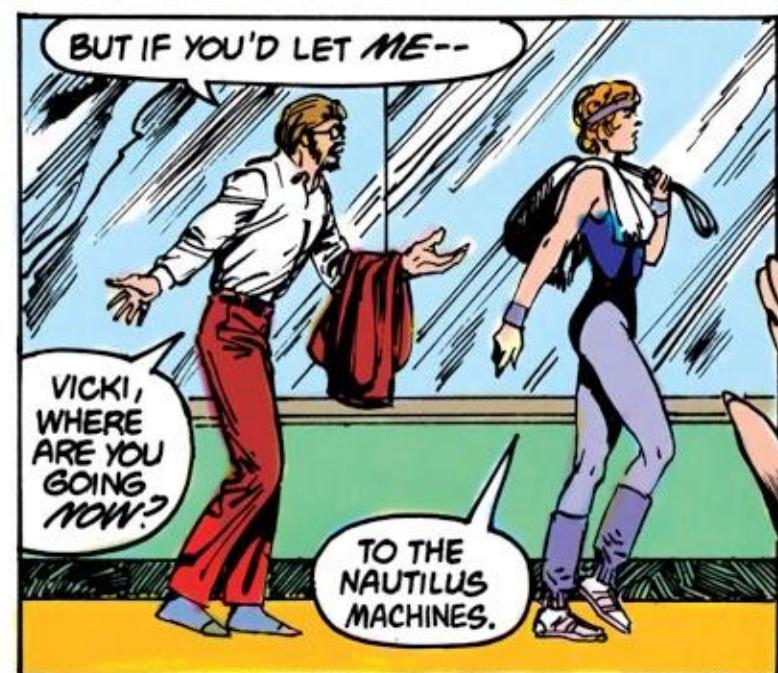
YOU NEVER FAIL TO  
KEEP A DATE.

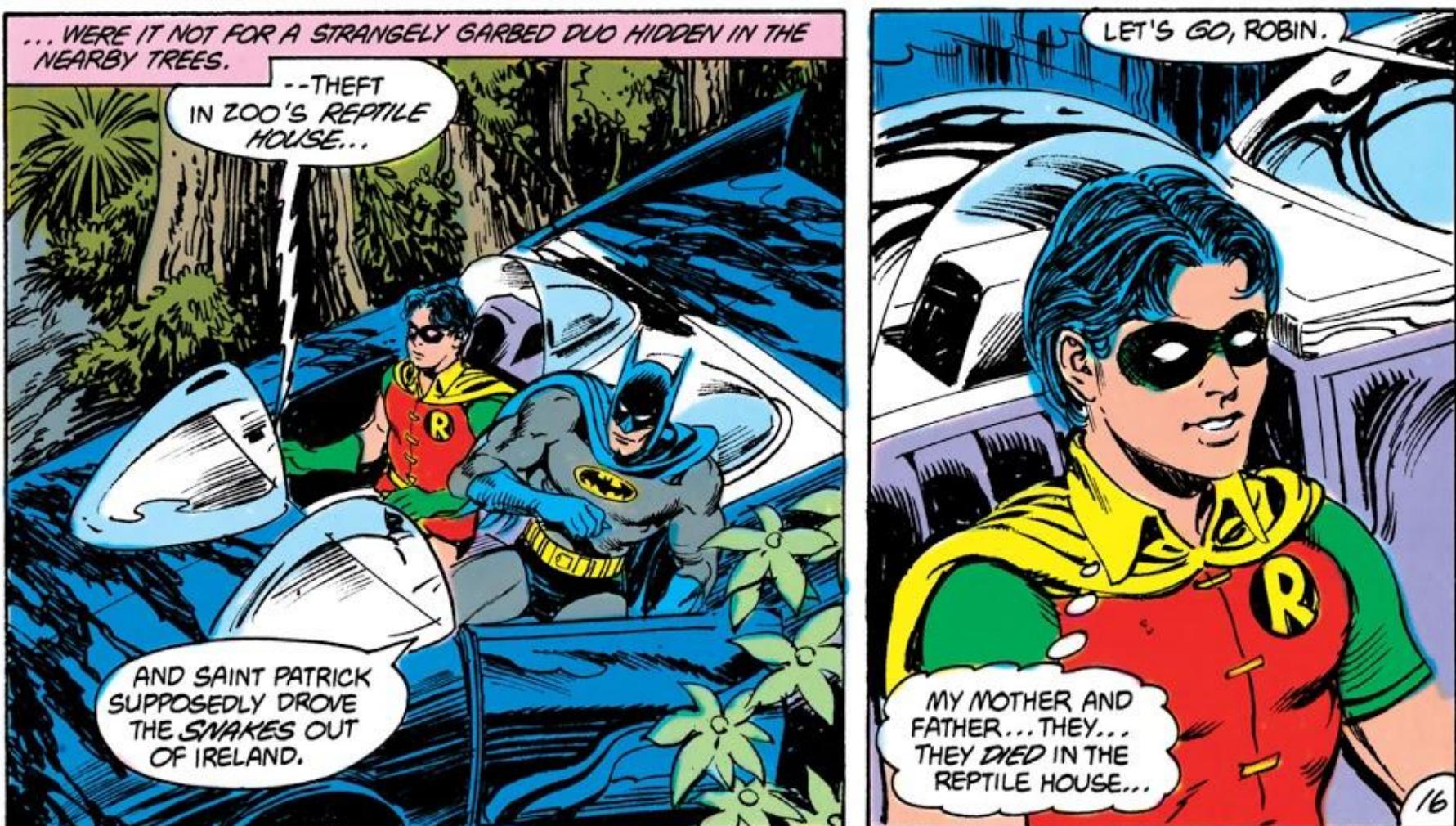
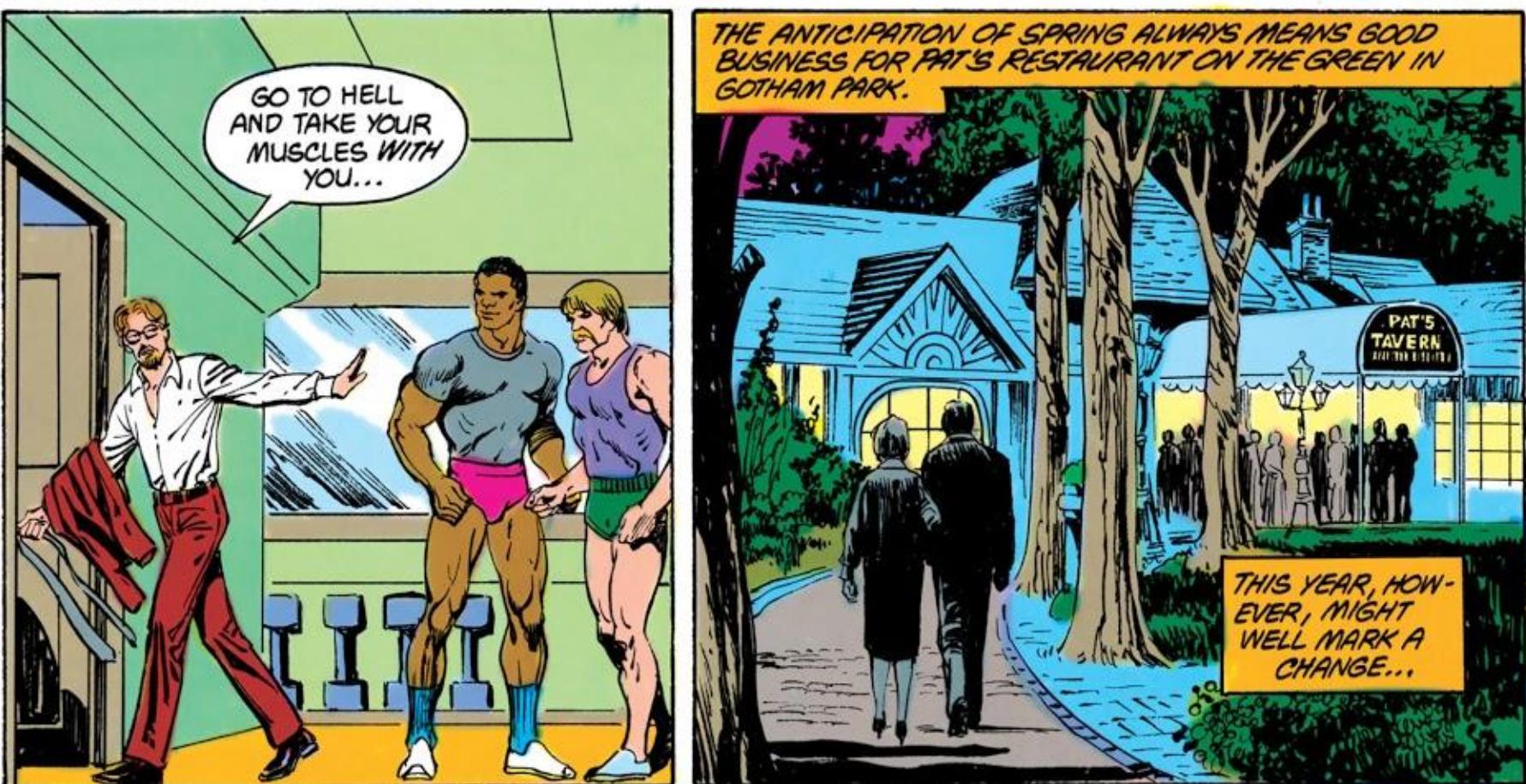
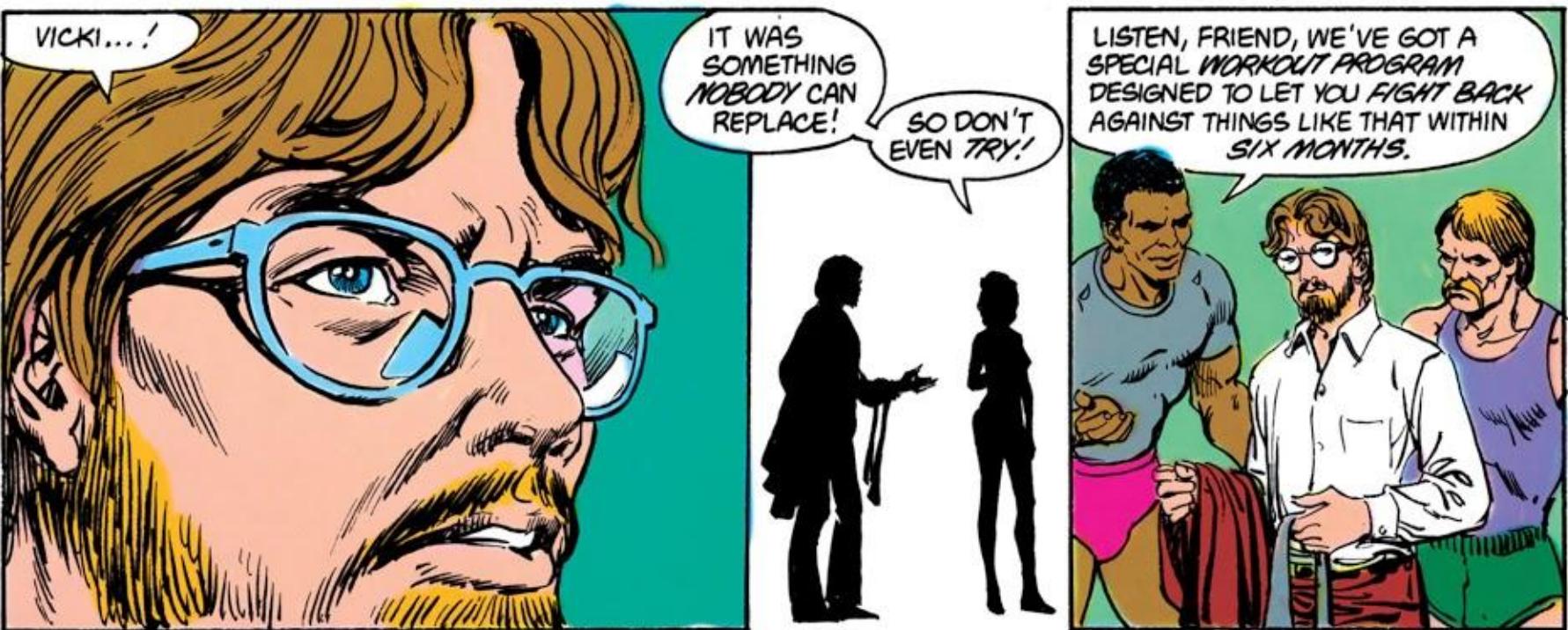


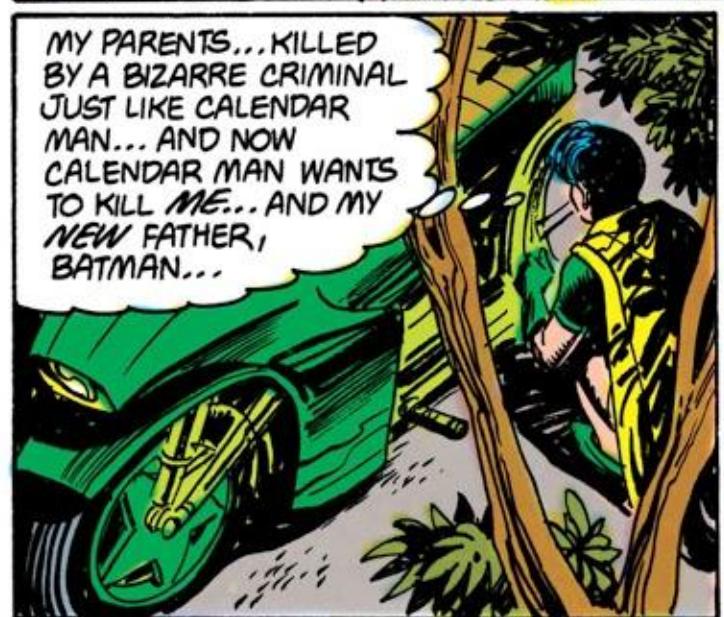






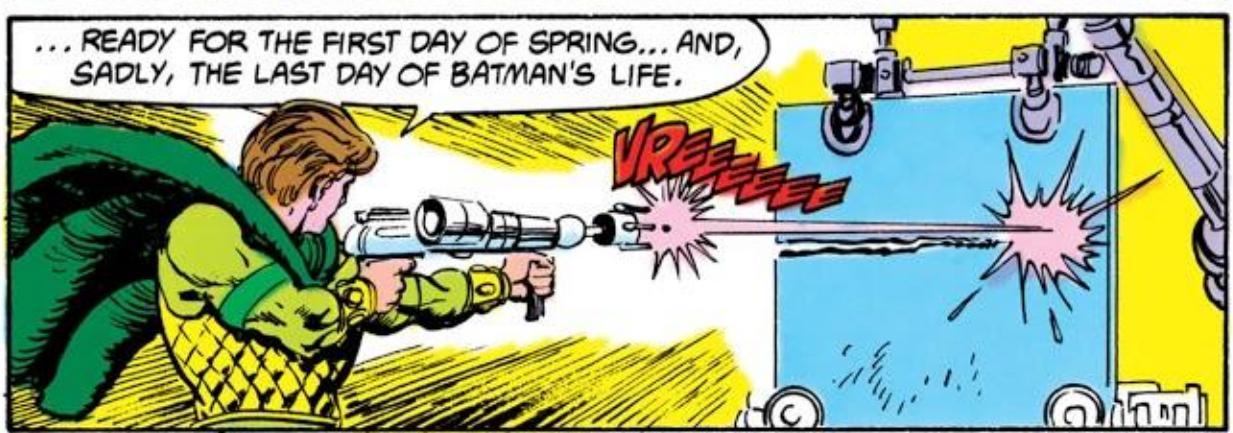
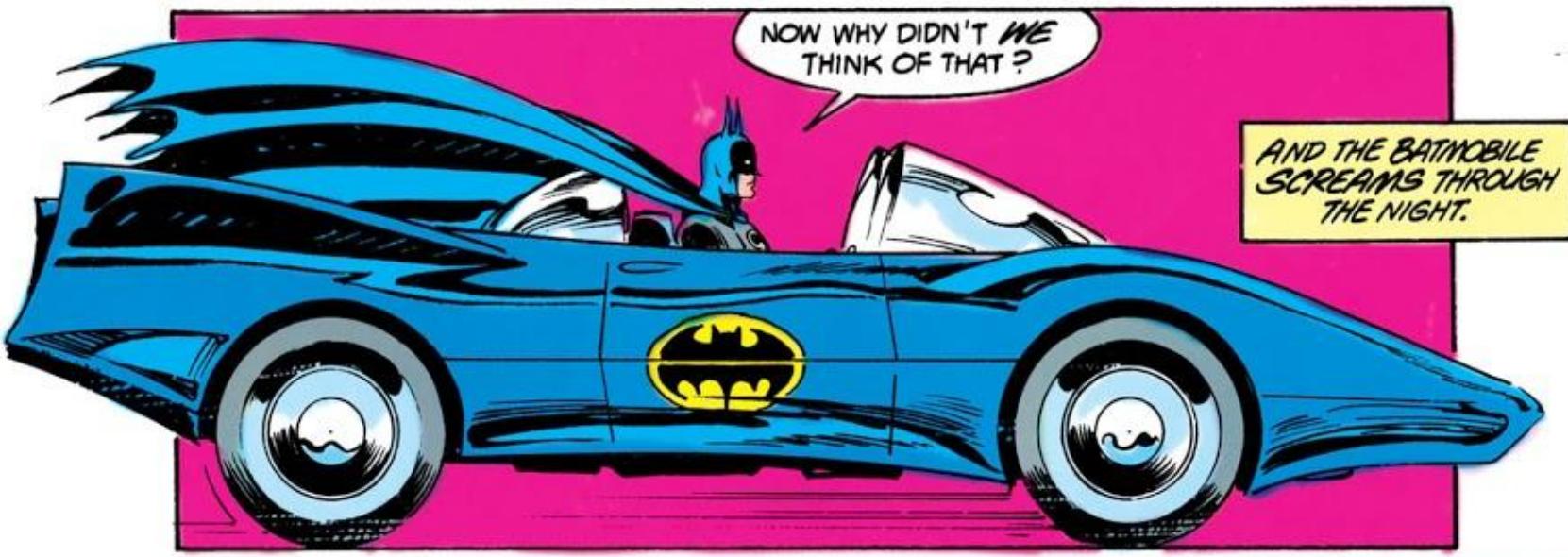




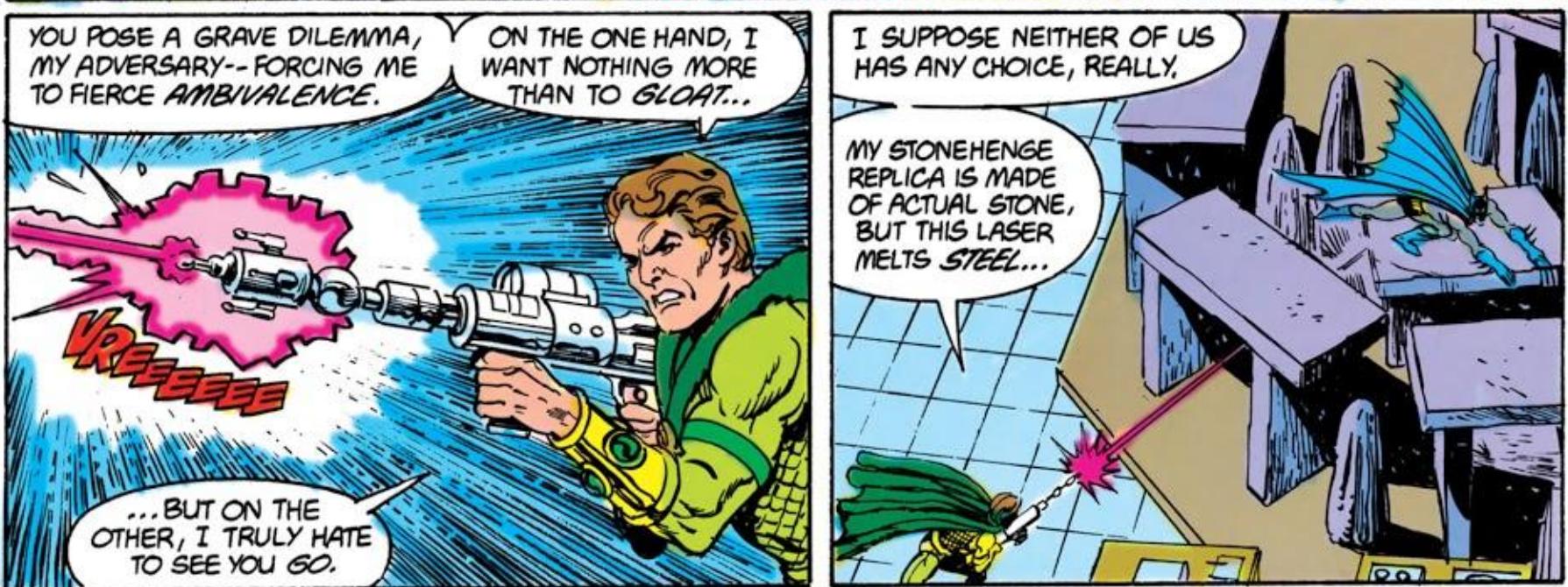
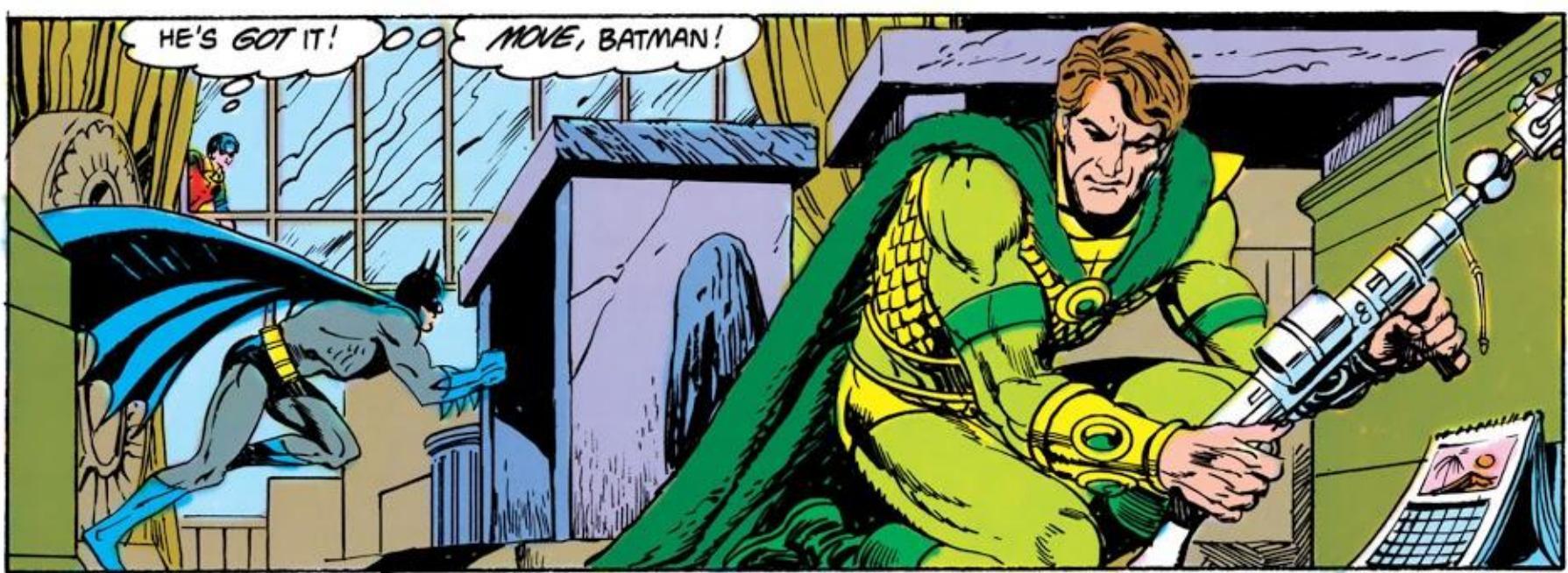


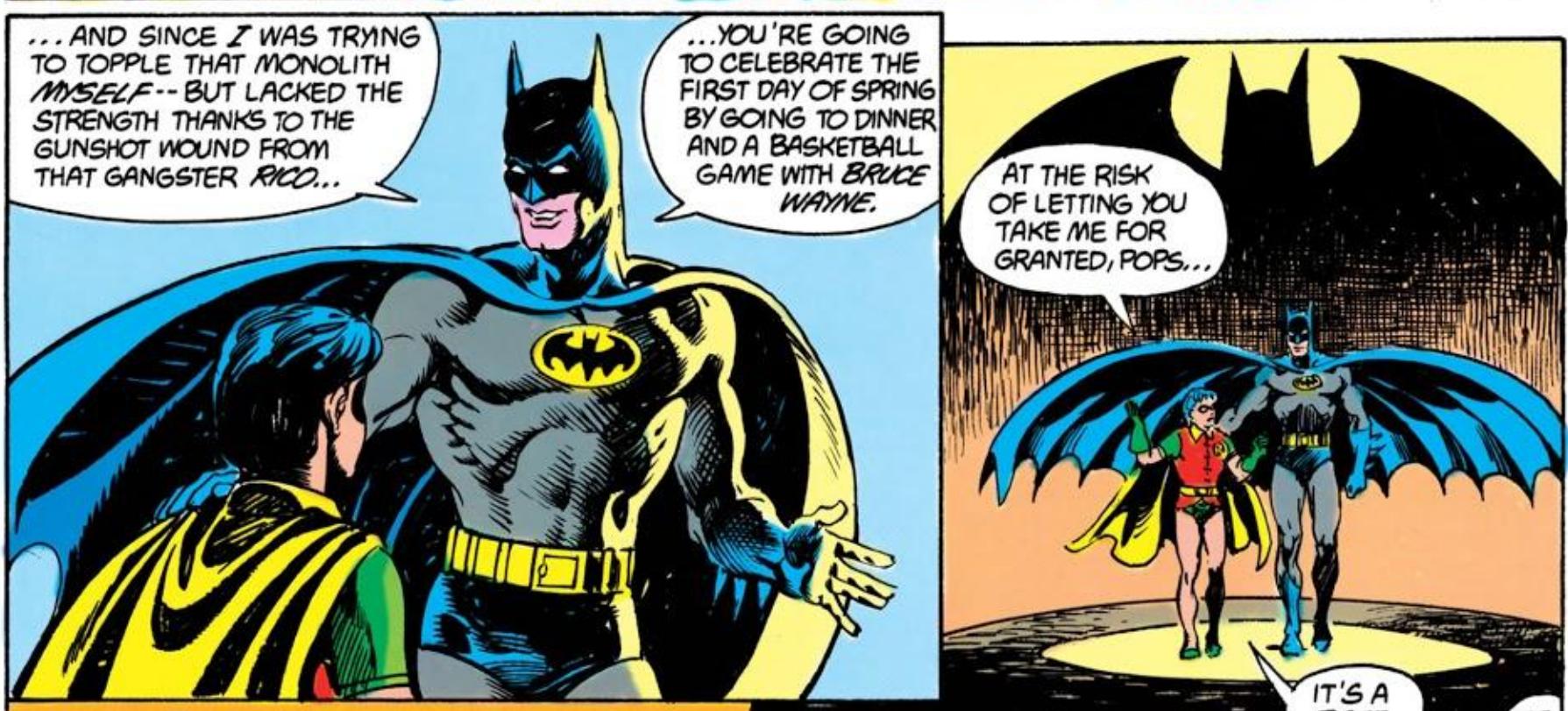












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