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SUDDENLY...  
**THE SQUID!**



HANNIGAN  
&  
GIORDANO

HE IS THE DARK SPECTRE  
OF GOTHAM'S NIGHT; HE  
IS THE DREADED--

BAT MAN

--AND HE IS  
ENRAGED!

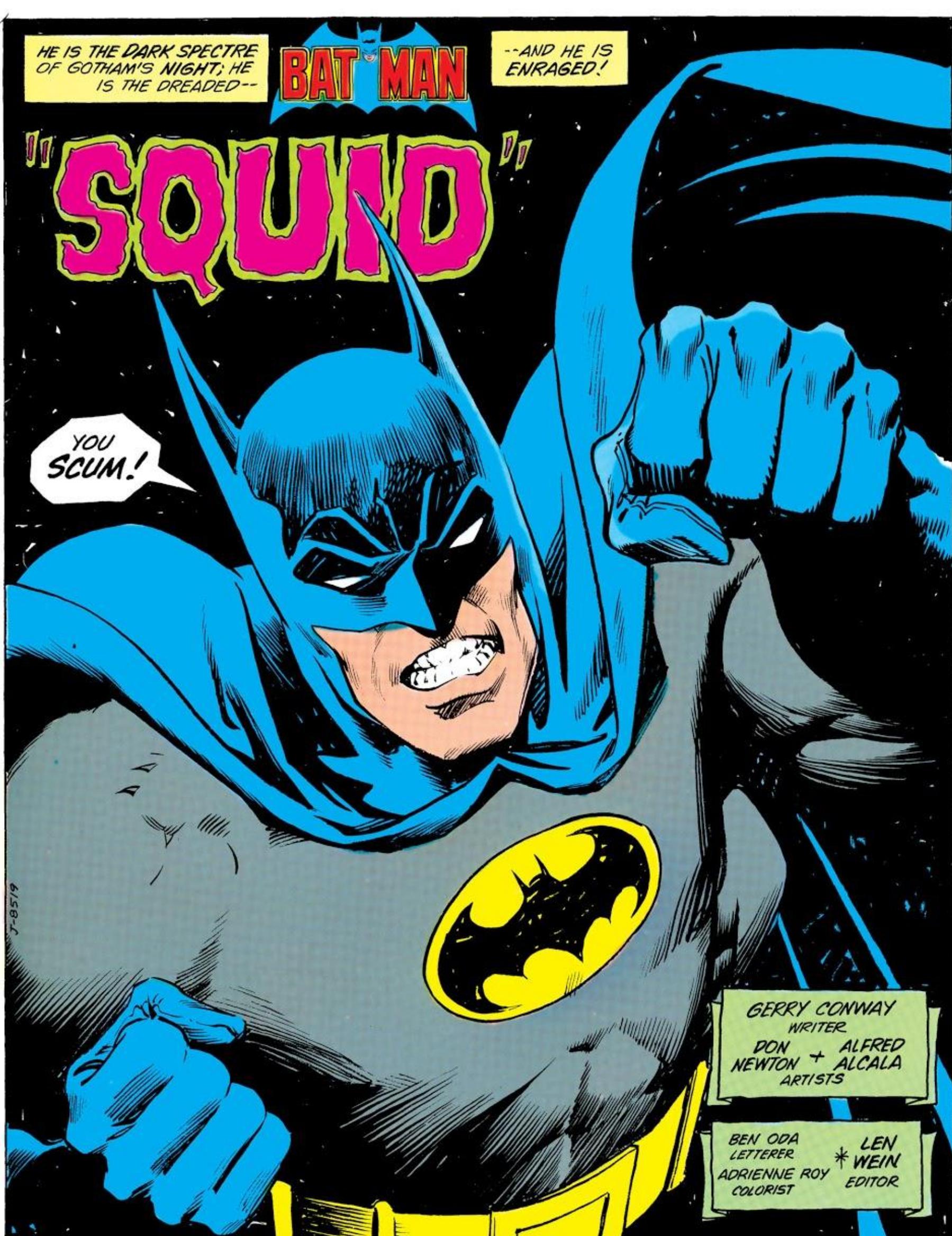
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YOU  
SCUM!

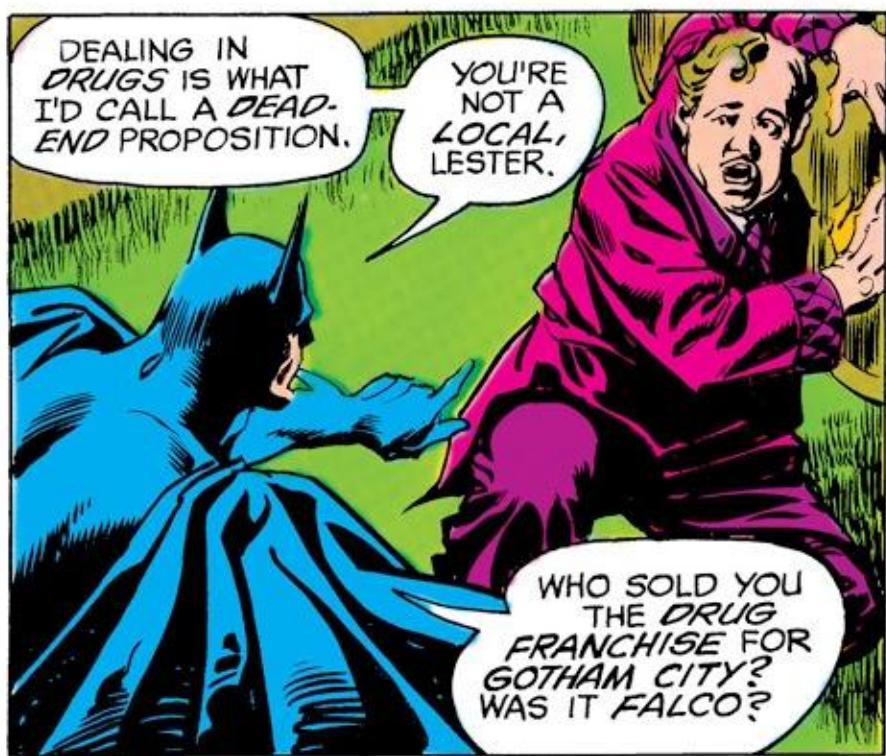
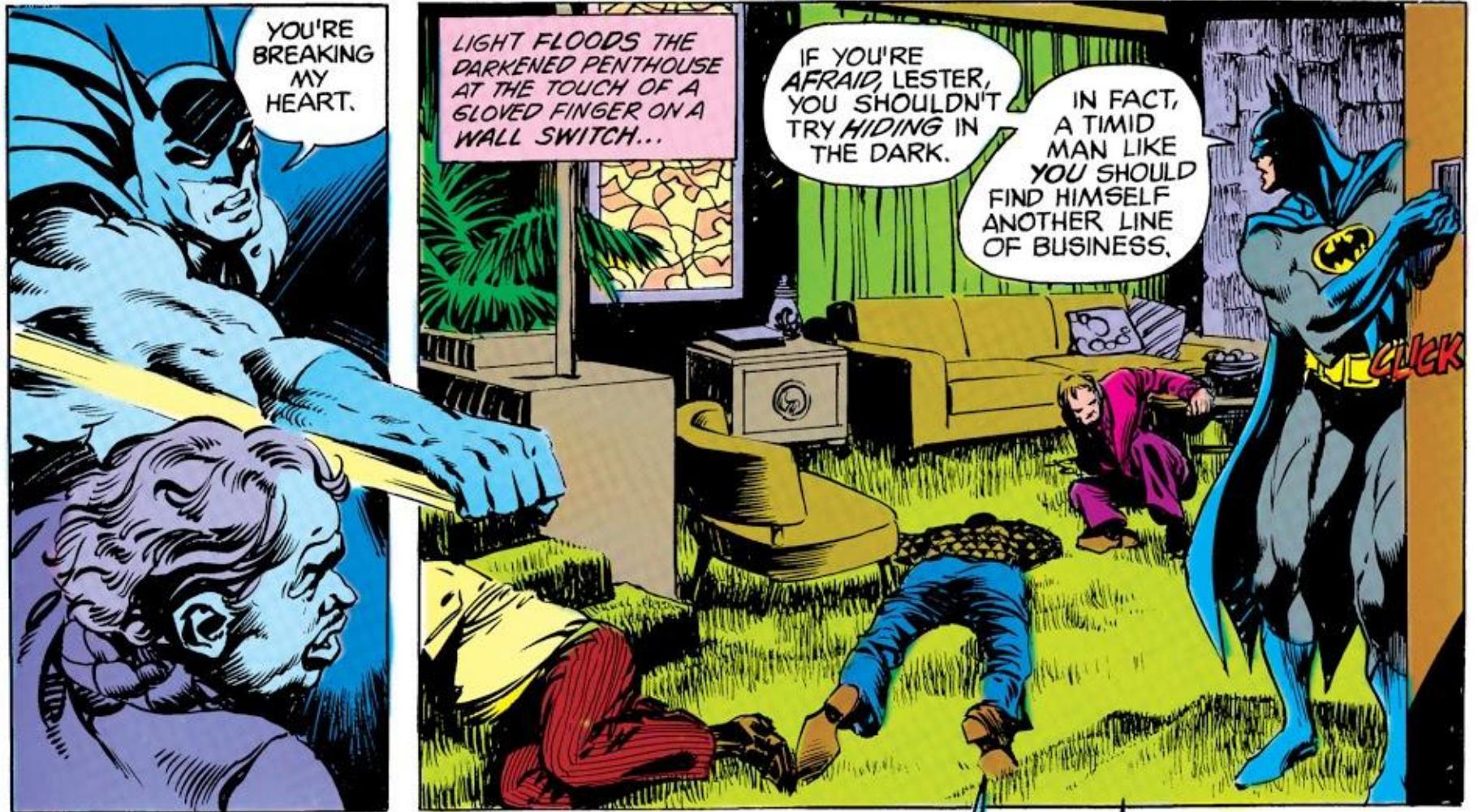
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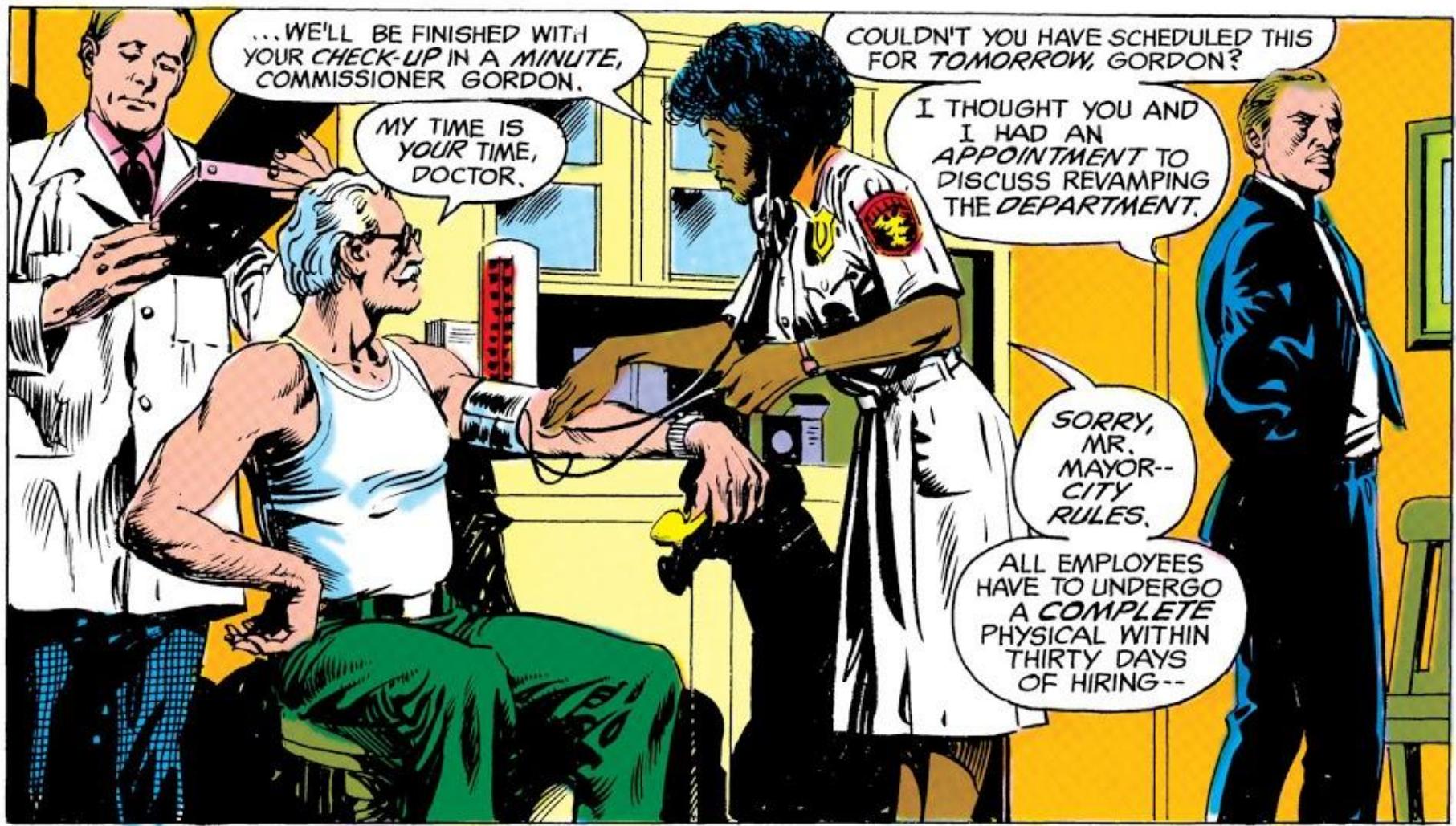
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**FEAR:**

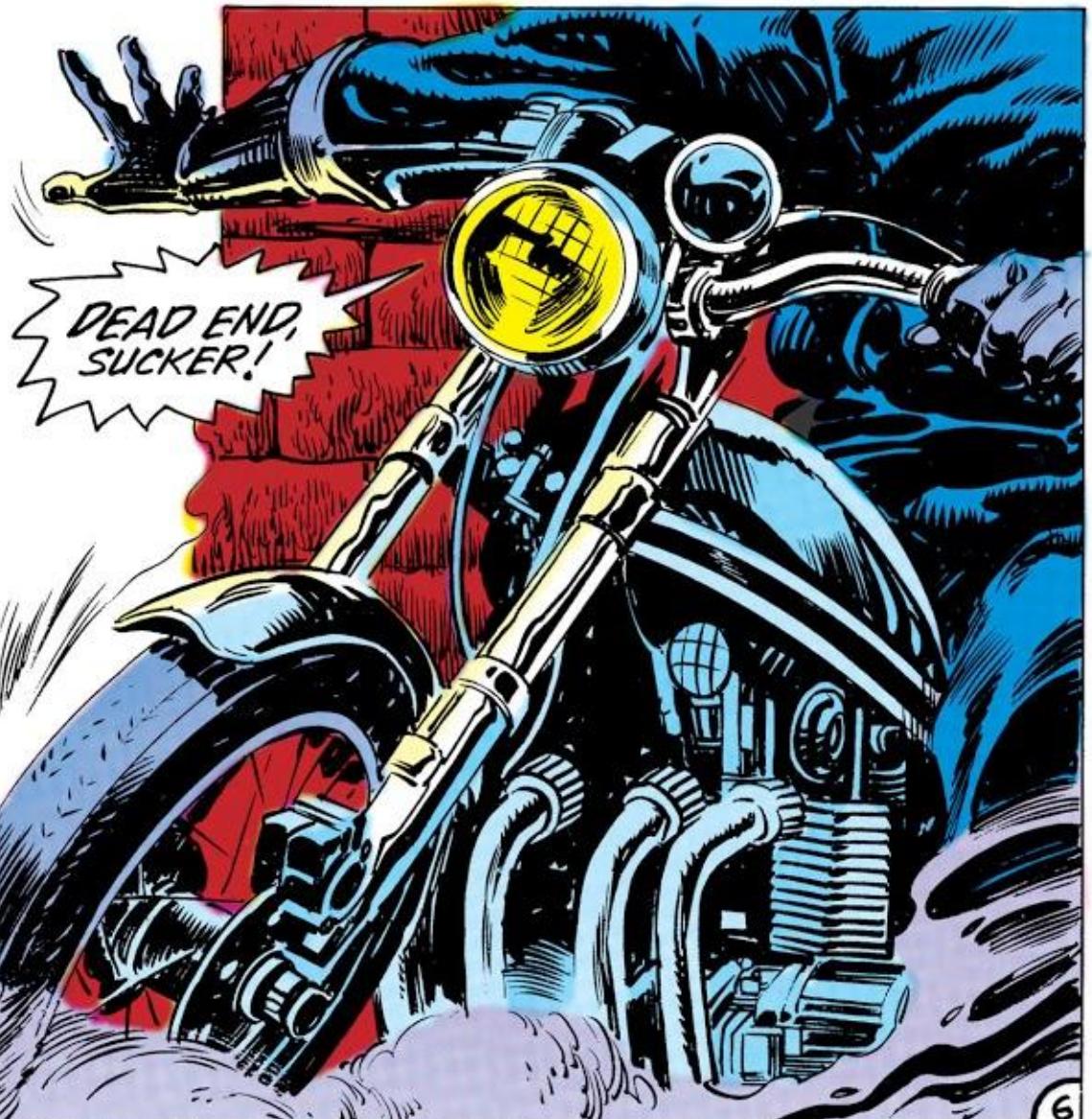
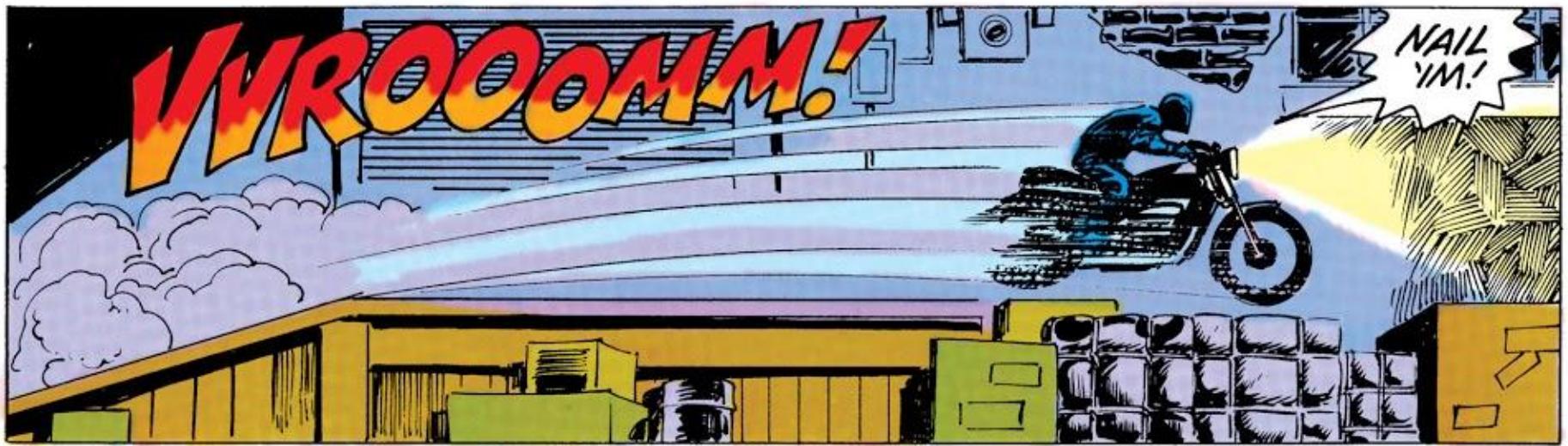
SINCE THE DAY HE JOINED HIS FIRST GANG, BACK ON GOTHAM'S EAST SIDE, JOEY TAYLOR HAS LIVED IN TERROR--

--BUT UNTIL TONIGHT, HE'S MANAGED TO CONCEAL IT BEHIND THE MOBSTER'S RUTHLESS FACADE.

TONIGHT, HOWEVER, THE FACADE HAS CRUMBLED.

TONIGHT, JOEY TAYLOR IS IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE.

THERE HE IS!







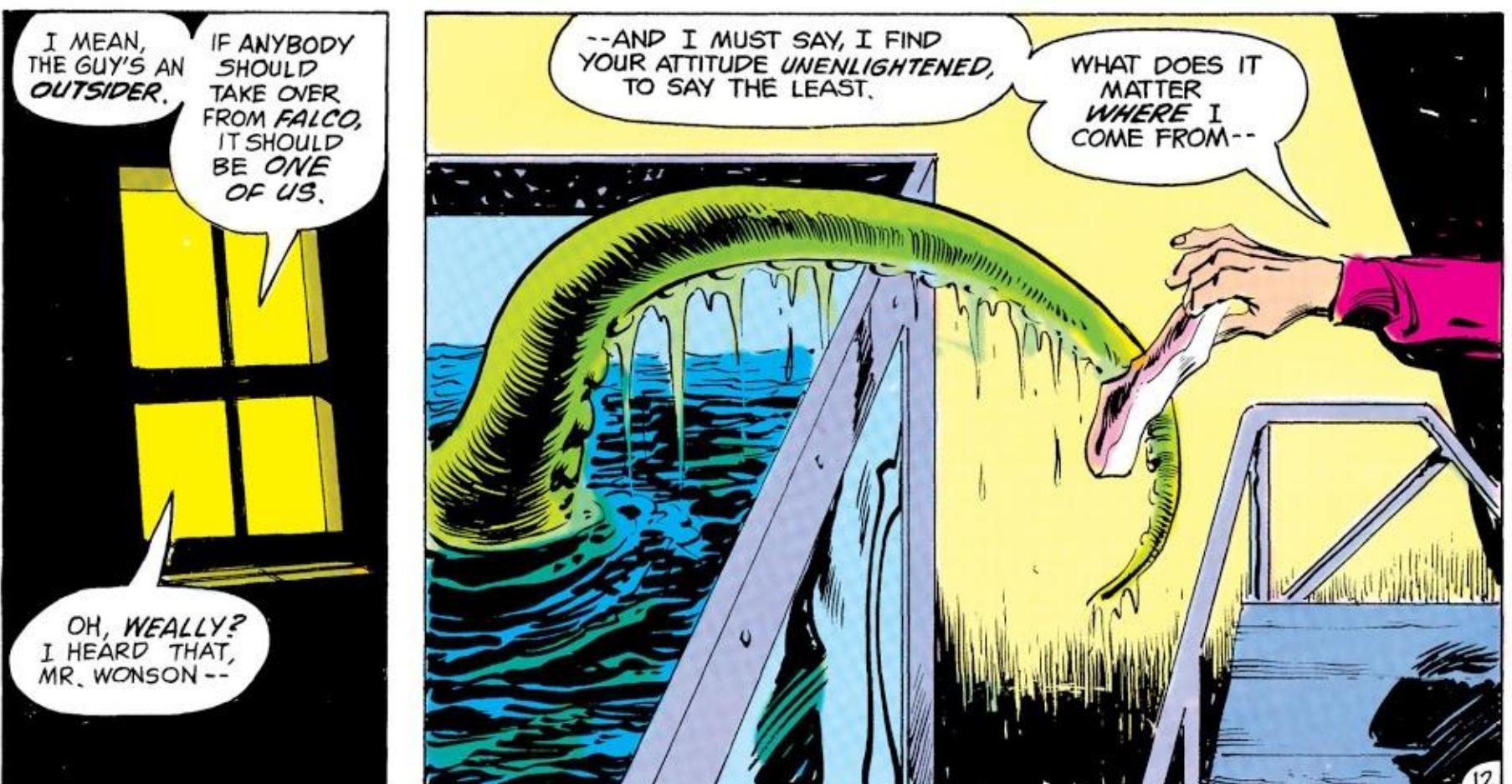


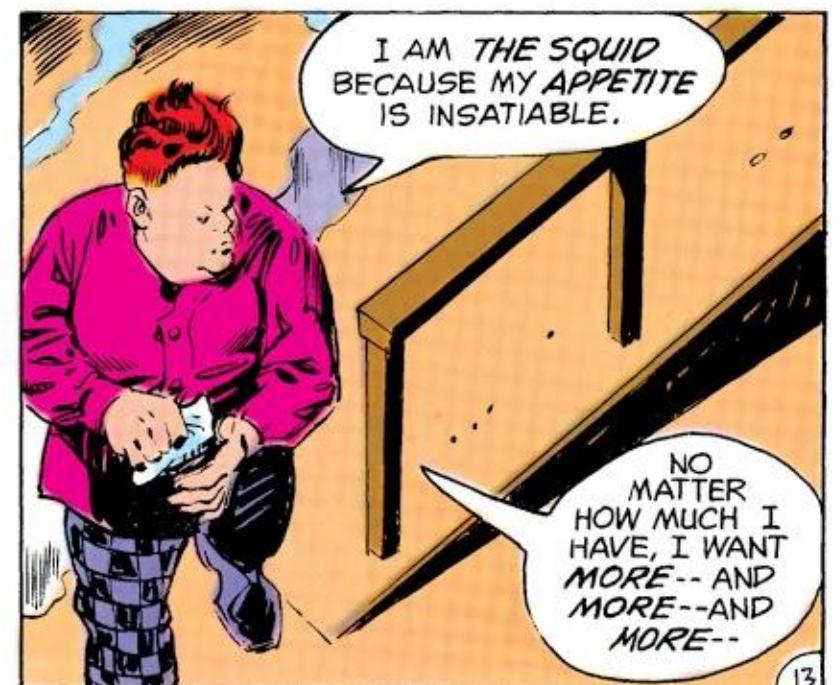
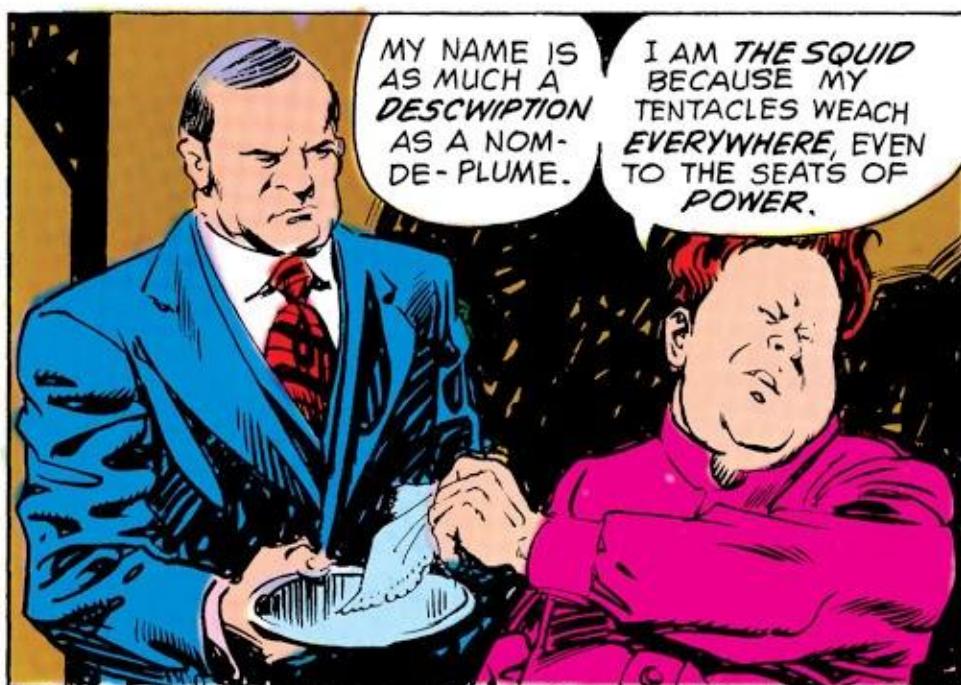
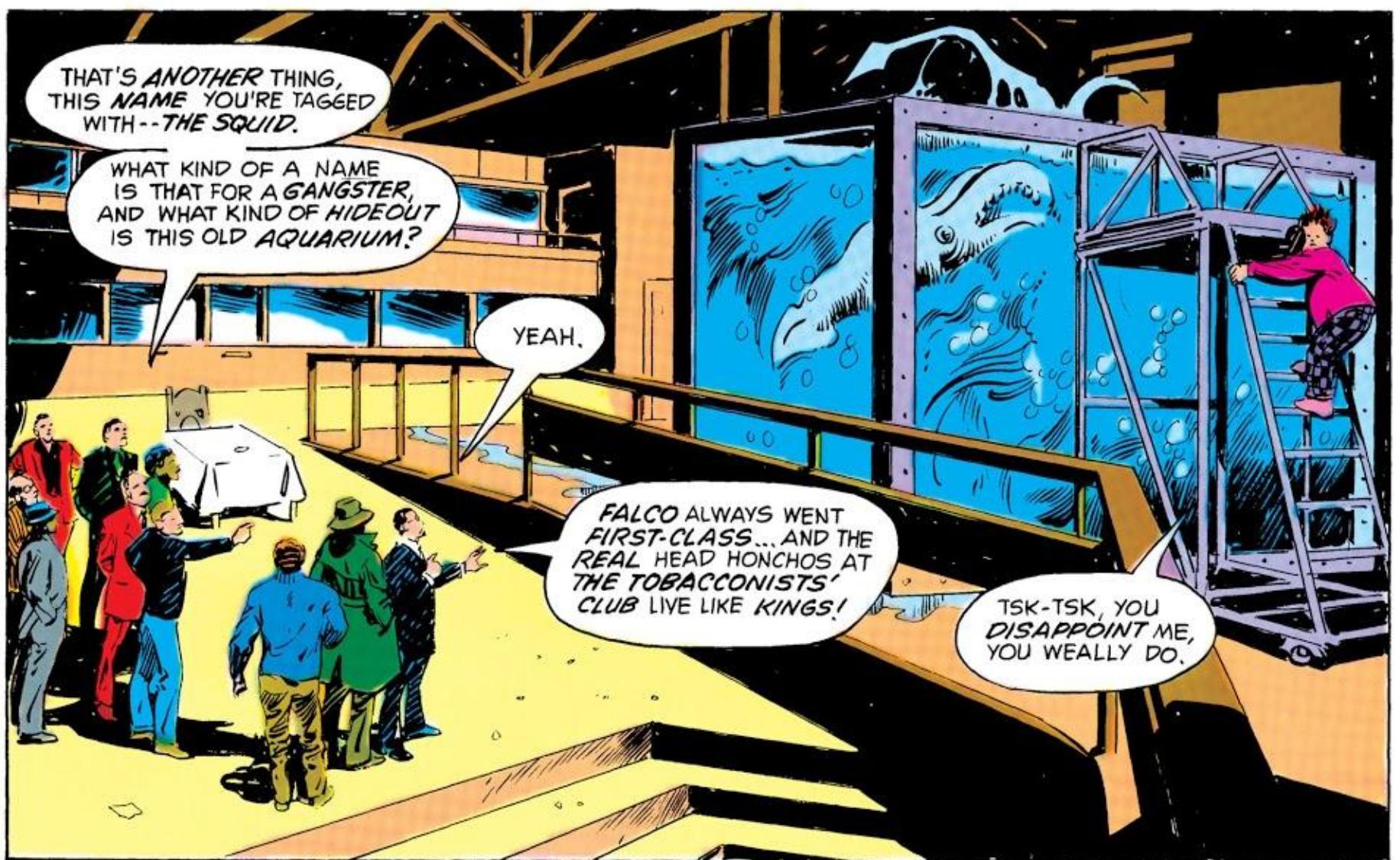
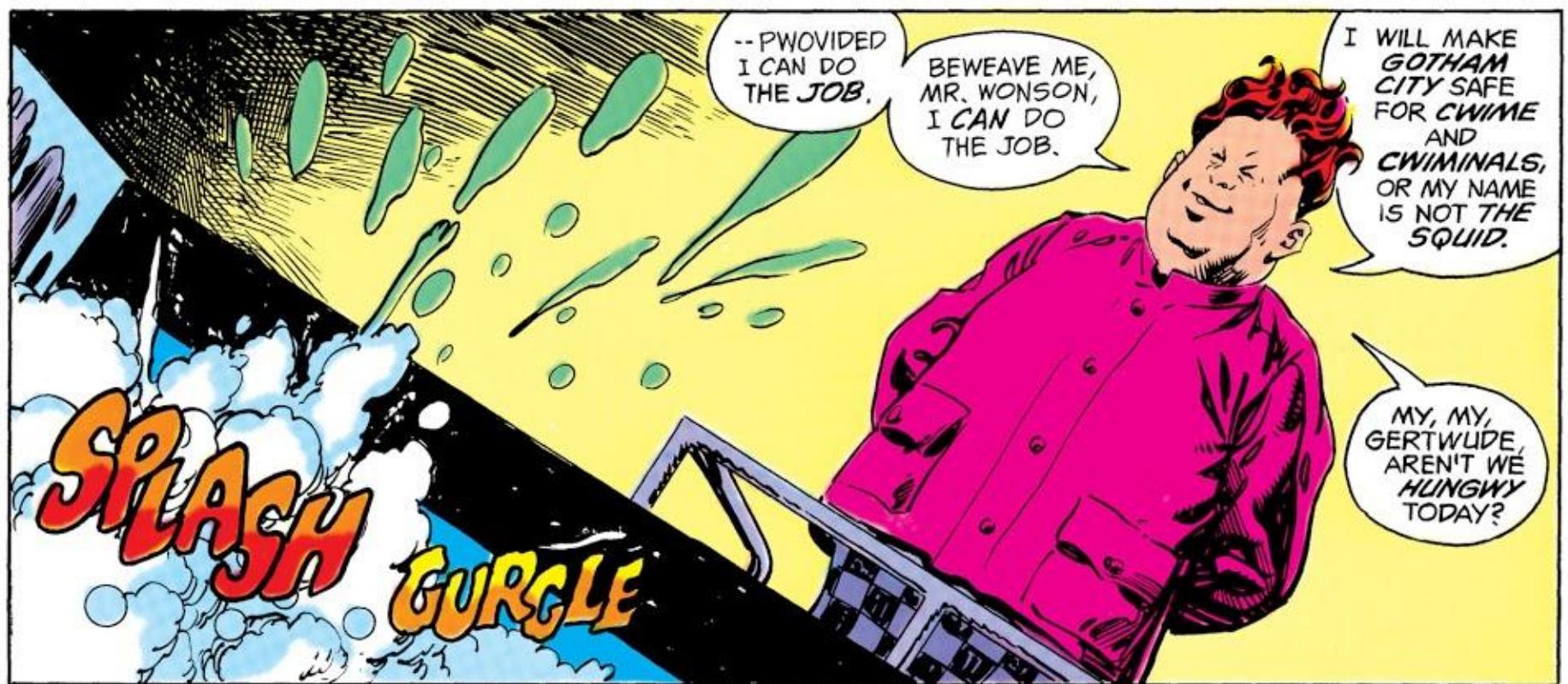
"THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN...  
AND FROM MILES AROUND  
THE NEW JERSEY PALISADES  
FAIRGROUNDS, YOUNG  
AND OLD COME THRONGING  
TO LOSE THEMSELVES  
IN A FANTASY..."

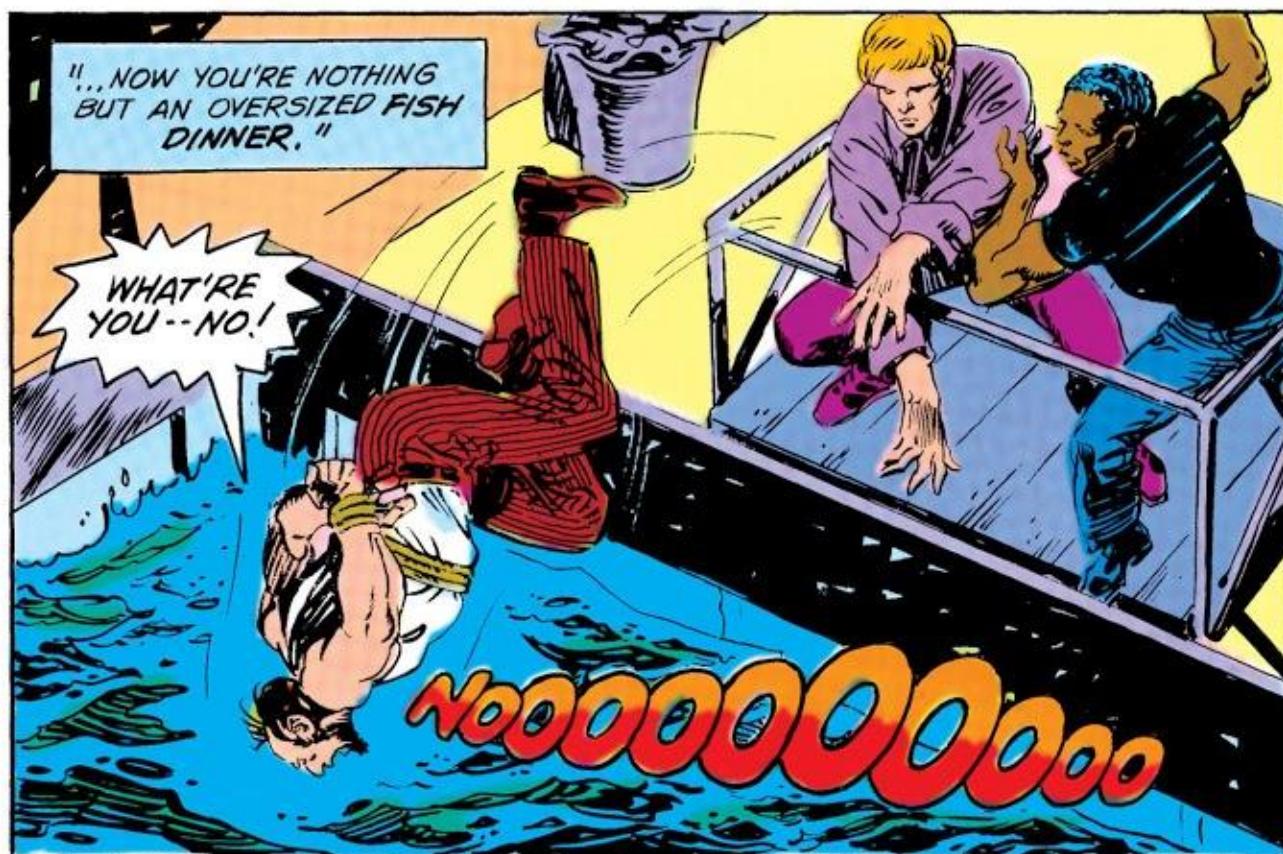
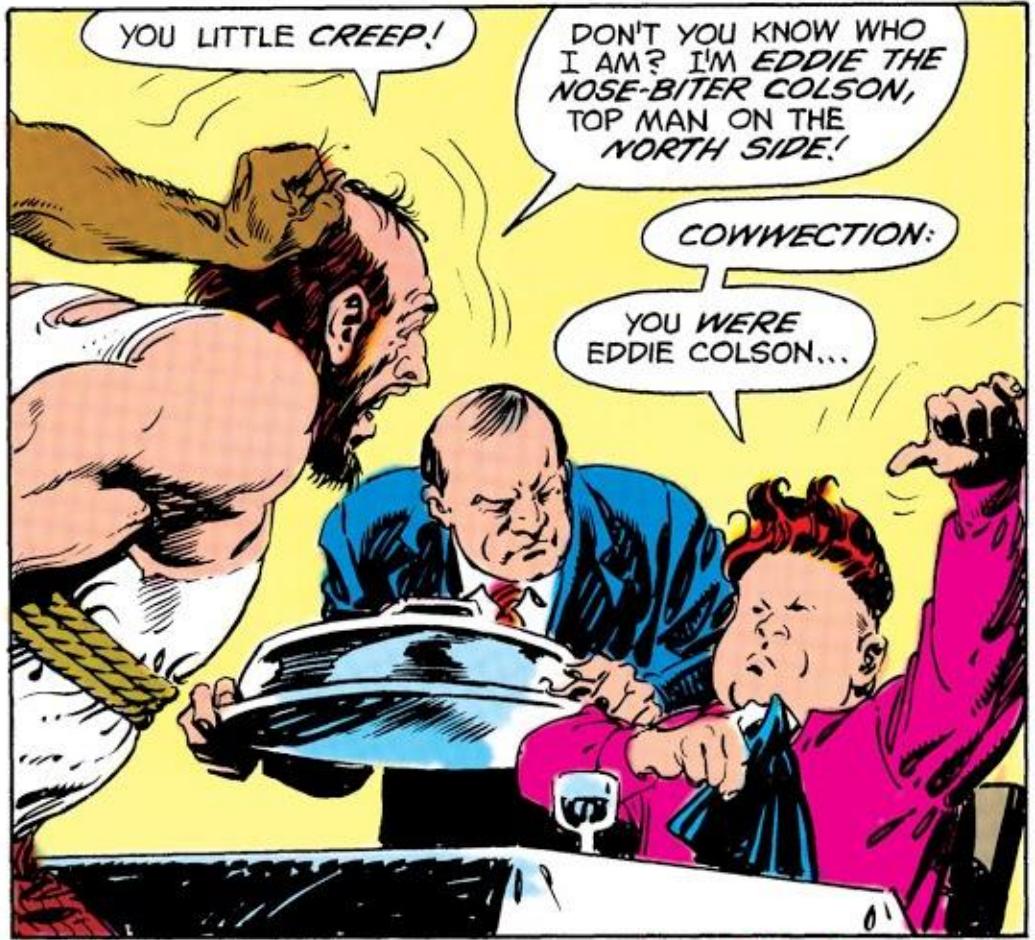
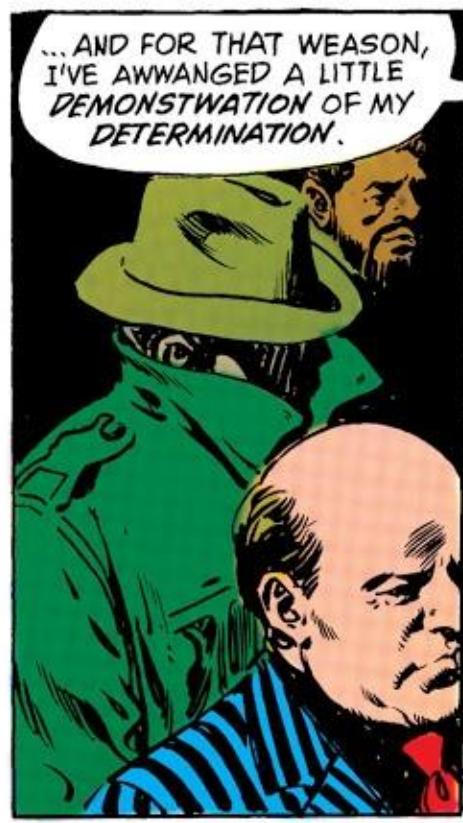


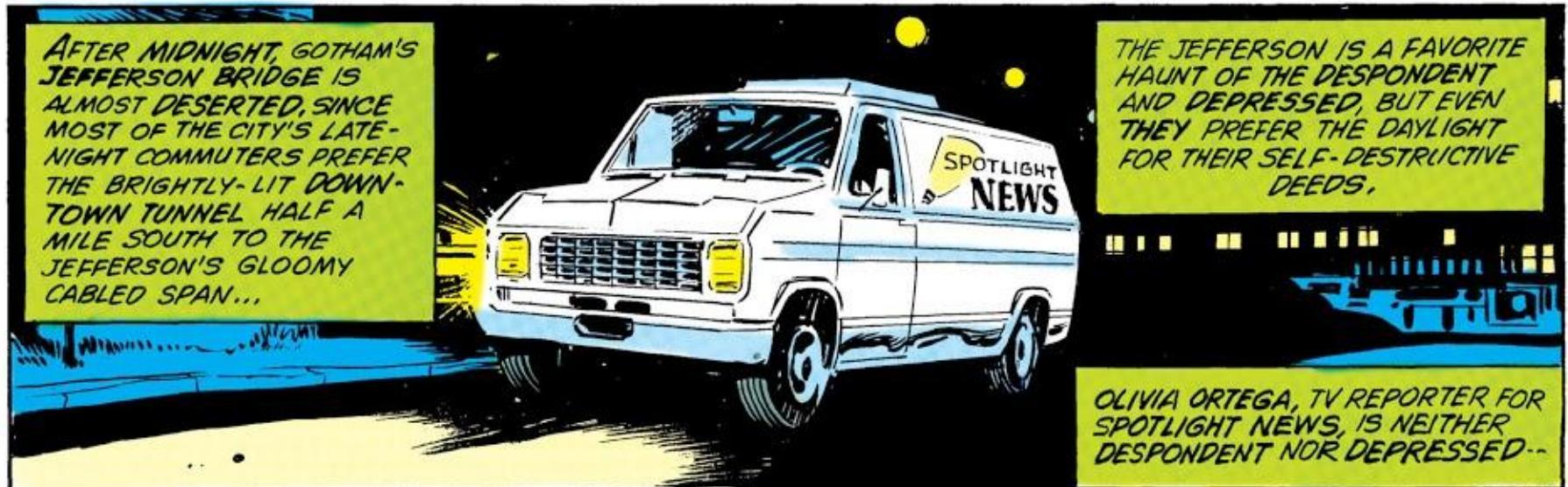




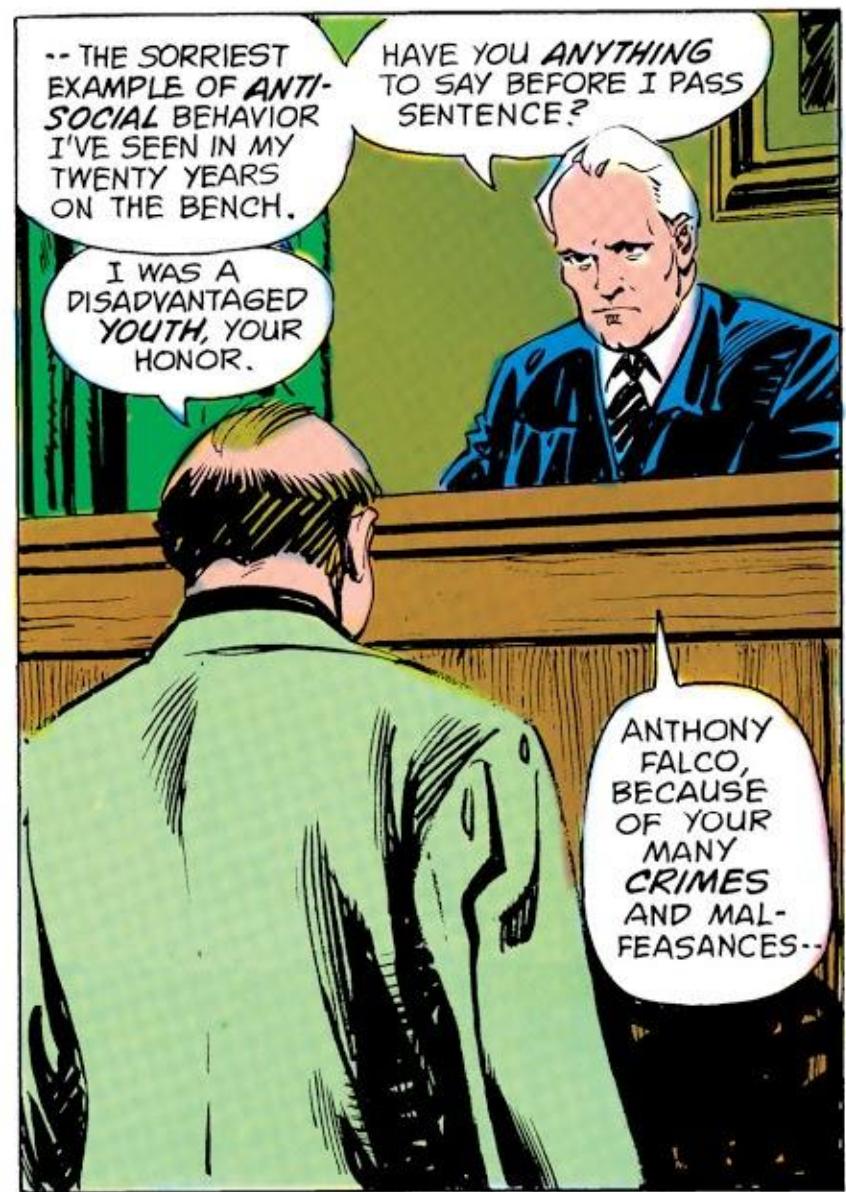


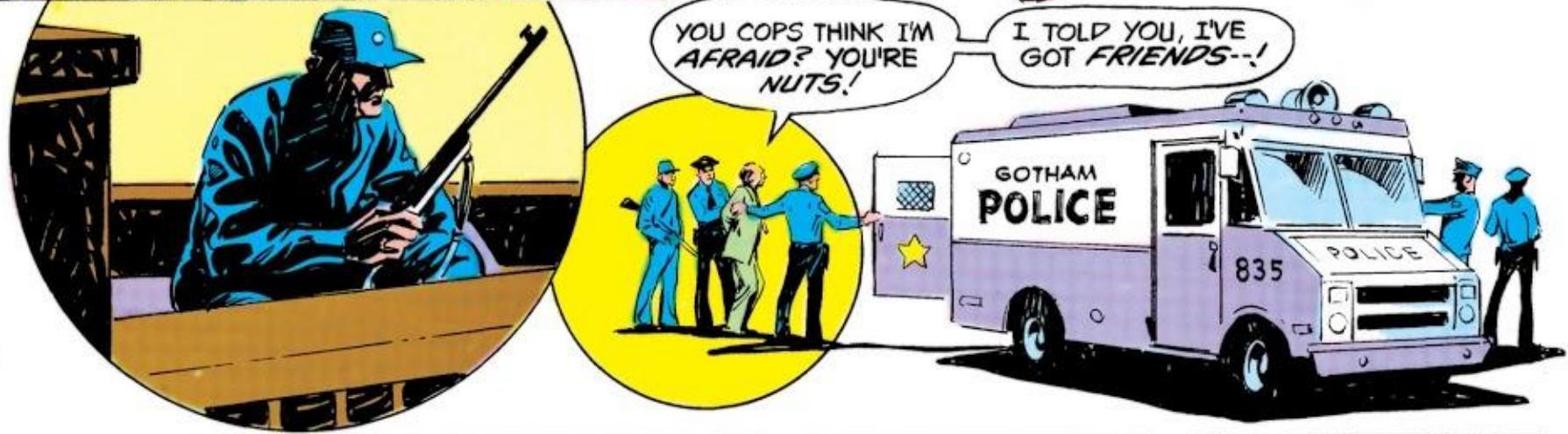
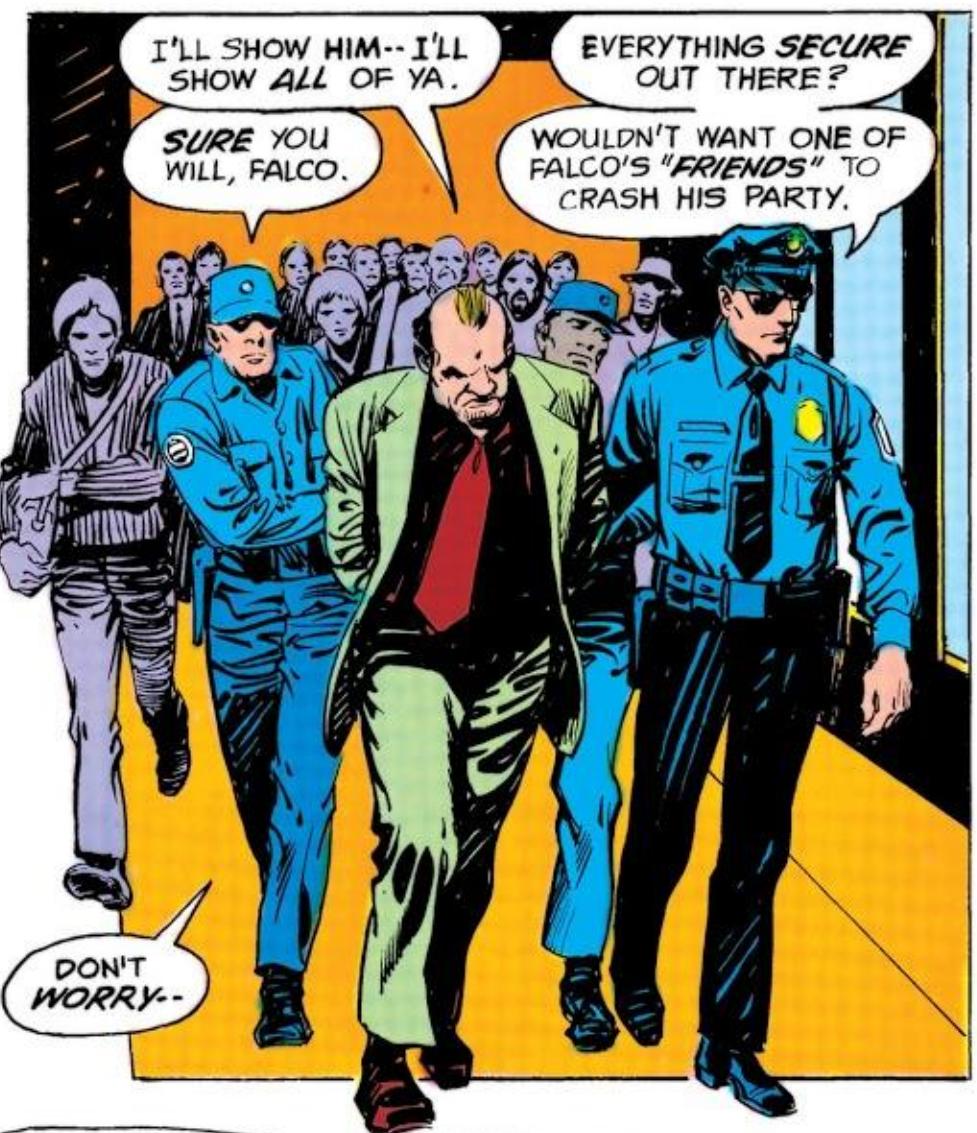
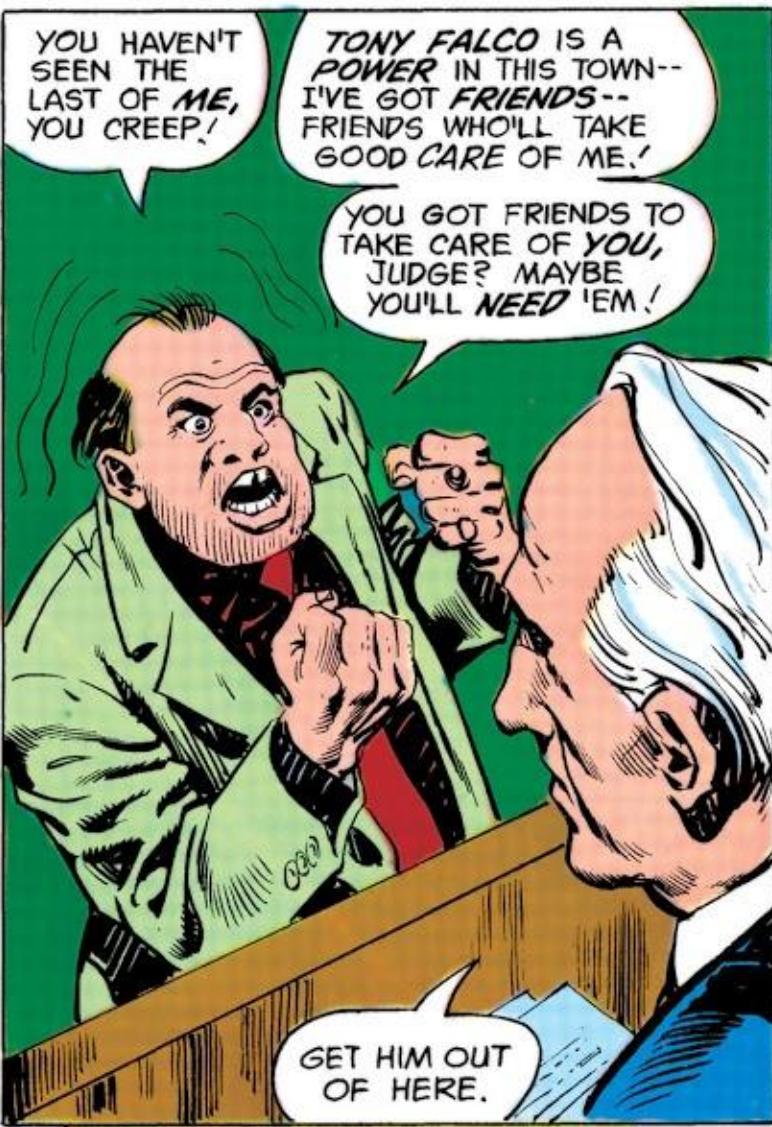


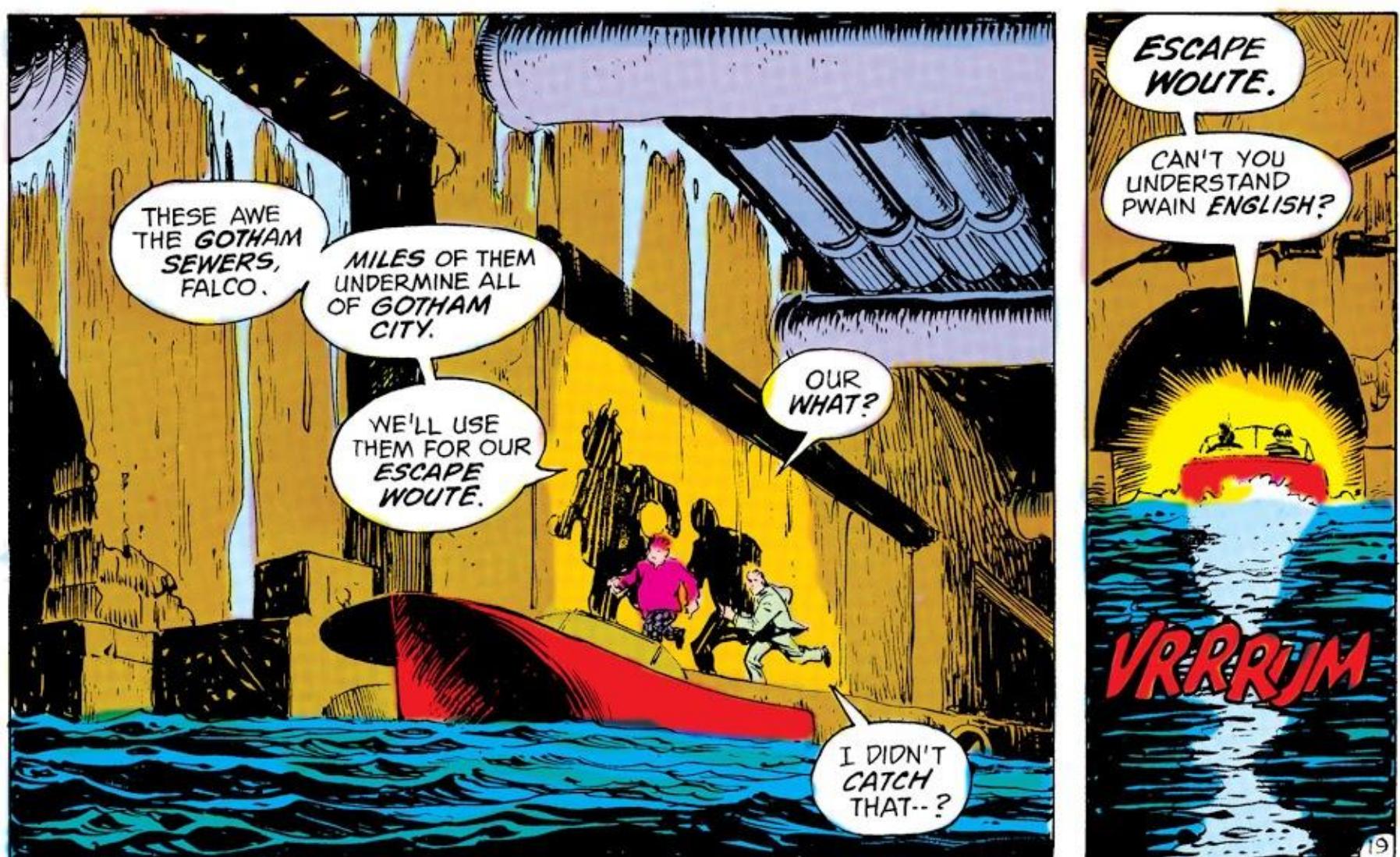
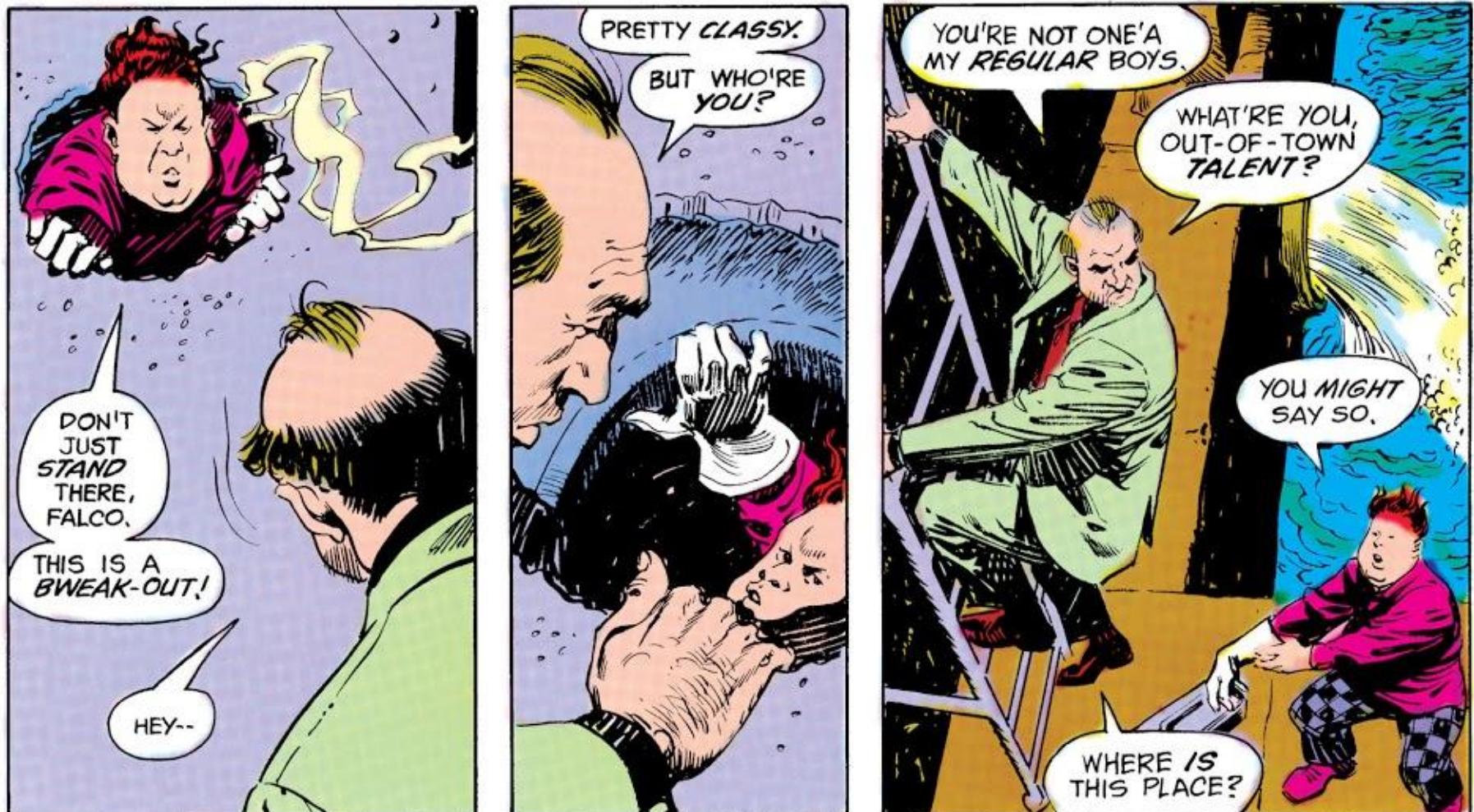












THROUGH WINDING TUNNELS FILLED WITH STRANGE SOUNDS AND STRANGER SMELLS, THE MAN CALLED THE SQUID DIRECTS THE SMALL SPEEDBOAT AS IF LED BY UNERRING INSTINCT...

...ARRIVING AT LAST AT AN OUTLET INTO THE GOTHAM RIVER, WHICH LEADS IN TURN TO THE SHADOWS BENEATH A ROTTING WHARF...

SAY, PAL,  
WHERE'RE YOU  
TAKING ME?

THIS AIN'T  
ONE OF MY  
JOINTS--!

YOU'RE QUITE  
COWWEECT, FALCO.

ACTUALLY--

--IT'S ONE  
OF MINE.

LIGHTS,  
OTTO.

HEY!  
EASY WITH  
THE  
BRIGHTS!

I CAN'T  
SEE--!

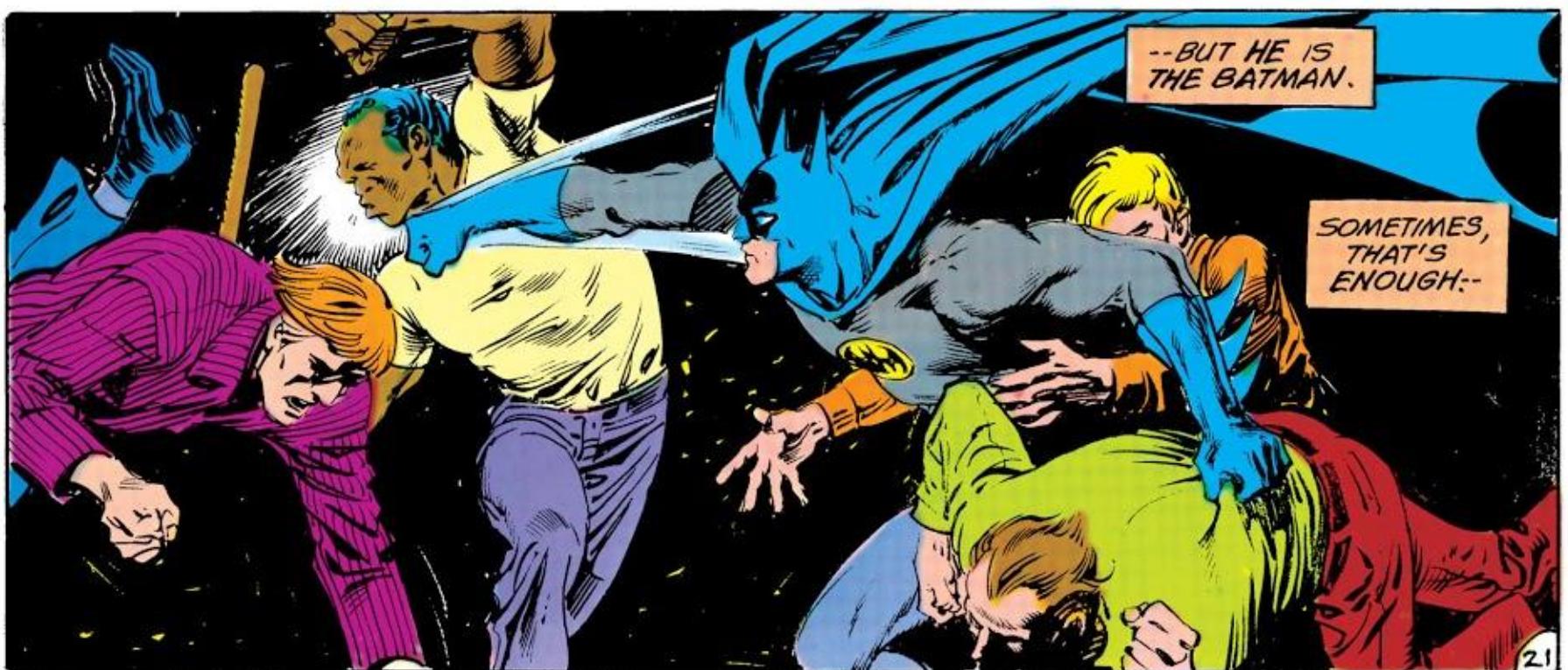
BUT I CAN SEE  
QUITE CWEARLY,  
OLD FWIEND.

I SUGGEST YOU  
WEMOVE YOUR  
PATHETIC  
DISGUISE.

DISGUISE?

ALL RIGHT, SQUID,  
WE'LL FORGET  
THE GAMES--

LET'S  
NOT  
PLAY  
GAMES.





HE WAKES IN A DAZE, TO FIND HIMSELF BEING BOUND BY TWO GLOATING THUGS.

HE DOES WHAT HE CAN, BUT HIS EFFORTS ARE LIMITED, AND NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE SENSES THE NEARNESS OF DEATH...

OWIGINALLY, I PLANNED THIS SURPWIZE FOR MR. FALCO.

BUT YOU SPOILED THAT PLAN, BATMAN. HOWEVER, SINCE YOU SEEM SO EAGER TO TAKE FALCO'S PLACE--

HE CATCHES HIS BREATH, BRACES HIMSELF...



--BUT THE IMPACT, NONETHELESS, IS STUNNING.

THE AQUARIUM WATER IS DARK--

--AND IN THE DARKNESS, SOMETHING MOVES:

SAY HELLO TO GERTWUDE, BATMAN.

HEHEHEHEHE

GERTWUDE, MAKE THE MAN FEEL WELCOME.

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