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IT'S YOUR FIRST NIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES, YOUR FIRST TIME IN GOTHAM CITY --

-- ONE OF THE BIGGEST, MOST EXCITING TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY. YOU WANT TO DO IT ALL WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

YOU WANT TO SEE ALL THE SIGHTS.

ALL EXCEPT THIS ONE.

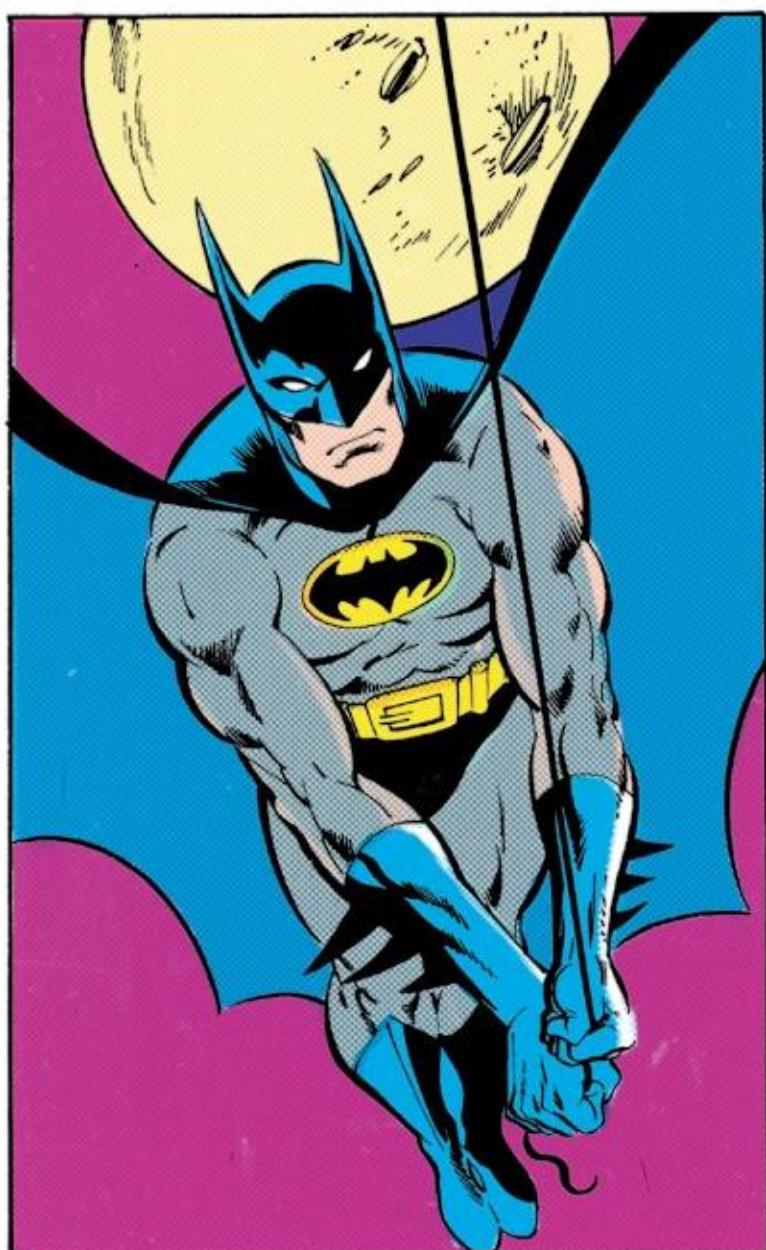
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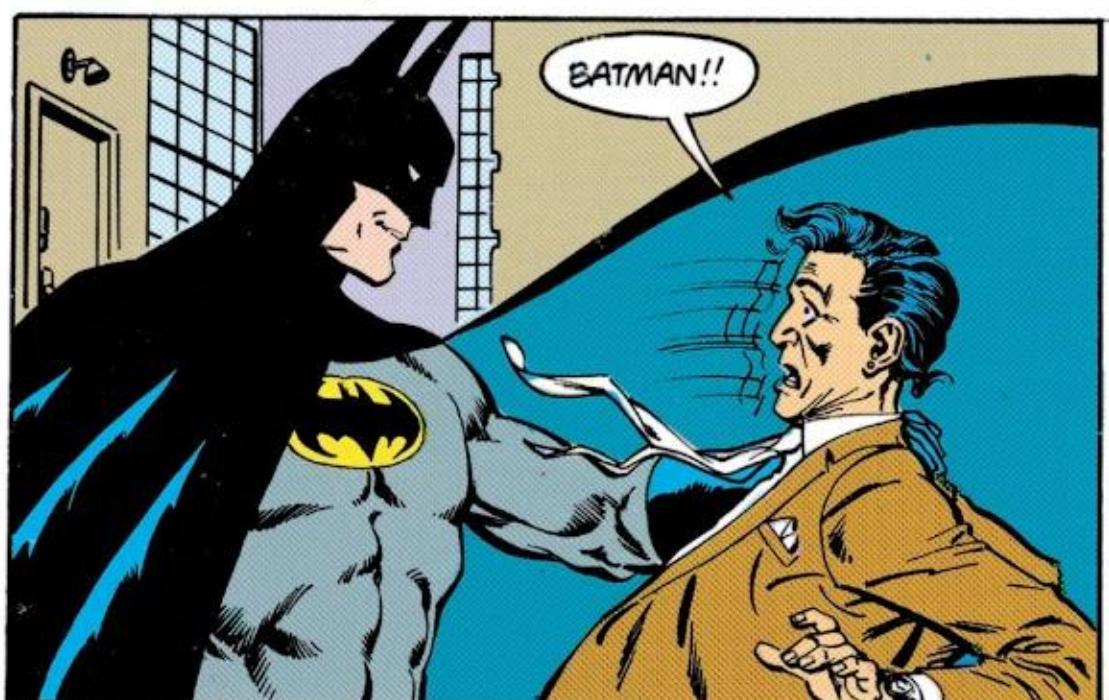
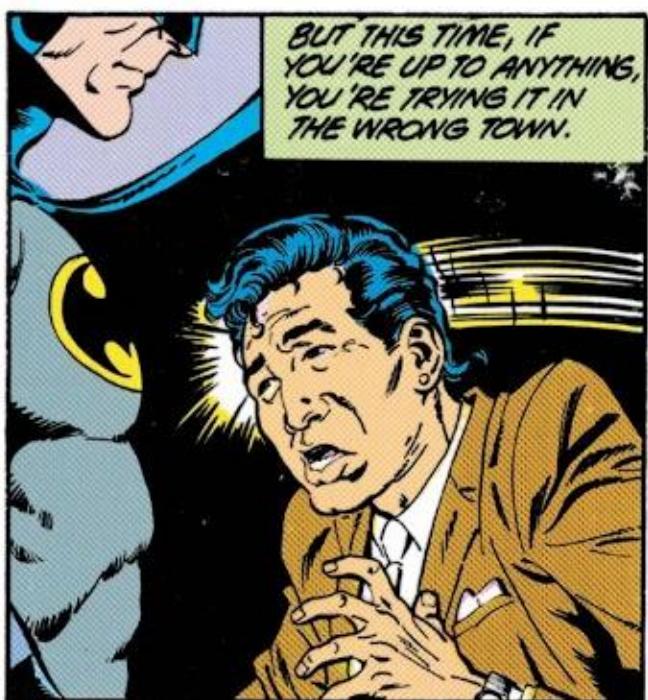
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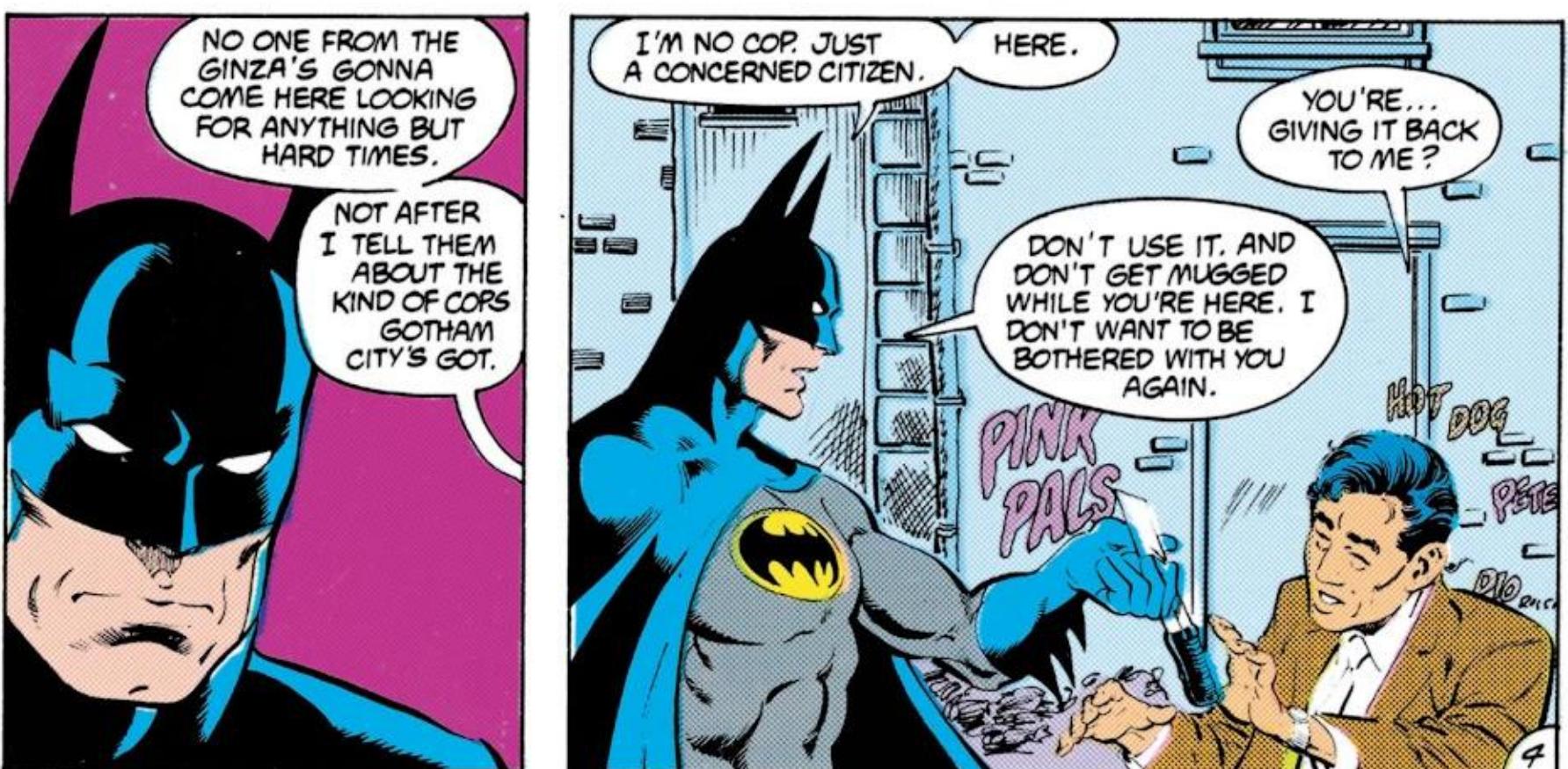
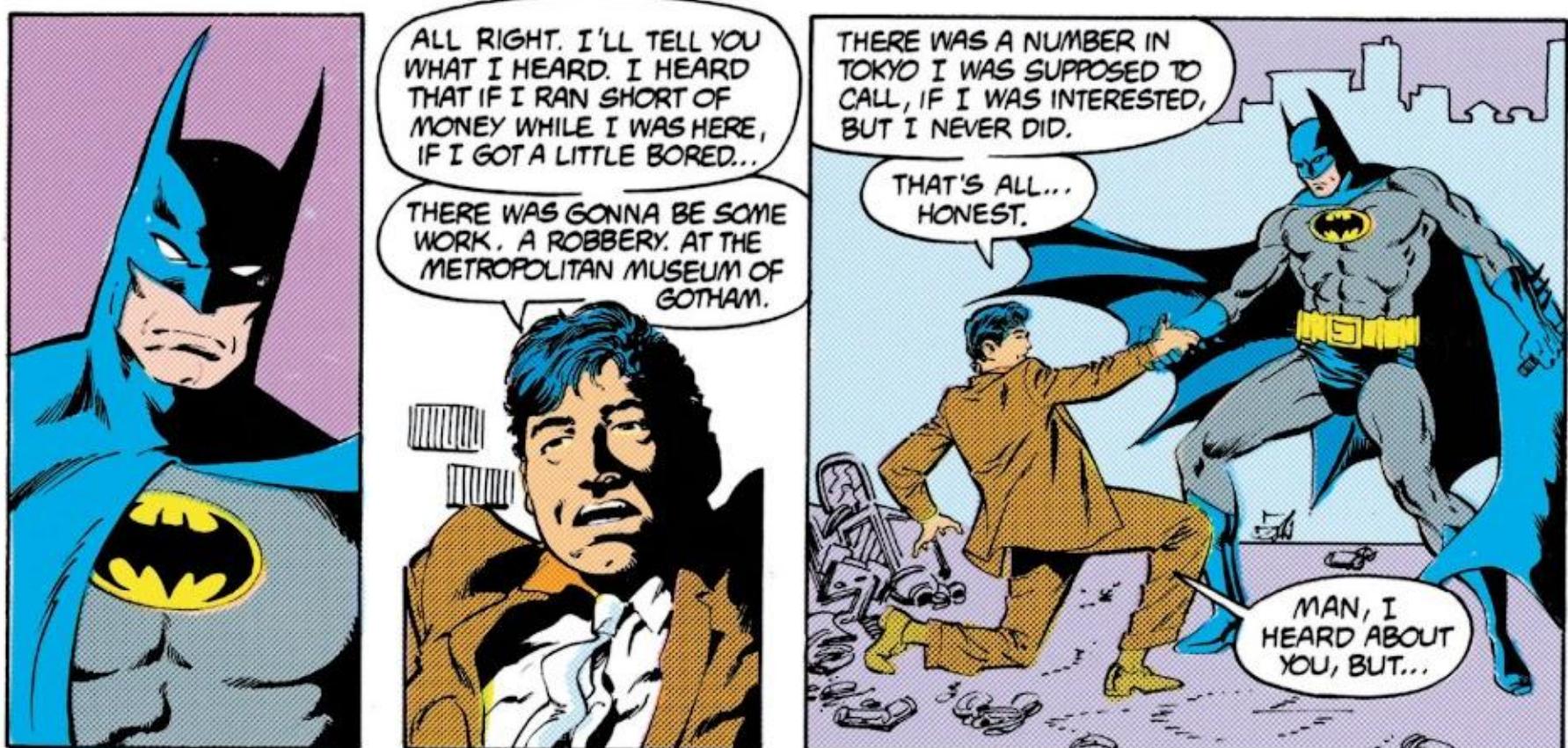
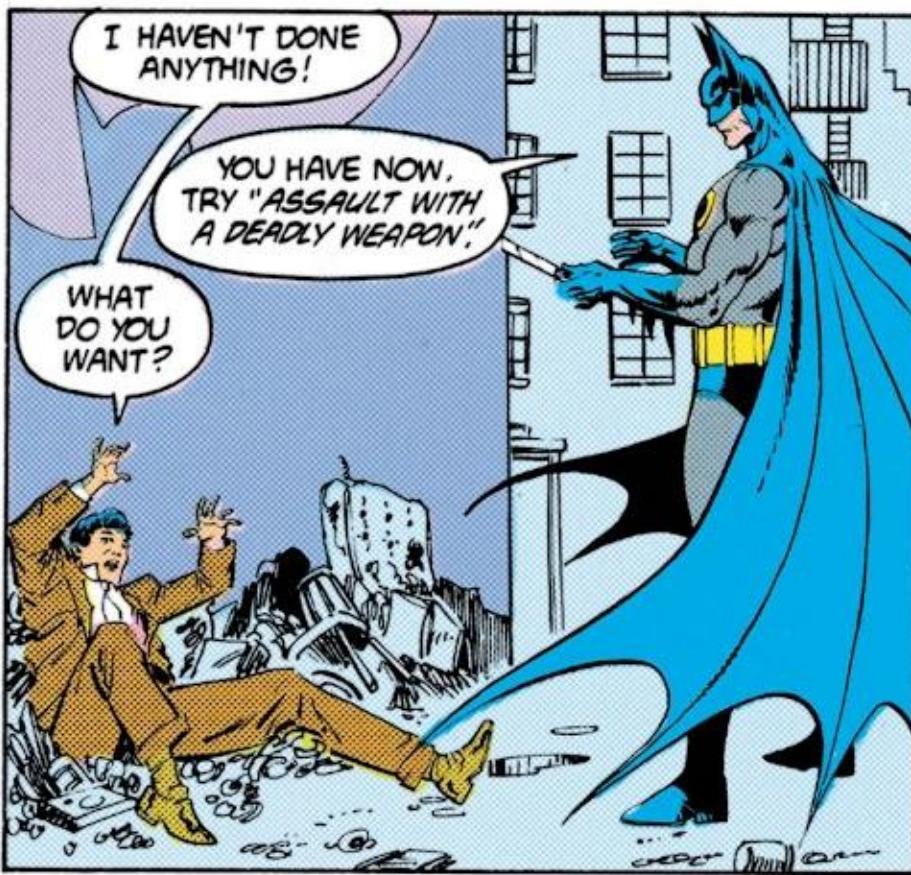
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THIS IS KAY DORAN COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM THE GOTHAM METROPOLITAN MUSEUM, WHERE TODAY THE LONG-AWAITED "MASAHICO TAHARA" TRAVELLING EXHIBIT FROM JAPAN MAKES ITS DEBUT.

THIS IS THE LARGEST EXHIBIT IN THE WORLD OF ITS KIND, AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LINING UP OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM FOR HOURS TO SEE WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER.

IT WAS LOANED TO US BY ONE OF THE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE TAHARA CLAN, WHO LIKE THE SANADAS AND THE TAKEDAS WERE KEY CONTENDERS FOR POWER AT THE TIME THE TOKUGAWAS UNIFIED THE COUNTRY.

MUCH OF WHAT WE SEE HERE TODAY BELONGED TO THE CLAN PATRIARCH AND MILITARY LEADER, MASAHICO TAHARA...

...WHO, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, CONCUBINES, AND MOST OF HIS CHILDREN, COMMITTED SUICIDE, AFTER THEIR DEFEAT IN THE LATE SIXTEENTH CENTURY BY THE TOKUGAWAS.

IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER OF FAMOUS WEAPONS...

THE EXHIBIT CONTAINS A WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS OF MORE EVERY-DAY USE...

INCLUDING SEVERAL FINE, HAND-EMBROIDERED SILK MEN'S AND WOMEN'S KIMONOS, WHICH AFTER THE EXHIBIT CLOSES WILL BE DONATED TO THE MUSEUM'S PERMANENT EXHIBIT OF VALUABLE COSTUMES.

THERE IS EVEN A TOUCH OF ROMANCE. ONE TAHARA SON, KOJI, REFUSED TO CALMLY ACCEPT HIS FAMILY'S DEFEAT, AFTER THE SUICIDES OF THE OTHERS...

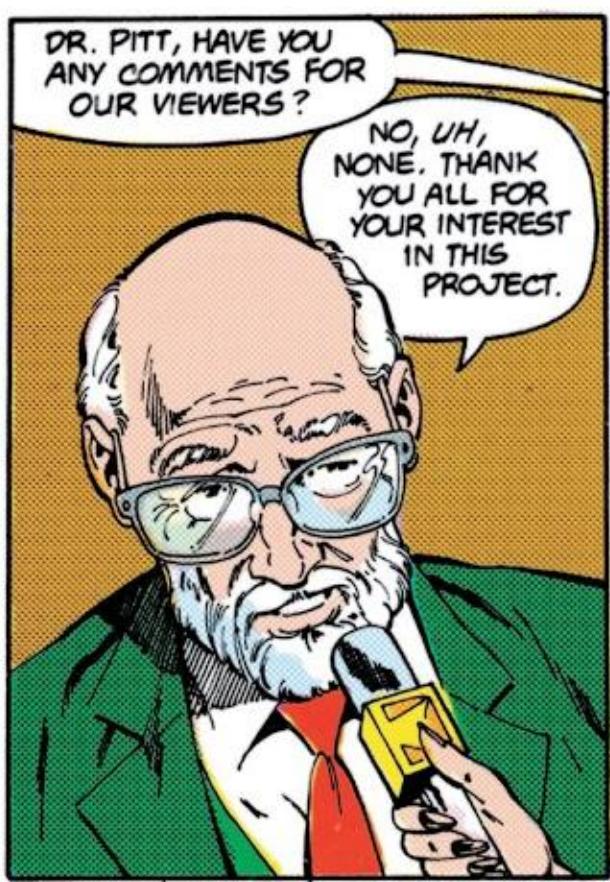
HE ADOPTED THE COSTUME AND WEAPONS OF A NINJA AND MOUNTED A VENDETTA AGAINST ALL TOKUGAWA SUPPORTERS, BECOMING ONE OF THE ALL-TIME FAVORITE JAPANESE HEROES OF BOTH FACT AND LEGEND.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CELEBRITIES AMONG US TODAY, INCLUDING YOSHIO TAHARA, A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF BOTH MASAHICO AND KOJI TAHARA, FROM WHOSE PRIVATE COLLECTION THE ENTIRE EXHIBIT CAME --

-- AND DR. LUCIUS PITT, THE MAN WHO ARRANGED FOR IT TO COME HERE, AND CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS.

DR. PITT, HAVE YOU ANY COMMENTS FOR OUR VIEWERS?

NO, UH, NONE. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT.



MR. TAHARA, RUMOR HAS IT THAT YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A SPIRITUAL HEIR TO KOJI TAHARA... THAT WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU MAINTAIN A MARTIAL ARTS DOJO--

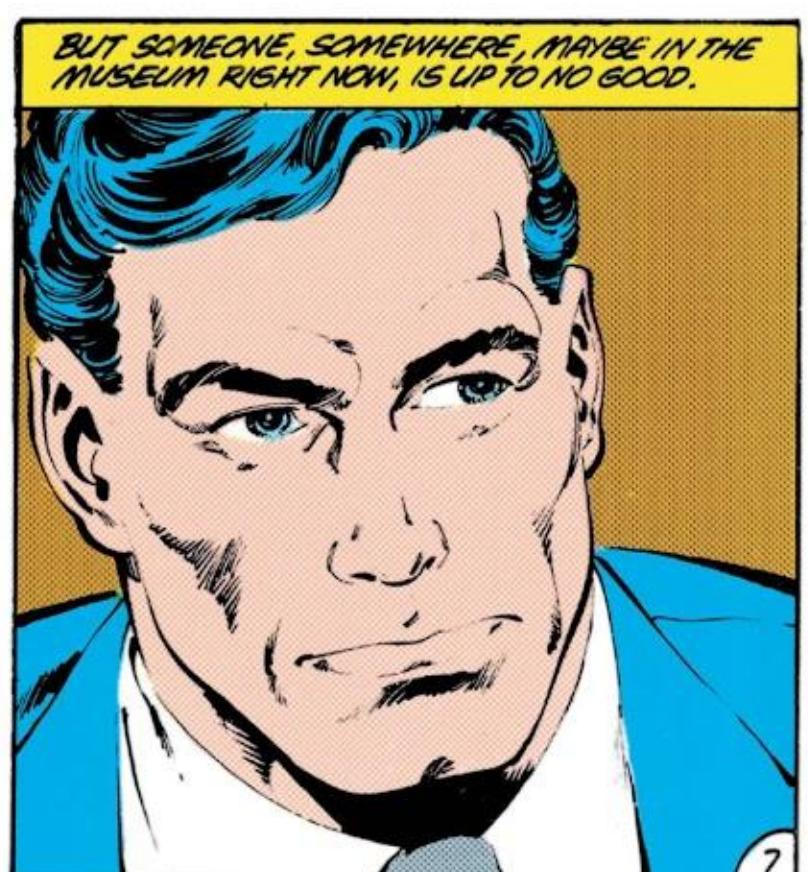
-- AND WILL ACCEPT CHALLENGES FROM ALL OTHER FIGHTERS. WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT?

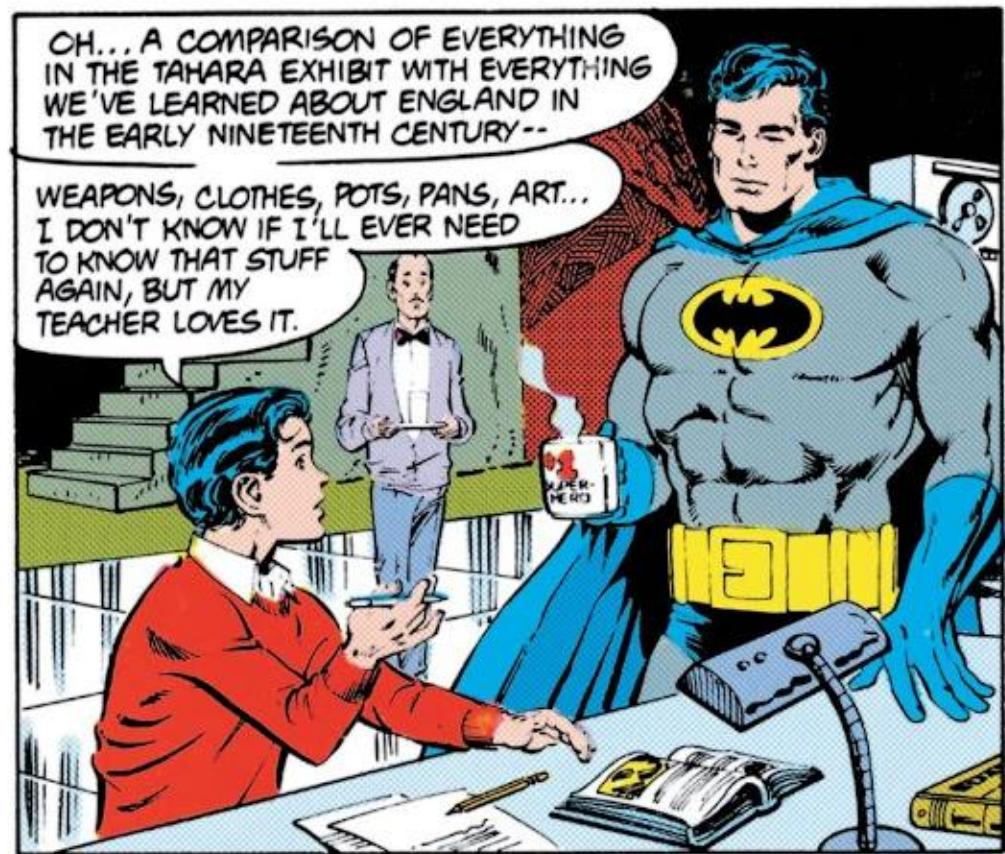
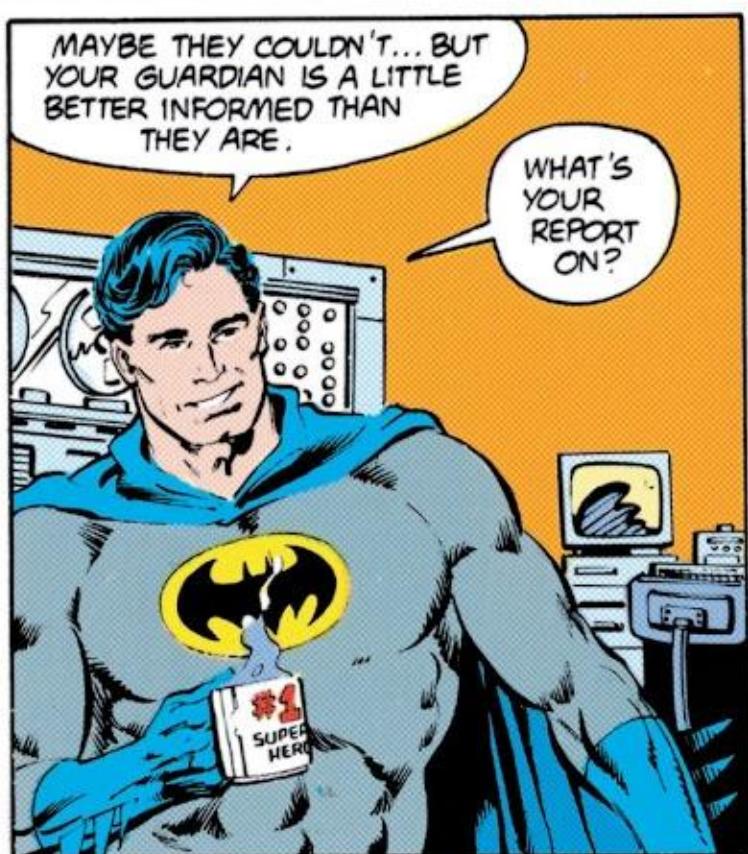
ONLY BY TESTING HIMSELF CAN A MAN IMPROVE HIS SKILLS. THAT'S AS GOOD A PHILOSOPHY TODAY AS IT WAS FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO.



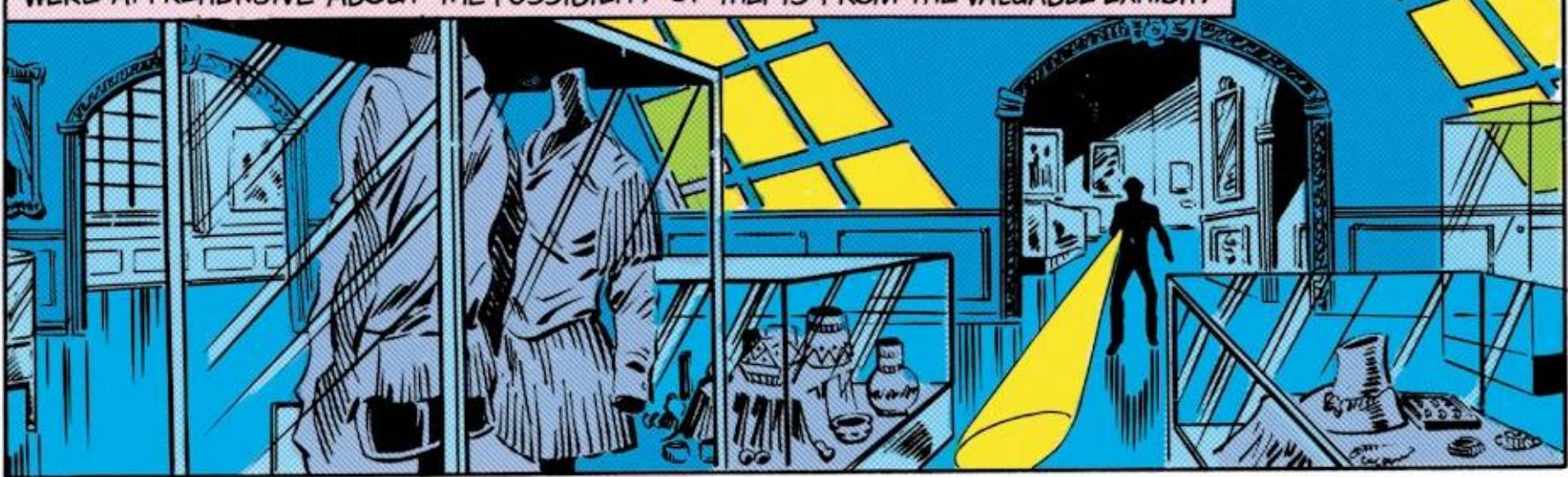
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS BRUCE WAYNE, FROM WHOSE PERSONAL FORTUNE CAME A DONATION WHICH HELPED MAKE THE EXHIBIT'S VISIT TO GOTHAM CITY A REALITY. MR. WAYNE, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?







EVEN BEFORE TOSHIHIKO KIKKAWA SPOKE TO THE BATMAN, MUSEUM OFFICIALS WERE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THEFTS FROM THE VALUABLE EXHIBIT.



WORKING WITH BRUCE WAYNE AND COMMISSIONER GORDON OF THE GOTHAM CITY POLICE FORCE, THEY ARRANGED FOR A NEW ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM, SPECIAL ALARMS, AND EXTRA MUSEUM GUARDS.

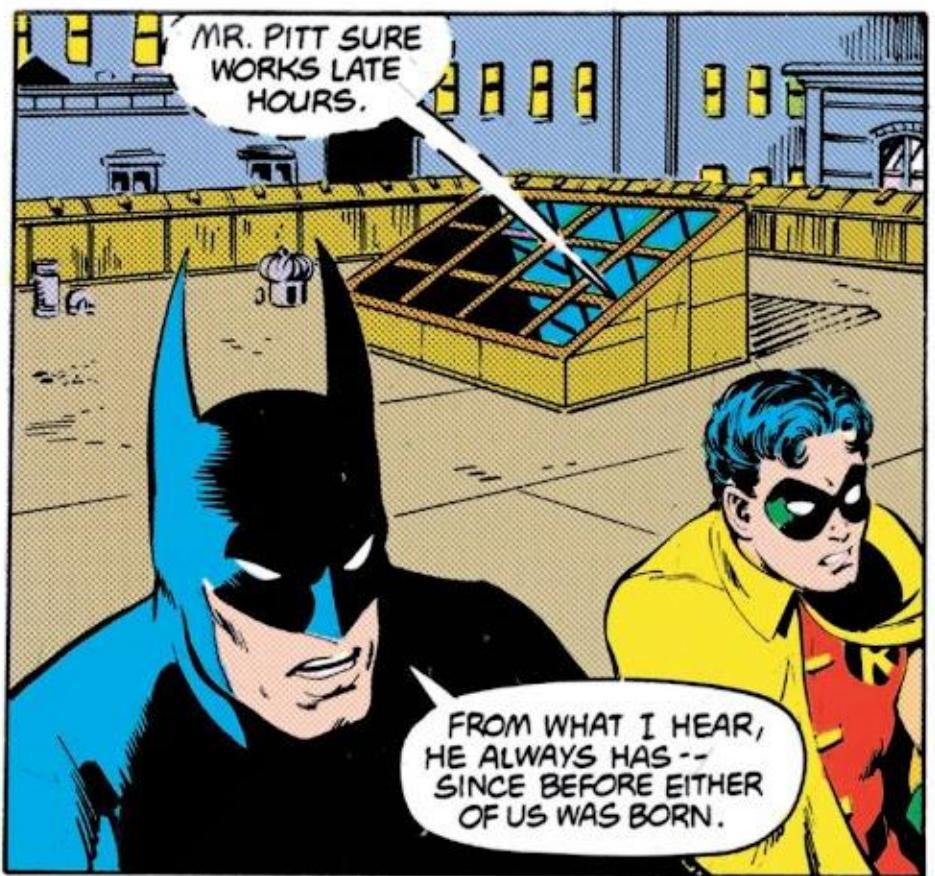
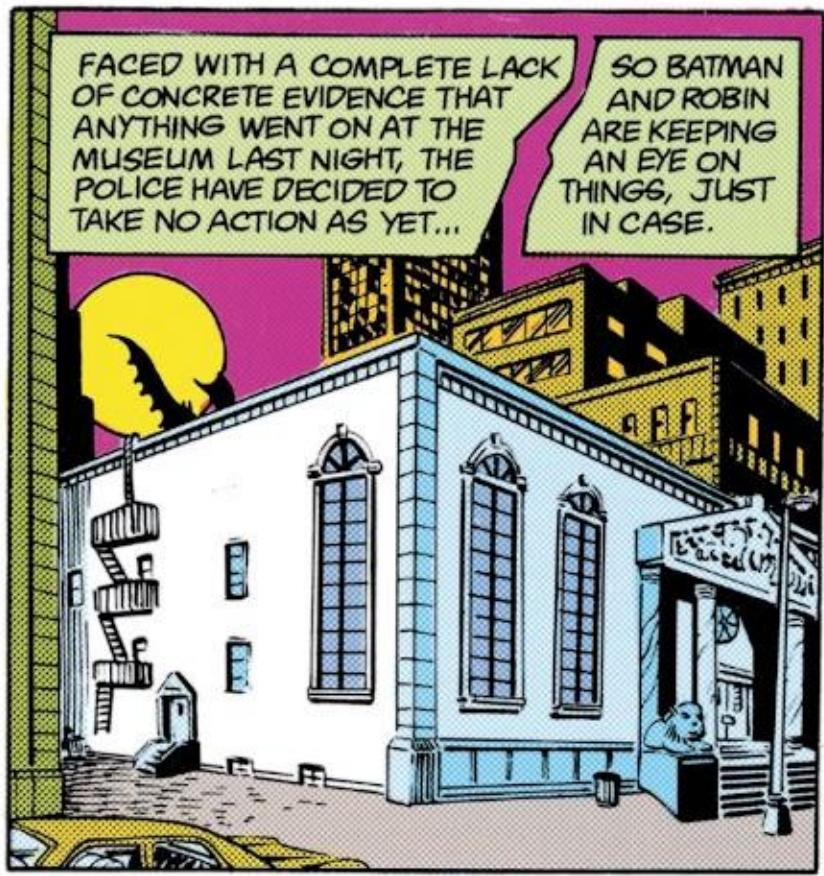
NO ONE IS GOING TO WALK OFF WITH ANYTHING FROM THE EXHIBIT.



IN THE MORNING, THE GUARD WILL AWAKEN IN THE HOSPITAL WITH A BAD CONCUSSION AND NOT ANOTHER MARK ON HIM. HE WILL STICK TO HIS STORY OF A GHOST...

...EVEN AFTER HE'S TOLD THAT NOTHING FROM THE EXHIBIT HAS BEEN TOUCHED AND NOT AN ALARM WENT OFF.

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WHATEVER THEY WERE EXPECTING FROM THE APPEARANCE OF THE GHOST, IT WASN'T THIS.

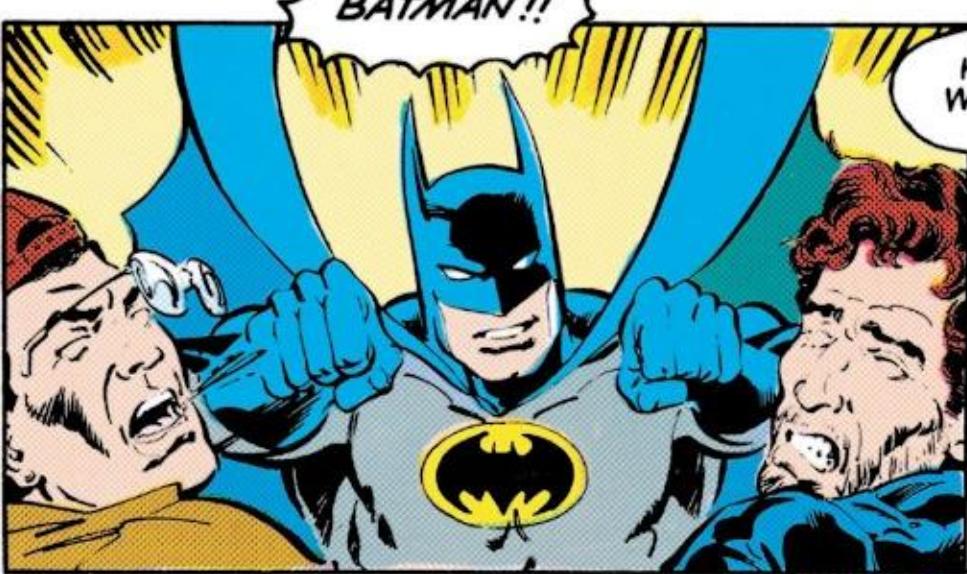


YOU'RE REAL ENOUGH TO HOLD, YOU GOTTA BE REAL ENOUGH TO CUT!

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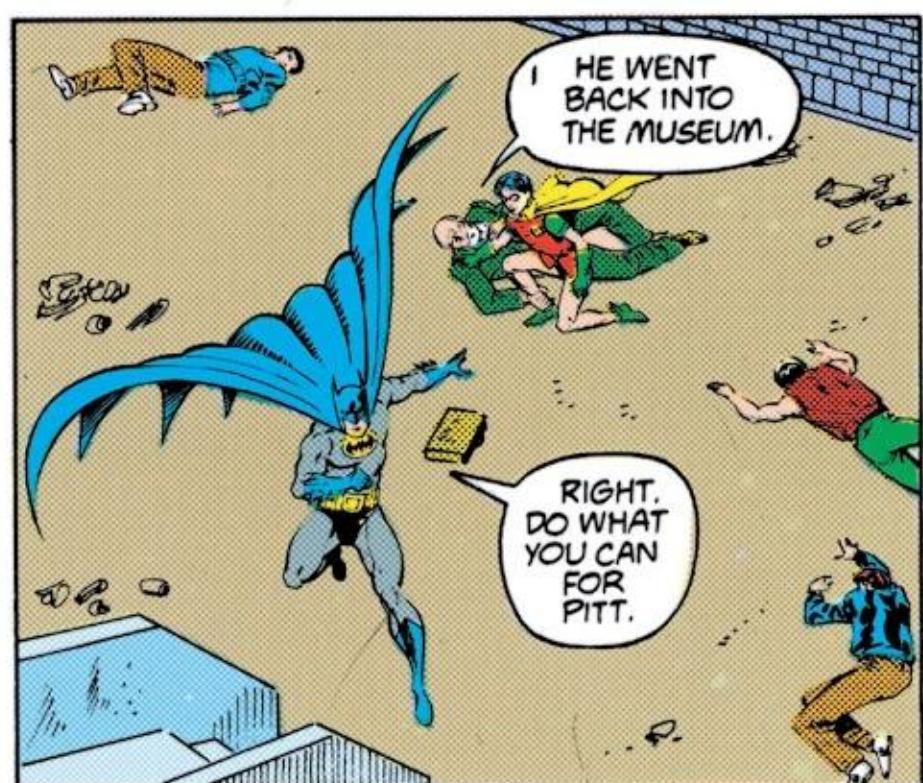
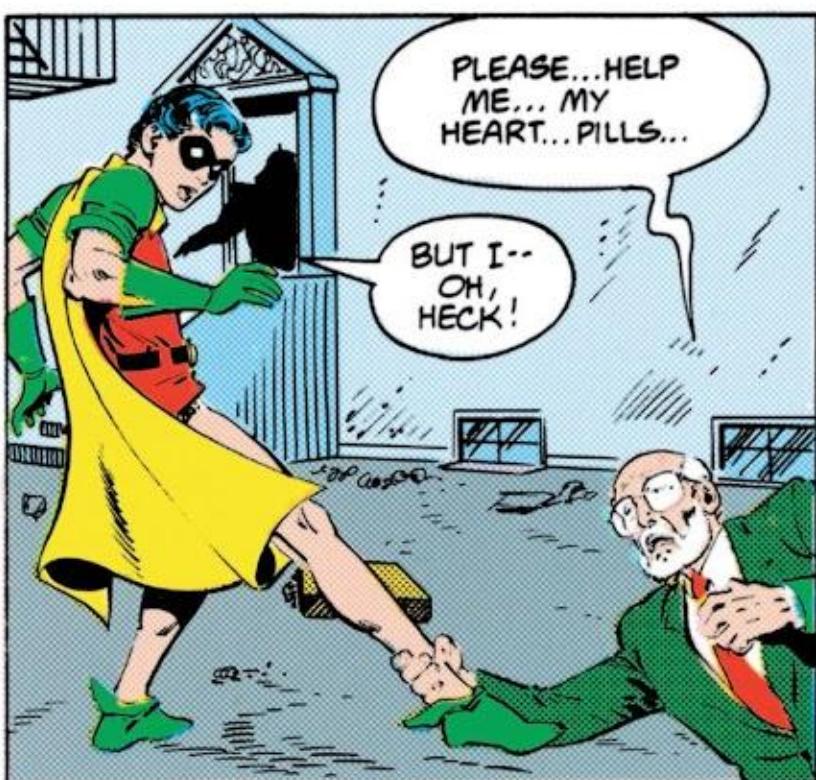


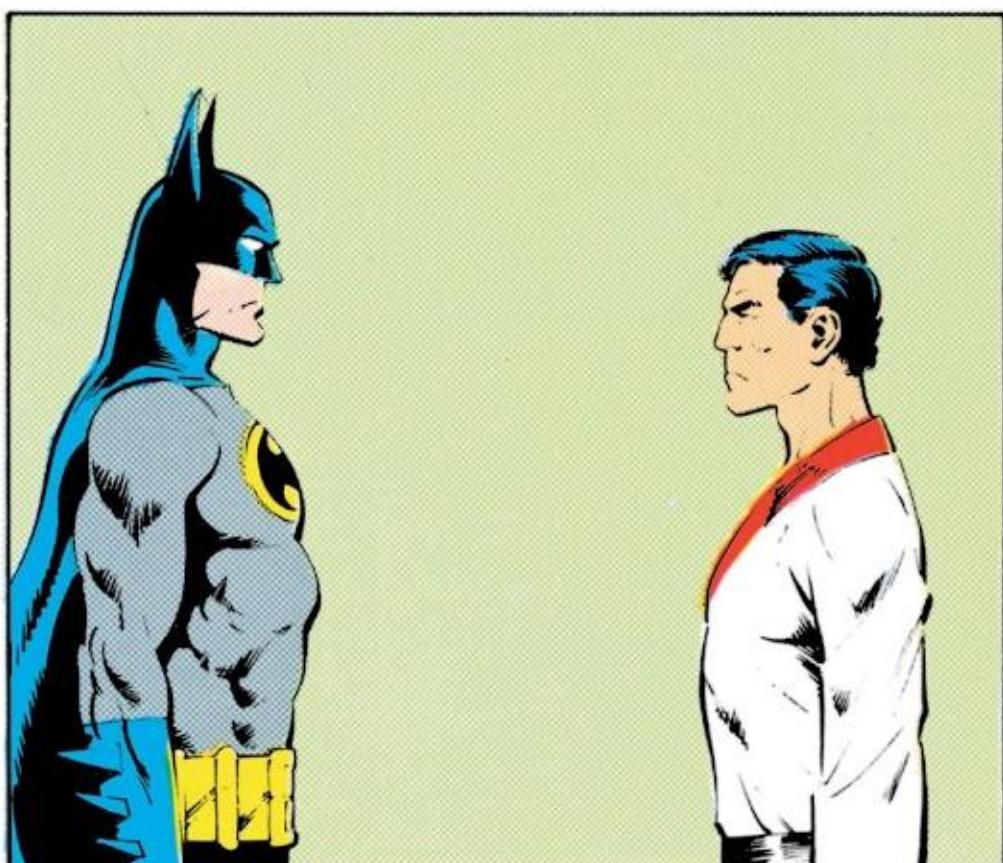
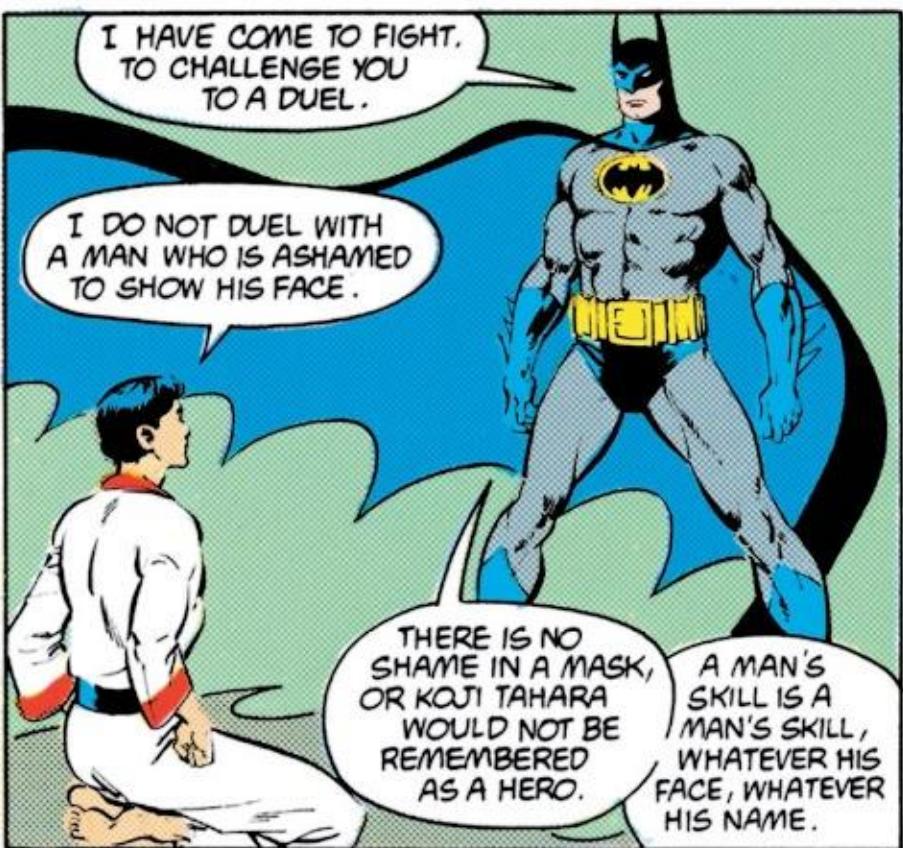
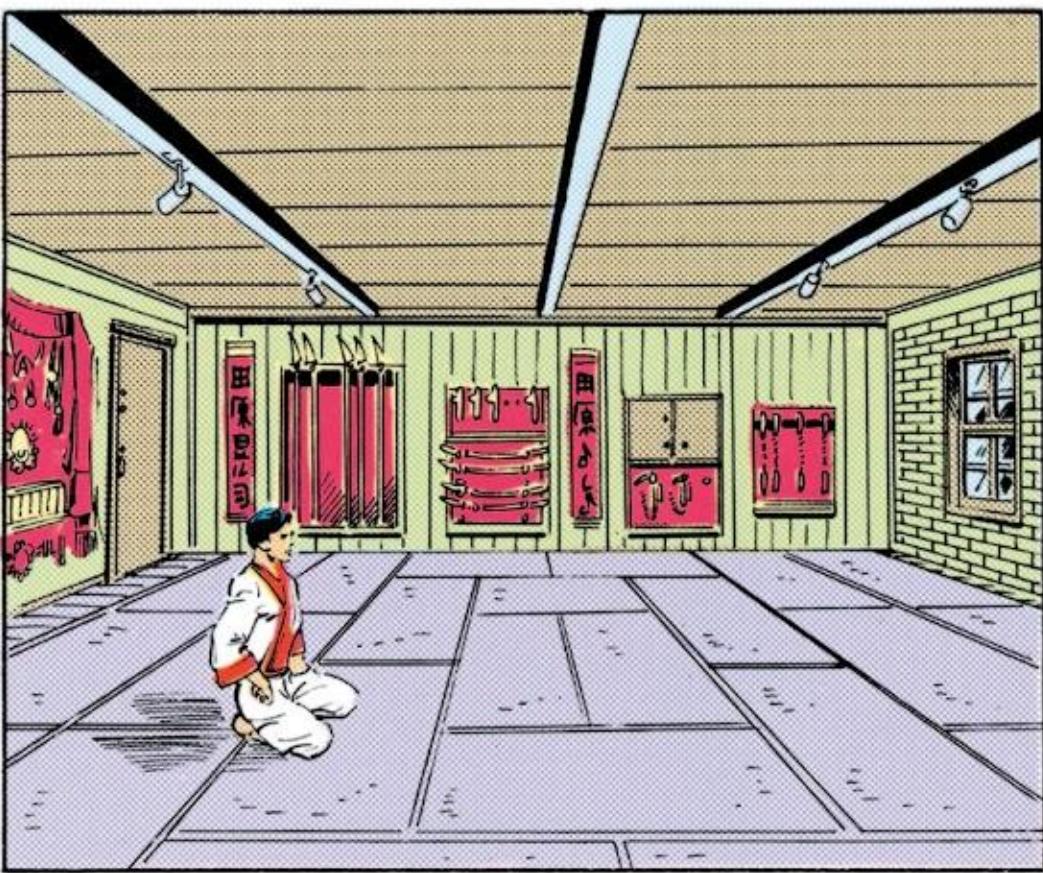
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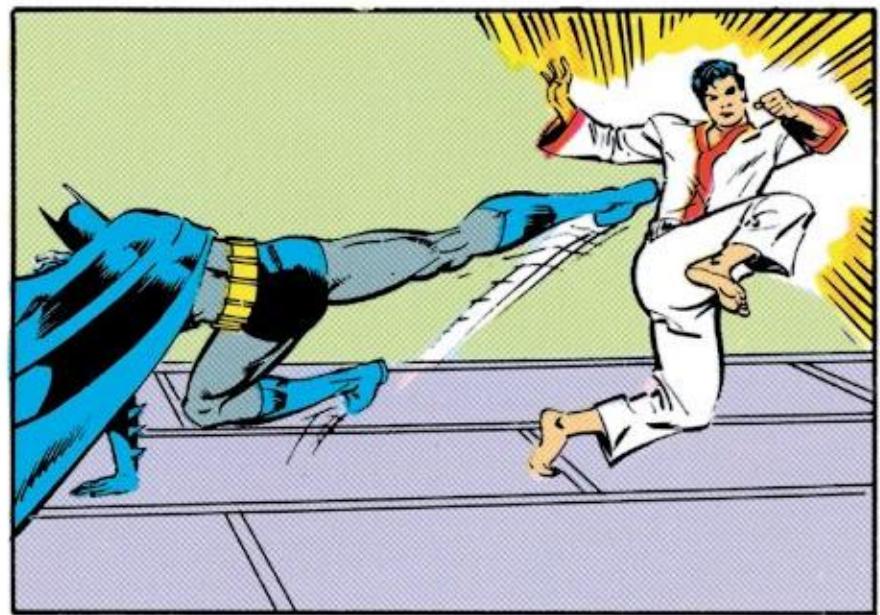


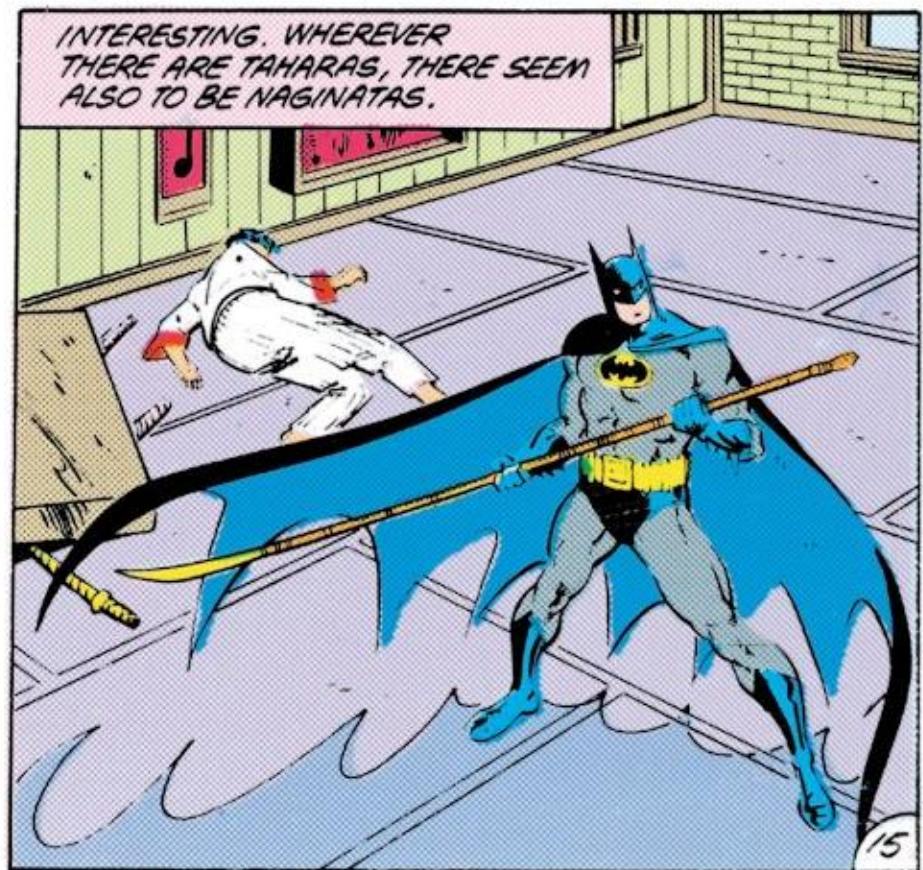
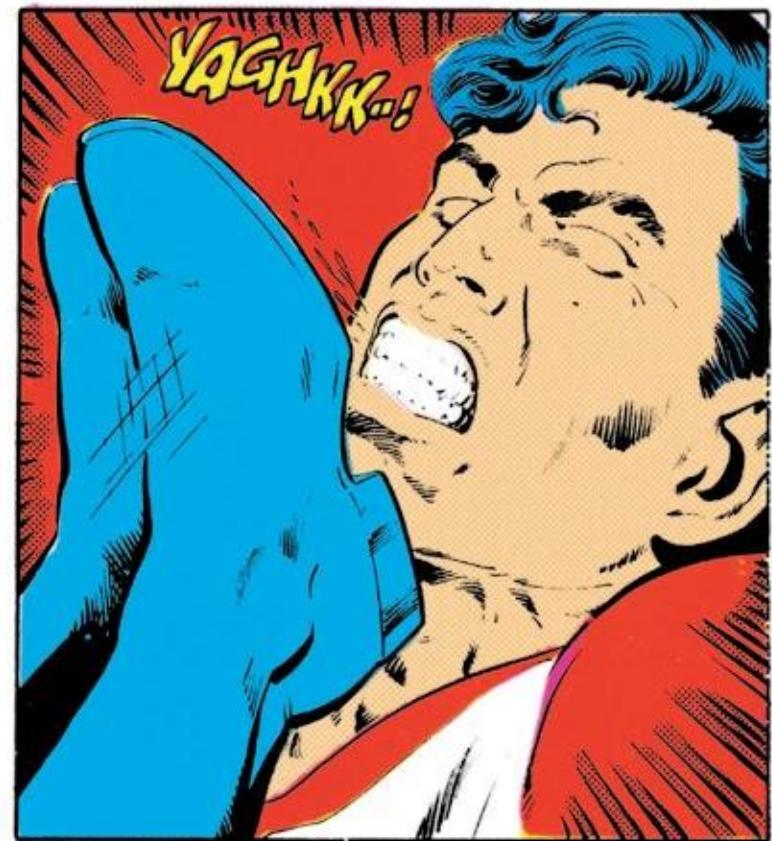
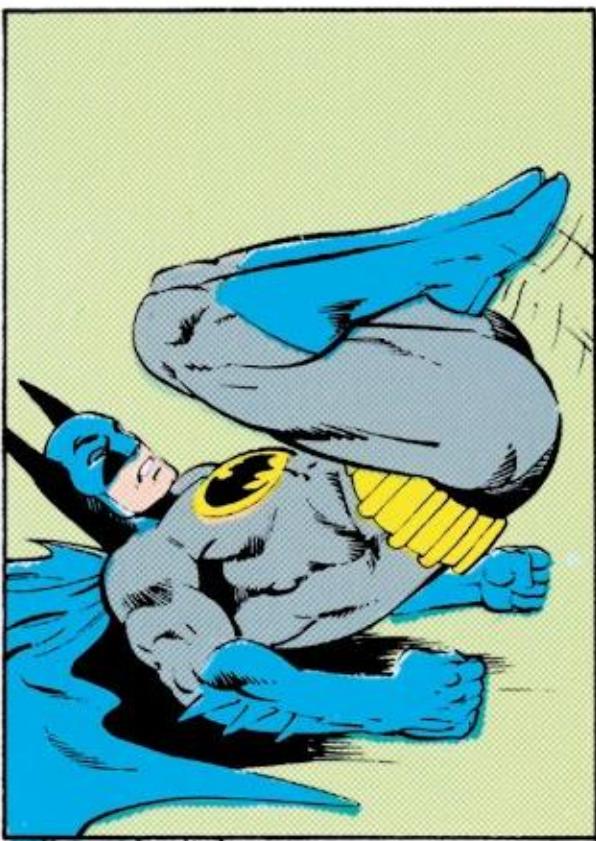
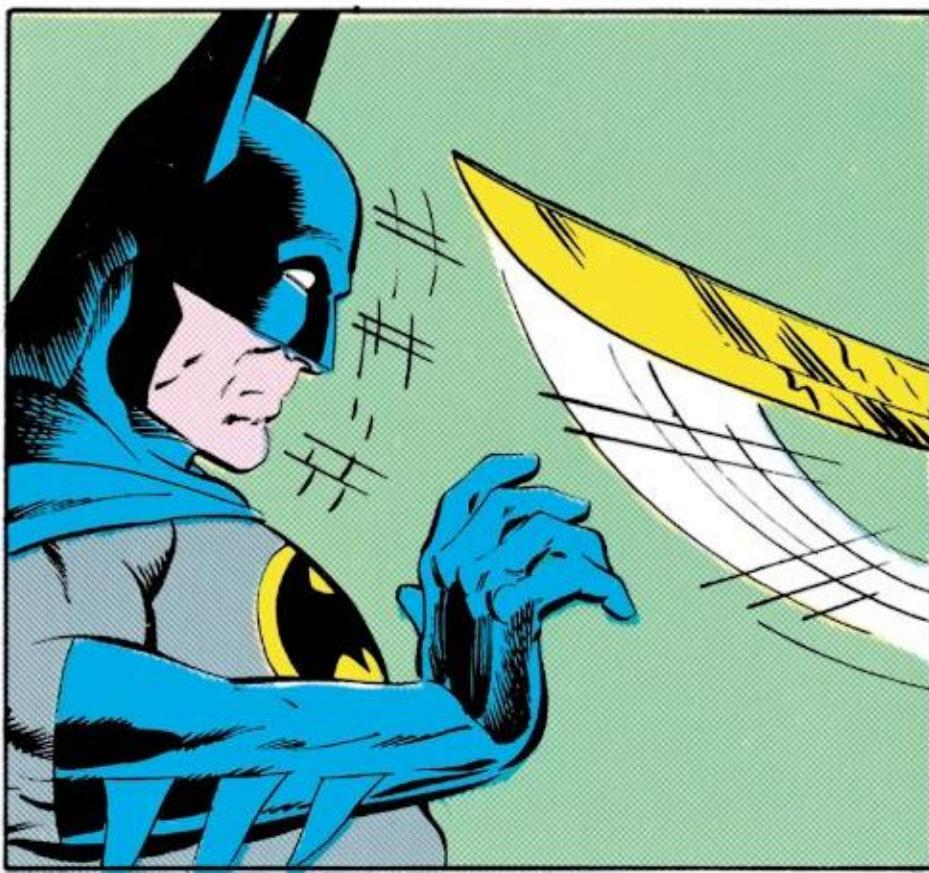
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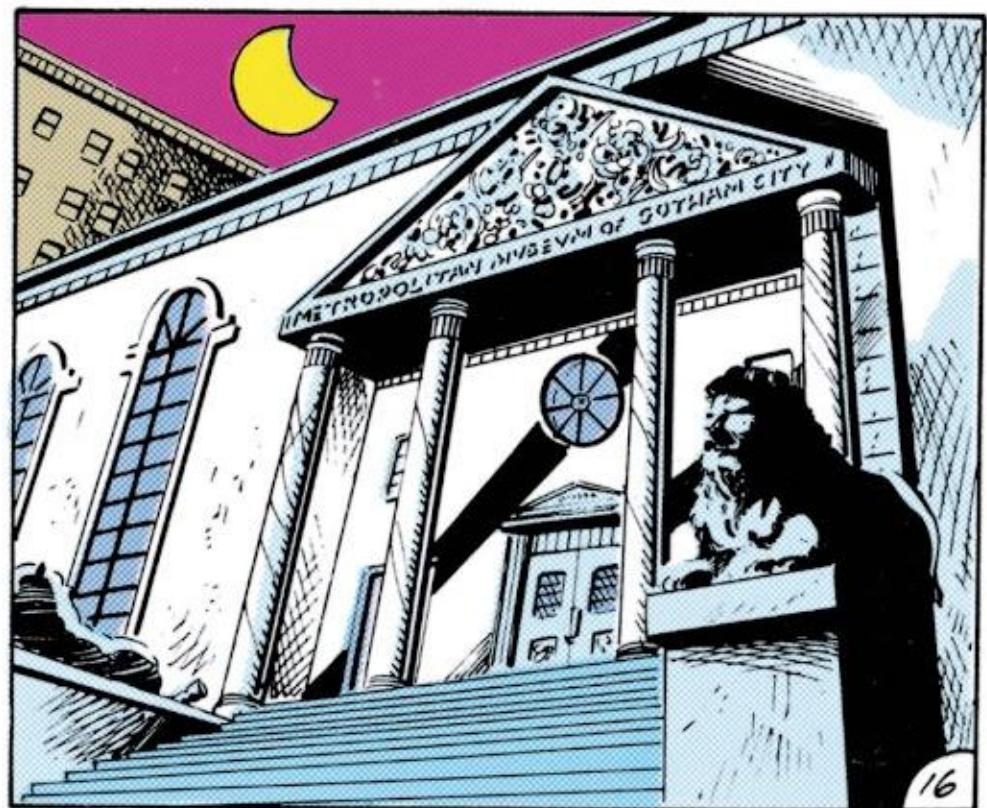
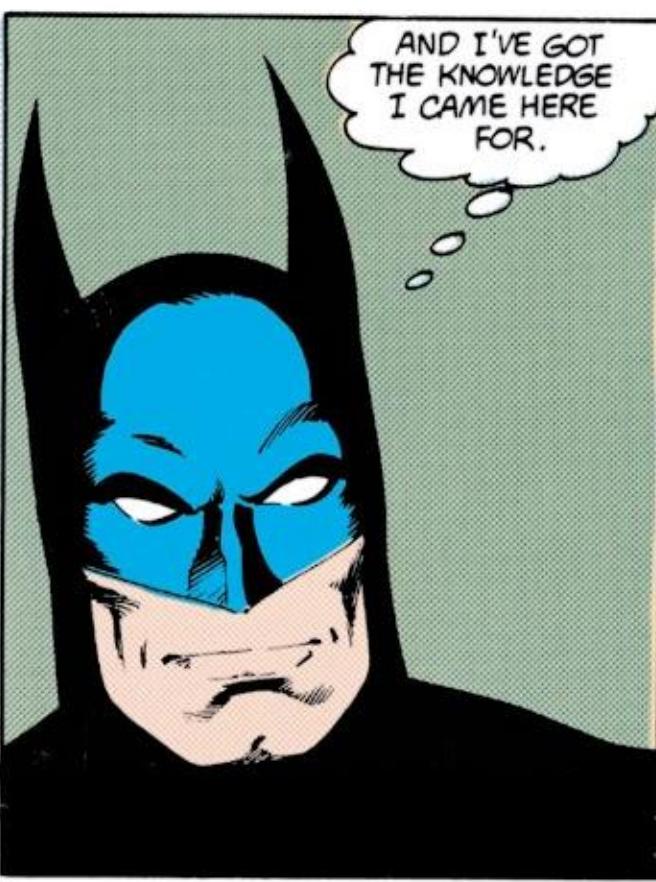
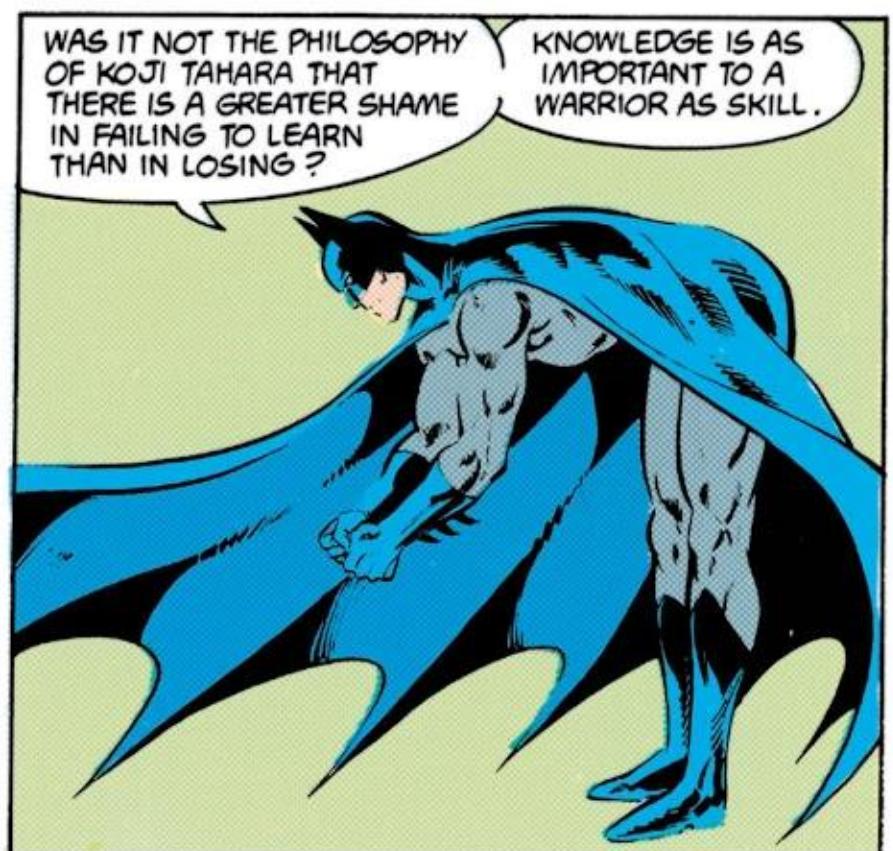
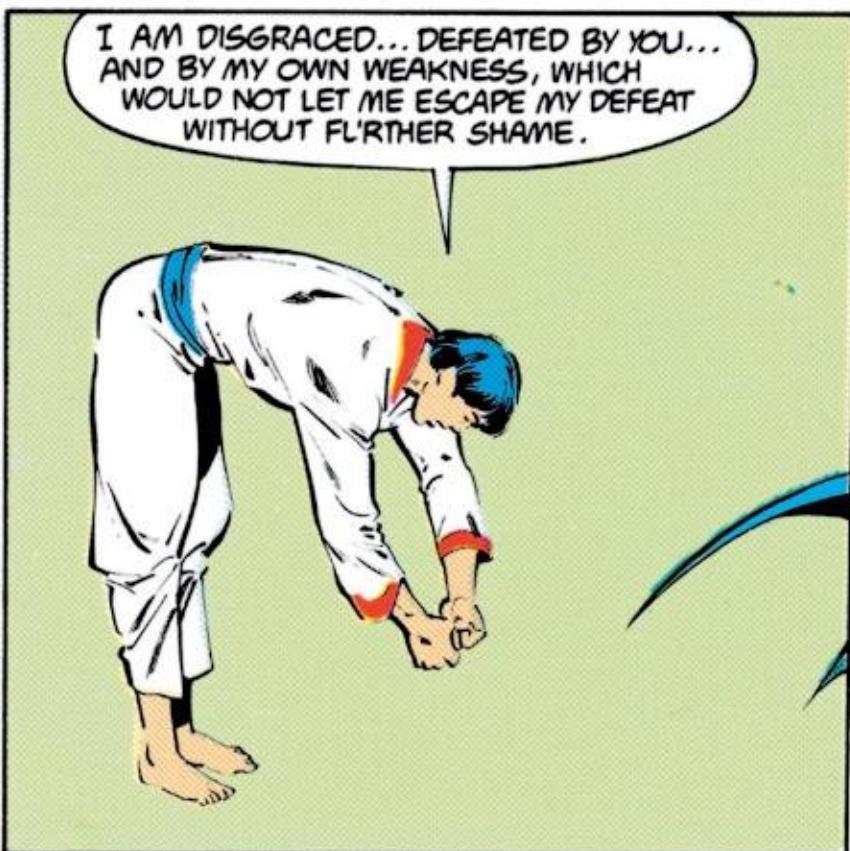


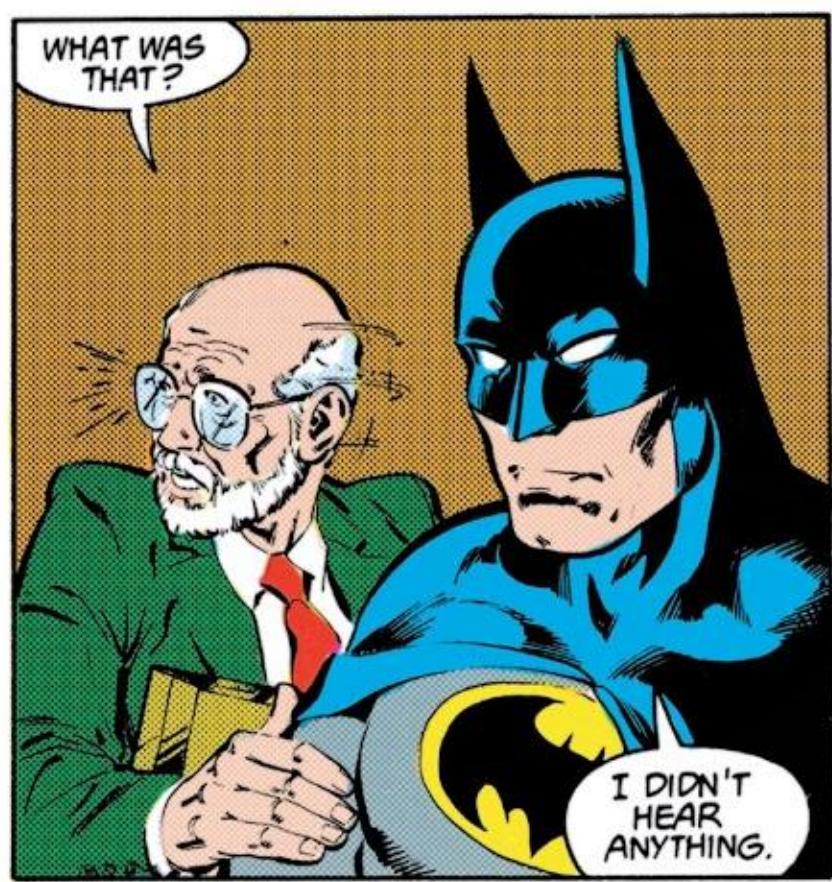
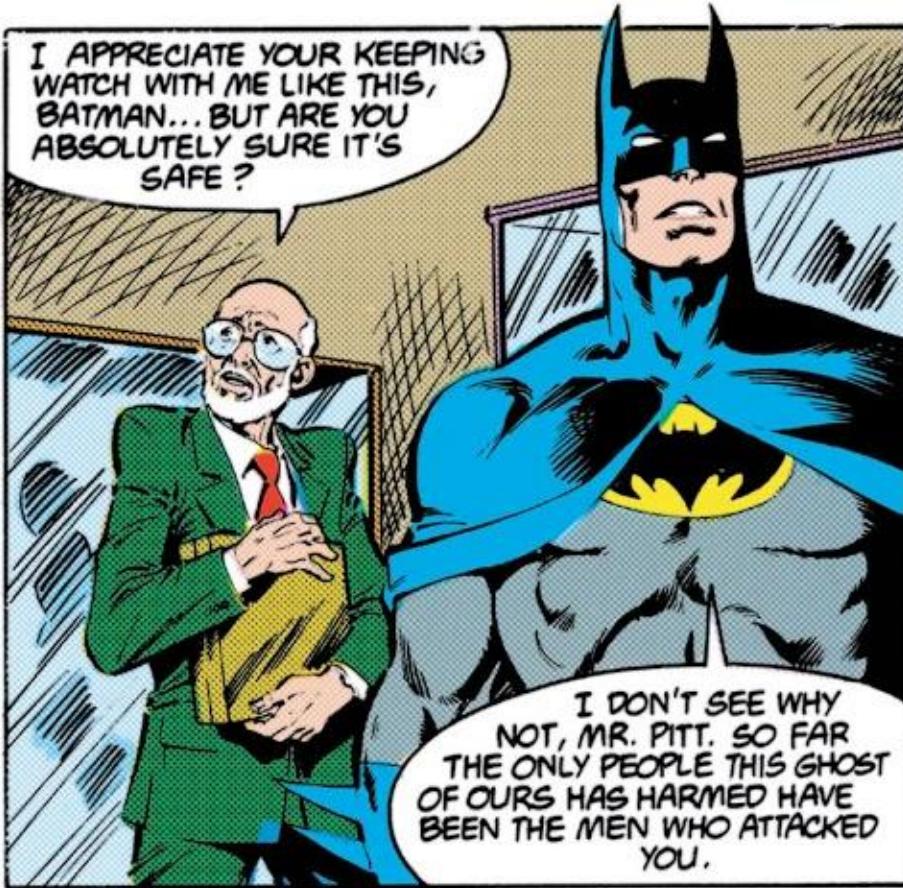




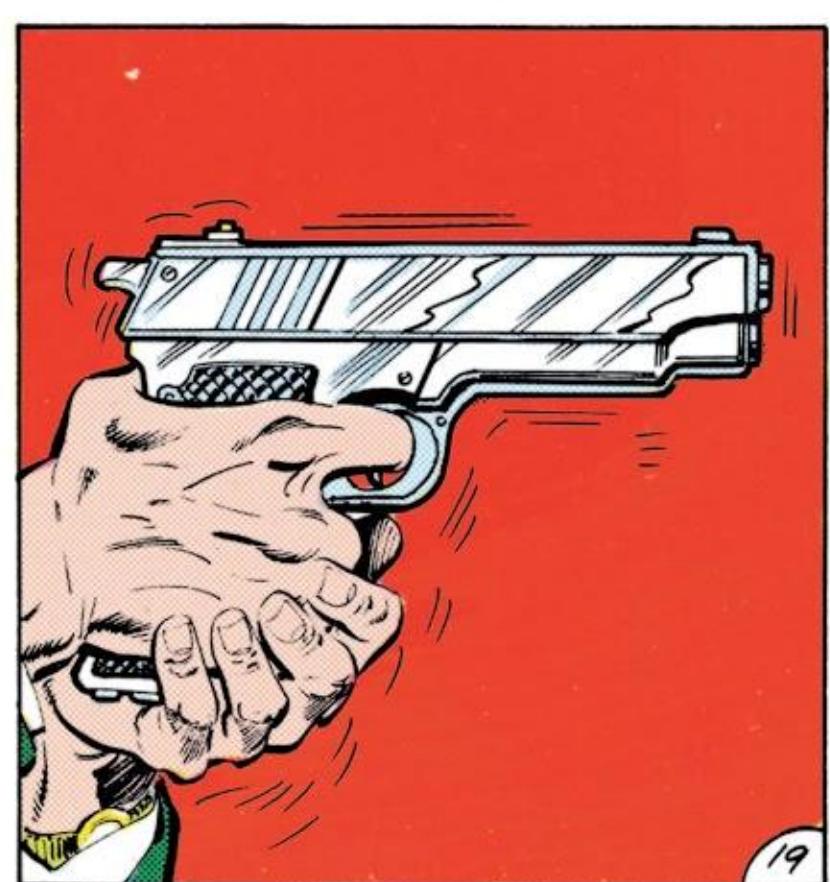
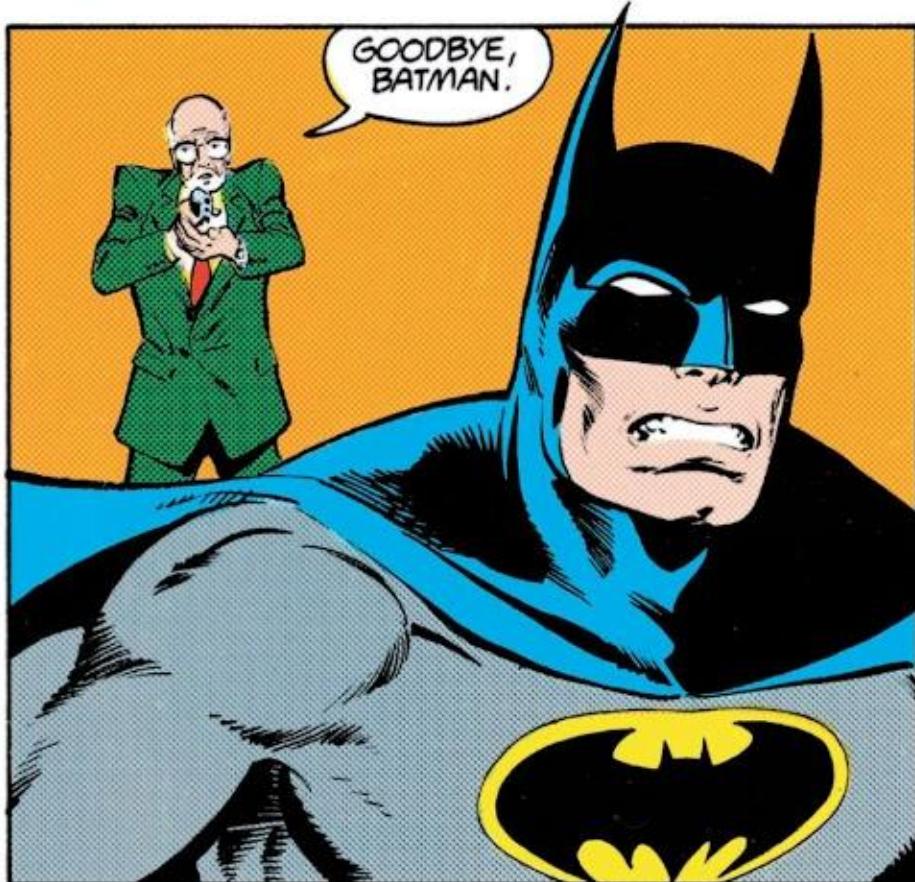
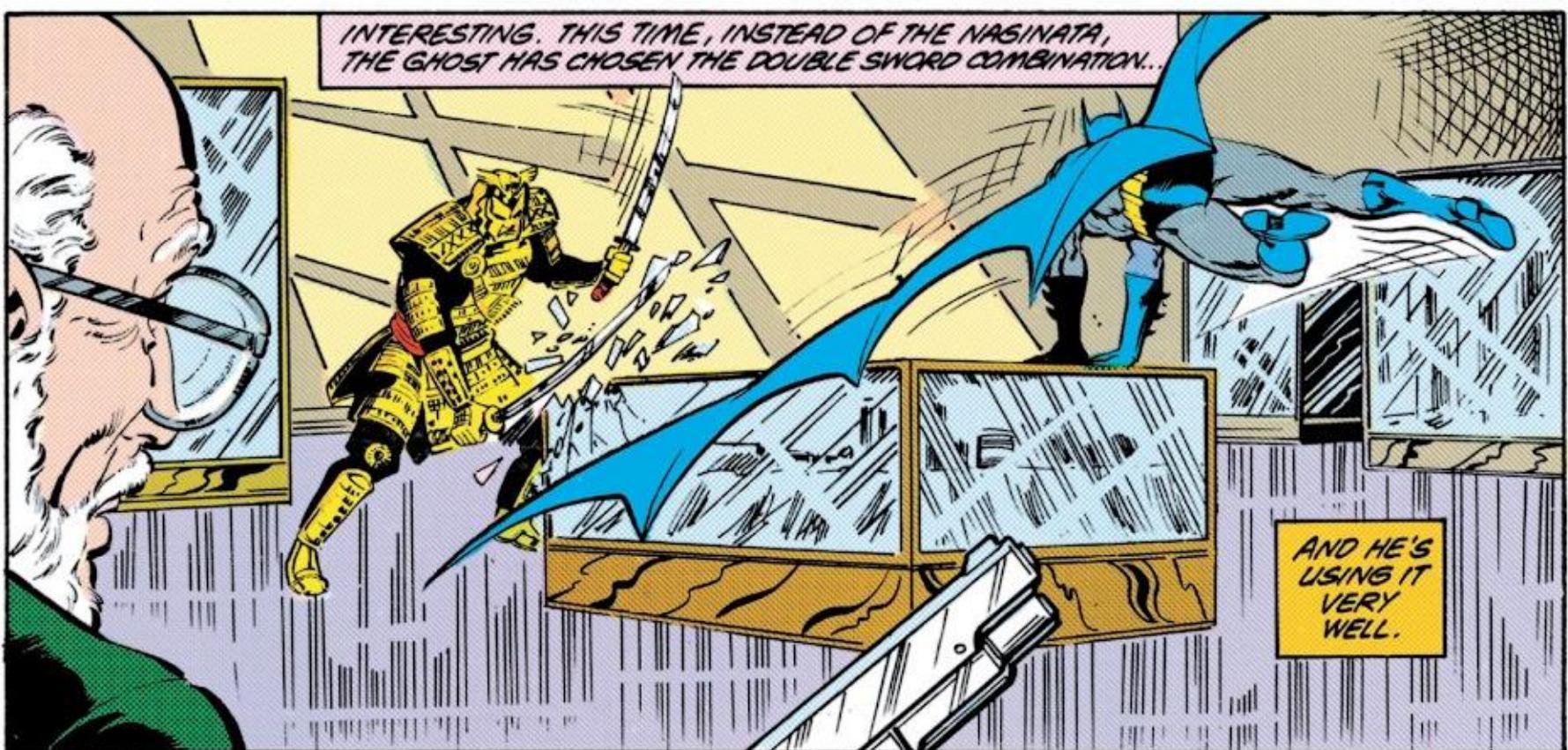
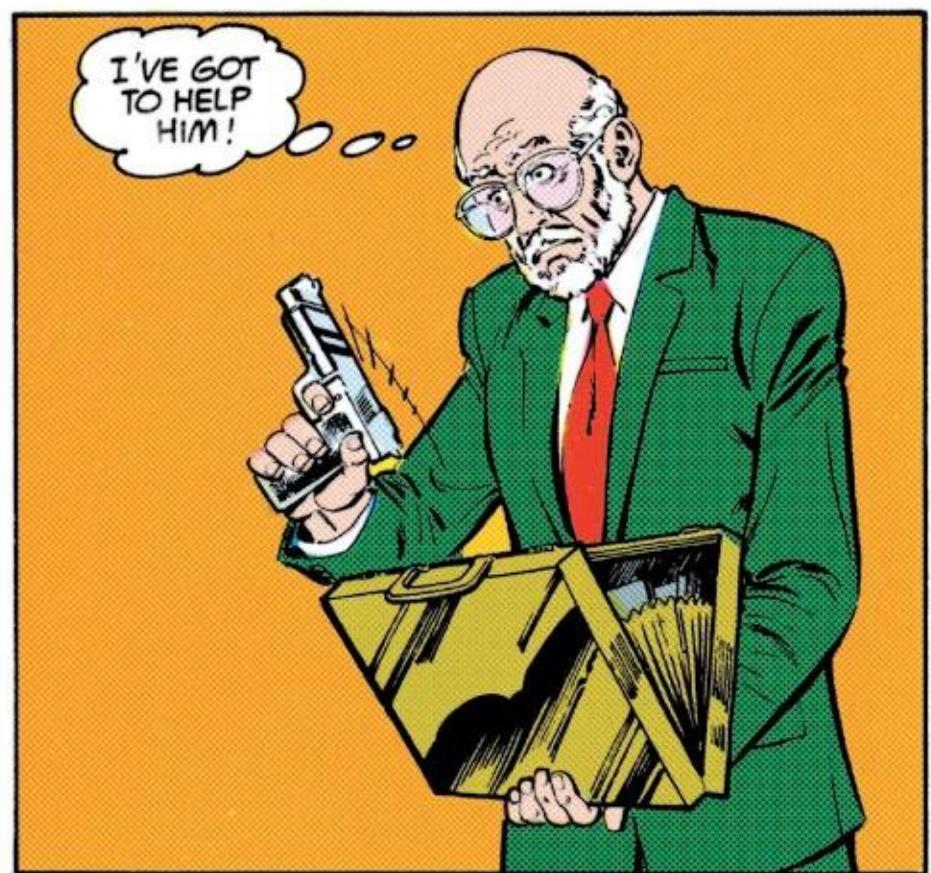


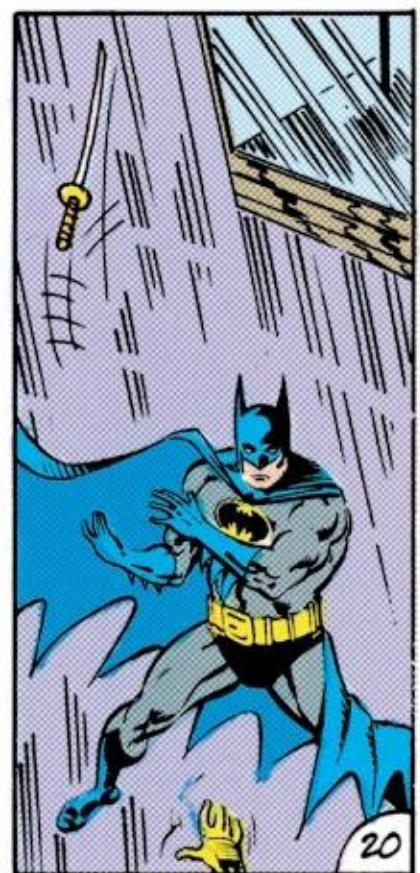
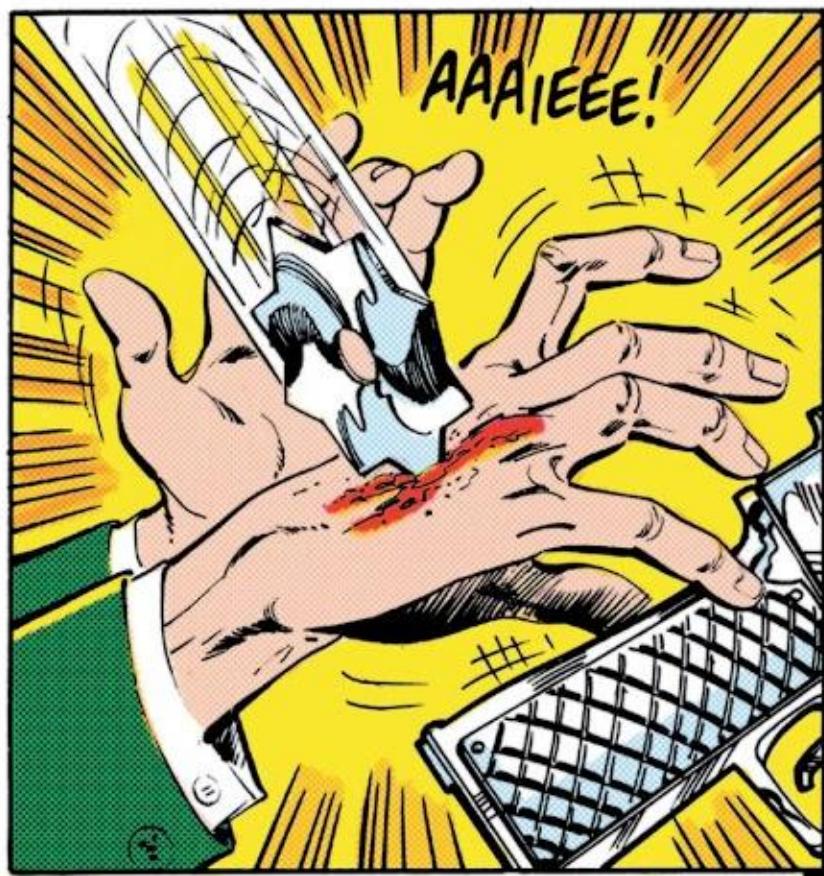


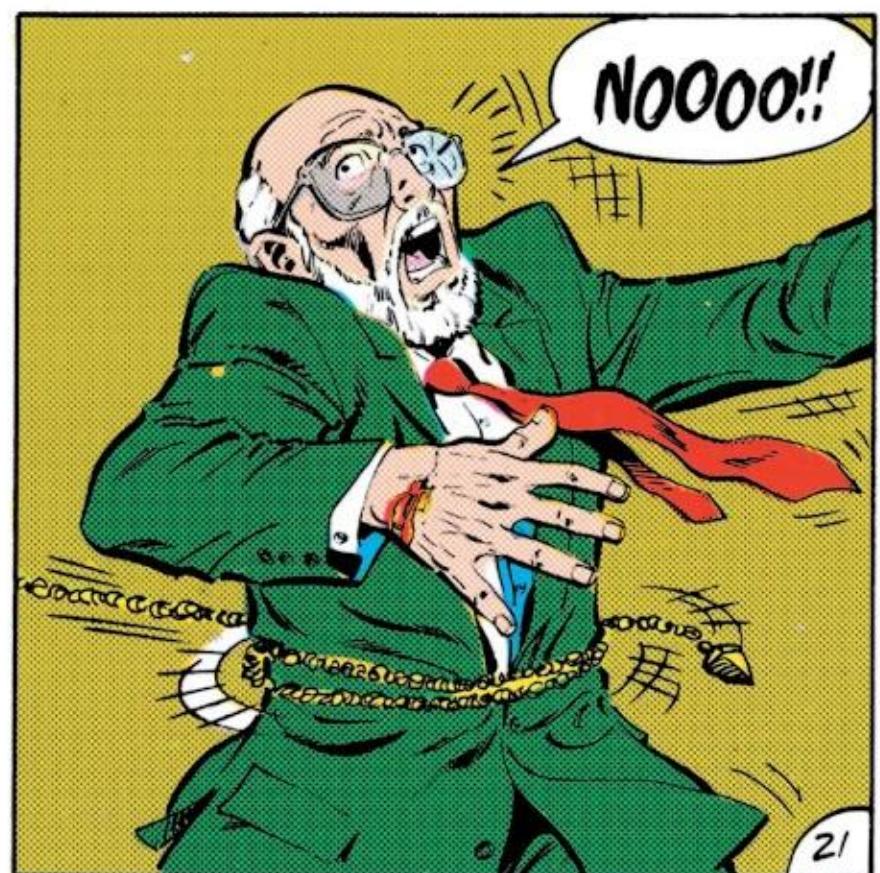


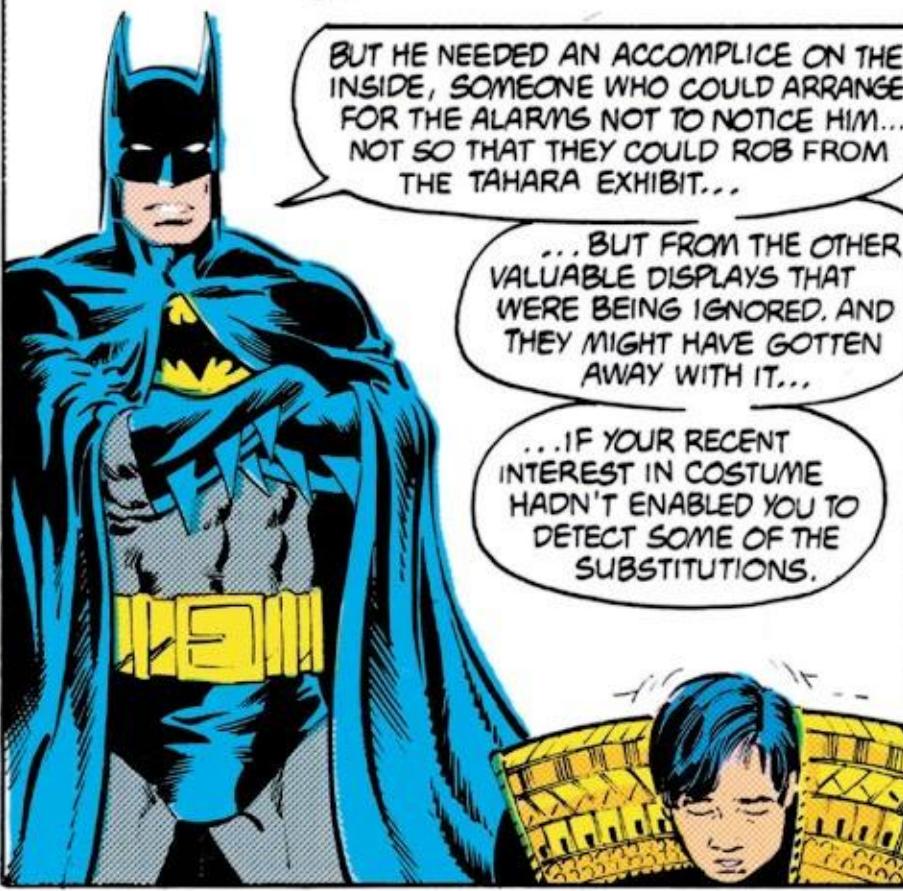














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