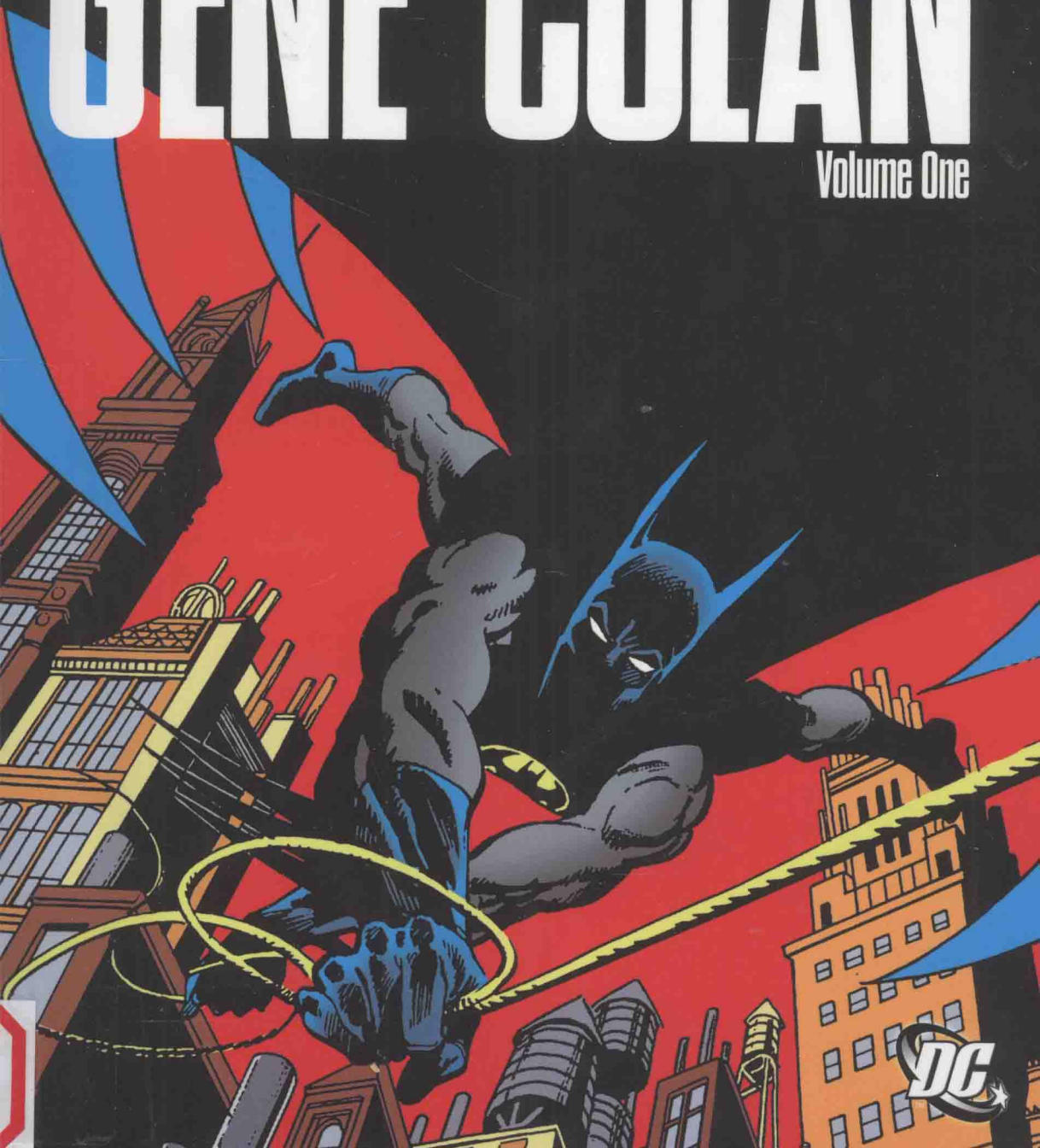


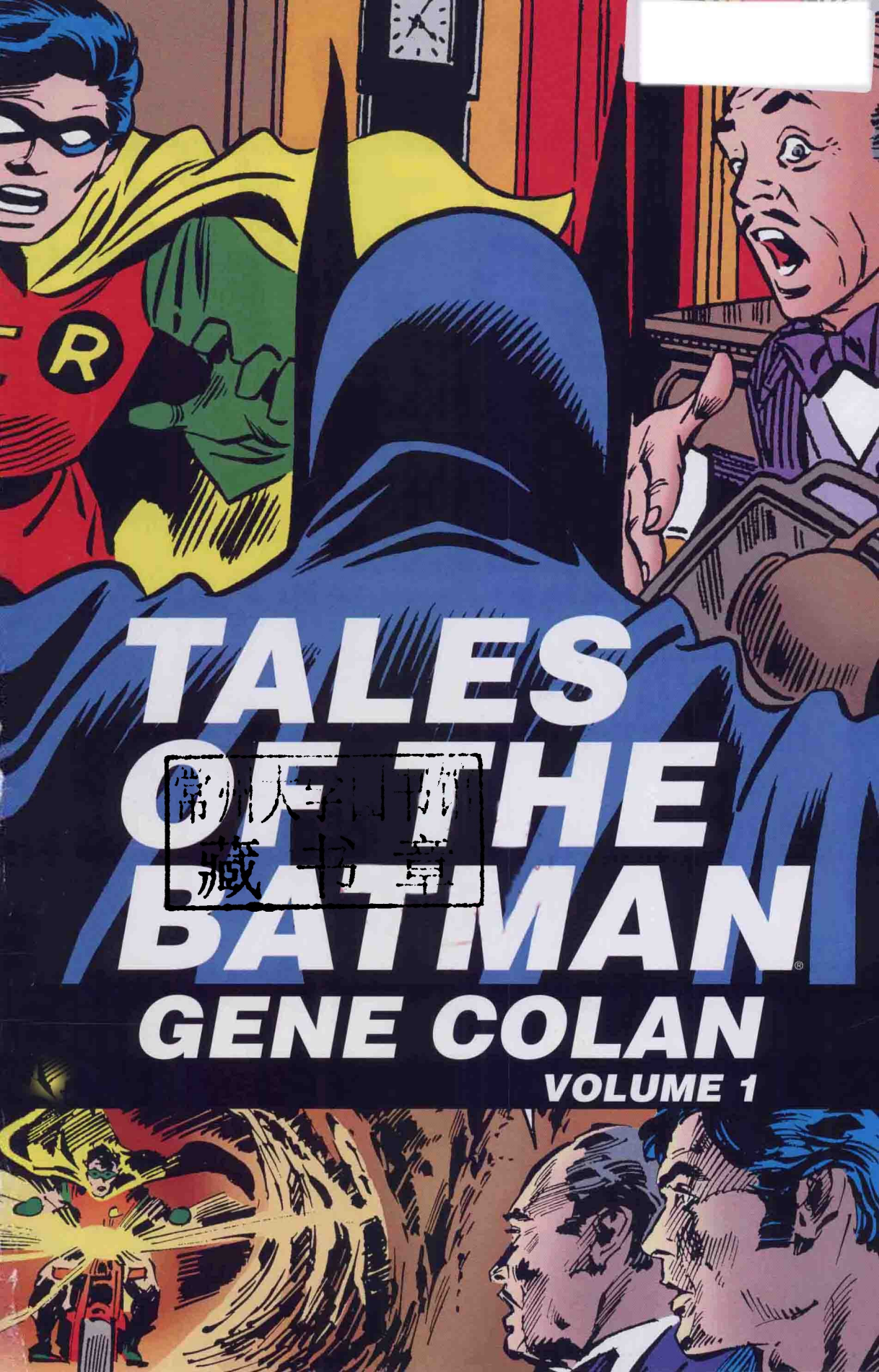
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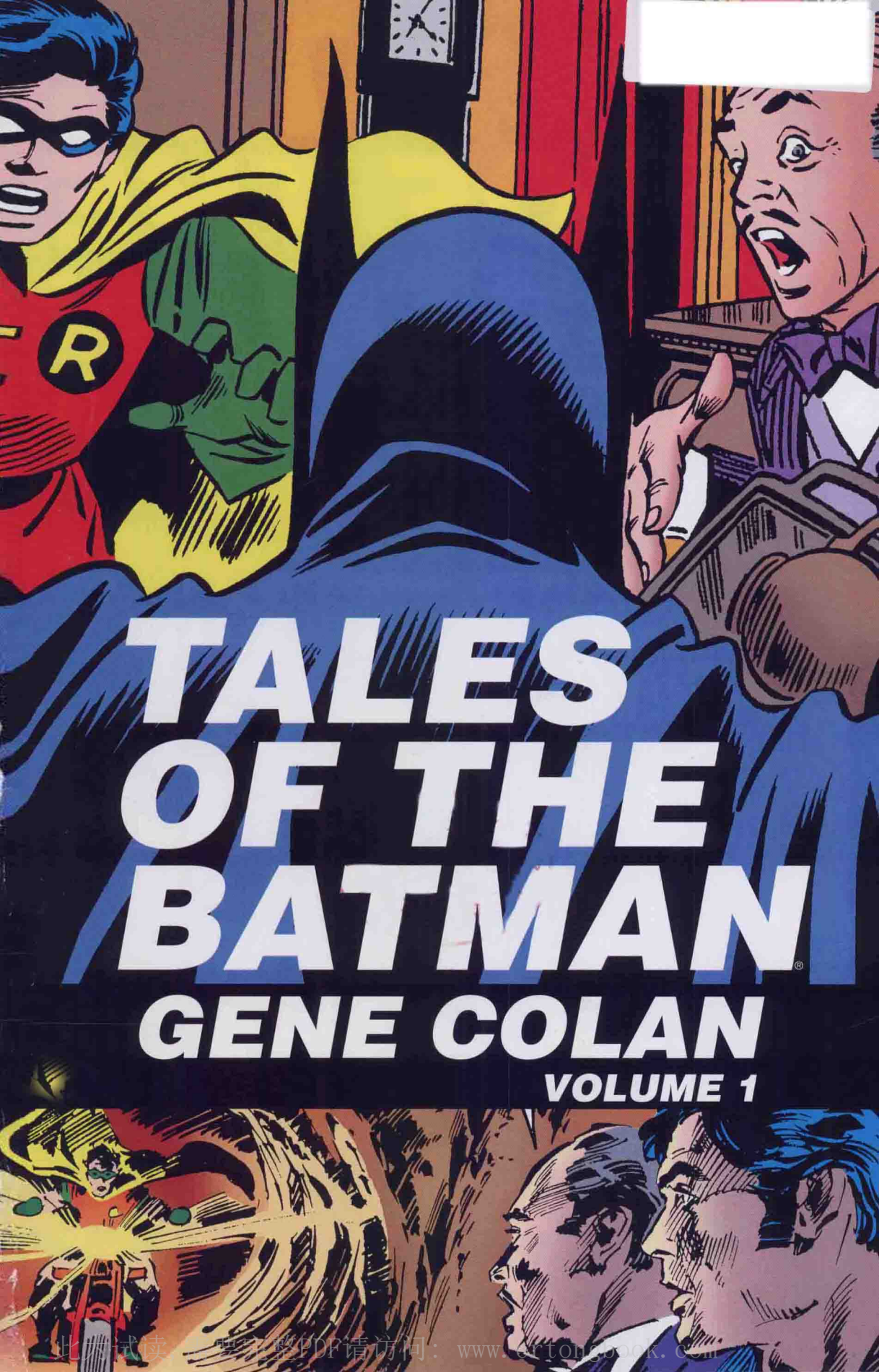




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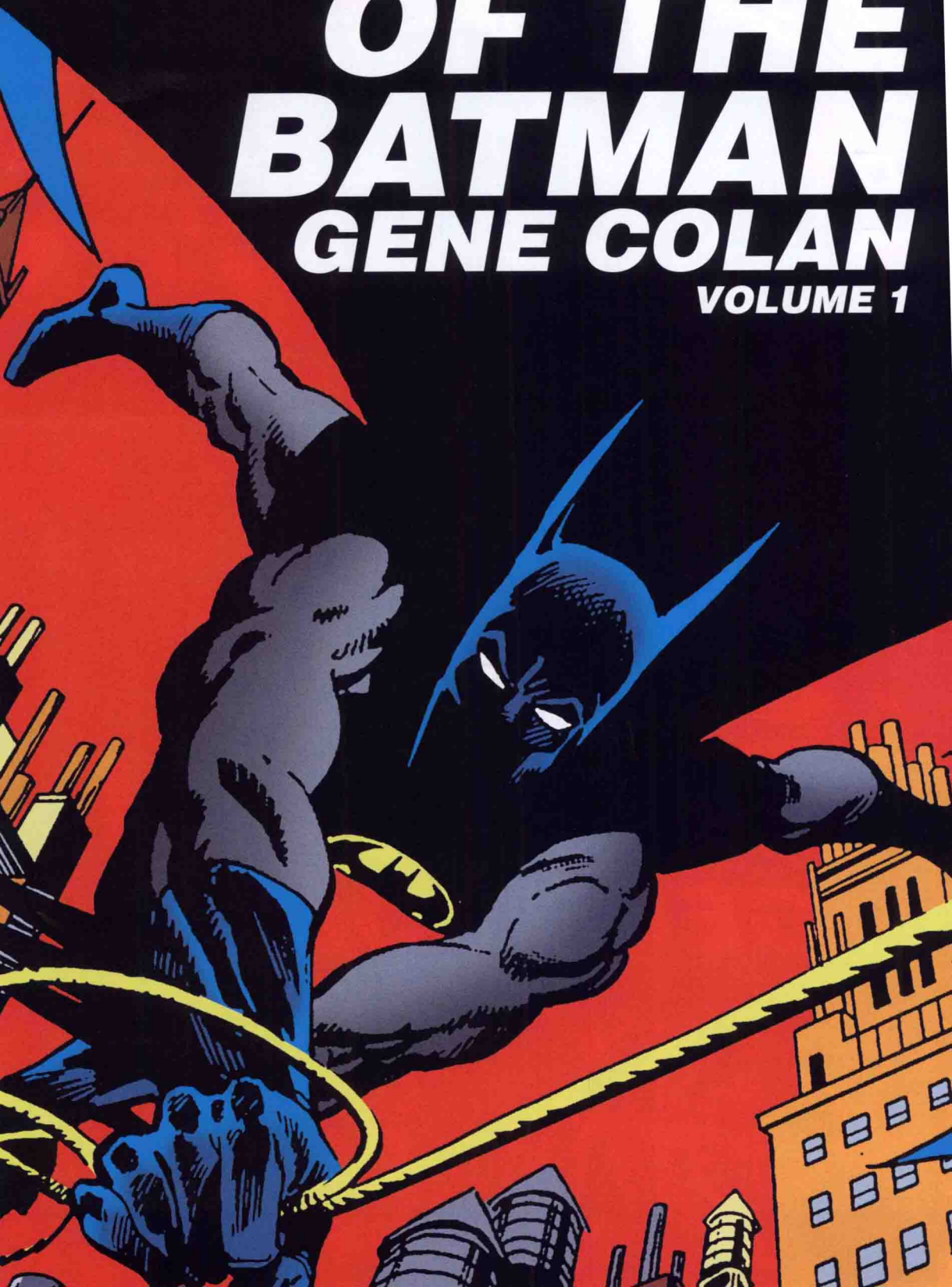
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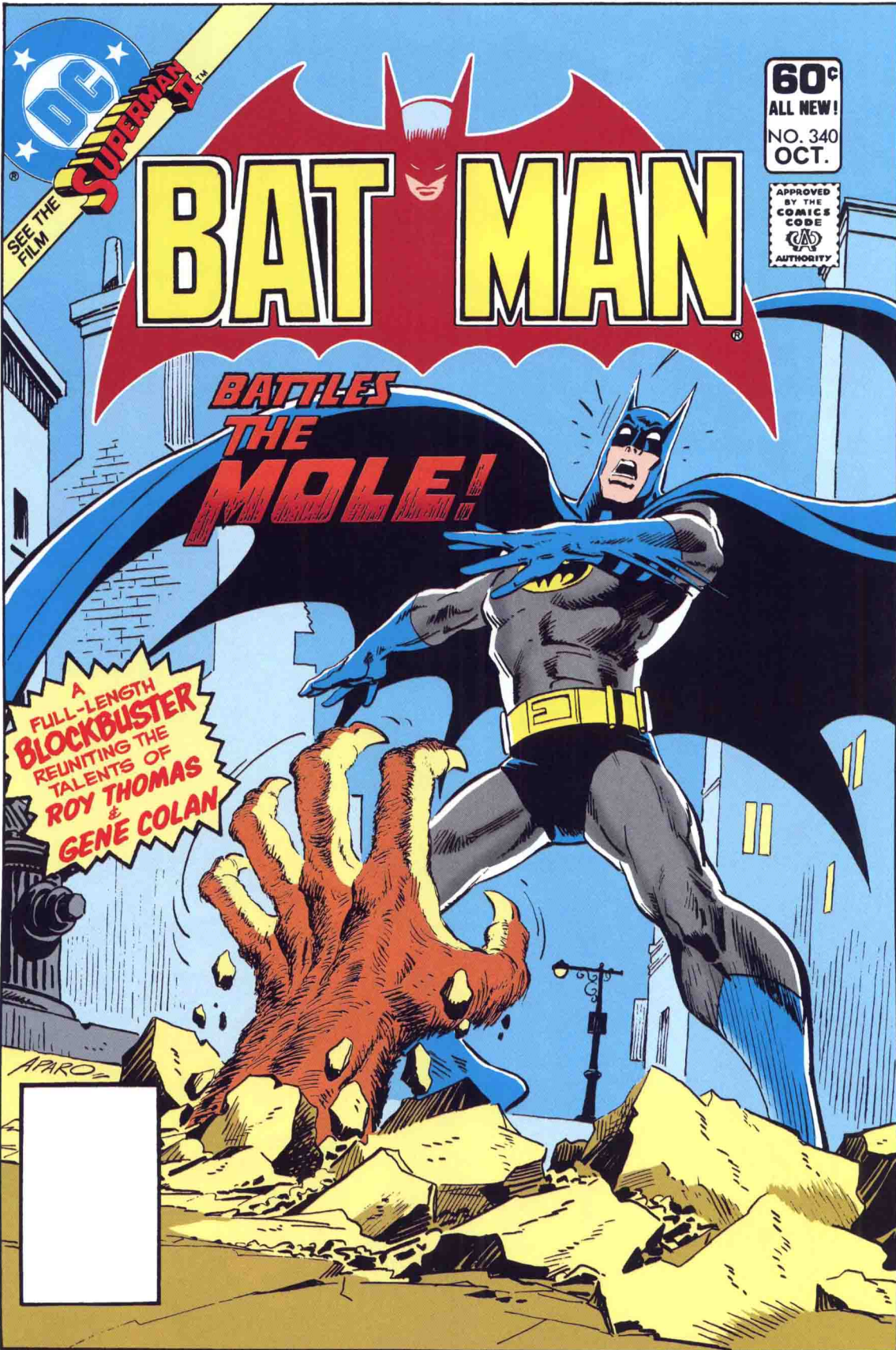
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# "A MAN CALLED MOLE!"

TEN O'CLOCK.

NOT QUITE  
THE WITCHING  
HOUR.

BATMAN...  
URBAN...  
TERRORIST?

VOTE  
ARTHUR  
REEVES  
FOR  
MAYOR

TUES.  
NOV. 3,  
1981

YET, BEFORE THE  
TOWER CLOCK ON  
GOTHAM'S ST. MARK  
CATHEDRAL HAS  
FINISHED CHIMING  
THE HOUR, A MAN  
WILL DIE, AS NO  
MAN HAS EVER  
DIED BEFORE.

BONG

BONG

CRRACK

FOR, BENEATH THESE  
CLUTTERED CITY STREETS--

--SOMETHING MOVES!





IN A FIELD OR PASTURE,  
IT WOULD BE A FAMILIAR  
SIGHT:

**BONNGG**

**CRRAACK**

A RIDGE OF SOFT,  
LOAMY EARTH LIFT-  
ING TO PASS THE  
BURROWER BENEATH  
... A SIGHT AS  
INNOCENT, AS FAMILIAR,  
AS A SUMMER  
SUNSET.



BUT THIS IS NOT A FIELD... IT  
IS THE HARD BEDROCK OF A  
CITY, TAR AND CONCRETE,  
BRICK AND PAVEMENT--

--YET, TO THIS URBAN  
BURROWER, IT PRESENTS  
NO GREATER OBSTACLE  
THAN THE ROOTED SOIL OF  
A COUNTRY GARDEN.

**BONNGG**

**CRRAAKKK**



AROUND A CORNER,  
AND A HUNDRED YARDS  
AWAY, STOCKBROKER  
WILLIAM ELDER  
GREETES THE BRISK  
NIGHT AIR WITH A  
CONTENT SMILE.

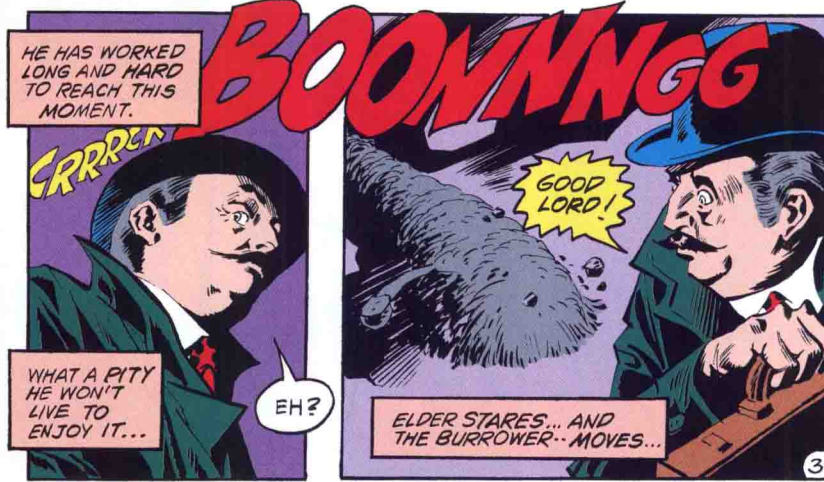


**BOONNGG**

AS IS HIS CUSTOM  
ON A THURSDAY EVE,  
HE HAS SPENT THE  
LAST SEVERAL HOURS  
REVIEWING HIS PER-  
SONAL STOCK  
PORTFOLIO.

**CRRAACK**

THE LATEST SPLIT OF GAINES PREFERRED  
HAS MADE WILLIAM ELDER A RICH MAN.



HE HAS WORKED  
LONG AND HARD  
TO REACH THIS  
MOMENT.

**CRRRR**

WHAT A PITY  
HE WON'T  
LIVE TO  
ENJOY IT...

EH?

**BOONNGG**

**GOOD  
LORD!**

ELDER STARES... AND  
THE BURROWER-- MOVES...







DAWN IS A FAINT LIGHT IN THE EASTERN SKY, WHEN A GRIM MISSION BRINGS GOTHAM CITY'S POLICE COMMISSIONER JAMES W. GORDON TO THE GROUNDS OF A CHEMICAL PLANT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF GOTHAM RIVER...

