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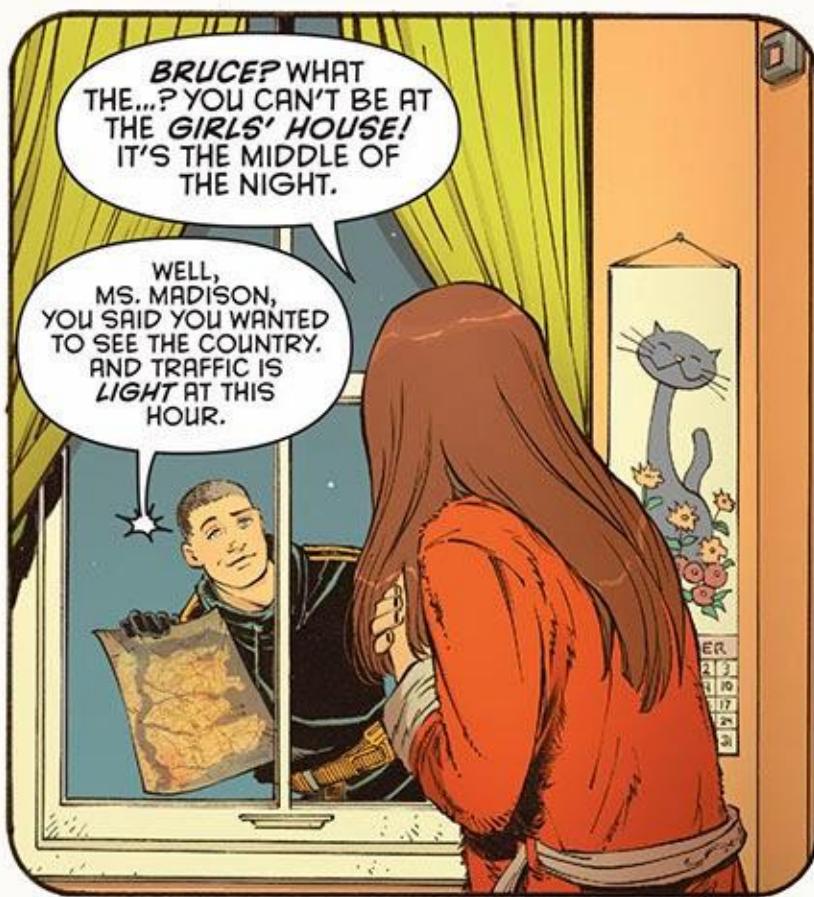
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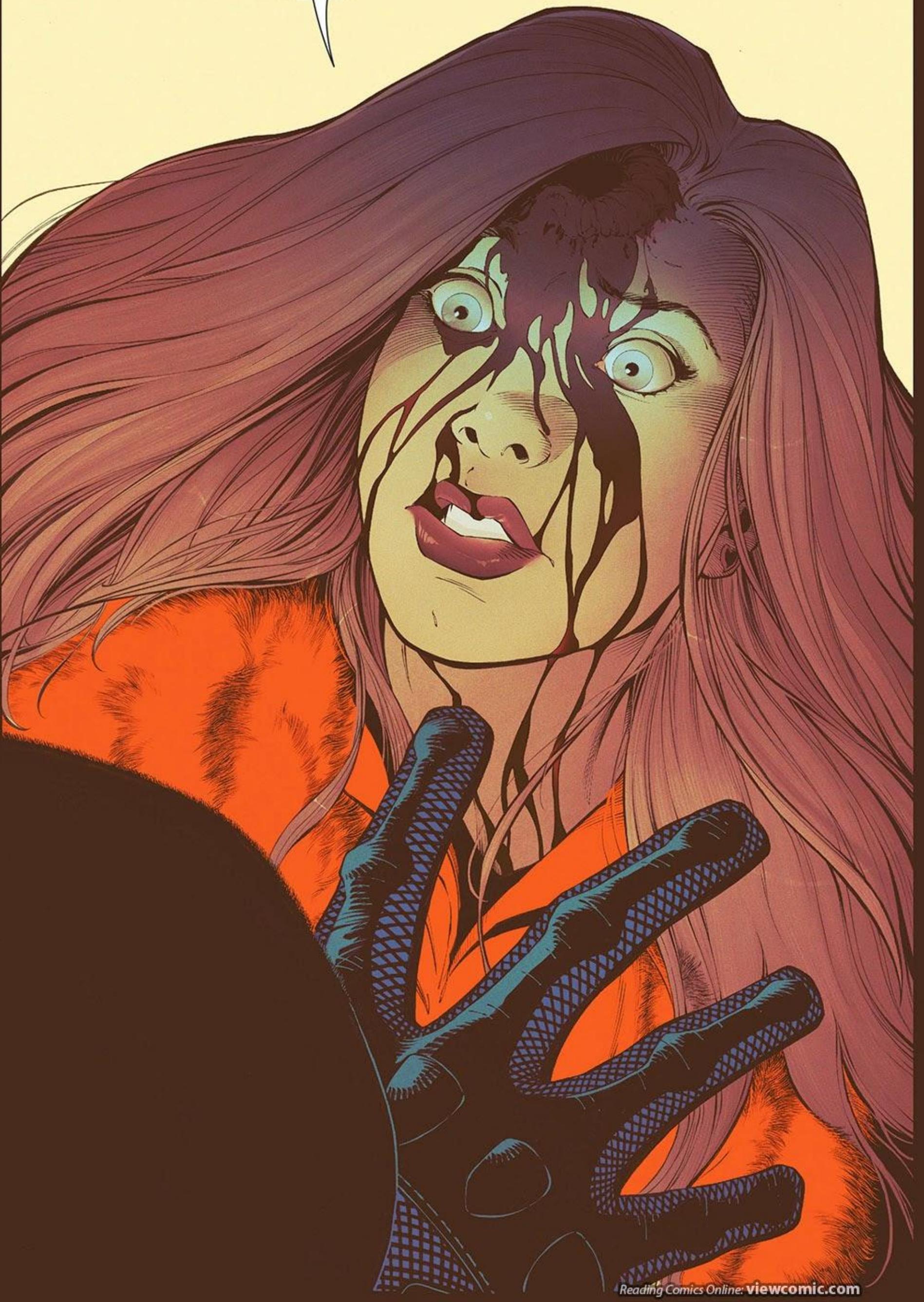


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...WHAT'S
WRONG?



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SAVAGE CITY

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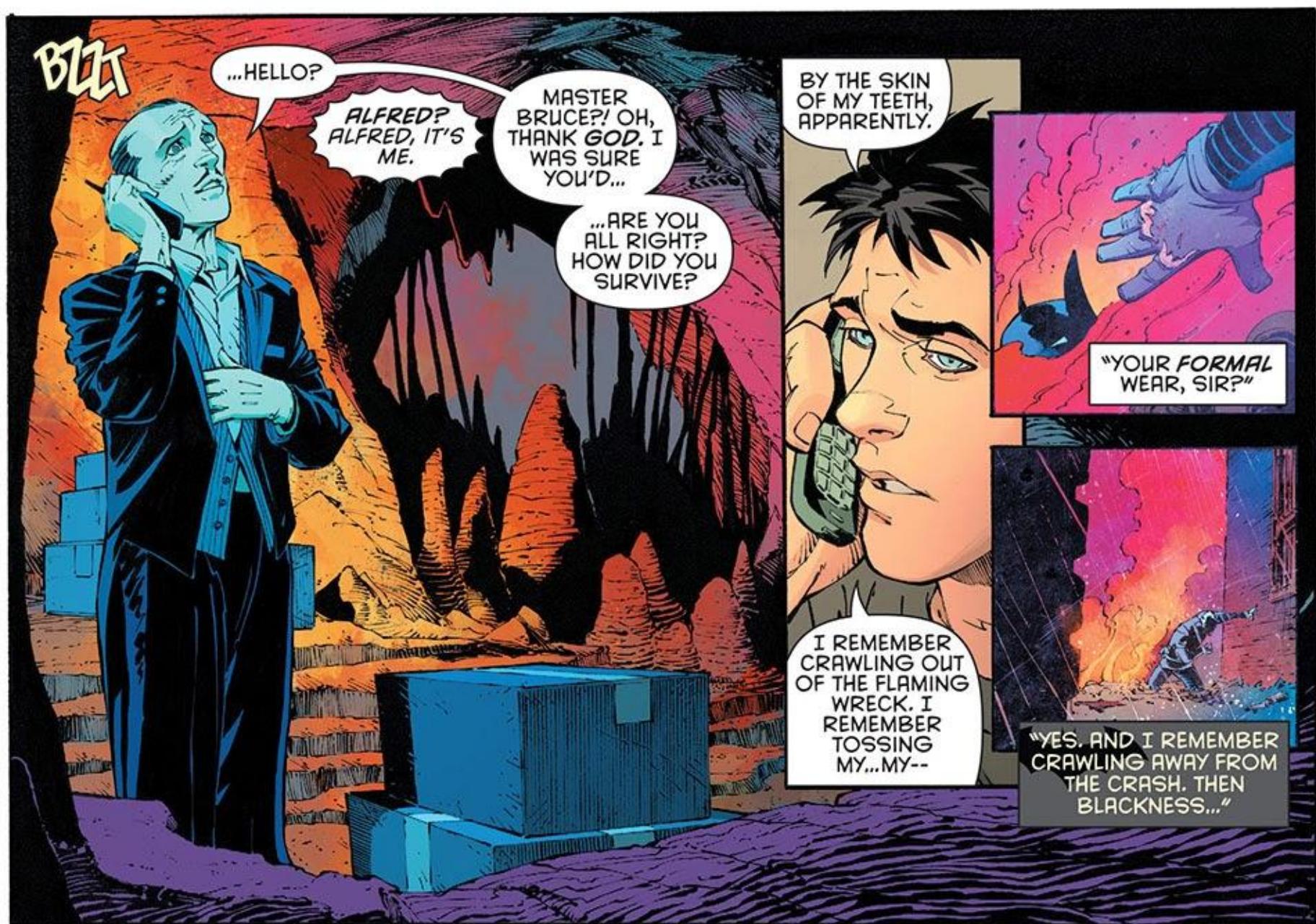
SEE,
MR. WAYNE?

WELCOME
TO ZERO
YEAR.

THAT'S WHAT
MR. RIDDLER
CALLS IT. HE SAYS
THERE'S JUST ONE
RULE NOW...







IT'S LOST, MASTER BRUCE. LOST. THE ENTIRE BORDER OF THE ISLAND, NEARLY NINE PERCENT, IS IRREPARABLY DAMAGED.

THE CENTER, OVERGROWN AND WILD. AND HE CONTROLS IT ALL FROM SOMEWHERE INSIDE. SOMEWHERE NO ONE CAN FIND HIM.

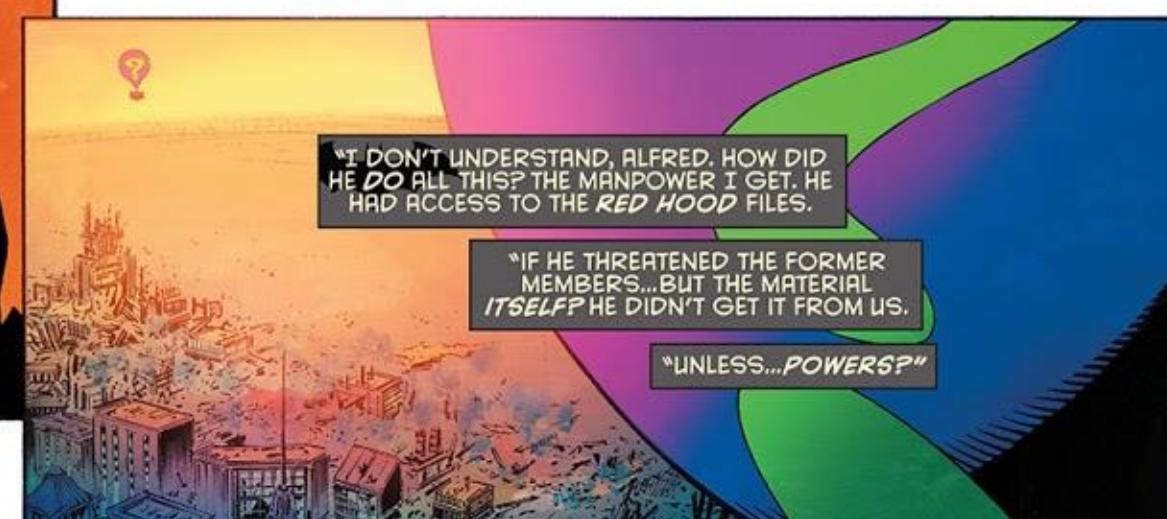
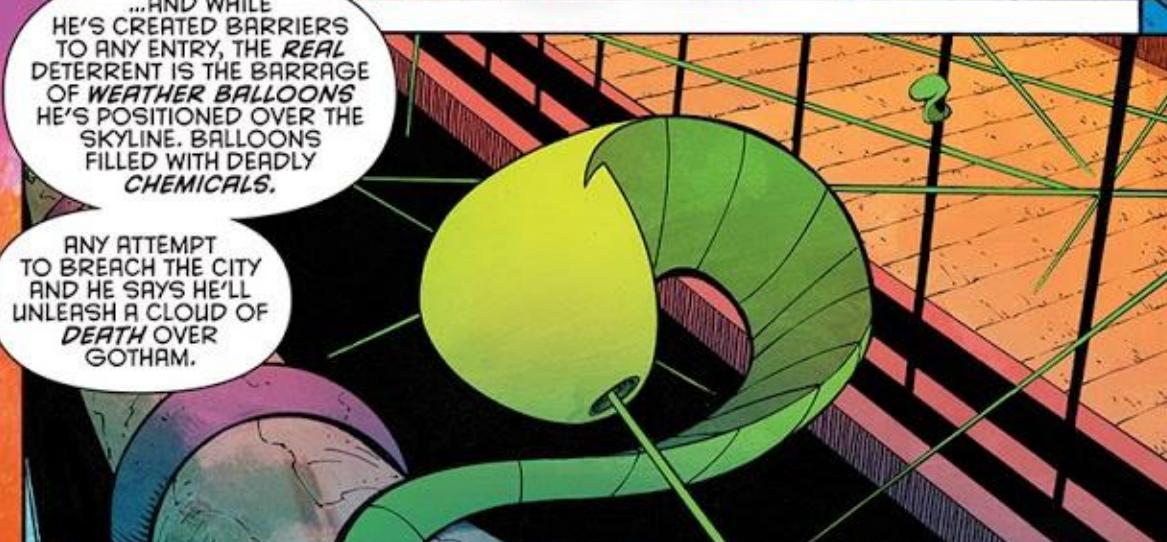
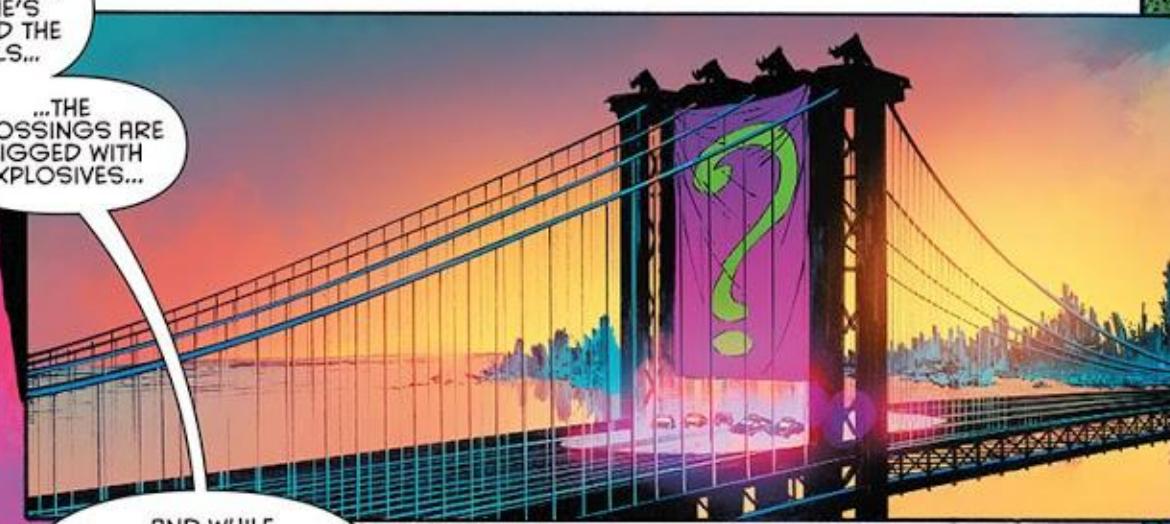
THE ACCESS POINTS?

THERE'S NO WAY IN OR OUT. HE'S FLOODED THE TUNNELS...

...THE CROSSINGS ARE RIGGED WITH EXPLOSIVES...

...AND WHILE HE'S CREATED BARRIERS TO ANY ENTRY, THE REAL DETERRENT IS THE BARRAGE OF WEATHER BALLOONS HE'S POSITIONED OVER THE SKYLINE. BALLOONS FILLED WITH DEADLY CHEMICALS.

ANY ATTEMPT TO BREACH THE CITY AND HE SAYS HE'LL UNLEASH A CLOUD OF DEATH OVER GOTHAM.



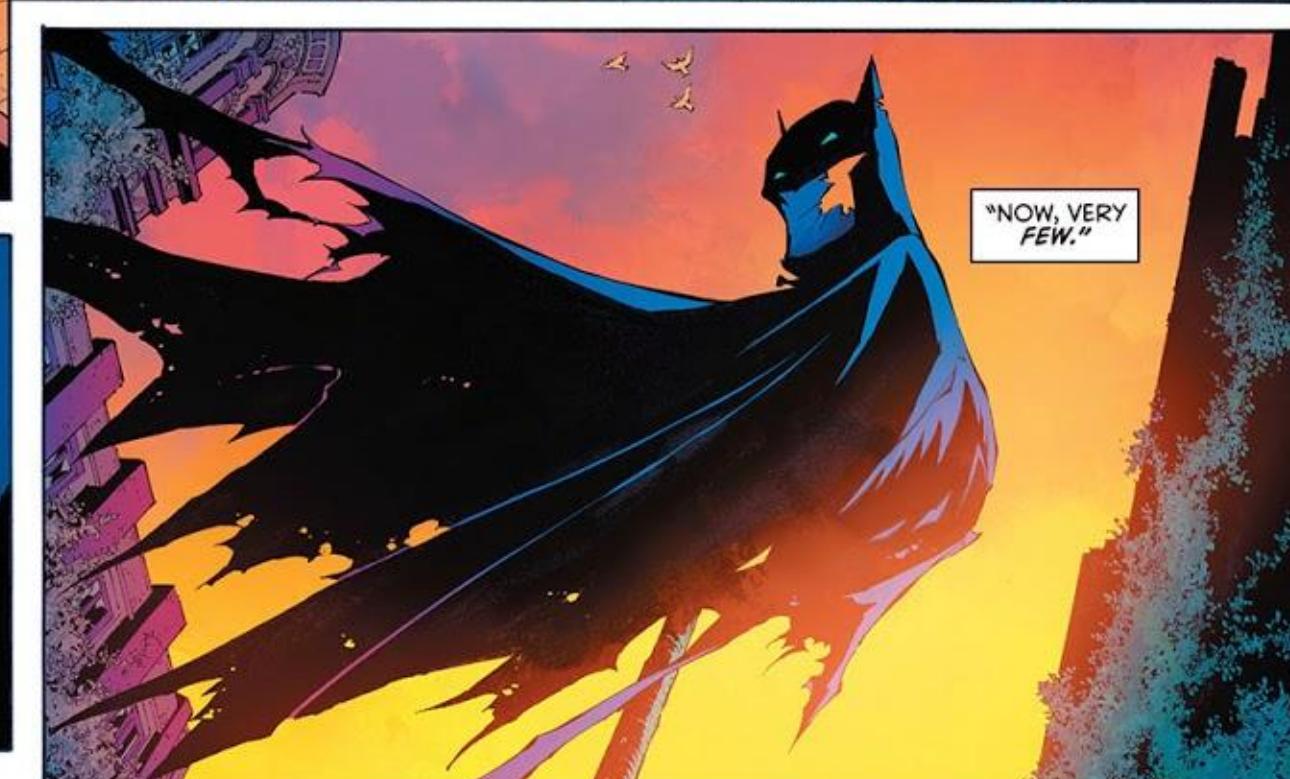
"WELL, HOWEVER HE'S MANAGED IT, SIR, HE NOW HAS THE CITY IN HIS GRIP. HE USED THE FLOOD TO DISSEMINATE DR. ISLEY'S STOLEN RESEARCH AND TURN ITS STREETS SAVAGE."

"HE USED THE DEVICES STOLEN FROM THE REST TO TAKE CONTROL OF ITS POWER GRID AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAN BE REMOTELY CONTROLLED..."

"...GOTHAM IS HIS OWN DEADLY PLAYGROUND."

"HAS ANYONE TRIED TO FIGHT HIM?"

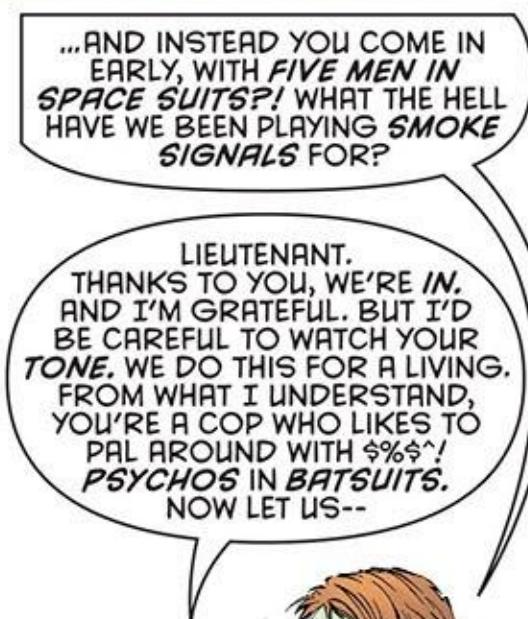
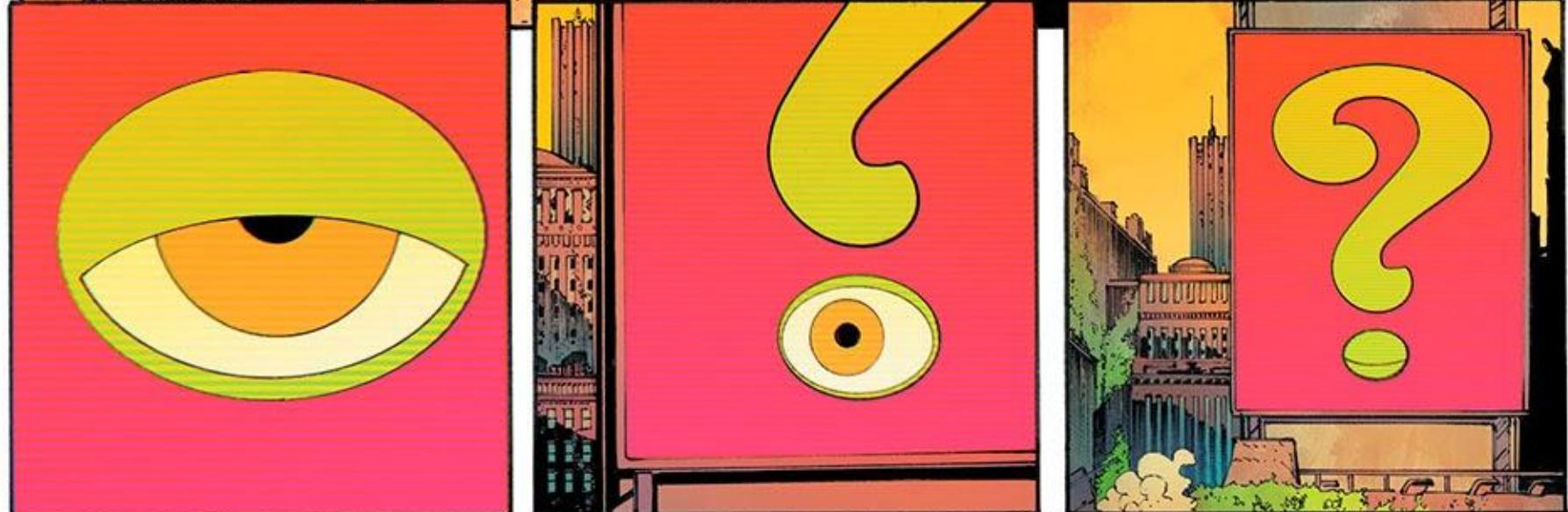
"AT FIRST, MANY."



"NOW, VERY FEW."







WONDERFUL
TO SEE YOU
ALL AGAIN NOW
→YAWN← AT
THIS MAGIC
HOUR.

AND IT IS MAGIC,
I CAN SEE THE MAGIC
SPARKLING IN THE AIR--CAN'T
YOU? BECAUSE RIGHT NOW,
AS YOU KNOW, IT'S THAT TIME OF
DAY WHEN ONE OF YOU, ANY
OF YOU, HAS THE CHANCE TO
STEP FORWARD AND BREAK
THE DARK, DARK SPELL I'VE
CAST OVER THIS
FAIR CITY.

SO, TELL
ME... WHO WILL IT
BE? GIVE YOUR
NAME, AND
MOUNT YOUR
CHALLENGE!

WHAT'S
THAT?
SPEAK UP,
NOW!

OH, COME
ON. ANOTHER DAY
WITH NOTHING TO
SHOW? NO
HEROES?

I KNOW THERE
HAS TO BE SOMEONE
OUT THERE WILLING TO
TRY, WILLING TO SWING
THE GREAT BLADE FOR
THEIR CITY!

STAY
DOWN. WE
CAN MAKE
OUR WAY
DOWN THE
SIDE...

...→SIGH← REALLY?
REALLY?! WELL, I'M
VERY DISAPPOINTED,
FOLKS. AFTER ALL, I'M
ONLY TRYING TO HELP
HERE. TO MAKE YOU
GOTHAMITES THE
PROMETHEANS THE
WORLD NEEDS!

I MEAN,
AFTER ALL...WE'RE
MANKIND. WE'RE PINK,
SQUIRMING, HAIRLESS
THINGS. NO FANGS, NO
CLAWS. WE WERE
BASICALLY DESIGNED
AS A QUICK SNACK
ALONG THE EVOLVING
FOOD CHAIN.

AND YET, HERE
WE ARE, DOMINANT,
RRRREGAL. AND WHY
IS THAT? OUR BRAINS,
PEOPLE. WE GET COLD,
WE INVENT MITTENS. WE
GET SICK, WE INVENT
CHICKEN SOUP. WE
OUTTHINK OUR
OWN DEMISE.

"AND RIGHT NOW, AT THIS
MOMENT, WE'RE IN DESPERATE
NEED OF SOME OUTTHINKING.
RISING TIDES. DWINDLING
RESOURCES. OVERPOPULATION.
PAN-GLOBAL CONFLICT. THE
WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMIES
RUNNING ON FUMES..."

"...ALL I'VE DONE
IS SPEED UP THE
CIRCUMSTANCES."



"GOTHAM IS NOW THE
FUTURE, SEE? IT IS THE
GRAND RIDDLE, ONE
BIGGER THAN EVEN I
CAN SOLVE. SO TAKE
IT AWAY FROM ME.

"BE THE HERO, PEOPLE.
THE ONE FOUND IN EVERY
CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD. THE HERO WHO
ANSWERS THE RIDDLE TO
PROVE HIS WORTH, TO
SAVE HIS PEOPLE."



SO, WHERE
ARE YOU,
HERO? WHERE
ARE YOU
HIDING?



ARE YOU
OUT THERE,
SOMEWHERE?



-YAWN- ALL I'M ASKING IS FOR YOU TO SHOW ME. SHOW ME YOU'RE A SMARTER MAN THAN I, AND I'LL REMOVE THE QUESTION FROM YOUR LIVES, FOR NOW.



NO ONE? ALL RIGHT, THEN...BACK TO SLEEP. TO DREA--

I'LL DO IT, NYGMA.



-KOFF- I'LL CHALLENGE YOU.

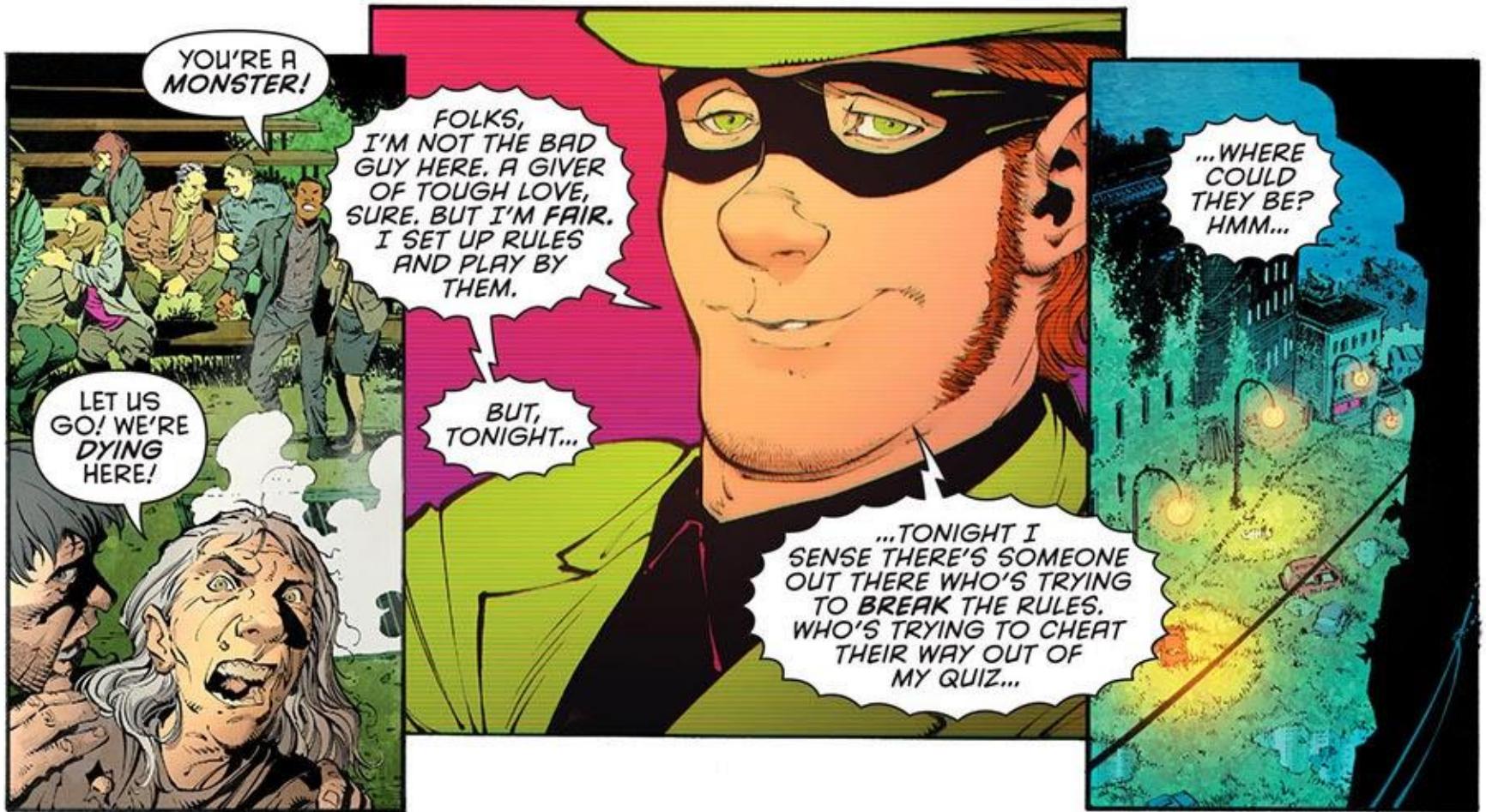
WELL, WELL, I KNOW YOU! GOTHAMITES, MEET BOB CHEE. POWERS INDUSTRIES LEAD STRATEGIST. OR FORMER STRATEGIST. THEY GAVE HIM THE AXE TO GET ME IN AFTER I LEFT WAYNE ENTERPRISES.

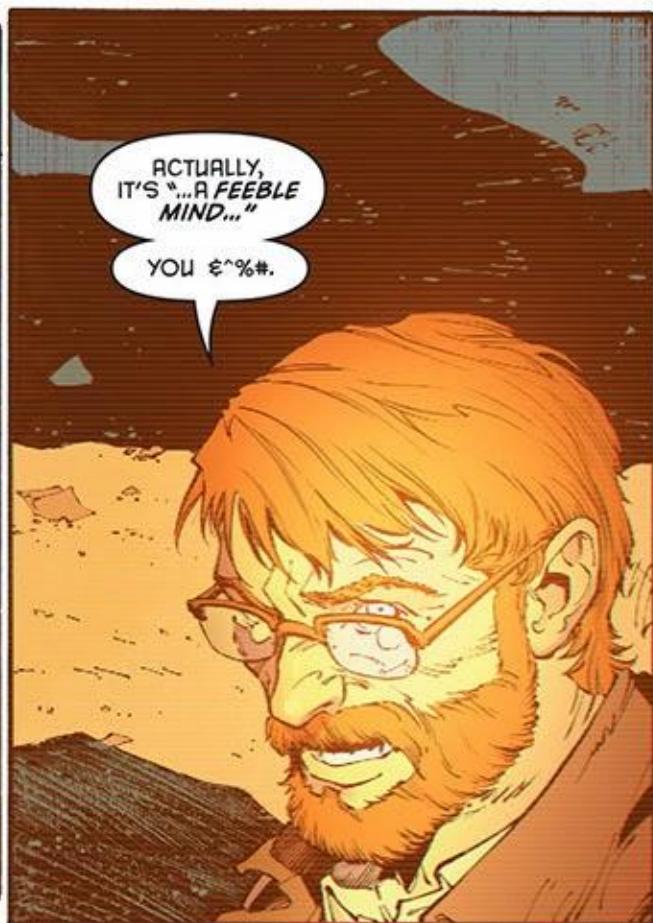
OF COURSE, I ONLY STAYED LONG ENOUGH TO RAID THE CUPBOARDS, BUT STILL...GO AHEAD, BOB. THESE ARE YOUR TOYS, AFTER ALL!

ALL RIGHT. MY RIDDLE IS, THERE ONCE WERE TWO TURTLES TRYING TO CROSS A RIVER. BUT EACH ALONE, THEY--

THEY'RE BOTH BLIND.











THE BUILDINGS ARE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR US! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF--

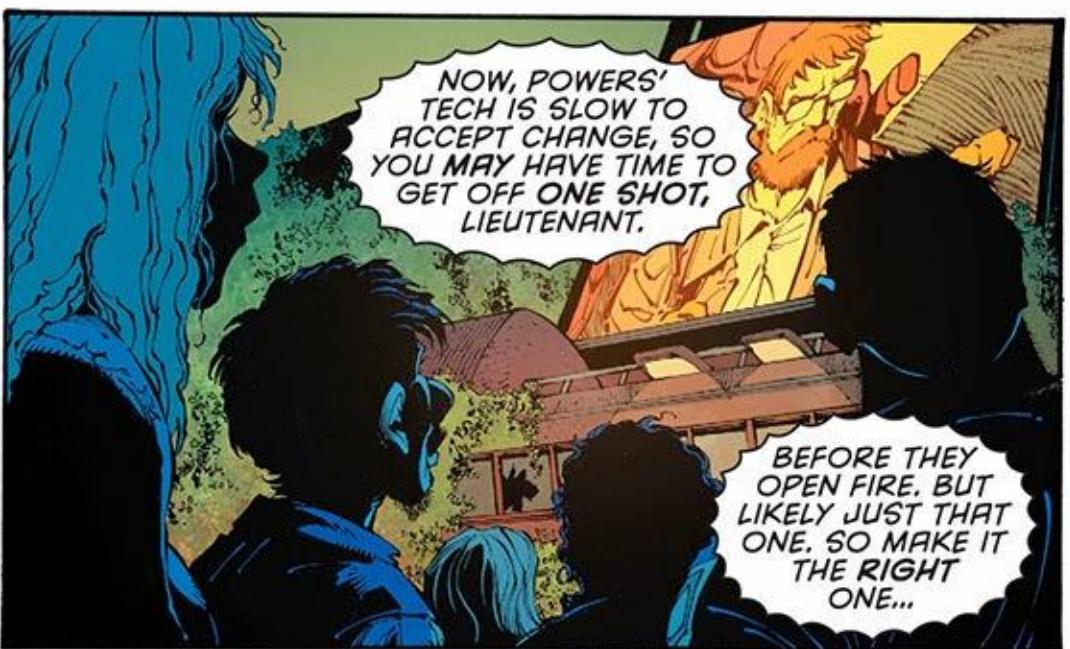


THE RULES, WELL, THEY'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN YOU MIGHT EXPECT, BUT STILL FAMILIAR ENOUGH. THE KEY IS TO BE FAST PUPILS!

NOW... I'VE PROGRAMMED THESE RIDDLER-BOTS IN A RING AROUND YOU.

I'VE SET THEIR DVT'S TO M-D. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

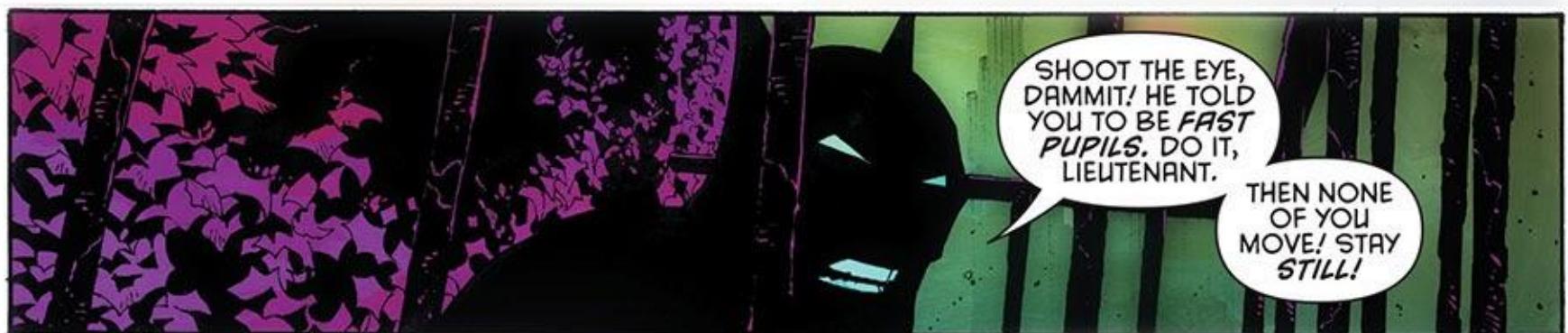
MOTION DETECTION, MR. NYGMA--



...OR IT'S CERTAINLY ASHES, ASHES, AND YOU ALL FALL DOWN.

MR. NYGMA! MR. NYGMA PLEASE, IF YOU'D JUST--

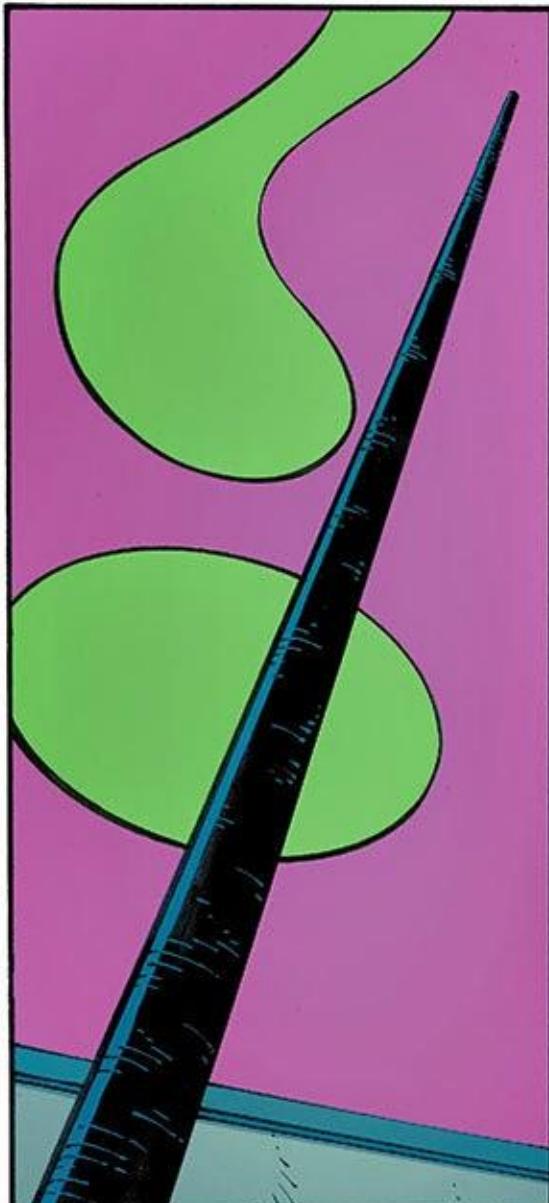
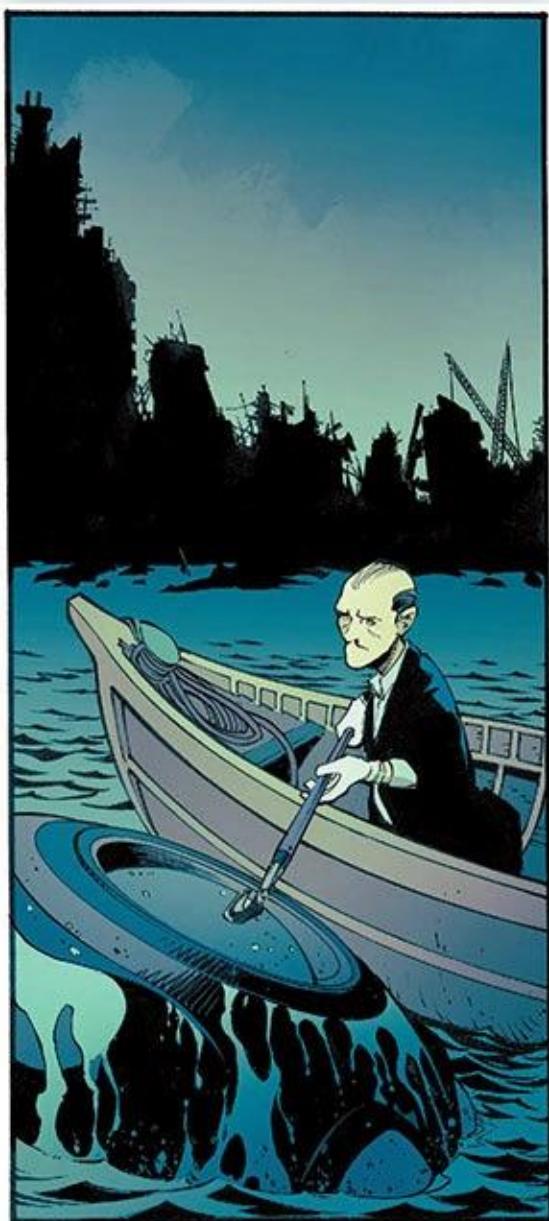














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