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THERE'S THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S BATMAN, OFFICER--BUT THIS IS THE **REAL BATMAN** NEXT TO ME!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? IF I'M NOT BATMAN-- WHO AM I?



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GOTHAM CITY.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A RENOWNED ACROBAT. WHY CAN'T YOU CATCH THIS COMMON THIEF?

COPPLE THINGS... #1--WHY CAN'T YOU, KID HOLIER THAN THOU?

AND #2-- OUR THIEF IS PACKING...



DONNING THE BURDEN OF THE COWL UNTIL
BRUCE WAYNE'S RETURN, DICK GRAYSON IS
JOINED BY THE SON OF THE MISSING DARK
KNIGHT, DAMIAN. TOGETHER, THEY PROTECT
THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY AS
THE NEW BATMAN AND ROBIN IN

THE GREAT ESCAPE

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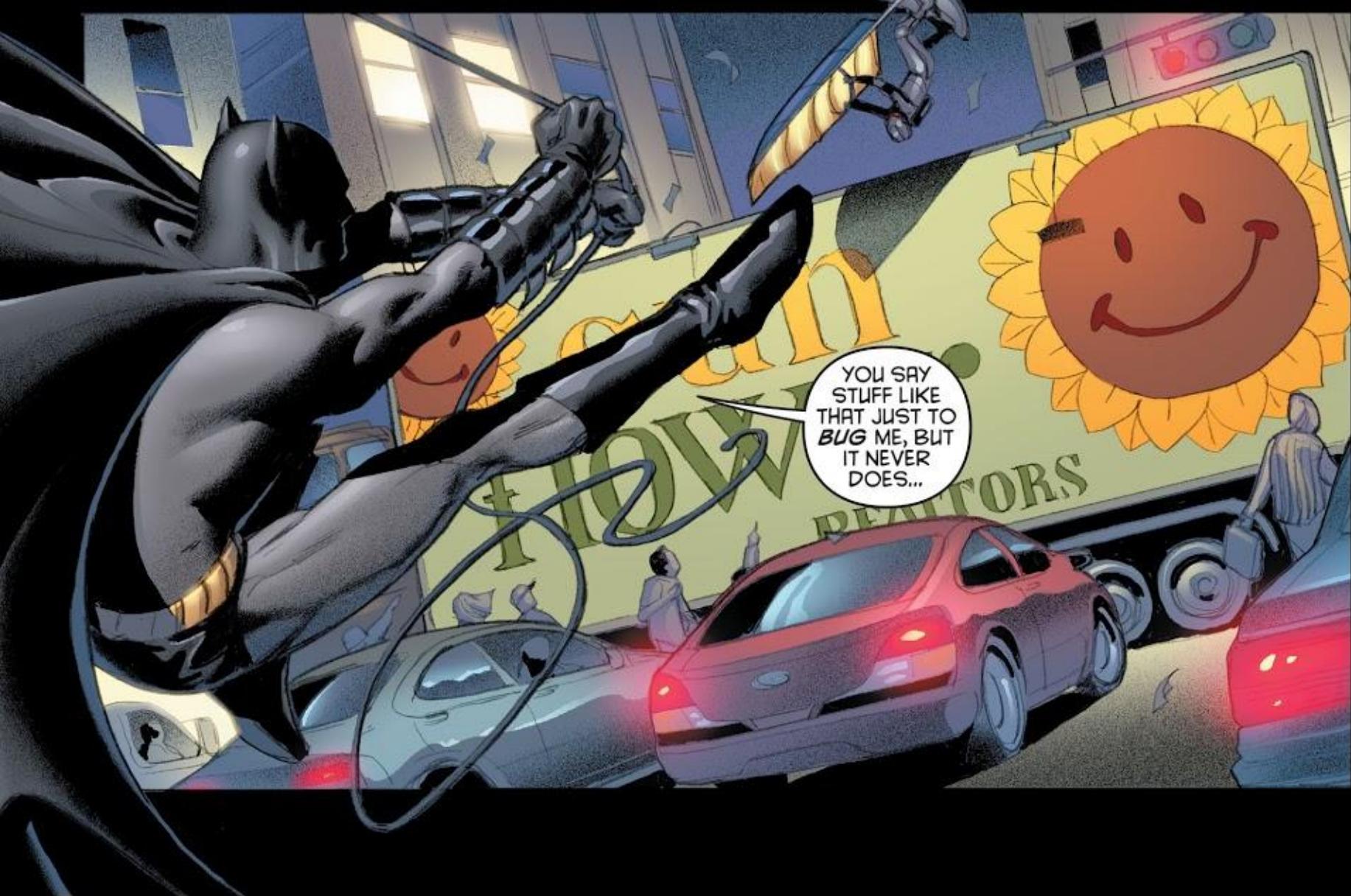
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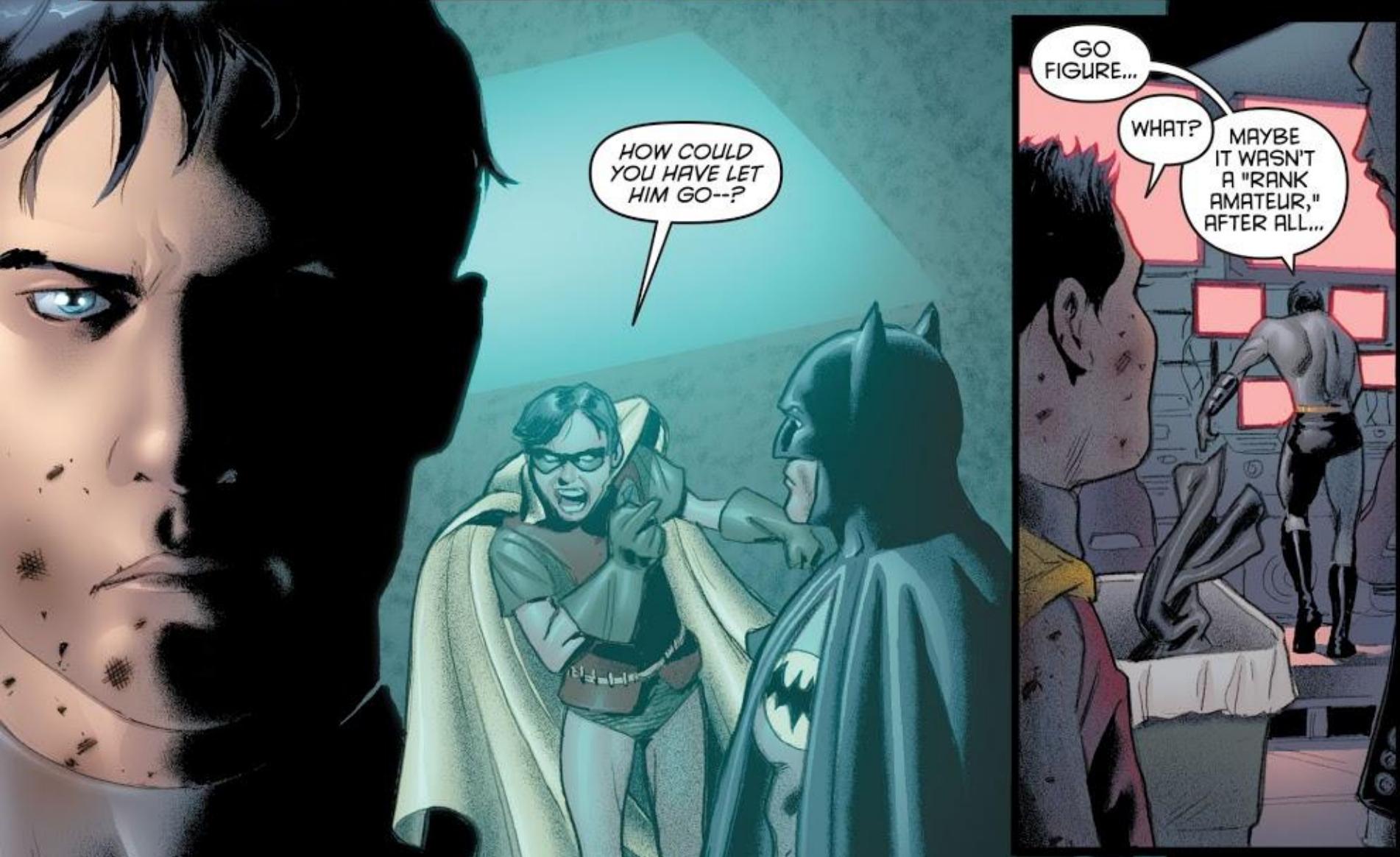
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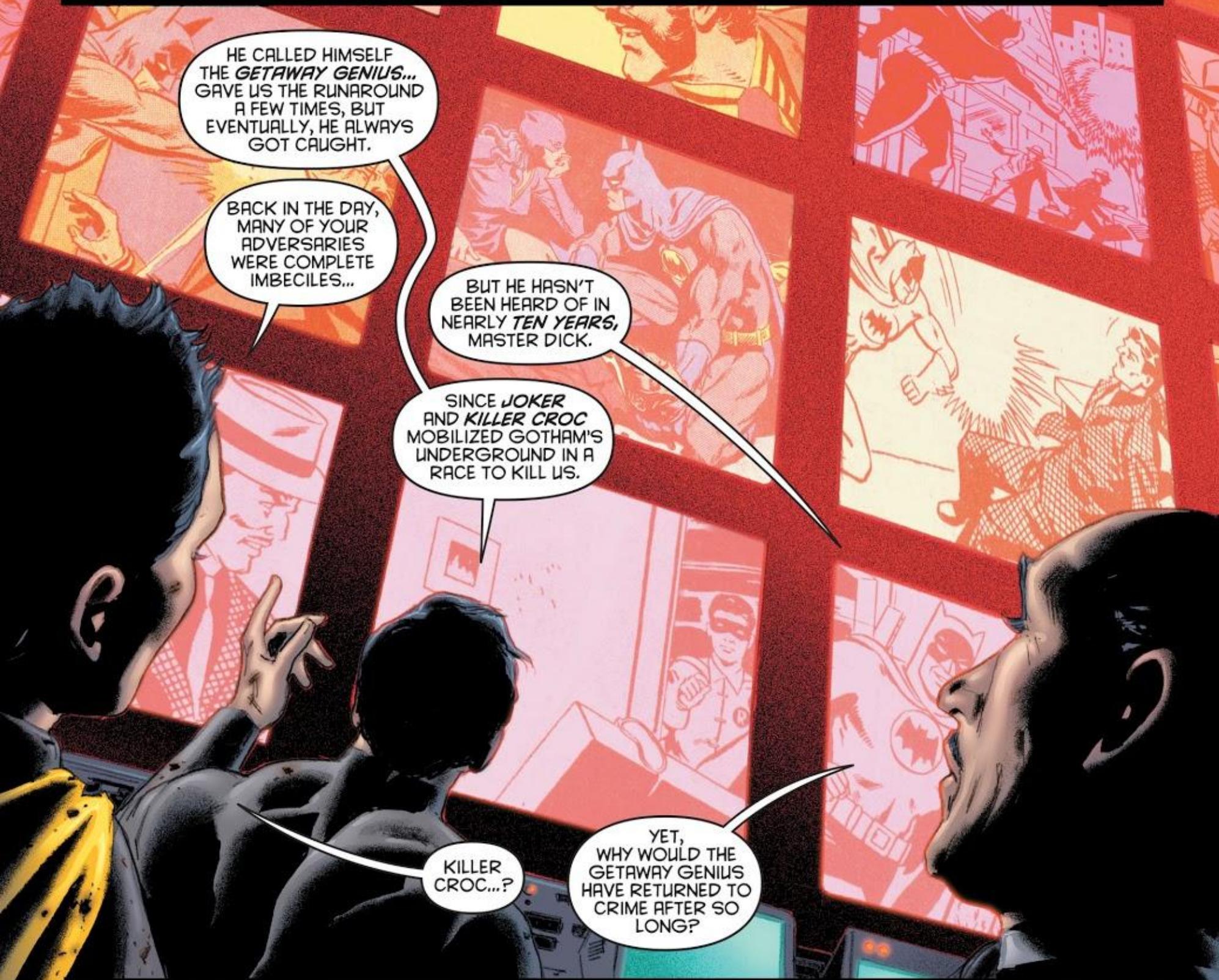
...SOME PRETTY
UNCOMMON
GETAWAY GEAR!











...BUT
I THINK I
KNOW WHO
CAN.

AND LOOK
AT THE BY-LINE.
VICKI VALE, YOU
THINK SHE'S TRYING
TO GROW US,
TIM?

I DO.

YOU THINK
SHE'S STILL
ON TO US?

CONSIDERING THAT TO PROTECT
OUR SECRET IDENTITIES FROM
HER, I FADED INJURIES THAT WILL
"AFFECT" TIM DRAKE FOR MONTHS,
I'D HOPE NOT, BUT...

ANOTHER OF YOUR
"BRILLIANT PLANS"
BRILLIANTLY
ENABLED, DRAKE?

SHOULD WE HAVE
GONE WITH YOUR IDEA
TO KILL HER?

I WAS
JOOKING.

WE KNOW,
MASTER
DAMIAN...

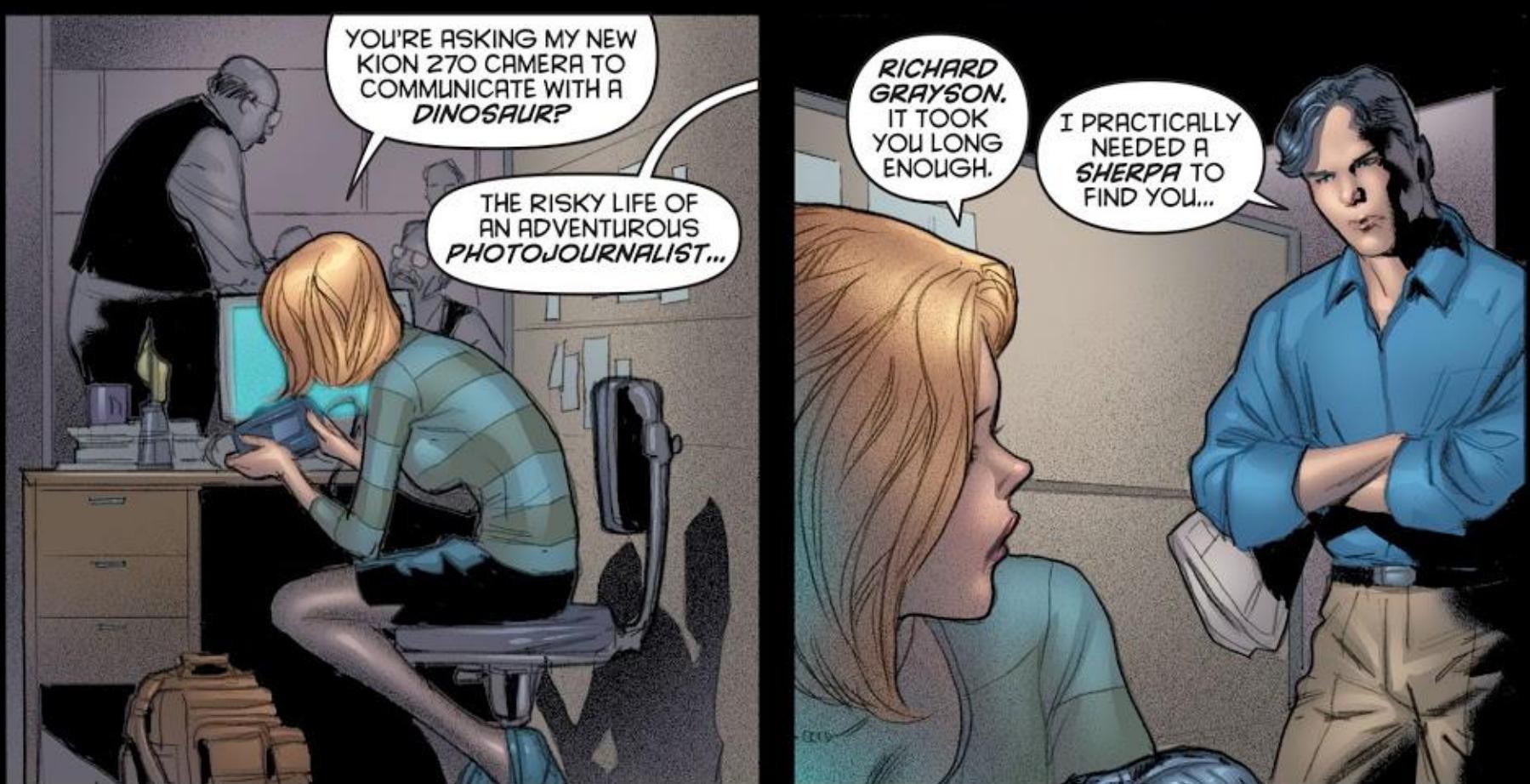
I WAS!

BIG COINCIDENCE
FOR HER TO BE A
BLOCK AWAY FROM
THE SCENE OF
THE CRIME.

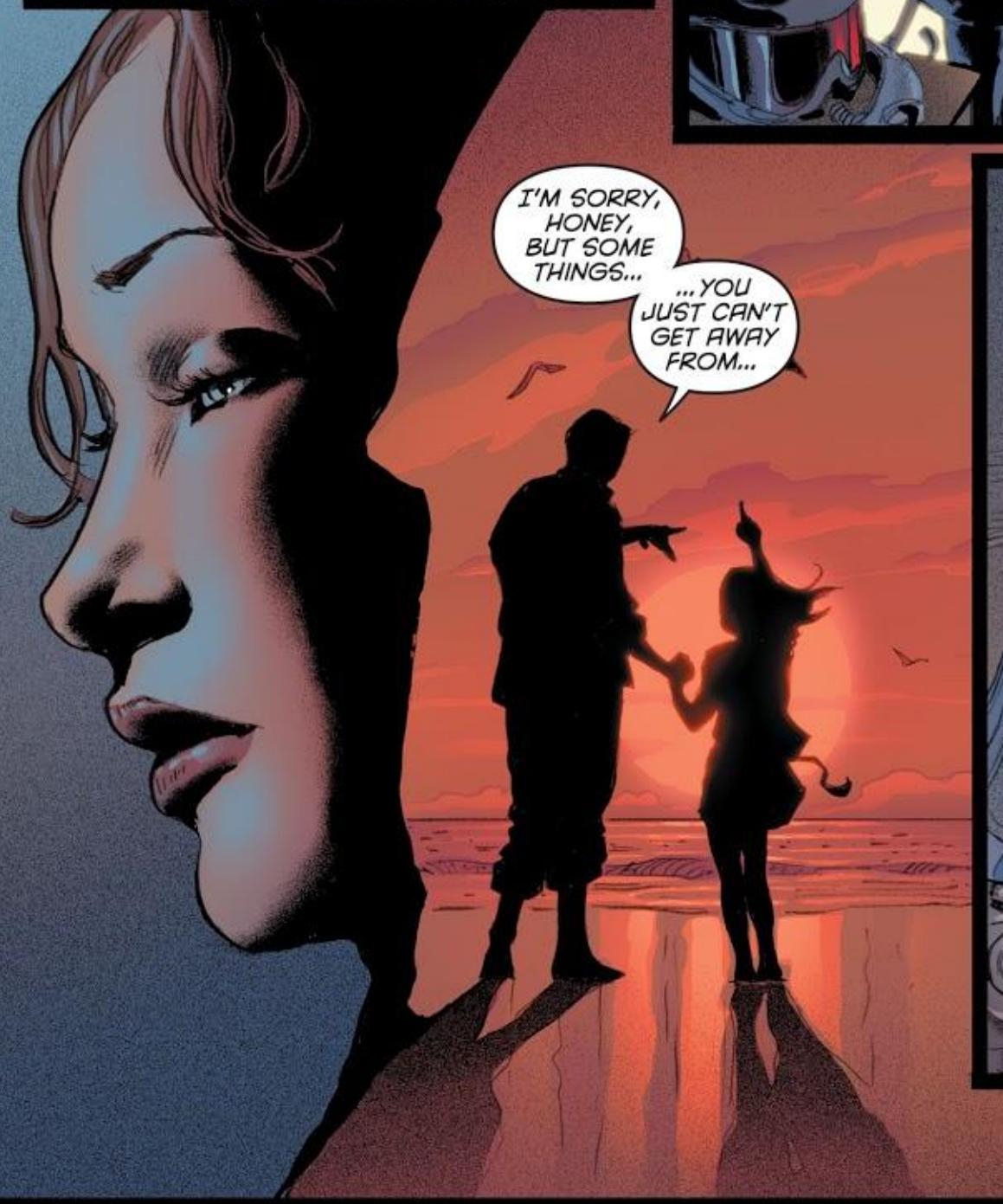
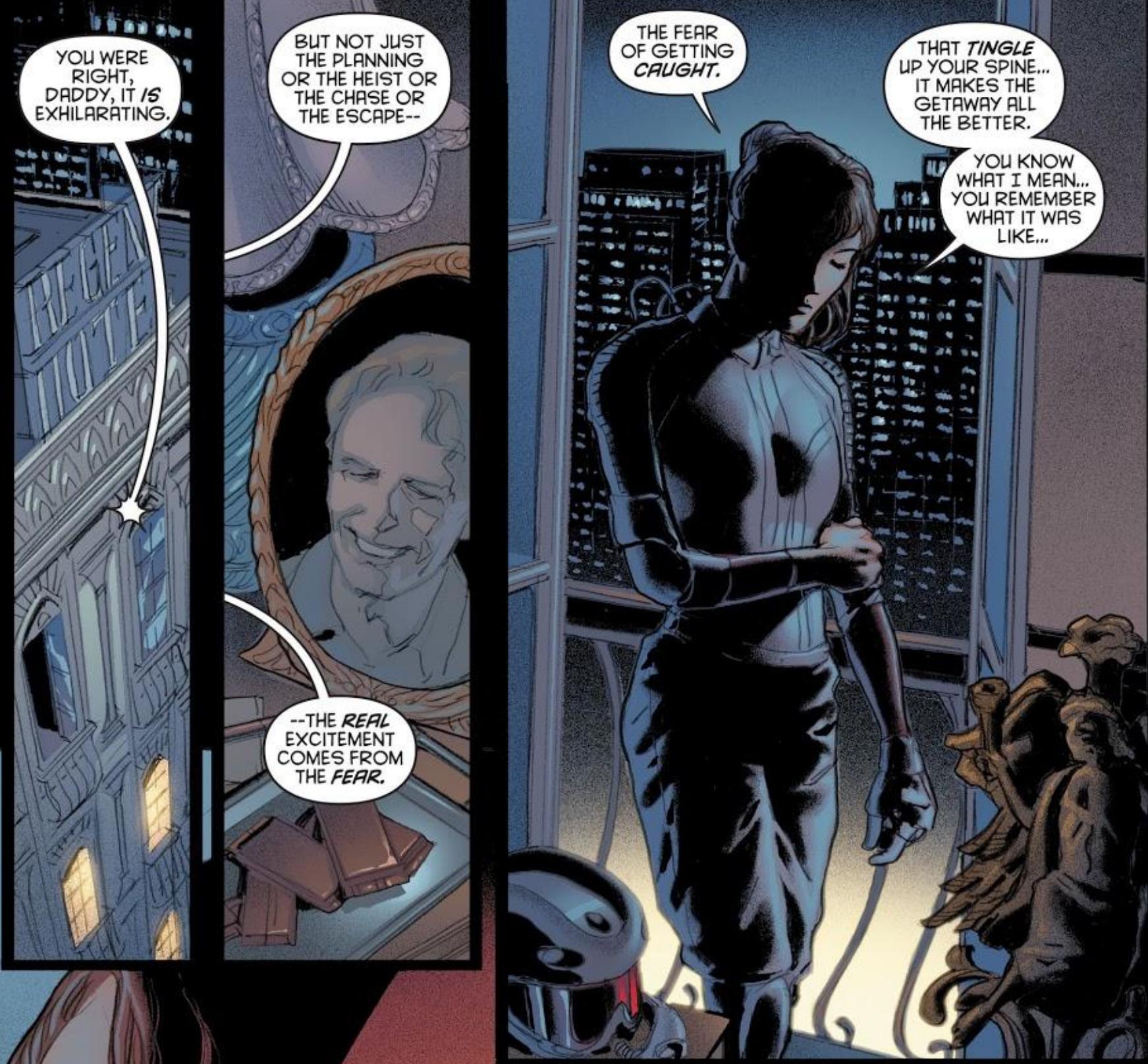
WELL, IF SHE HAS
INSIDE INFORMATION
ON WHERE GETAWAY
GENIUS PLANS TO
STRIKE--

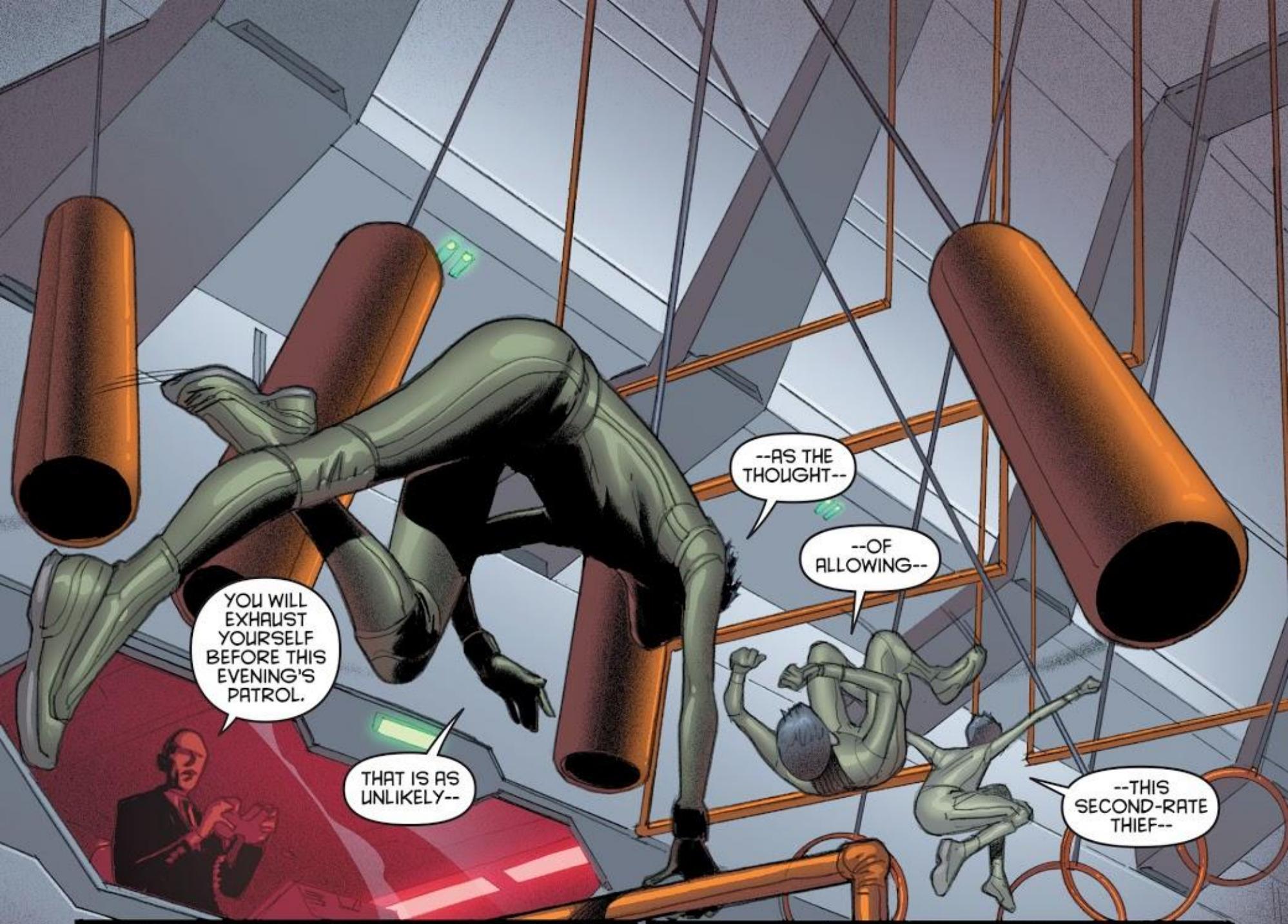
--WE HAVE TO
FIND OUT AND
PUT A STOP
TO IT.

I THINK I'M
OVERDUE FOR A
CONVERSATION
WITH...











THE ORIGINAL
GASLIGHT DISTRICT.

THE GOTHAM HISTORICAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS "AN EVENING
IN VICTORIAN GOTHAM."

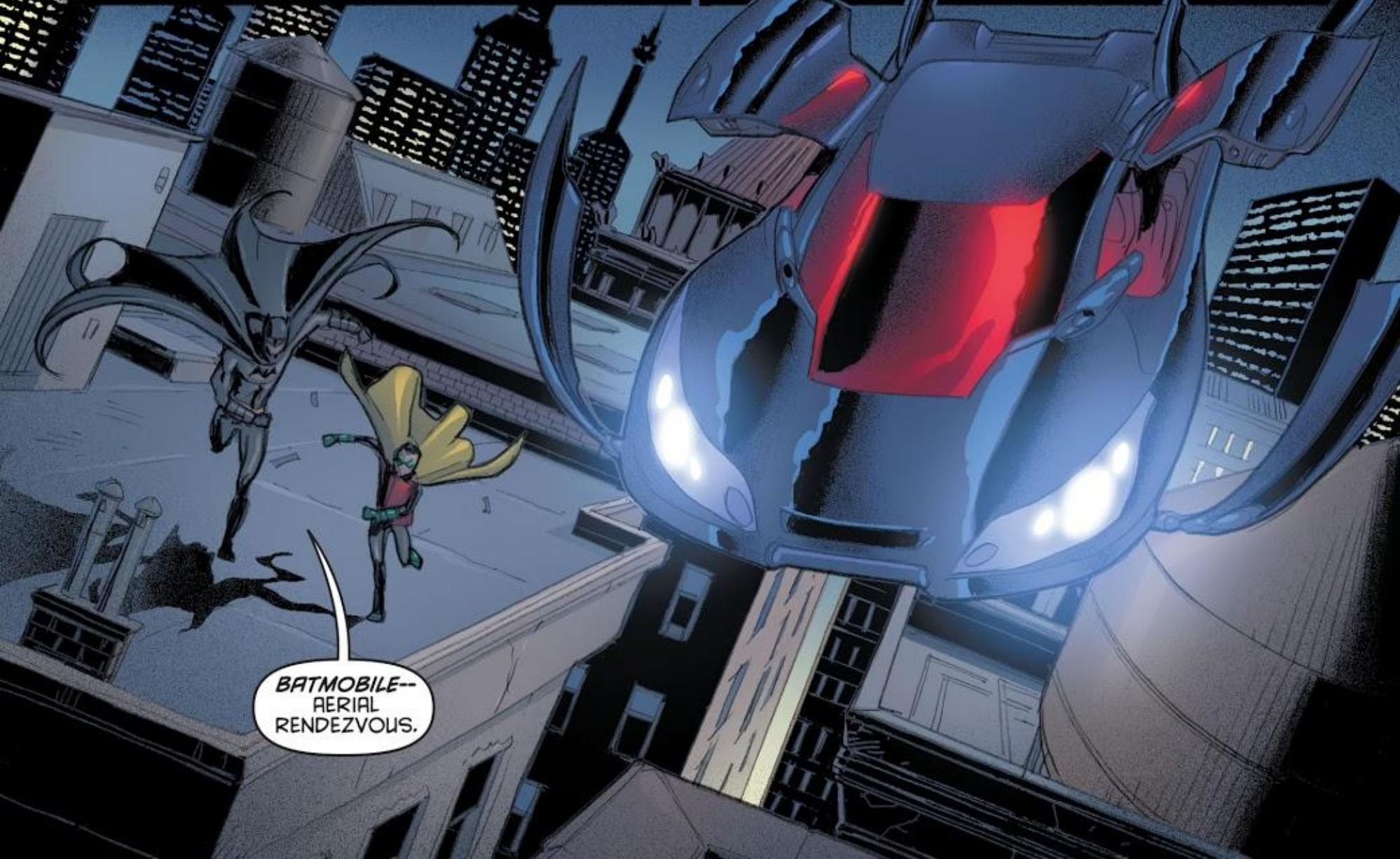
GIVE ME
YOUR BEST
SOCIETY PAGE
SMILE!

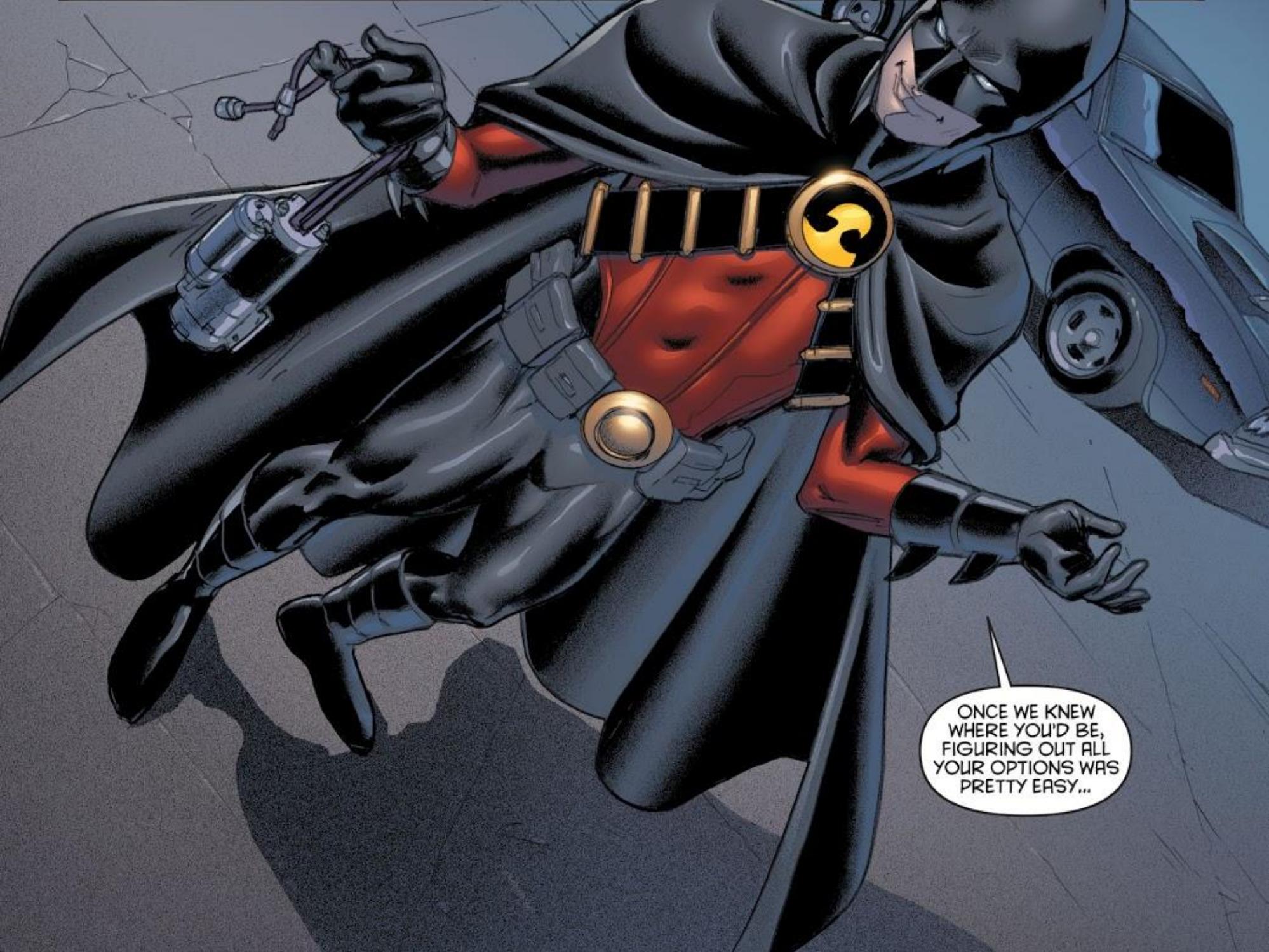
I'D BE
SMILING TOO
IF I HAD A MILLION
BUCKS AROUND
MY NECK...

STOP!











THIS IS
WHAT GETAWAY
GENIUS WAS
STEALING.

ADRUCIL...
AVASTIN...
CAMPTOSTAR...
ELOXATIN...

...THESE ARE ALL
CHEMOTHERAPY
DRUGS...?

THAT'S WHY WE
HADN'T HEARD
FROM HIM IN
SO LONG.

HE WANTS TO LIVE
LONG ENOUGH TO
SEE HIS DAUGHTER
GROW UP...

THEN
BRUCE SAID,
"NO CHILD SHOULD
HAVE TO GROW UP
WITHOUT THEIR
PARENTS."

BRUCE
REIMBURSED THE
CLINIC THE DRUGS WERE
STOLEN FROM. HE SET UP
A HEALTH INSURANCE
PLAN FOR GETAWAY
GENIUS...

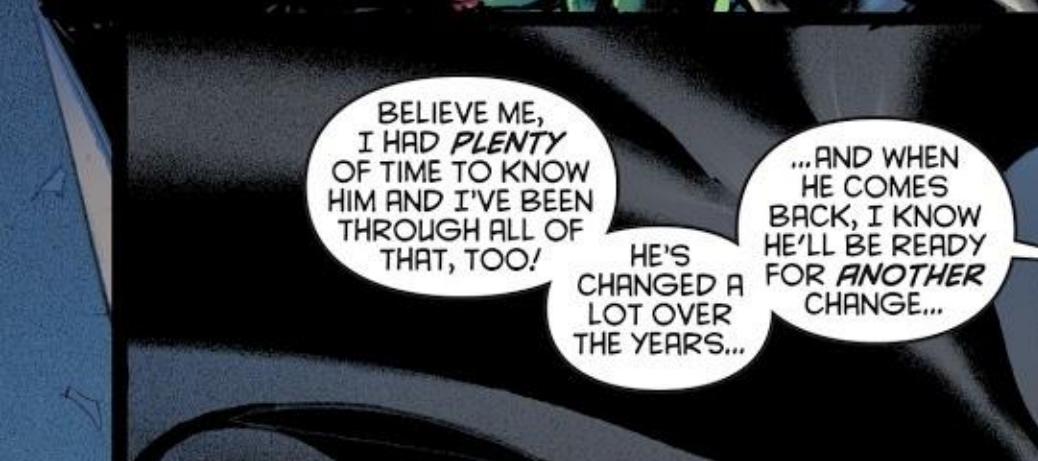


IT'S NOT...
NOT WHAT
I WOULD HAVE
EXPECTED
OF HIM.



I... I NEVER
REALLY GOT
TO KNOW HIM.
I DIDN'T HAVE
ENOUGH
TIME.

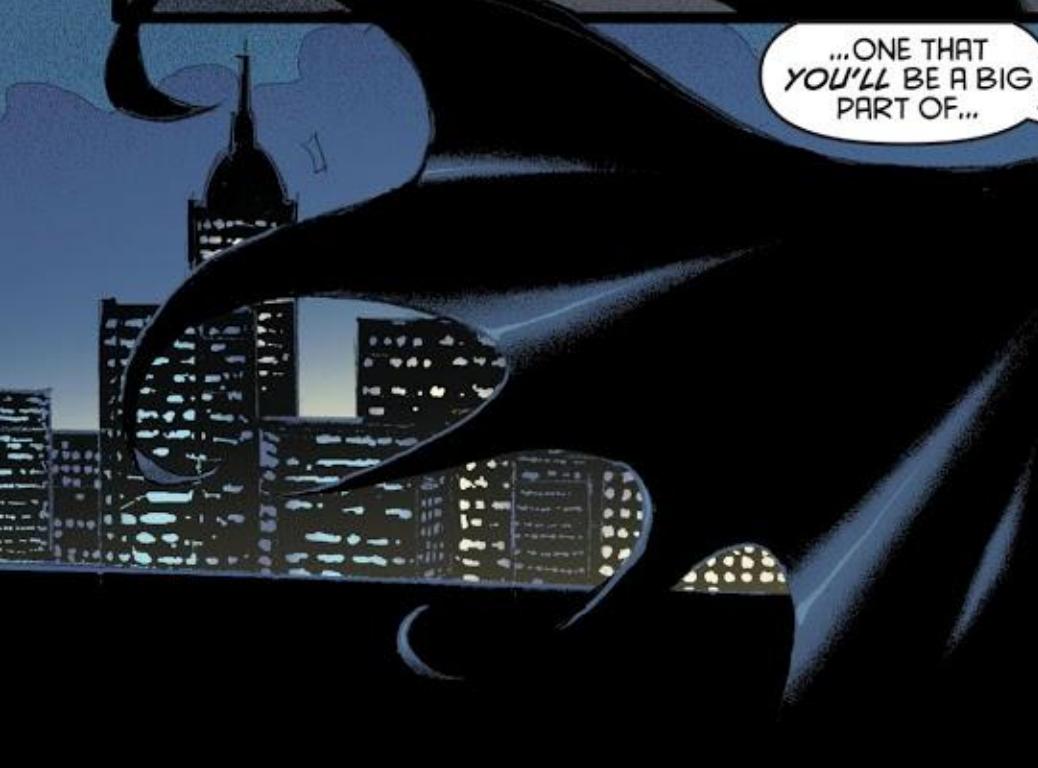
AND WHAT
LITTLE I DID...
SPENT IN ANGER...
IN PRETENDING
I DIDN'T
CARE...



BELIEVE ME,
I HAD PLENTY
OF TIME TO KNOW
HIM AND I'VE BEEN
THROUGH ALL OF
THAT, TOO!

HE'S
CHANGED A
LOT OVER
THE YEARS...

...AND WHEN
HE COMES
BACK, I KNOW
HE'LL BE READY
FOR ANOTHER
CHANGE...



...ONE THAT
YOU'LL BE A BIG
PART OF...

IF HE
COMES
BACK.

WHEN...
AND WHEN
HE DOES...



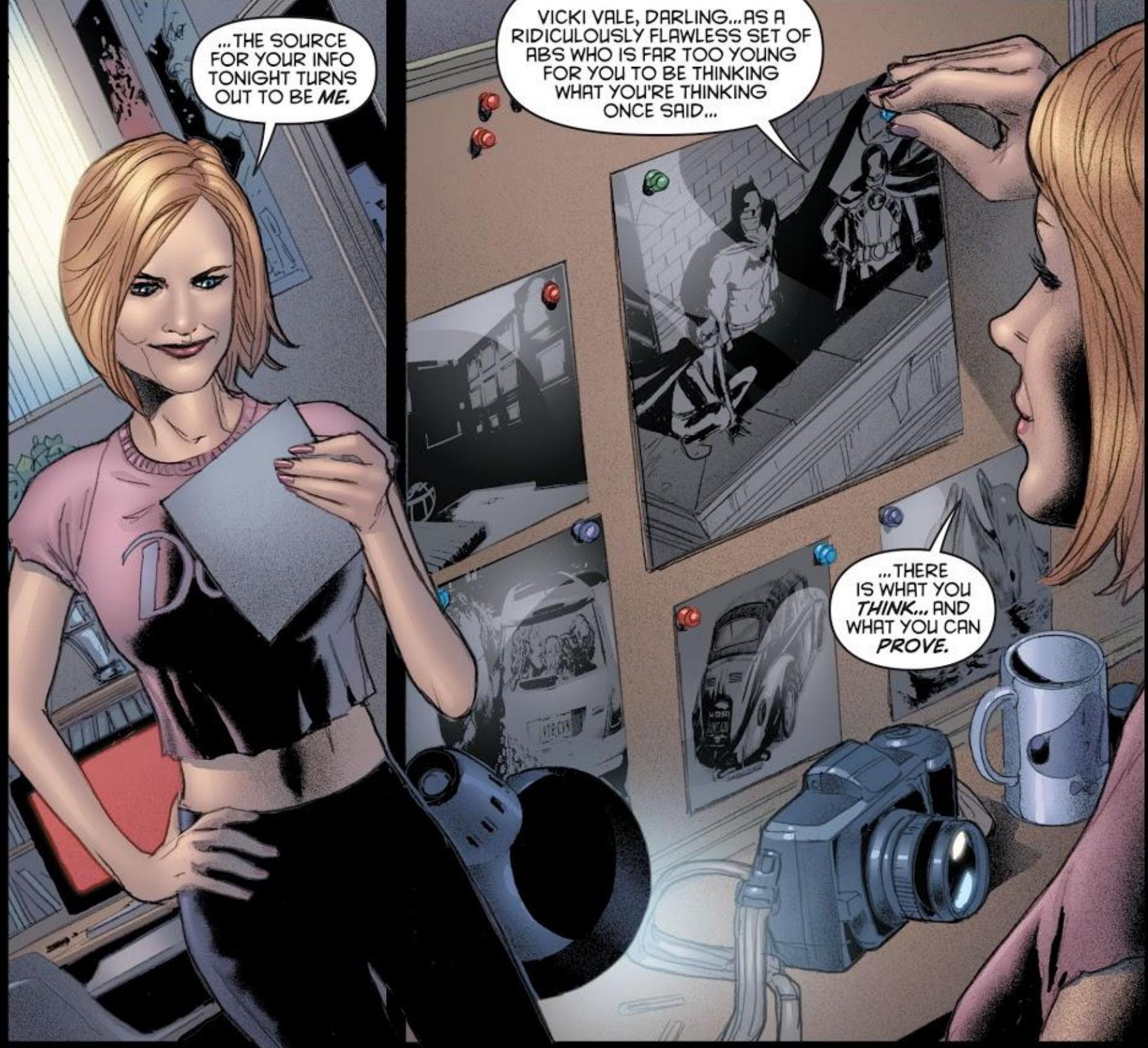
"...YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD TO KNOW **EVERYTHING** ABOUT HIM."

IT'S FUNNY... OF ALL THE **SOURCES** YOU MUST HAVE ALL OVER GOTHAM...

...THE SOURCE FOR YOUR INFO TONIGHT TURNS OUT TO BE **ME**.

VICKI VALE, DARLING... AS A RIDICULOUSLY FLAWLESS SET OF ABS WHO IS FAR TOO YOUNG FOR YOU TO BE THINKING WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ONCE SAID...

...THERE IS WHAT YOU **THINK**... AND WHAT YOU CAN PROVE.



SO...NOW THAT YOU **CAN** PROVE IT... WHAT DO YOU DO NEXT...?



IN OCTOBER--BRUCE WAYNE: THE ROAD HOME--A MONTH-LONG BAT-FAMILY SPECIAL EVENT!
WILL BRUCE WAYNE RETURN ONLY TO SEE HIS GREATEST SECRETS REVEALED?!



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