

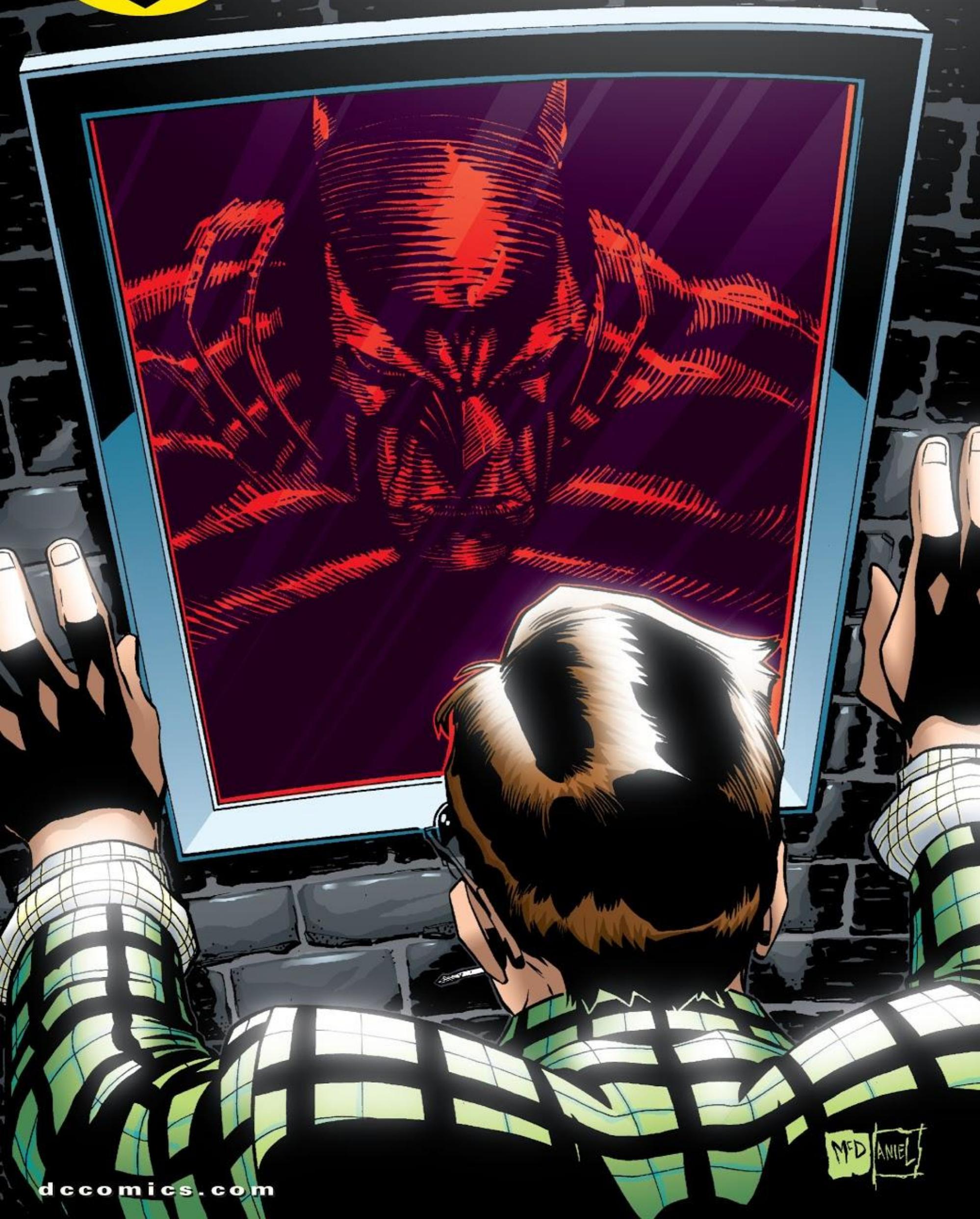
BATMAN

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SCARFACE,
IS...IS THIS
REALLY
PRUDENT?

WHY DON'T YOU
START ACTIN' LIKE
A REAL VENTRILOQUIST
AND SEAL THOSE LIPS,
WESKER. YOU AIN'T
THE GOSS OF THIS
OPERATION.

OF... OF
COURSE
NOT, BUT...

BUT THE MAN
YOU SHOT... MATCHES
MALONE... IF HE
REALLY WAS WORKING
FOR THE BATMAN, WE...
WE COULD BE IN
GRAVE DANGER.

NO KIDDING,
GRAINIAC.
THAT'S WHY
WE'RE KEEPING
OUR PROFILES
LOW-LIKE. AS
SOON AS THE
HEAT DIES DOWN,
WE'LL HOTFOOT
IT OUT OF
GOTHAM.

BUT YOU... YOU MURDERED
ONE OF HIS OPERATIVES. THE "HEAT"
WON'T DIE DOWN UNTIL WE'RE
BACK IN ARKHAM!

NO WONDER YOUR
HAIR'S FALLING OUT, WESKER.
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH. THE
GAT AIN'T NEVER GONNA
FIND US HERE.

NOW QUIT YOUR GELLYACHING. I GOT
US A KILLER CAGNEY DOUBLE FEATURE LINED
UP... PUGLIC ENEMY AND ANGELS WITH
DIRTY FACES.

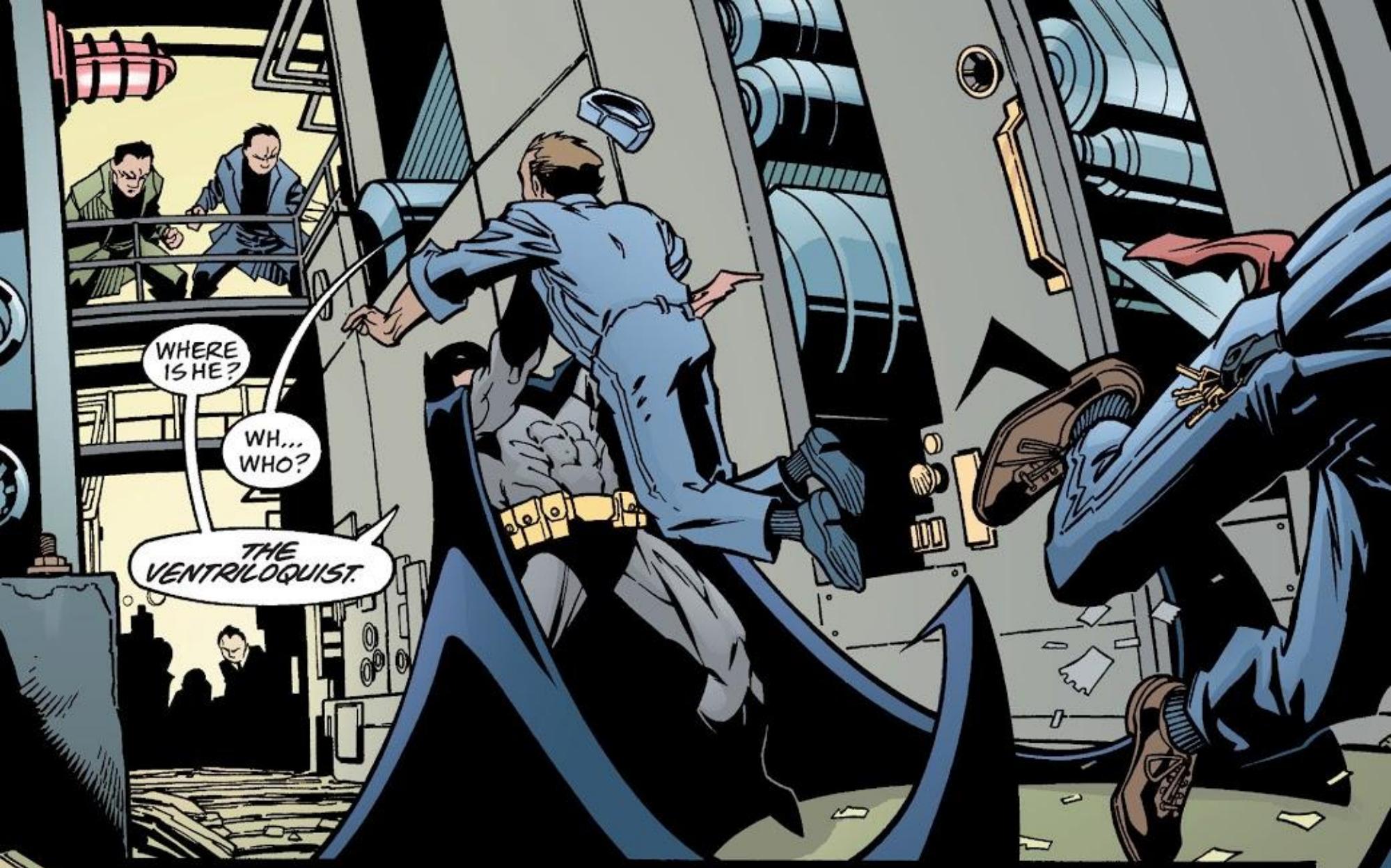
SIT
GACK,
RELAX...

CLOSE BEFORE STRIKING

ACT THREE



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NUH... NO WAY! YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT PUPPET PAYS ME, MAN? I'M A SINGLE PARENT. I GOT TWIN GIRLS TO FEED!

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'D EVER RAT THE BOSS OUT TO YOU?

BECUSE IF YOU DON'T...

...THERE WILL BE TWO MORE ORPHANS IN GOTHAM TONIGHT.

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HAWK
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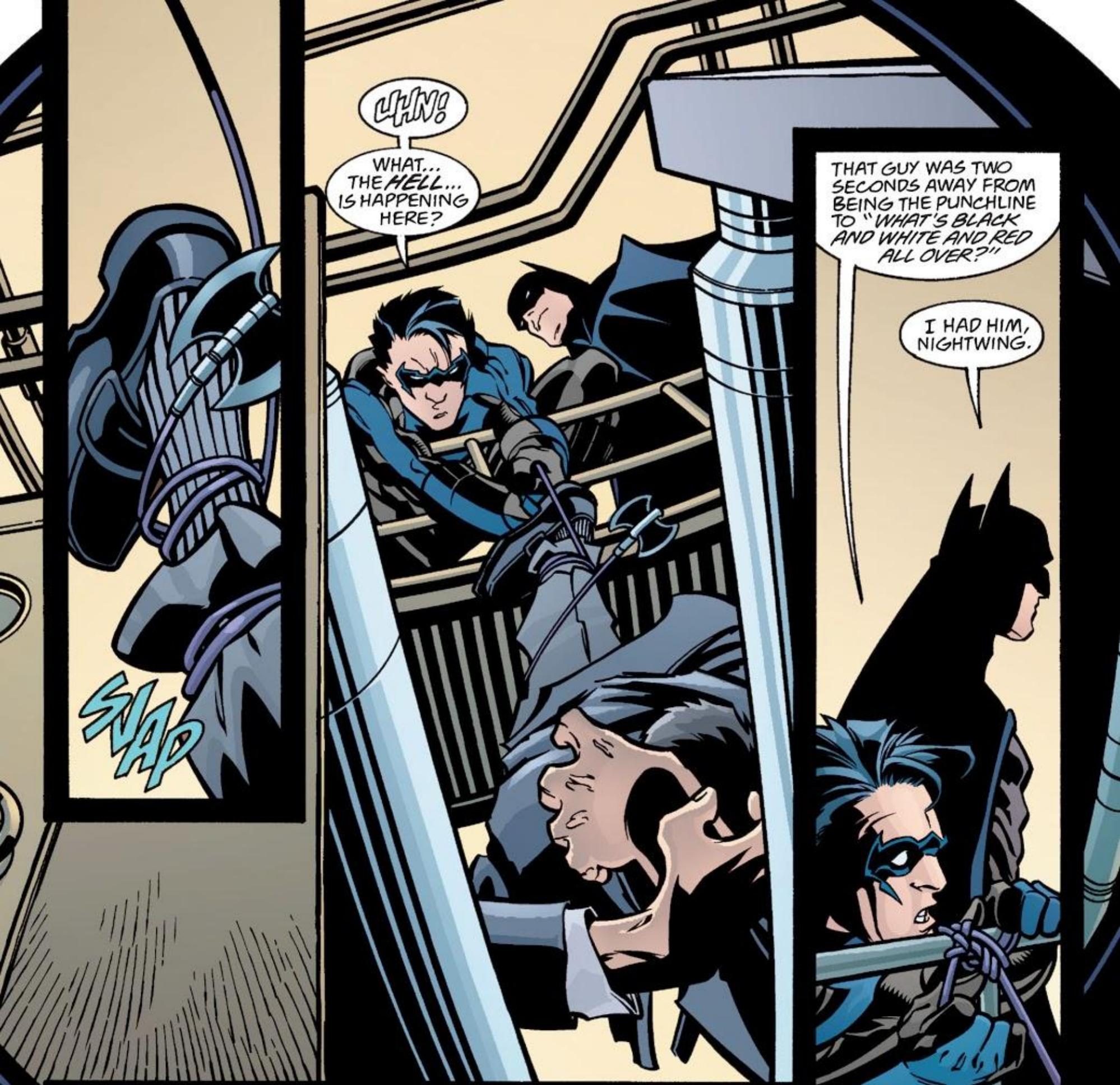
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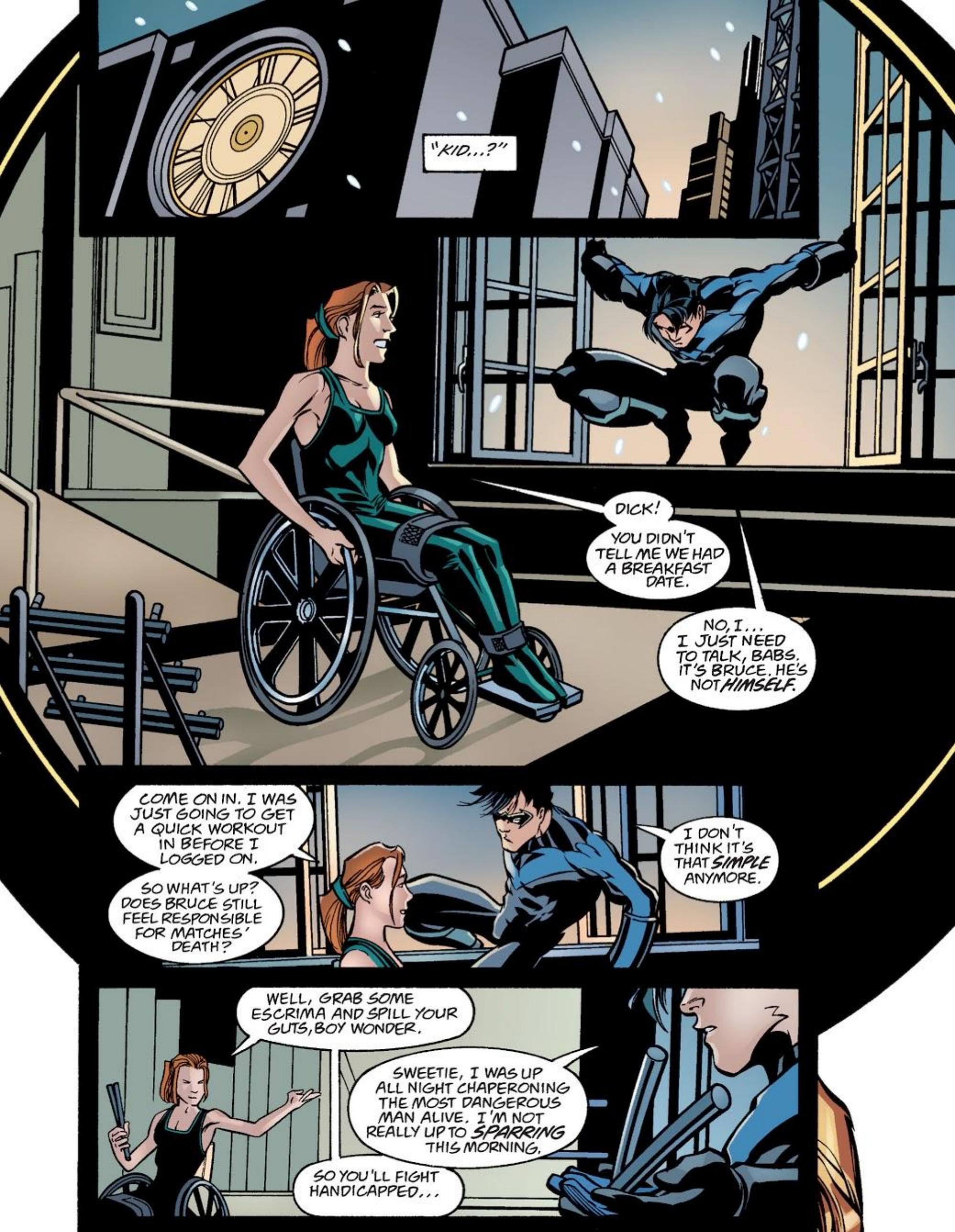
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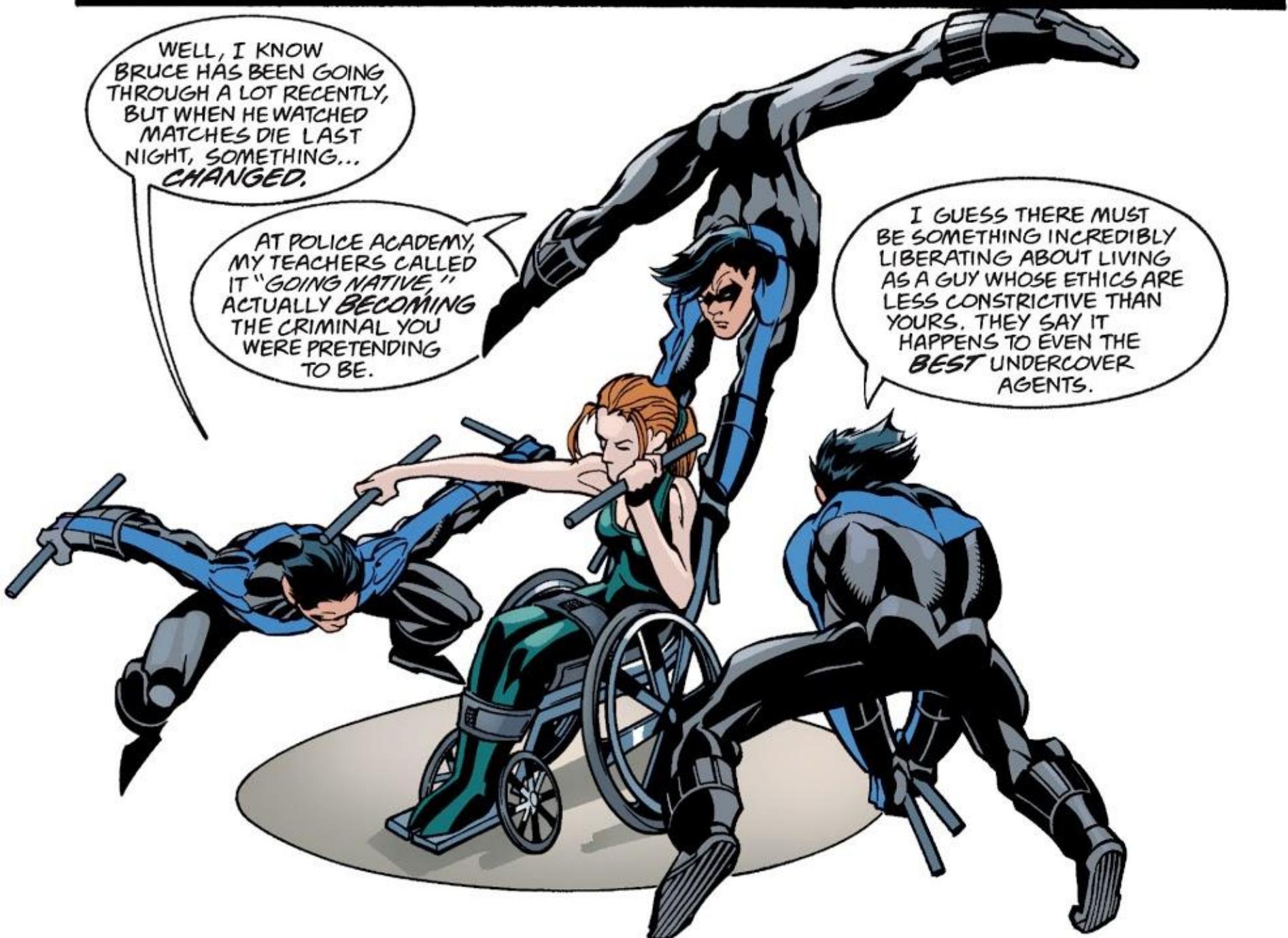
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GUESS I HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO.

Noooo!

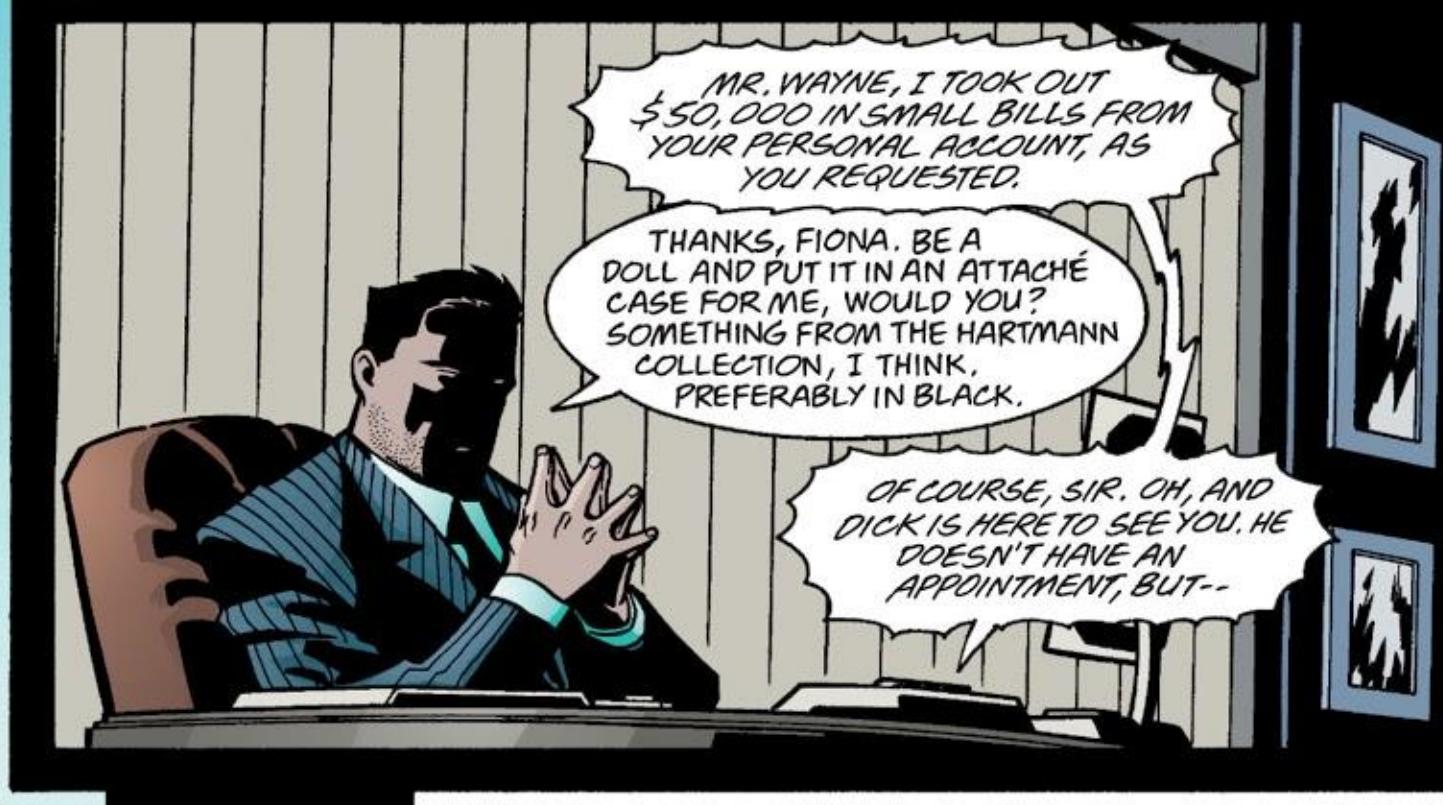








"TROUBLE."



FIFTY GRAND?
LITTLE LATE FOR
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING,
ISN'T IT, BRUCE?

YOU'RE
PLANNING ON USING
THAT CASH TO BRIBE
SCARFACE'S GOONS
INTO GIVING UP HIS
HIDEOUT, AREN'T
YOU?

THE VENTRILQUIST'S
MEN ARE ONLY LOYAL TO
THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
WHY **SHOULDN'T** I
EMPLOY BRUCE WAYNE'S
WEALTH TO MAKE
THEM TALK?

THE SAME REASON YOU
NEVER HAVE! BECAUSE
THEY'LL TURN AROUND
AND USE THAT MONEY
TO BUY GUNS, DRUGS...
THINGS THEY'LL USE TO
HURT **INNOCENT**
PEOPLE.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR IDENTITIES
SEPARATE, BRUCE! THE REAL YOU
WILL DISAPPEAR **FOREVER** IF
YOU DON'T PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER!

WHICH IS IT,
DICK? SEPARATE
OR TOGETHER?

SNAP

MY GOD, THAT'S **MATCHES'**
LUCKY MATCHBOOK, ISN'T IT?
YOU STOLE IT OFF HIS
CORPSE?

I DIDN'T STEAL
ANYTHING. CARVER
WANTED ME TO
HAVE IT.

CARVER?
BRUCE, CARVER
WAS **MATCHES'**
BROTHER. HE
WANTED **MATCHES** TO
HAVE THAT. YOU'RE
NOT MATCHES!

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M NOT MATCHES.
NOT YET.

WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
WHERE ARE YOU--

GO HOME, DICK.
FORGET ABOUT THE
FIFTY THOUSAND.
MAYBE THIS ISN'T A
CASE FOR BATMAN **OR**
BRUCE WAYNE.

THE ONLY
PERSON WHO
CAN AVENGE THE
DEATH OF **MATCHES**
MALONE...

"...IS MATCHES
MALONE."

WHAT'S THE
SCORE, HARRY?
GIMME MY
USUAL.

IF I POUR YOU
A ROOTBEER, AIN'T
YOU GONNA SPRING
A LEAK? I HEARD
SCARFACE FILLED
YOU FULLA HOLES
LAST NIGHT.

YEAH,
WELL...

...I'M A
QUICK
HEALER.





YOU KNOW
WHAT I'VE ALWAYS
HATED ABOUT
YOU TWO?

YOU
TALK TOO
MUCH.

YEAH?

WELL
LISTEN TO
THIS!

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA



PLEASE...
PLEASE DON'T
KILL US.

I DON'T
KILL.

WELL, DON'T
JUST STAND THERE,
YOU NANCE! DUST
US OUTTA HERE!

I... I CAN'T SEE
A THING, SCARFACE!
WHICH WAY DO
I GO?

I... I DON'T
KNOW, MUSTA GOTTEN
SOME OF THAT JUNK
IN MY EYES,
TOO.

HOLD ON.
THERE'S
SOMETHIN'
UPAHEAD...

NO. THIS AIN'T
HAPPENIN'...

WHAT IS
IT? WHO'S
THERE?

THE NAME'S
MATCHES
MALONE.

AND
UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU... I
DO KILL.





