

BATMAN

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VOTED THE CENTURY'S MOST POPULAR COMICS CHARACTER

HAMA • McDANIEL • STORY



WE SNATCHED
THE KID FOR YOU,
CIPHER--

--NOW, YOU
DO YOUR JOB AND
GET US OUT OF
HERE!

WE HAVE TO
STAY LOW AND BETWEEN
BUILDINGS TO AVOID
RADAR, FOOL!

IF I GO TOO
FAST, I CAN CLIP A
SKYSCRAPER AND
LEMME TELL YA,
THAT'LL HURT!

VOICE-ACTIVATED
COMPUTER INTERFACE
ON!

KA-SHOOP!

VEHICLE
AVOIDANCE PROGRAM
ON. CONTINUE
DOWN CURRENT
STREET TO RIVER.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

HEY!
THAT'S THE
BATMOBILE
DOWN
THERE!

BATMAN
JUST SHOT SOME
SORT OF
GRAPPLING
LINE AT US!

IN THE DARK
PLACES IN THE DARK

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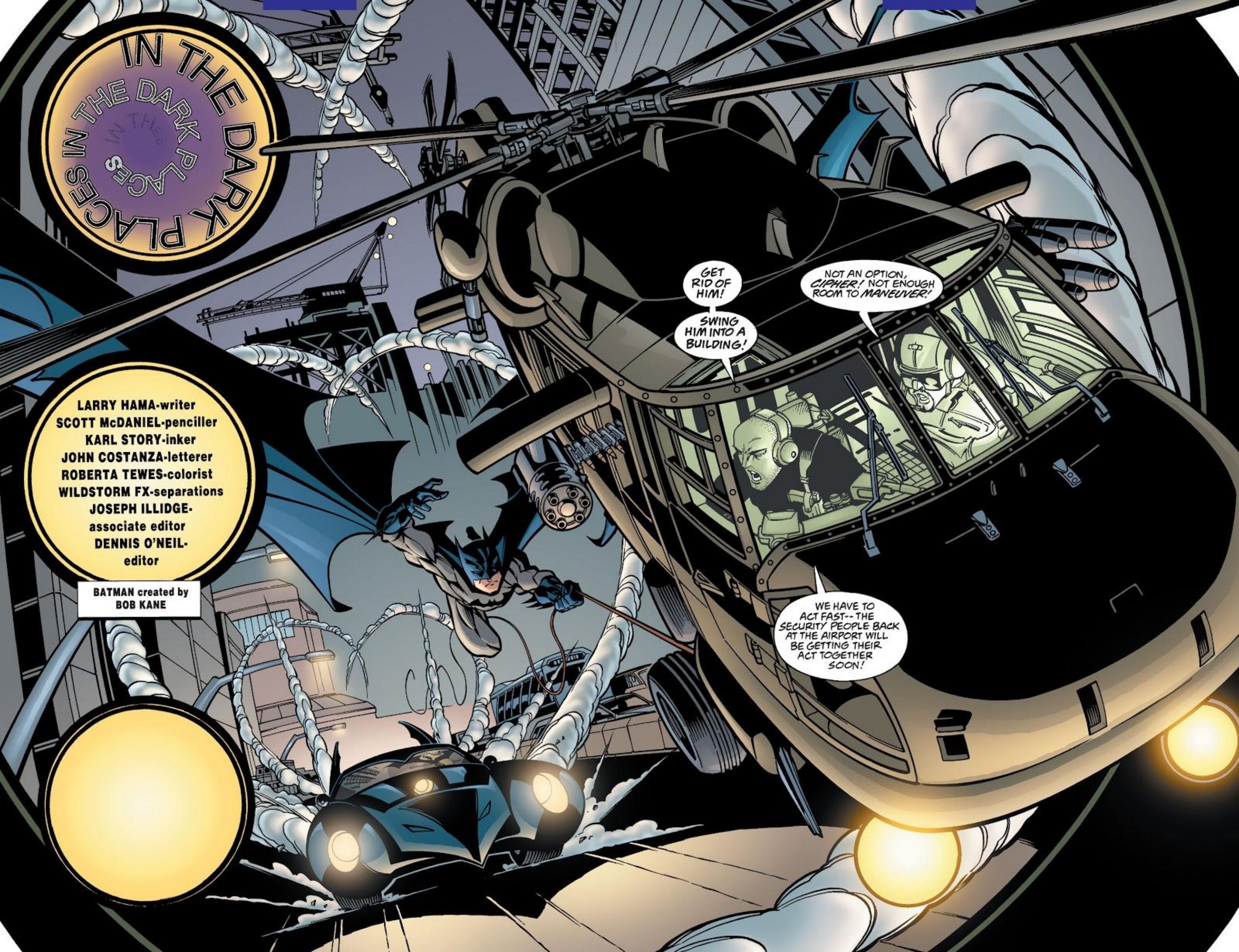
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GET RID OF
HIM!

SWING
HIM INTO A
BUILDING!

NOT AN OPTION,
CIPHER! NOT ENOUGH
ROOM TO MANEUVER!

WE HAVE TO
ACT FAST-- THE
SECURITY PEOPLE BACK
AT THE AIRPORT WILL
BE GETTING THEIR
ACT TOGETHER
SOON!



AT GOTHAM AIRPORT...

SHEIK AL QATAR, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY YOUR SON, PRINCE ALI, WAS KIDNAPPED AND WHO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE?

ALI IS A PRINCE OF THE HOUSE OF QATAR. IS THAT NOT REASON ENOUGH?

NO MORE QUESTIONS! HAVE SOME RESPECT, PLEASE!

COMMISSIONER GORDON! IS IT TRUE THAT IT WAS THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST KNOWN AS THE CIPHER?

BULLOCK! THIS IS MONTOYA. ARE YOU STILL IN PURSUIT OF THE HELICOPTER?

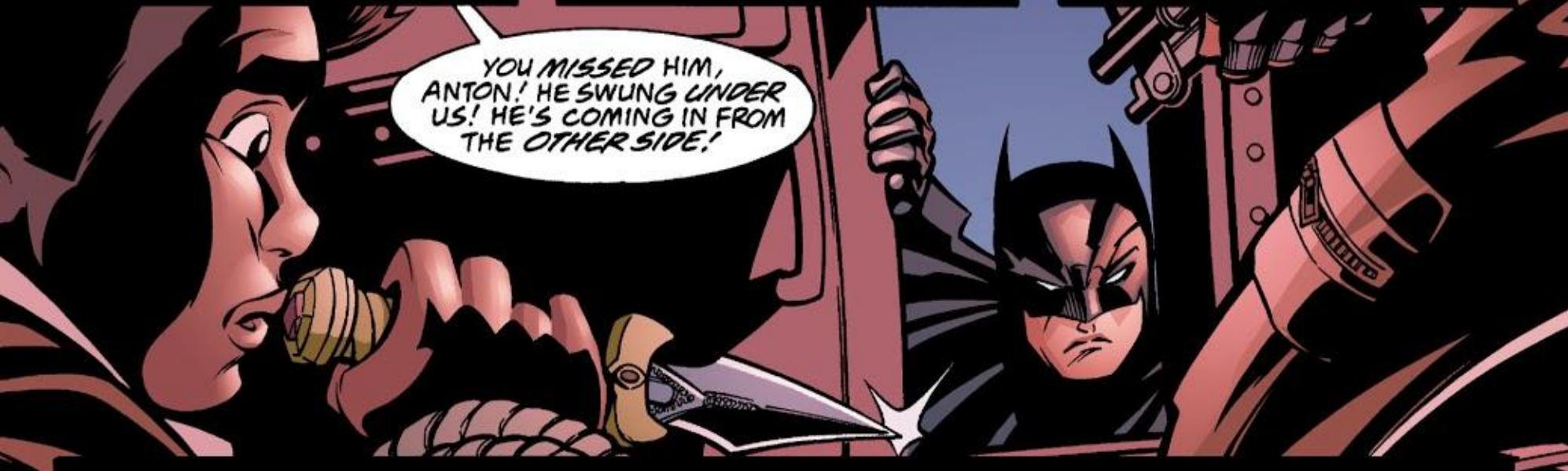
YEAH, BUT NOT FOR LONG! THAT SUCKER IS MOVING! BUT AT LEAST BATMAN IS ON THE CASE NOW, AND--

-- HOLY HANNAH!

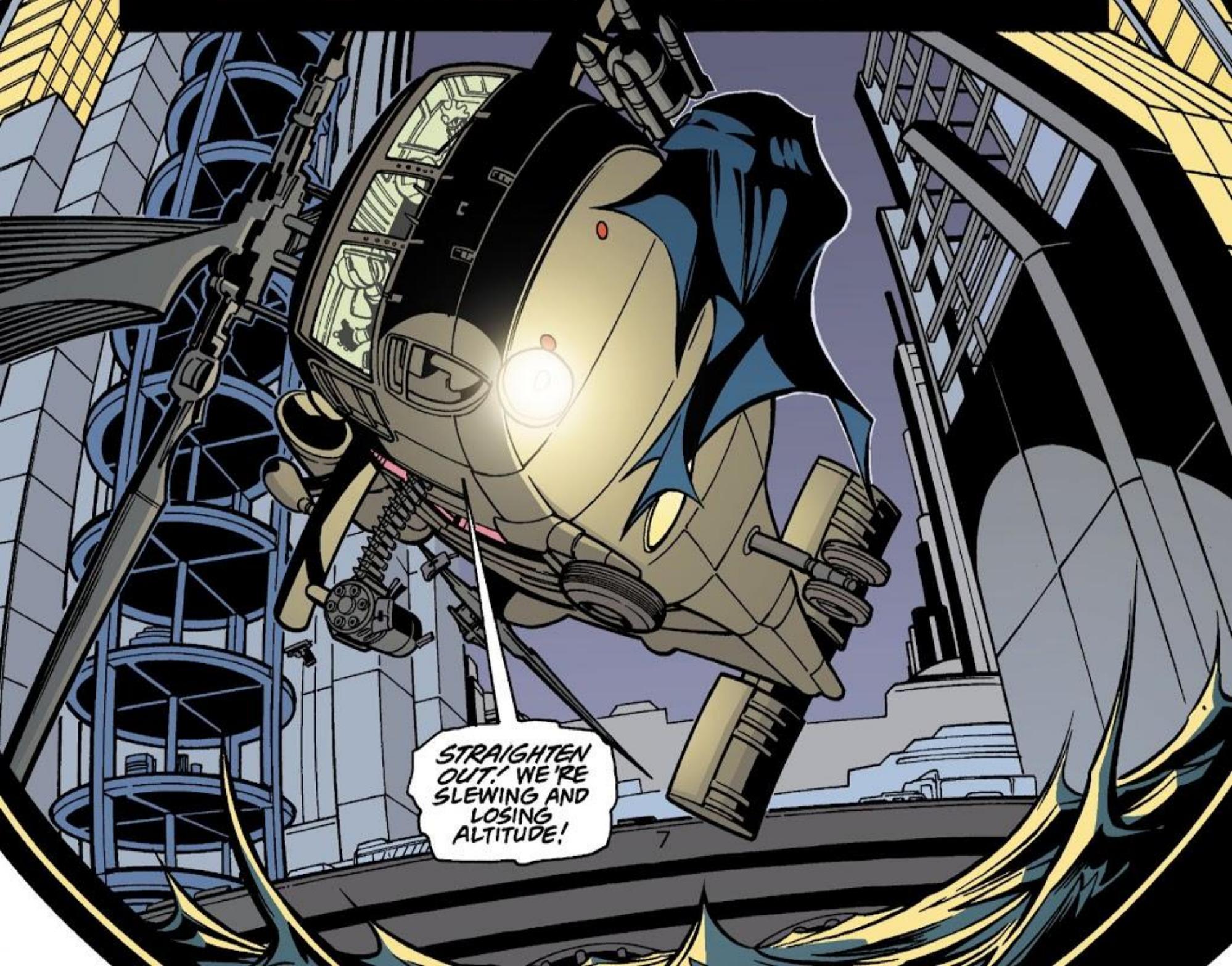
HE'S CLIMBING A ROPE RIGHT UP TO THE CHOPPER!

WHAT? BATMAN IS CLIMBING INTO THE HELICOPTER?

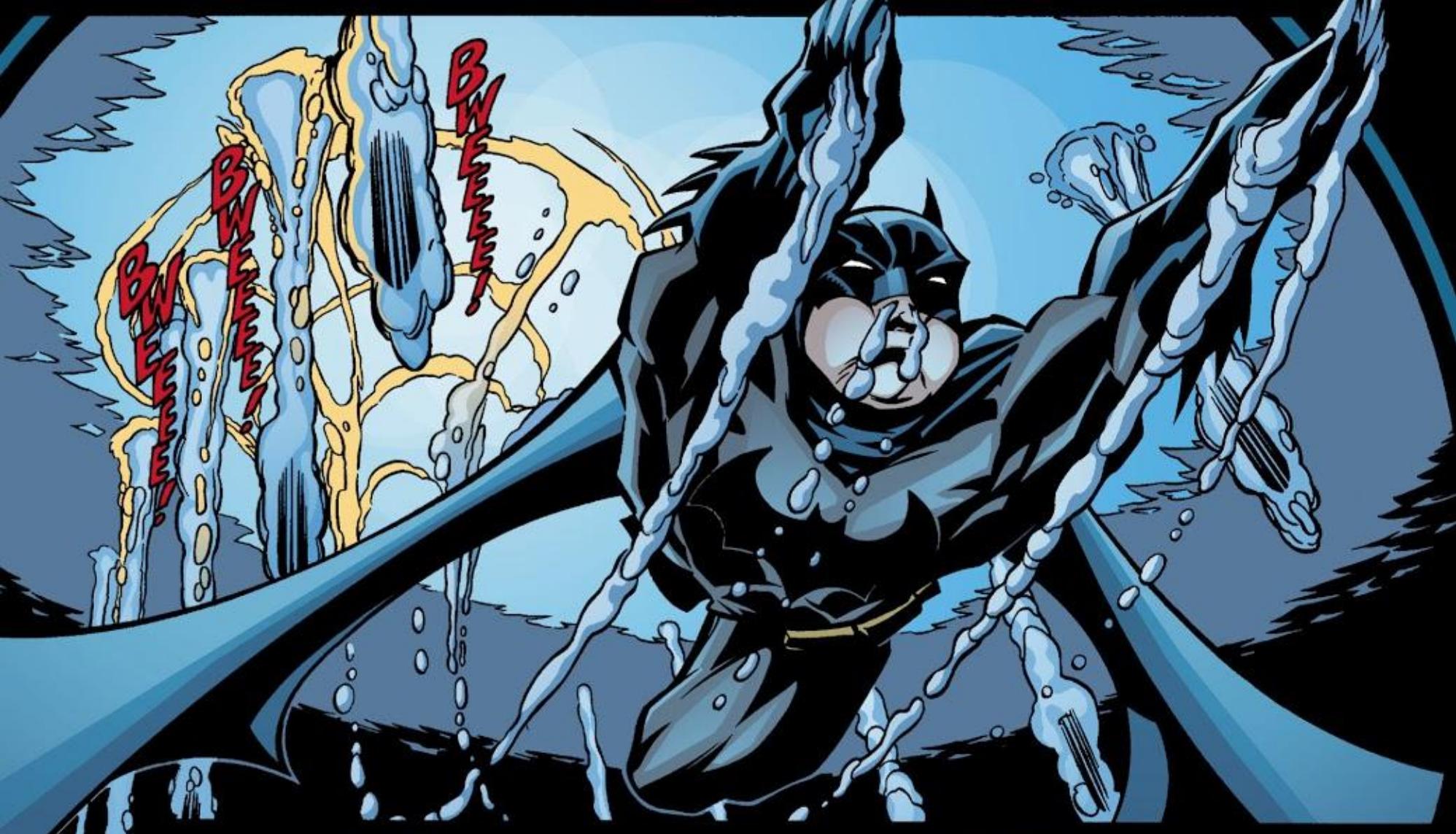
DID YOU SAY BATMAN?











...TO BAT CAVE COMPUTER SUITE.

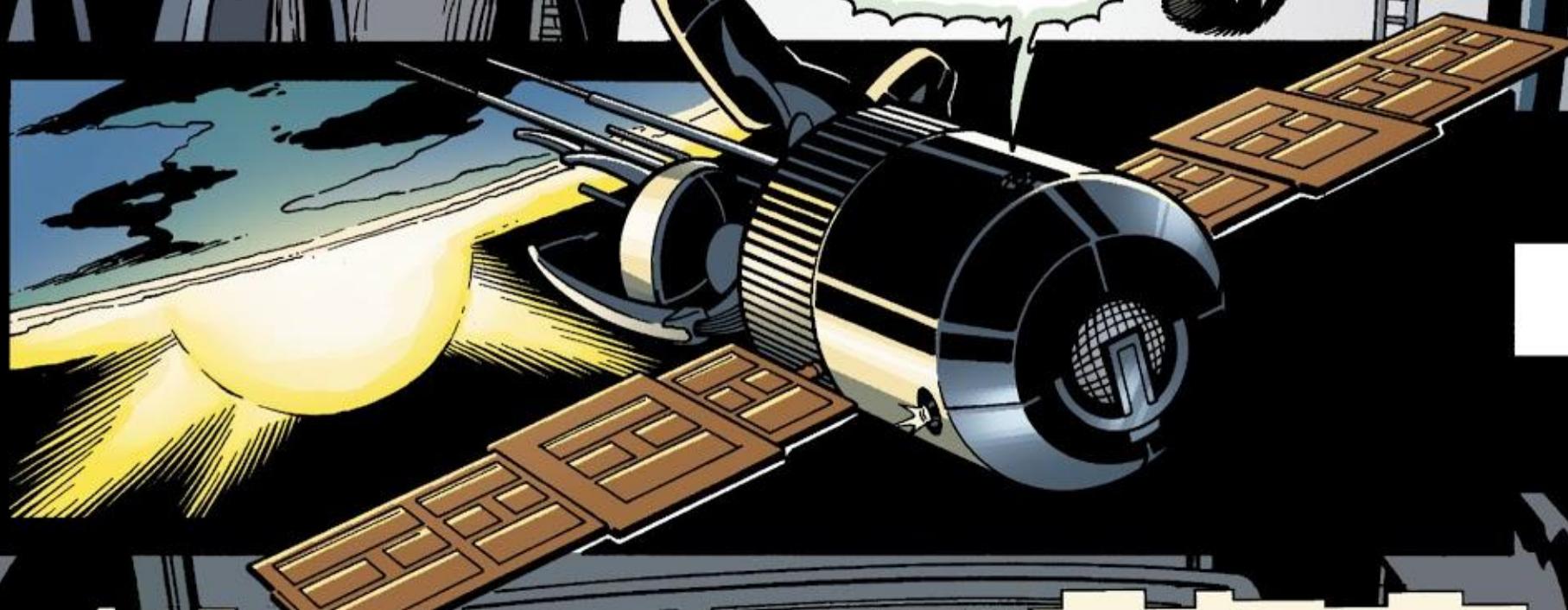
REMOTE ACTIVATED.
RELAY ON LINE.

ACTIVATE
VOICE COMMAND
TO WAYNE INDUSTRIES
COMMUNICATIONS
SATELLITE.

VOICE COMMAND
TO SATELLITE
ACTIVATED.

REPOSITION CAMERA
TO GOTHAM WATERFRONT,
SECTOR N-S, AND SCAN
FOR MOVING TARGET AT
PLUS 100 FEET ABOVE
SEA LEVEL.

ACKNOWLEDGED.



SCANNING AND
MAGNIFYING.

SINGLE TARGET
SATISFYING
PARAMETERS LOCATED.
LOCKING CAMERA ON
TARGET.

SAT COM PROTOCOL
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TARGET IS A UH-60
BLACKHAWK HELICOPTER.
TRANSPONDER CODE IDENTICAL
TO ONE REPORTED STOLEN
FROM GOTHAM ARMY RESERVE
AVIATION UNIT. HEADING 148
AT 80 KNOTS.



SLAVE THE
BATMOBILE
TO THE HELICOPTER
ROUTE...

...AND UPDATE
ANY COURSE
CHANGE.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

PRINCE
ALI! I AM A
FRIEND--

--I'M
HERE TO
HELP
YOU!

NO!
YOU'RE
LYING!
WHY ARE
YOU WEARING
A MASK??

BATMAN IS A CRIME-FIGHTER, SHEIK. HE NAMED HIMSELF AFTER A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT TO INSTILL FEAR IN LAW-BREAKERS.

AH! WHAT THE GERMANS CALL EINE FLEDERMAUS?

THIS IS NOT GOOD.
ALI HAS A PHOBIA ABOUT BATS...

MILO, YOU AND ANTON GET IN THAT STORM DRAIN AND CHASE THE KID OUT THE OTHER SIDE...

...WHERE I'LL BE WAITING FOR HIM, TRACKING HIM VIA THE TRANSPONDER.



WHICH
WAY DO I
GO???

THERE IS NO
WAY TO TELL DIRECTIONS
DOWN HERE, AND THE
TUNNELS TWIST AND
TURN SO...

SKREEEEEEE

WHAT
WAS
THAT--?

SKREEEEEEE

AIEEEE!
BATS!!

NOOOOO!







THE KID IS
MOVING DOWN TO
THE MAIN PIPE
THAT EMPTIES OUT
INTO THE RIVER!



DROP ME OFF
AT THE MANHOLE
AT THE CORNER...

...YOU GO DOWN
TO THE RIVER, IN
CASE HE GETS
PAST ME.



WHAT
ABOUT
BATMAN?



IF BATMAN
GETS PAST ME WITH
THE KID, WASTE
THEM BOTH.



OKAY!
STEP AWAY
FROM THE CAPE
MAN, KID...

UNLESS YOU
WANT TO GET CAUGHT
IN THE OVERSPRAY!



NO! I WILL
NOT PERMIT YOU
TO SHOOT HIM!



PRINCE
ALI--



TIME'S UP,
BAT-CREEP--!



