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TONIGHT.

"HOW
COME YOU
DON'T FLY?"

"I HAVE
A PLANE."

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"IT'S NOT
THE SAME."

JORDIE BELLAIRE COLORS
DERON BENNETT LETTERS
FINCH, MIKI & BELLAIRE COVER
TIM SALE & BRENNAN WAGNER
VARIANT COVER

"I MEAN, YOU
COULD, RIGHT?"

"THIS WORLD, IT'S
FULL OF MAGIC
AND SCIENCE
THAT'S FICTION
AND ALL THAT."

"AND YOU'RE
BATMAN."

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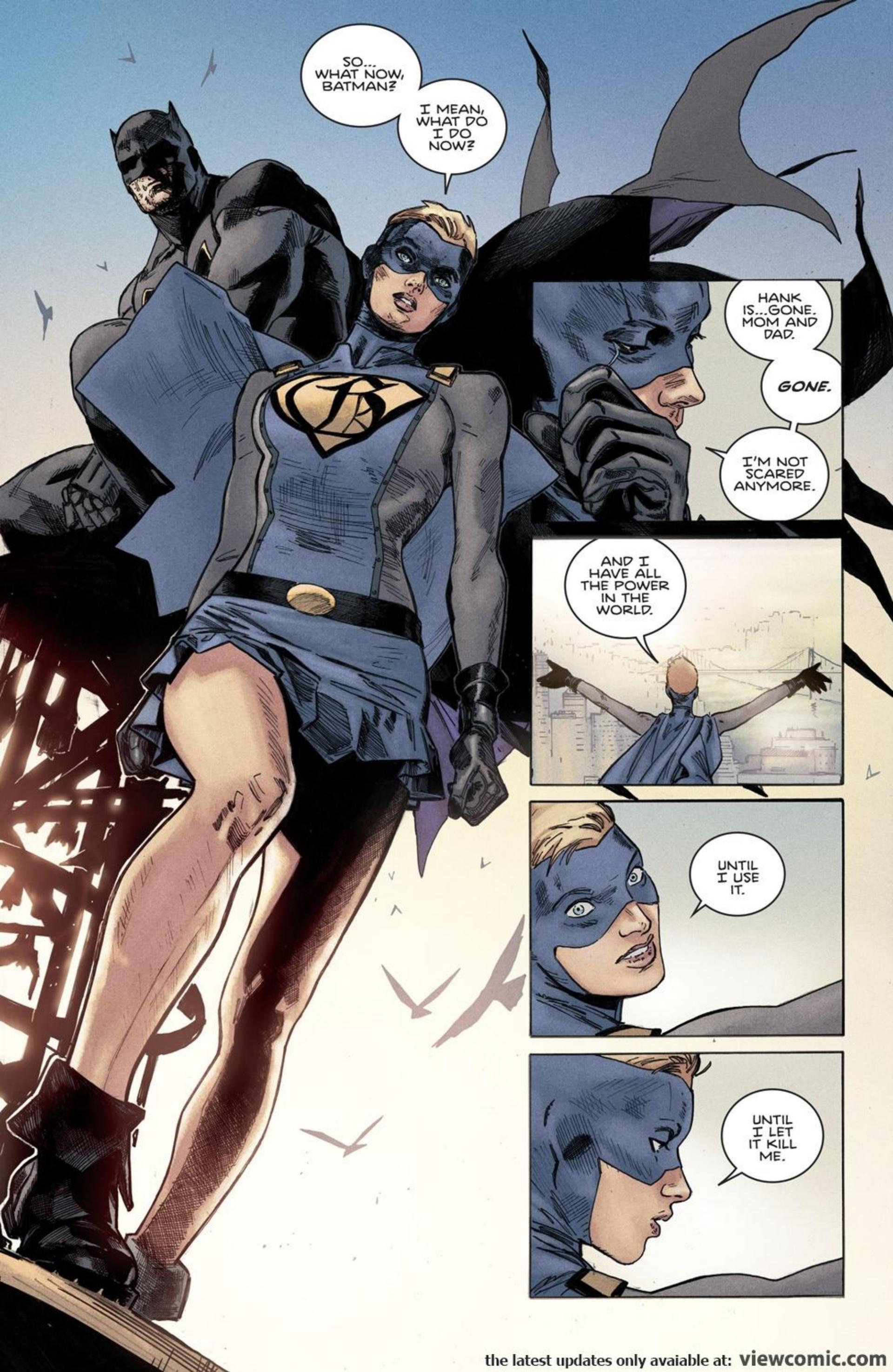
"YOU
COULD
FLY."

TODAY.



YEAH.

I COULD
FLY.



SO...
WHAT NOW,
BATMAN?

I MEAN,
WHAT DO
I DO
NOW?



AND I
HAVE ALL
THE POWER
IN THE
WORLD.



"SHOULD I BE
A SUPERHERO?"





CAN I BE
HONEST?

I THOUGHT
YOU'D JUST
TELL ME
WHAT TO
DO.





"WHAT DO
YOU WANT
ME TO SAY?"

"AFTER MY
PARENTS, ALFRED
DIDN'T TELL **ME**
WHAT TO DO."

"REALLY?"

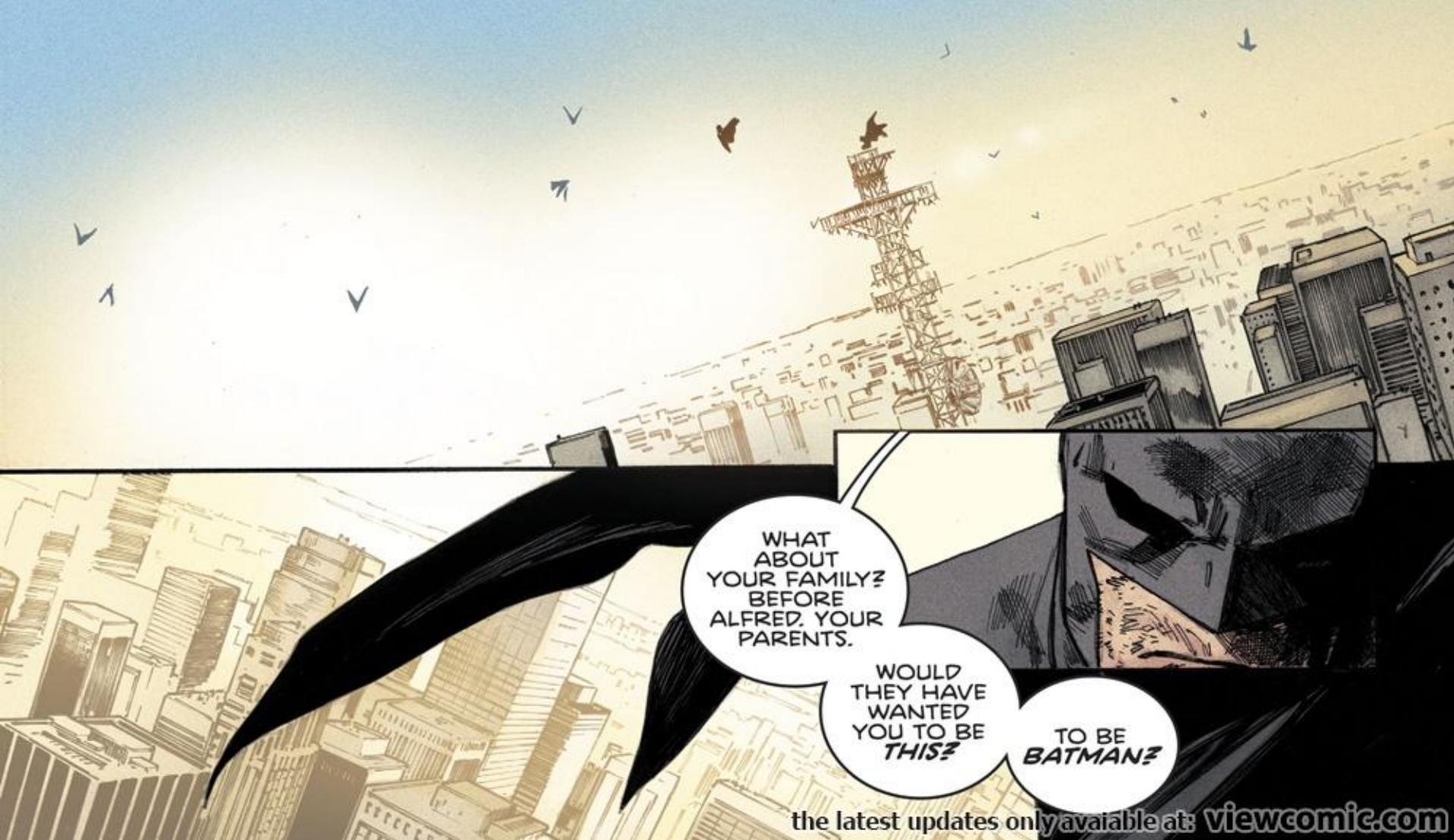
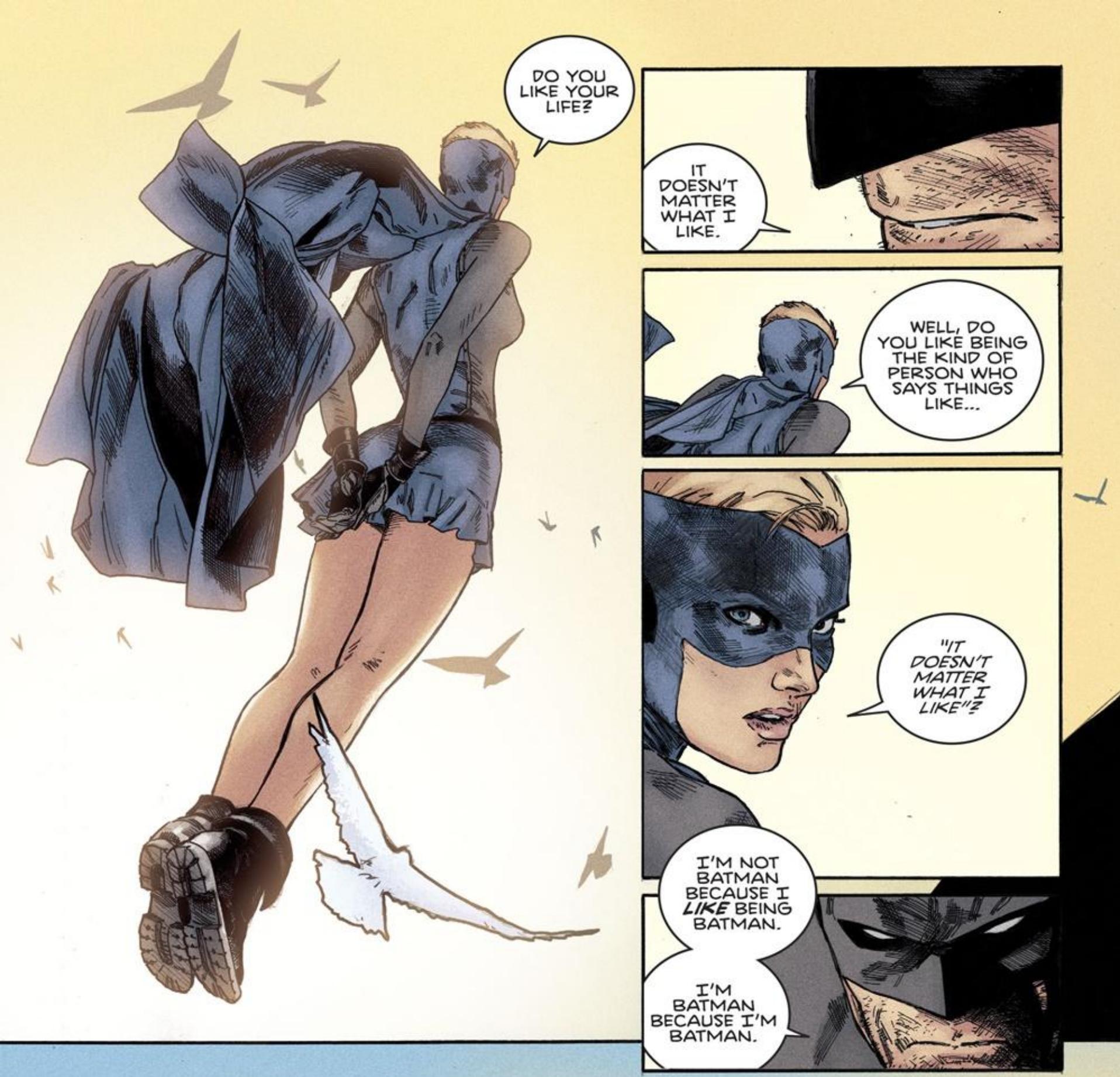


"HE TOLD
ME WHAT
TO DO ALL
THE TIME."

"HE DID NOT
APPROVE OF
THE DRESS-AS-
A-BAT-WAR-ON-
CRIME THING."

"BUT, I
NEVER
LISTENED
TO HIM."

"SO IT WAS
ALMOST AS
IF HE DIDN'T
SAY IT."



"LISTEN, CLAIRE.
IT'S NOT...WHAT
DO YOU WANT
TO DO?"

"I WANT YOU
TO TELL ME
WHAT TO DO."

"WHY?
WHY DO I
MATTER?"

"YOU'RE
BATMAN. YOU
MATTER."

"DO YOU
WANT TO BE
A HERO?"

"IS THAT WHAT
IT IS? THIS WHOLE
COSTUMED LIFE?
IT'S BEING A HERO."

"NO, BUT MOST
OF THE PEOPLE
WHO DO IT WANT
IT TO BE THAT."

"WHAT ABOUT
THE OTHER
PEOPLE? THE
NOT MOST."

"YOU DON'T
WANT TO BE
THEM."

"ARE YOU
THEM?"

I'M...I'M NOT...

CLAIRE,
I DO THIS,
I DO ALL OF
THIS, AND I
CAN'T...I DON'T
THINK I CAN
STOP.

BUT YOU
SHOULDN'T...
BEFORE YOU
MAKE YOUR
DECISION, YOU
SHOULD
KNOW.

I DO
THIS, BUT
I'M NOT...
HAPPY.

I
KNOW.

YEAH,
YOU
KNOW.

BUT
WHAT YOU
DON'T KNOW,
CLAIRE, IS
THAT I
TRY.

I DO
THIS
TO BE
HAPPY.

I TRY,
AND I
FAIL.

"YOU KNOW,
I NEVER SAID
THANK YOU.
ISN'T THAT
STUPID?"

"FOR THE PIRATE,
SANTA PRISCA.
FOR **BANE**. FOR
EVERYTHING."

"FOR
SAVING ME."

"THANK
YOU, BRUCE."

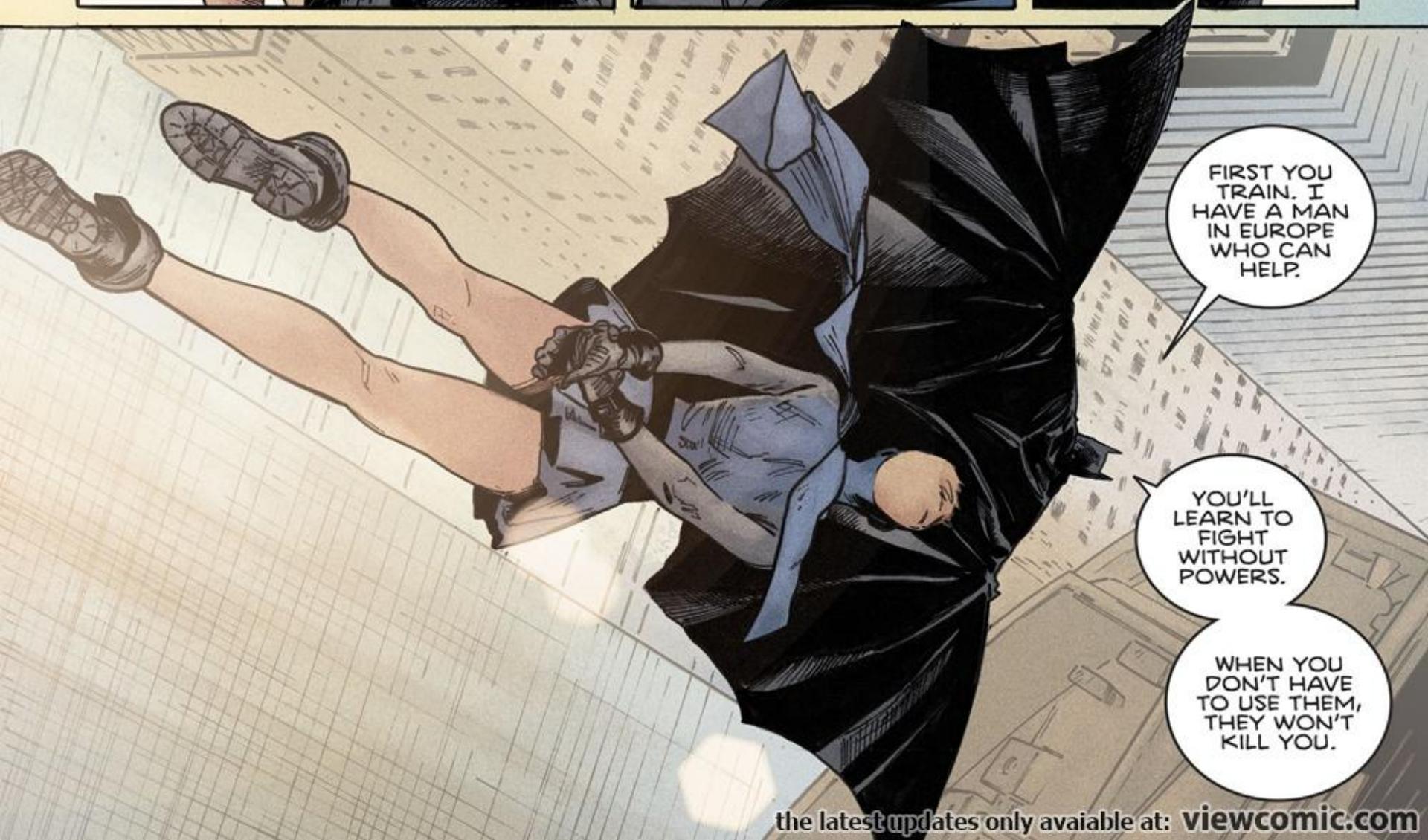
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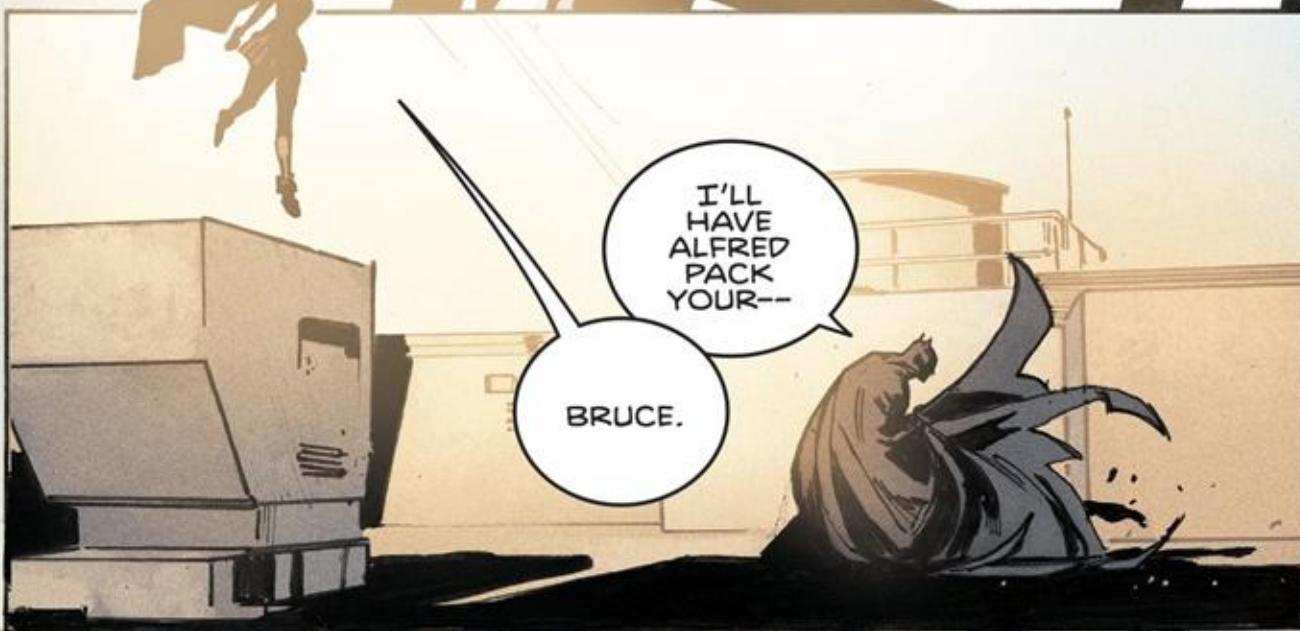
"CLAIRE, I
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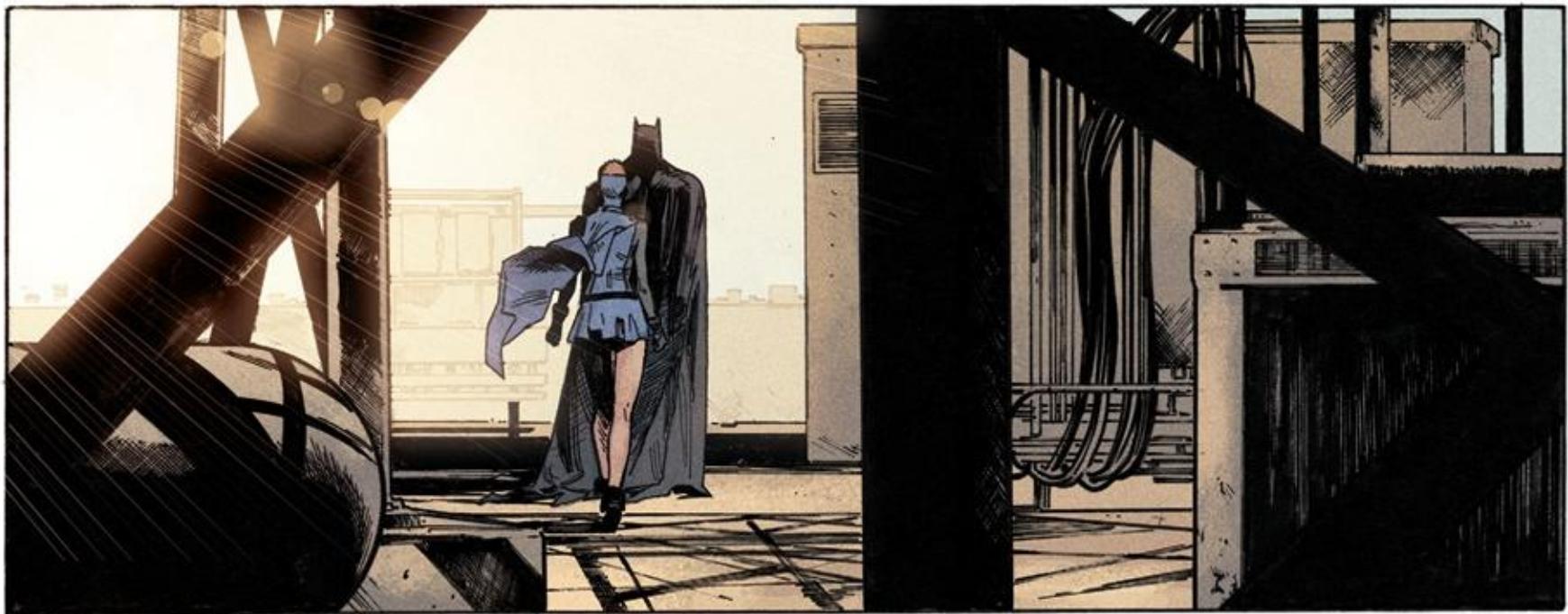
"BECAUSE I
DON'T **NEED**
TO FLY."

"LIFE ISN'T
SO LONG."

"THERE'S NOT
THAT MUCH TIME
IN IT FOR DOING
WHAT YOU DON'T
NEED TO DO."







"CLAIREE--"

"LISTEN. FOR
ONCE, LISTEN."

"WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO DO?"

"THIS ISN'T
ABOUT WHAT
I WANT TO--"

"YEAH."

"YEAH, THAT'S
EXACTLY IT."

"I MEAN,
YOU'RE RIGHT,
SUPERHERO."

"THIS ISN'T
AT ALL ABOUT
WHAT YOU
WANT TO DO."

CAT...

BATZ

TONIGHT.



WHEN
I FIRST
MET YOU
ON THAT
BOAT--

WE MET
ON THE
STREET.



ON THE
BOAT, THE
DIAMOND
YOU STOLE.

AFTER
I GOT IT
BACK.

I BOUGHT
IT. I'VE HAD
IT. FOR
YEARS.



WHAT?



I
KNEW.

EVEN
AT THE
BEGINNING.



I'M SO
SCARED.

BRUCE...

SELINA...

I LOVE
YOU.

MARRY
ME.

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