

BATMAN

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IT'S ALL RIGHT,
MASTER BRUCE...
I'VE GOT YOU...

NO! THERE'S
PEOPLE OUT THERE...
ALL AROUND...

THEY WANT
TO HURT US...
THEY WANT...

WHEN I WAS A
FRIGHTENED CHILD,
ALFRED WOULD
OFTEN SAY:

WELL, I HARDLY
THINK THERE ARE ANY
CRIMINALS OUT IN
THIS WEATHER,
MASTER BRUCE...
NO ONE LIKES
THE RAIN.

IN MY INNOCENCE, I BELIEVED
HIM. SO I FELT SAFE WHEN IT
RAINED AND TOOK COMFORT IN
THE SOUND OF IT AGAINST MY
WINDOW.

BECAUSE I FELT SURE NO ONE
WAS OUT KILLING PEOPLE,
RUINING THE WORLD, DURING
A DOWNPOUR.



OF COURSE, NOW THAT
I'M OLDER, I KNOW
THE TRUTH.

THE RAIN FALLS ON
MURDERERS AND MADMEN,
THE SAME AS IT DOES ON
INNOCENT CHILDREN...

...AND IT CAN'T
STOP A BULLET.

SHOT THROUGH THE Heart

Part One

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AND NOW
DEADSHOT IS
BACK IN GOTHAM.

WORD GOT LEAKED
OF A MAJOR HIT
GOING DOWN
SOMETIME IN THE
NEXT FEW DAYS,
AND SOURCES TELL
ME HE PICKED UP
THE CONTRACT.

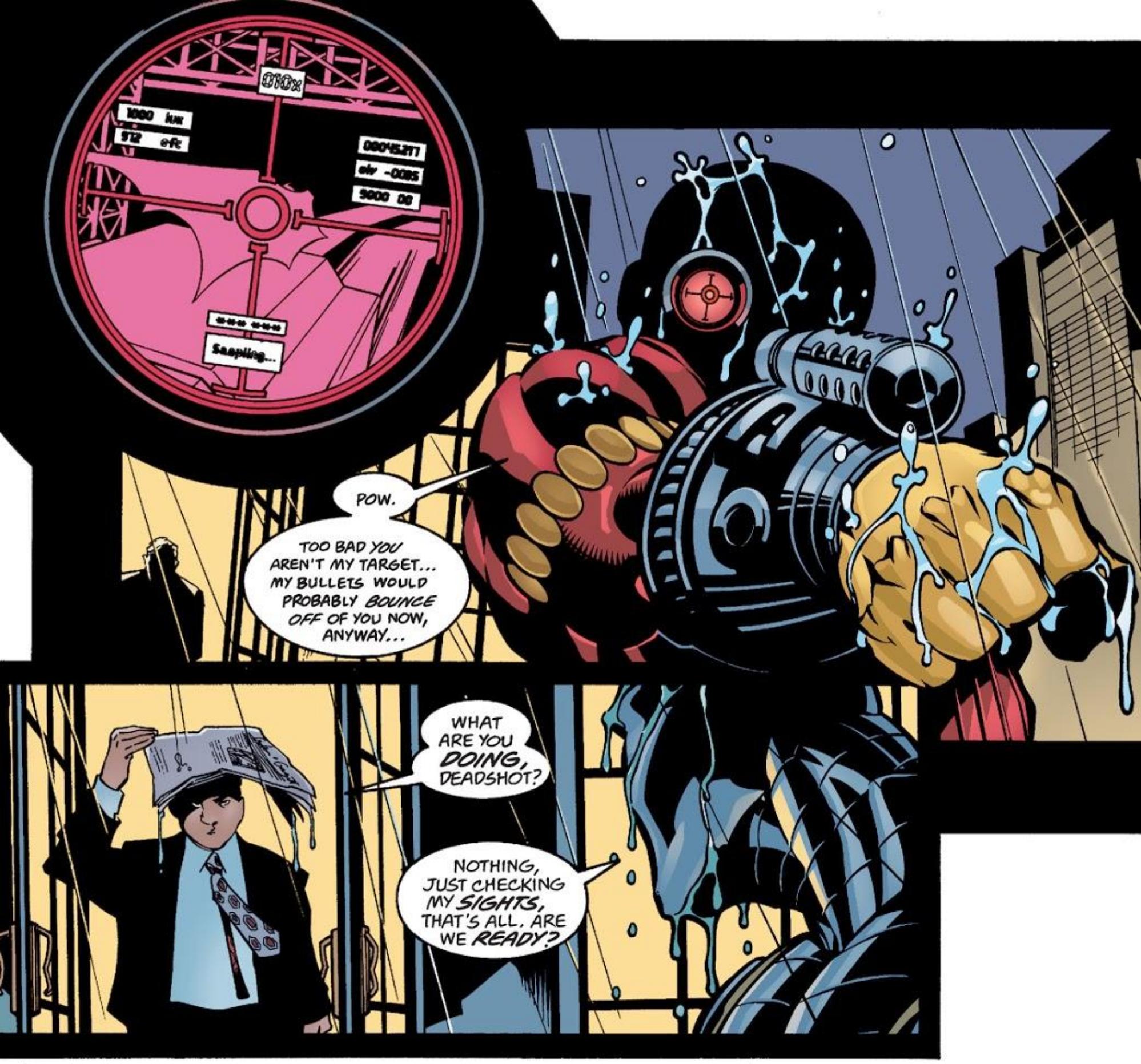
UNFORTUNATELY, SOURCES
ALSO TELL ME THAT HE'S
REFINED HIS METHODS.
THEY SAY HE'S GOTTEN
MORE PROFESSIONAL.

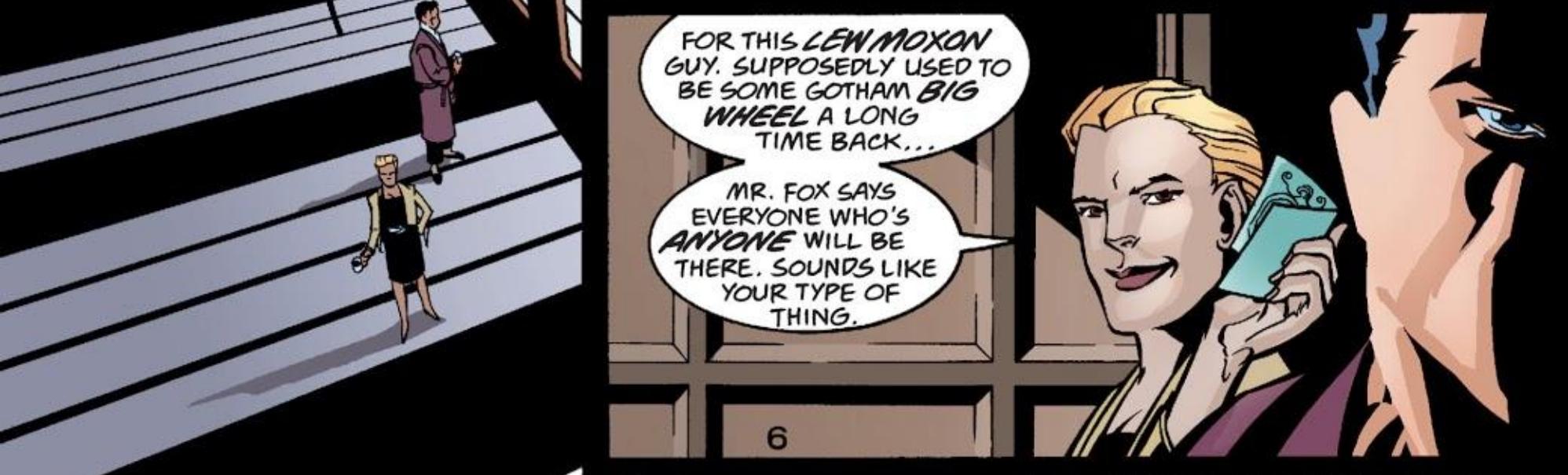
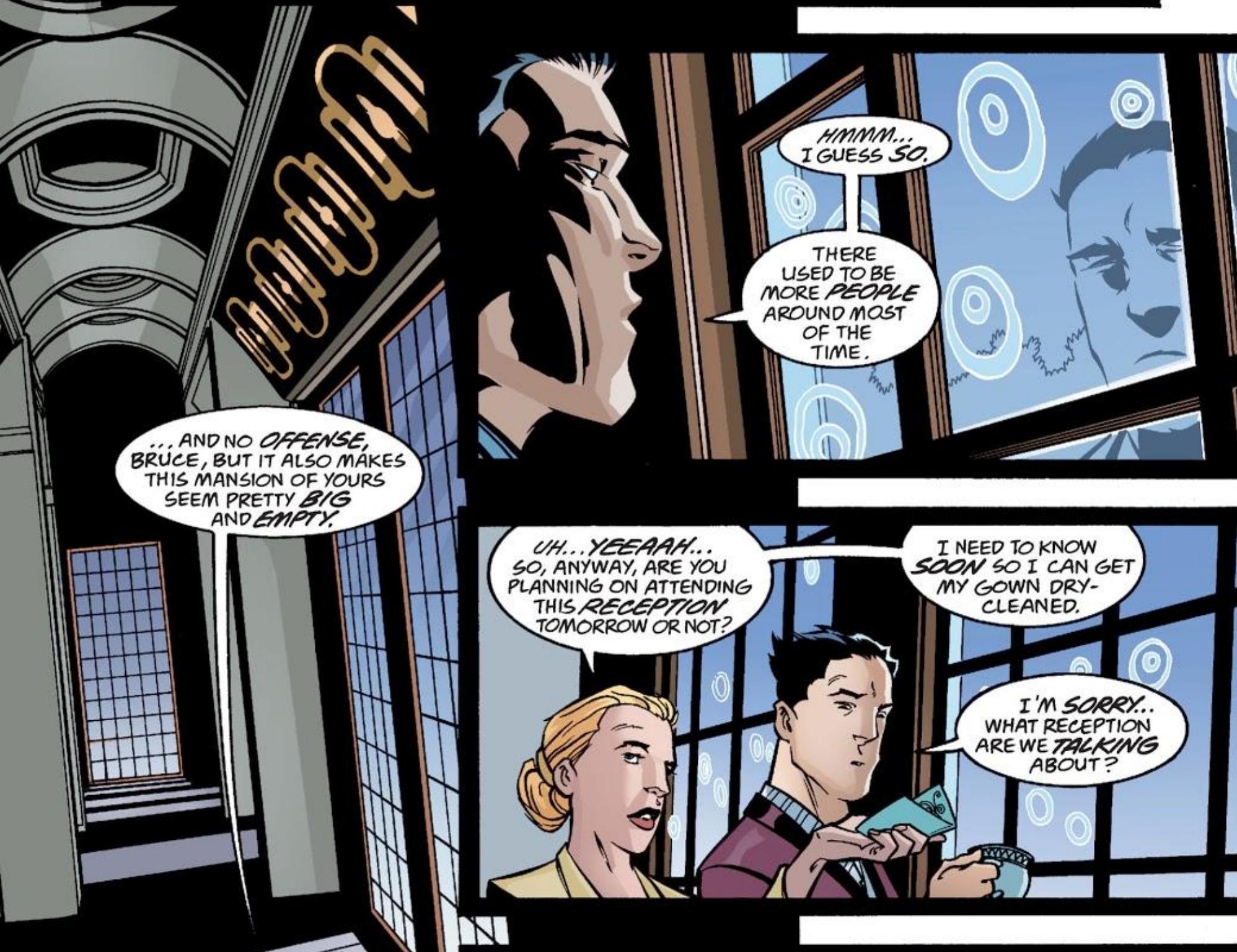
AND THE THREE INSIDE CONTACTS
WHO COULD'VE GIVEN ME A LEAD ON
HIM OR HIS TARGET HAVE ALL
DIED MYSTERIOUSLY IN THE PAST
TWO WEEKS.



WHICH LEAVES ME
FEELING LIKE I'M TWO
STEPS BEHIND A MAN
WHO'S SUDDENLY FAR
MORE CAPABLE THAN
I THOUGHT HE WAS...

...AND DOUBTING HE'LL WAIT
FOR THE WEATHER TO CLEAR
UP BEFORE HE MAKES HIS
NEXT MOVE.





WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
HOW LONG HAS THAT INVITATION
BEEN RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE?

A HIGH PROFILE HIT IS GOING
DOWN AT THE EXACT SAME
TIME AN EX-GOTHAM DIGNITARY
IS RETURNING TO TOWN. THAT'S
JUST A LITTLE TOO MUCH OF
A COINCIDENCE.

SO LET'S SEE WHAT
I CAN FIND ON LEW
MOXON... THE NAME
SOUNDS SLIGHTLY
FAMILIAR.

SEARCH: LEW MOXON

SEARCH RESULTS: 1960

LOCAL POLITICIAN FIGHTS CITY HALL



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MOXON-MOUTHPIECE FOR THE MOB?

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LEW MOXON CLEARED IN CORRUPTION CASE



PERFECT. AND I KNOW
EXACTLY WHO TO ASK
ABOUT DISTANT MOB
CONNECTIONS.

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SO TELL
ME ABOUT LEW
MOXON...

I WASN'T AWARE
WE WERE ON
SPEAKING TERMS
ANYMORE.

WE
ARE.

I SEE.
WHAT WAS THE
QUESTION
AGAIN?

LEW
MOXON.

WHY COME TO
ME? CAN'T ORACLE
DIG UP ANYTHING
FOR YOU?

MOST LIKELY, BUT
I'M LOOKING FOR
THE INSIDE
SCOOP...

...SO YOU'RE
MY BEST SOURCE
ON THIS,
HUNTRESS.

OKAY...

LOOKING INTO
ANCIENT HISTORY,
HUH? LEW MOXON
WAS THE ORIGINAL
BOSS OF GOTHAM,
IN A WAY...

...THIS WAS THE OLD
DAYS, WHEN THE MOB
WAS REALLY GOOD AT
KEEPING UP THEIR FRONT
AS LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMEN.
AND TO A LOT OF PEOPLE
MOXON WAS THAT FRONT.

THEN HE HAD THE IDEA TO
GET INTO ELECTED OFFICE,
PERSONALLY, INSTEAD
OF JUST BUYING A
POLITICIAN.

BRILLIANT SCHEME
IF HE COULD'VE PULLED IT
OFF... BUT IT CAME CRASHING
DOWN AROUND HIM. HE'D
BECOME TOO PUBLIC
FOR THE CONNECTIONS
HE HAD.

SPENT A FORTUNE
TO BUY HIMSELF AN
ACQUITTAL, AND LEFT
TOWN UNDER A BLACK
CLOUD.

AFTER THAT
THE MOB GREW INTO
WHAT YOU KNOW
NOW.

SO, WHO
WOULD WANT
HIM DEAD?

IF WHAT I HEAR IS TRUE,
AND HE'S COME BACK TO
GOTHAM, THEN WE COULD
HAVE A REAL PROBLEM...

HE WASN'T A THREAT
IN EUROPE ALL THOSE YEARS,
BUT IF HE'S TRYING TO
MAKE A MOVE FOR
POWER HERE, IT COULD
GET PRETTY UGLY.



I HESITATE
TO ASK, BUT... DO
YOU WANT A
HAND?

--OH.
TYPICAL.

YOU'RE
WELCOME,
JERK.

IF I DIDN'T
KNOW BETTER, I'D
THINK YOU WERE
ACTUALLY FEELING
UNCOMFORTABLE...

...AREN'T WE
HAVING A GOOD
TIME?

SORRY, I GUESS I'M
A LITTLE PREOCCUPIED...
THERE ARE A LOT OF
EX'S IN THE CROWD
TONIGHT.

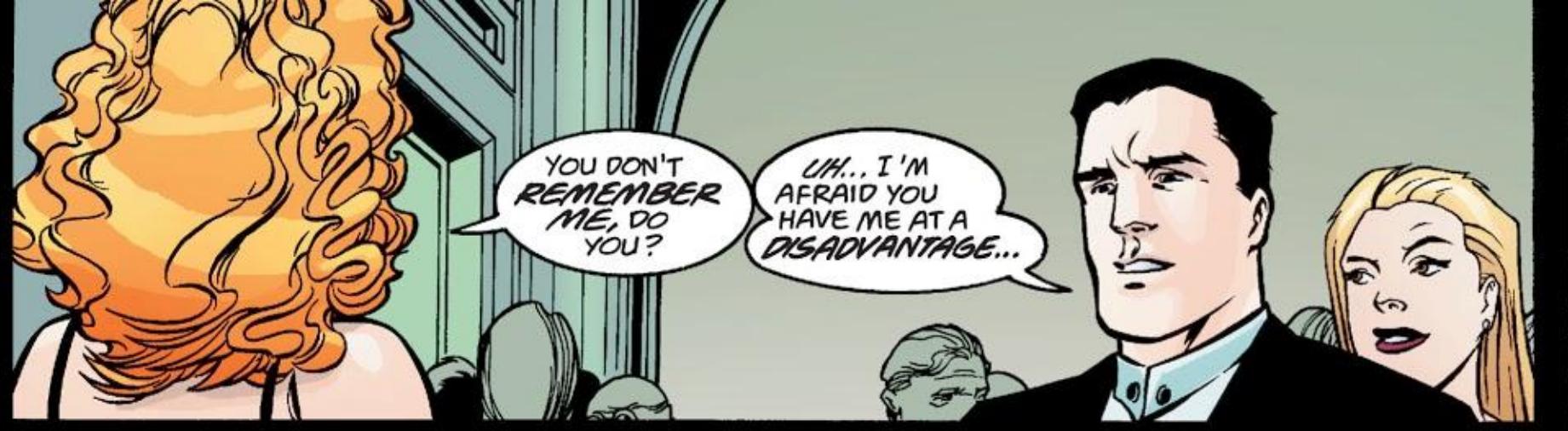
I WOULD'VE THOUGHT
YOU'D BE USED TO THAT
BY NOW, BRUCE... THEY'RE
PROBABLY ALL AVOIDING
YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR
DATE, ANYWAY.

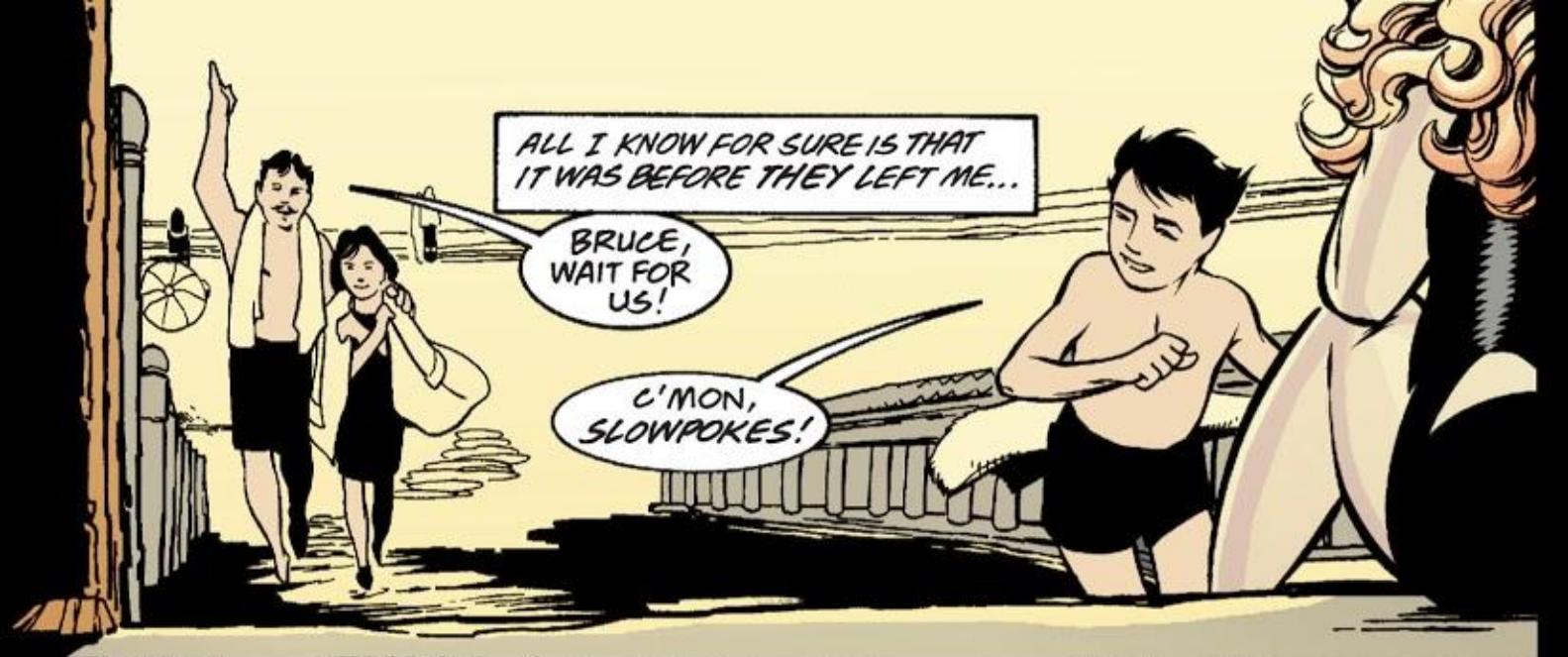
YES, PROBABLY.
IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT
YOU'LL END UP IN THE
SOCIETY PAGES,
SASHA.

UH, OH... I THINK ONE
OF THEM MIGHT BE COMING
IN FOR THE KILL, ANYWAY...
REDHEAD AT NINE
O'CLOCK, RING
ANY BELLS?

UM...
ACTUALLY,
NO...

DOES THAT
MEAN YOU DIDN'T
DATE HER, OR
JUST BRIEFLY?









YES, RIGHT IN THE OTHER ROOM... HE'S WITH MOXON, STICKING TO HIM LIKE GLUE.

OKAY, I'LL HOOK INTO THE SECURITY CAMS AND...

...BINGO.

OKAY, LET ME RUN HIM THROUGH THE SYSTEM. TAKE A SECOND OR TWO.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. AT LEAST NOT WITHOUT HIM.

THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, BRUCE. INTERPOL IS THE ONLY AGENCY WITH ANYTHING ON HIM AT ALL.

APPEARS HE'S A BODYGUARD FOR BIG-TIME MOB BOSSES. BEEN ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES IN EUROPE, BUT NOTHING THEY COULD MAKE STICK...

SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

MED FILE:
POST-OP. 3
HE'S HAD SOME PRETTY WEIRD EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY... THAT'S WHAT. HIS OPTIC NERVES, FRONTAL LOBES, AND SPINAL COLUMN HAVE ALL BEEN OPERATED ON EXTENSIVELY.

THERE'S NO RECORDS OF THE EXACT PROCEDURES, BUT APPARENTLY HE SEES AT A MUCH HIGHER SPEED THAN NORMAL, AND HIS REFLEXES HAVE BEEN SPED UP, TOO.

THAT EXPLAINS THE SHUTTERS ON HIS GOGGLES, SINCE HIS EYES ARE LIKE A CAMERA LENS.

RIGHT, AND ACCORDING TO INTERPOL'S SOURCE, HIS BRAIN HAD TO BE ALTERED SO HE COULD KEEP UP WITH EVERYTHING...

...SO NOW HE CAN STORE IMAGES AND PLAY THEM BACK IN SLOW-MOTION.

THAT'S HOW HE LEARNED YOUR MOVES SO QUICKLY. HE SAW THEM IN FRAME BY FRAME.

BRUCE, SOMETHING ELSE... I'M PICKING UP A TAP ON THE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THERE. SOMEONE'S--

NOT NOW. SOMEONE JUST KILLED THE LIGHTS. BATMAN OUT.

MR. WAYNE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

MR. WAYNE?!



RATATAT! KA-BLAM! BLAM! RATATAT! KA-BLAM!

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!



TOO MUCH NOISE,
CAN'T GET A HANDLE
ON WHERE THE
SHOOTING IS
COMING FROM.

AND THERE GO ZEISS AND THE MOXONS. TAKING CARE OF HIS PRIMARY FIRST. JUST LIKE ANY BODYGUARD. YOU'D HARDLY KNOW HE WAS A KILLER.



ATATATAT! BLAM! RATATATATA!



NICE WORK. WINDOWS BLOWN OUT FROM THE INSIDE WHILE FAKE GUNFIRE TEARS ACROSS THE ROOM. THE QUESTION IS... WHY?

WHAT DID ORACLE SAY ABOUT THESE SECURITY CAMERAS?

THAT'S IT. DEADSHOT WANTED TO SEE HOW GOOD MOXON'S SECURITY REALLY IS, AND HOW BETTER THAN TO GET IT ALL ON TAPE?

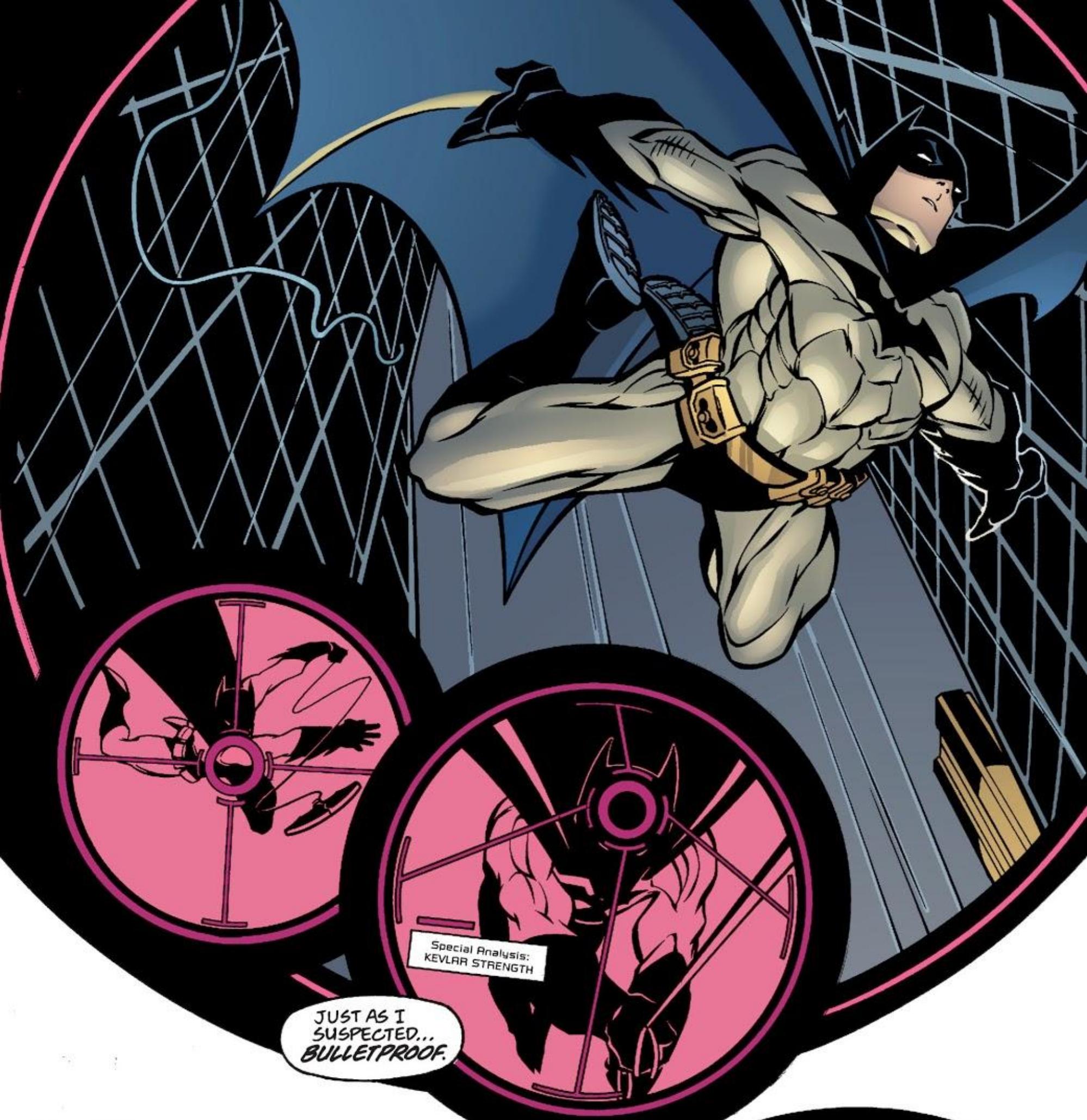
USING ZEISS'S OWN TRICKS AGAINST HIM.

SECURITY CAMERA 2



SO, WHERE IS HE,
THEN, NOW THAT
IT'S OVER?







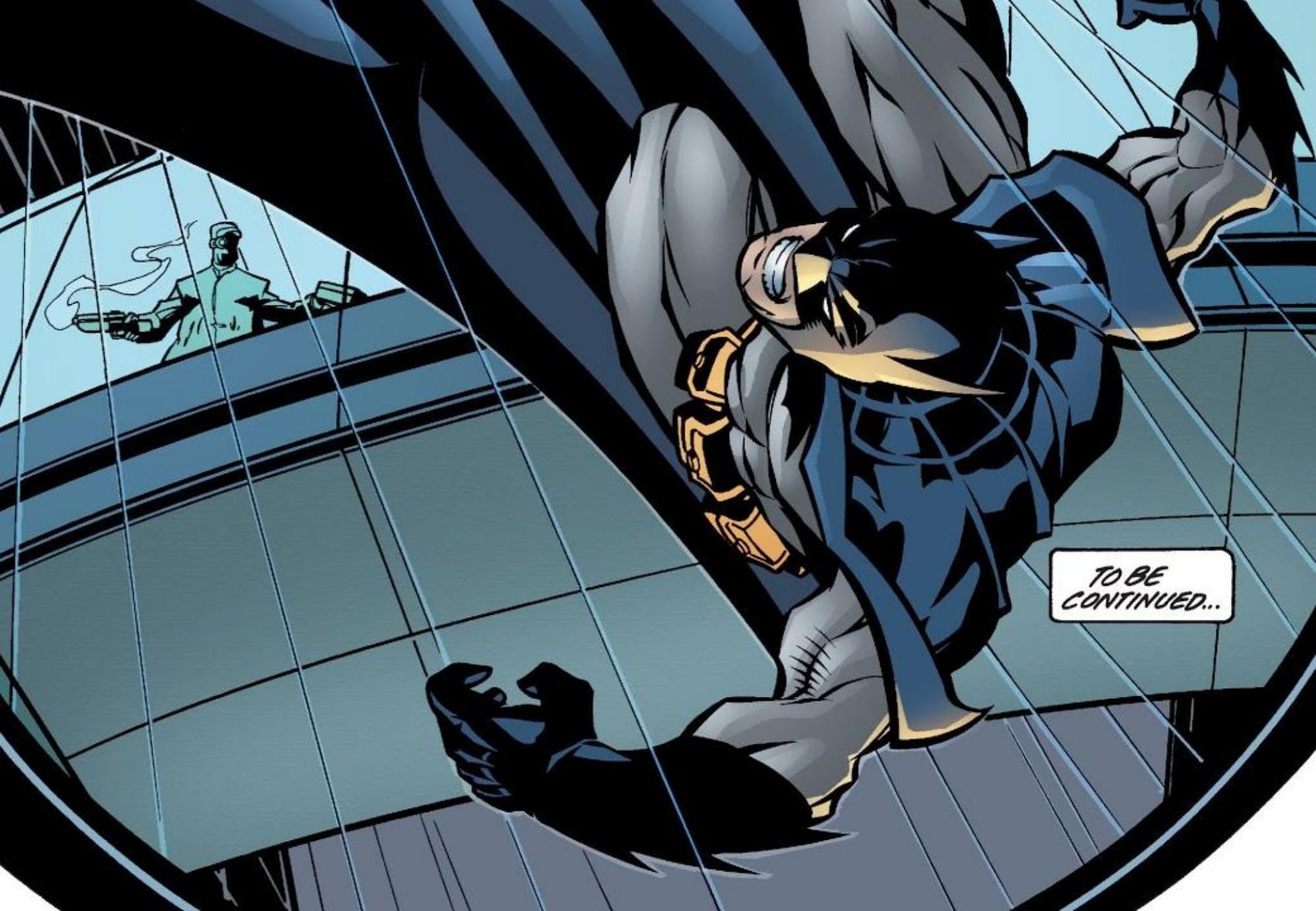
WHAT'S HE THINKING?
THAT'S TOO HIGH, IT'LL
MISS ME BY A FOOT.



NO.
IDIOT.



IDIOT.



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