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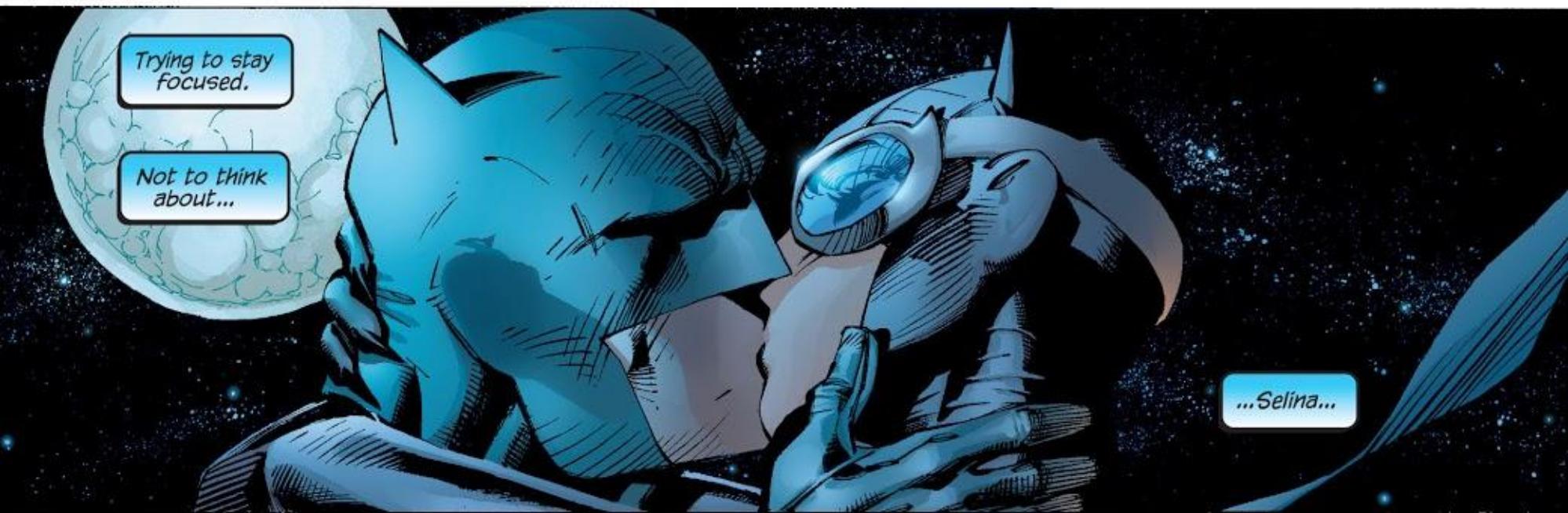
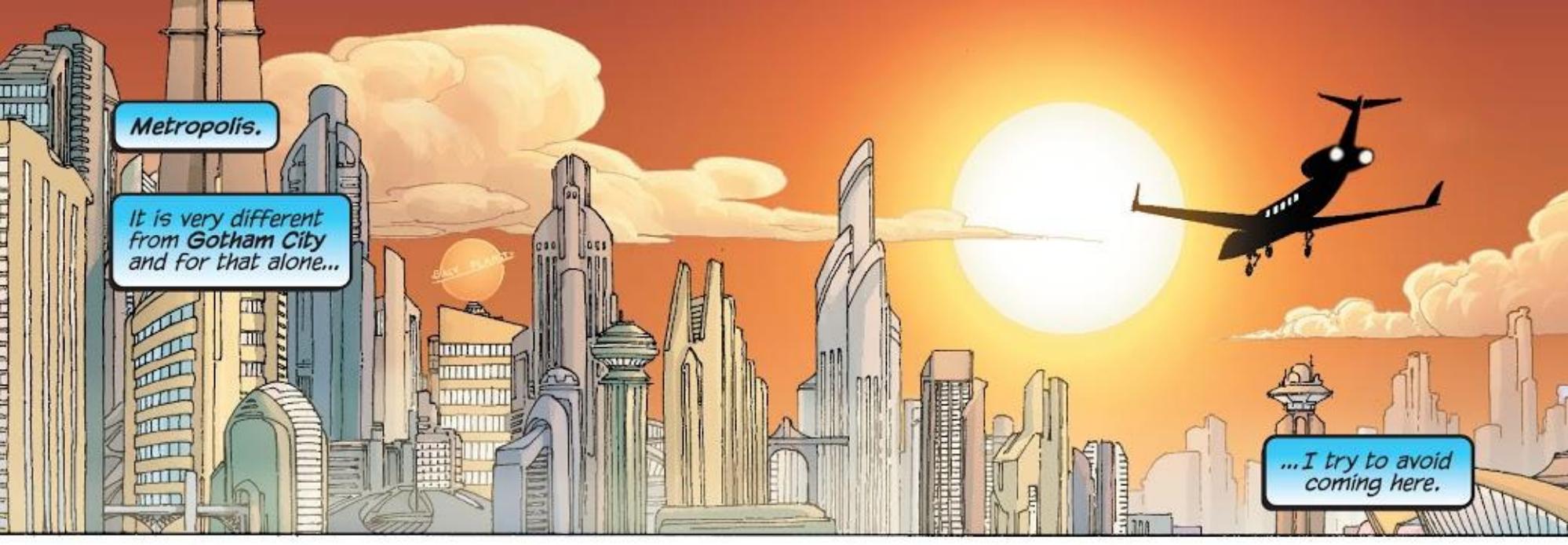
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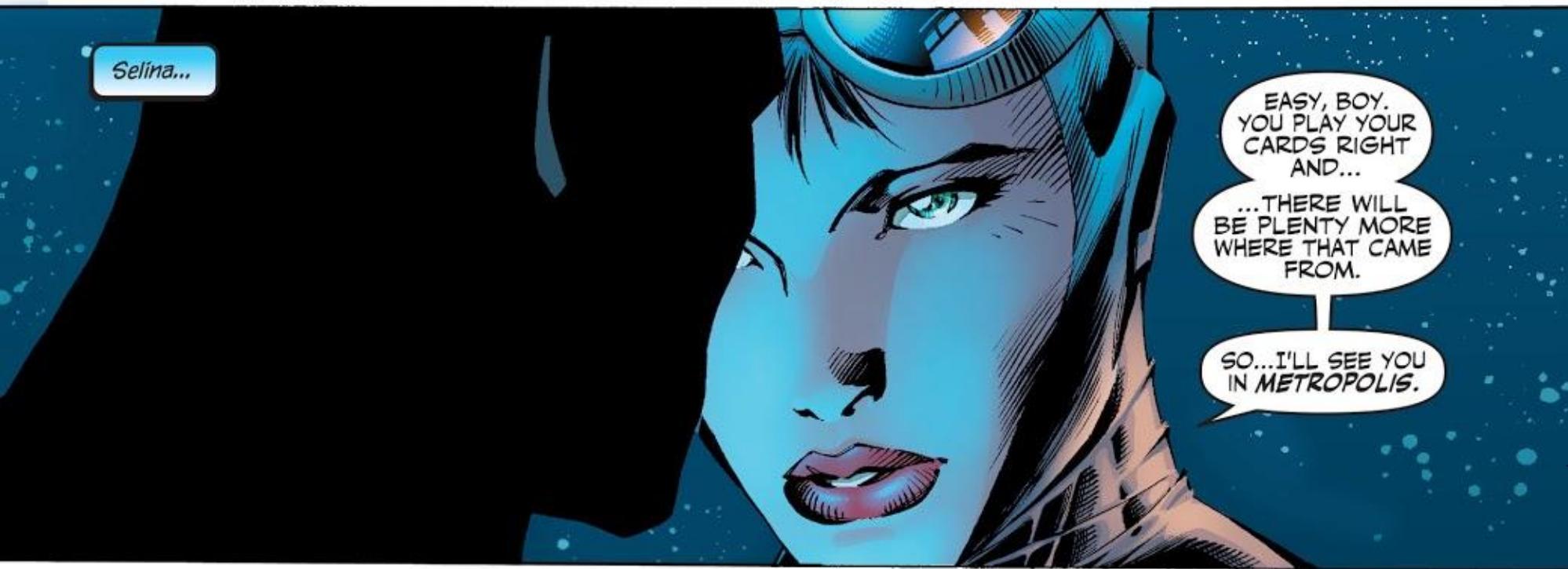
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE!



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I made a promise on the grave of my parents to rid this city of the evil that took their lives. By day, I am Bruce Wayne, billionaire philanthropist. At night, criminals, a cowardly and superstitious lot, call me...

BATMAN

CREATED BY
BOB KANE

It was one of the most extraordinary things I had ever seen in my life.

THERE! IT'S GREEN LANTERN!

Jeph LOEB writes

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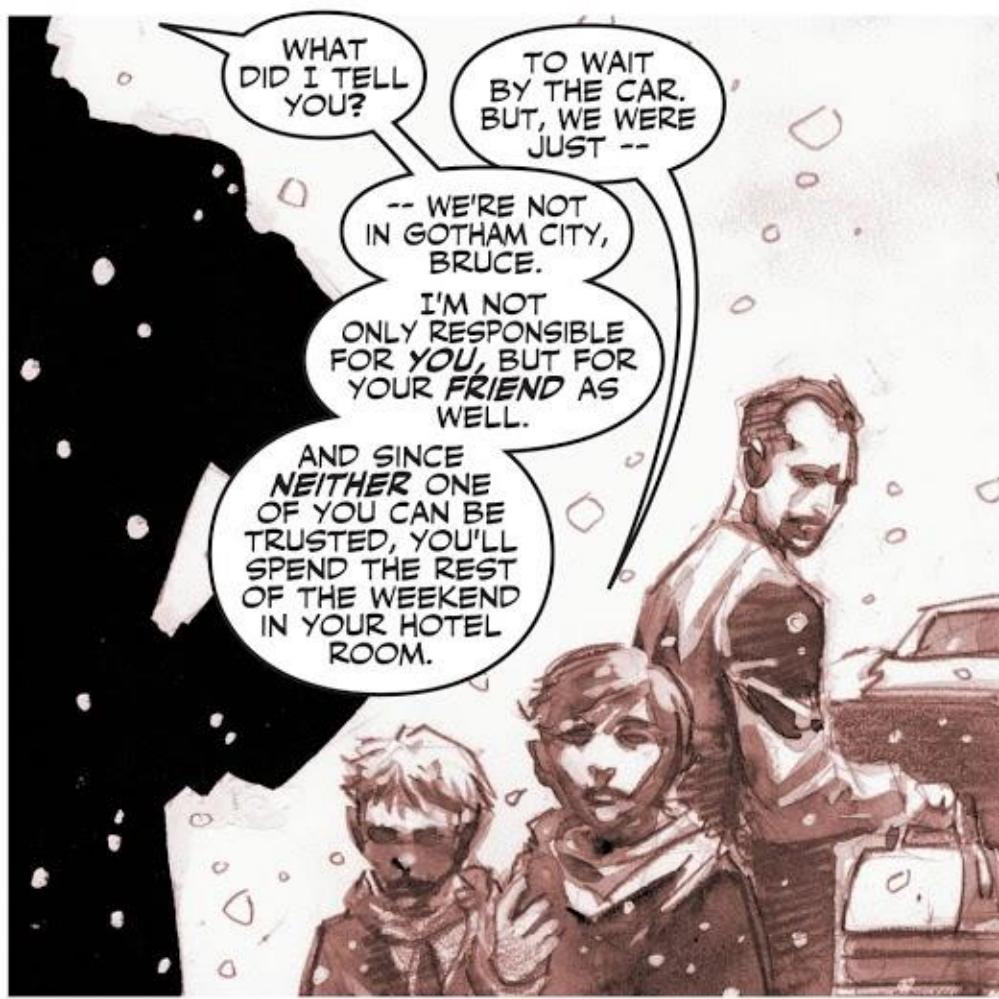
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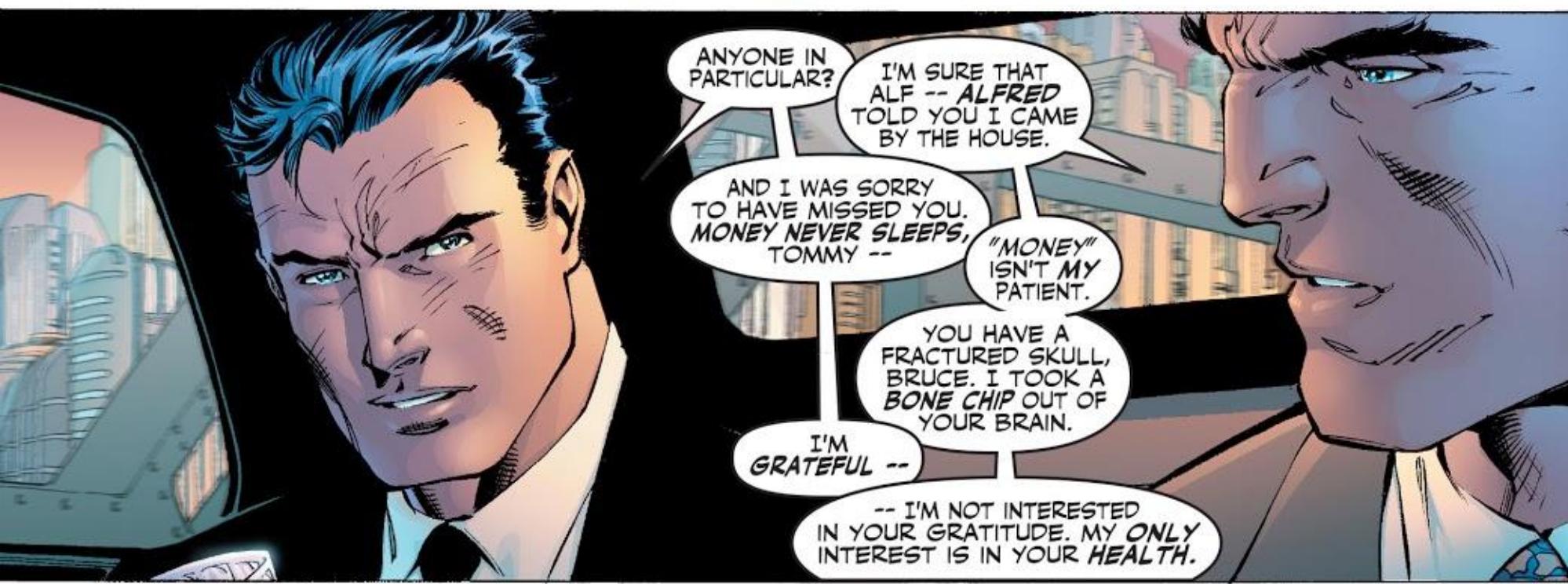
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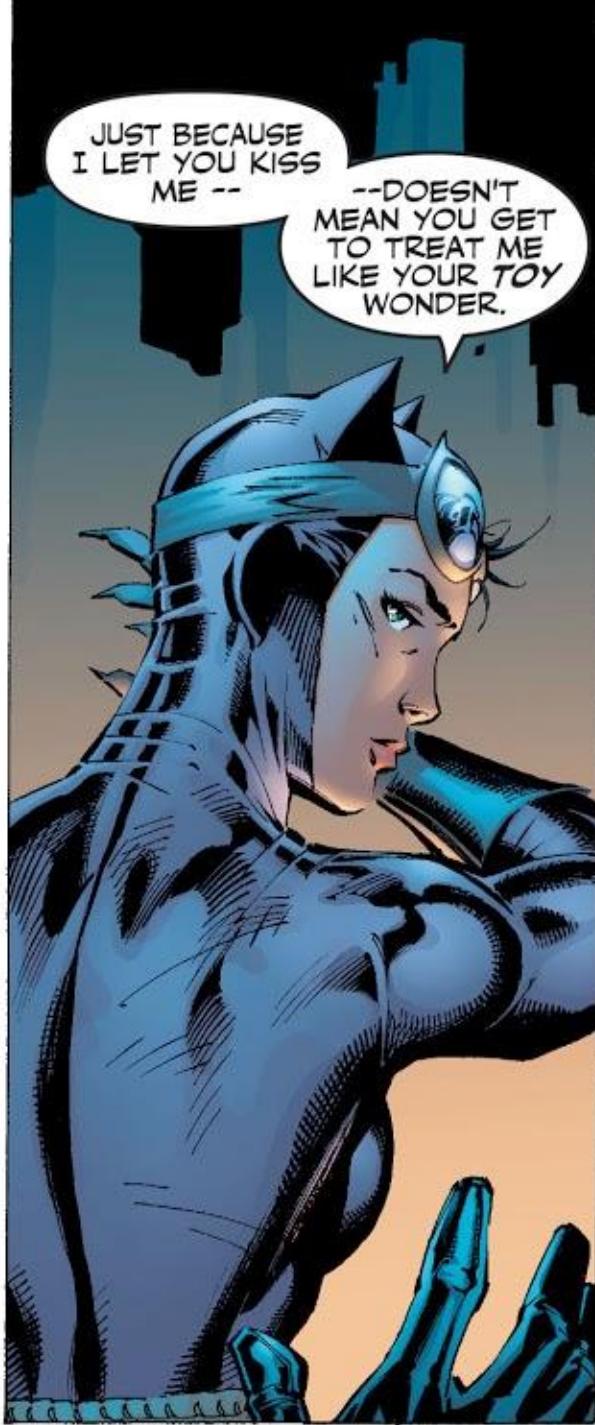
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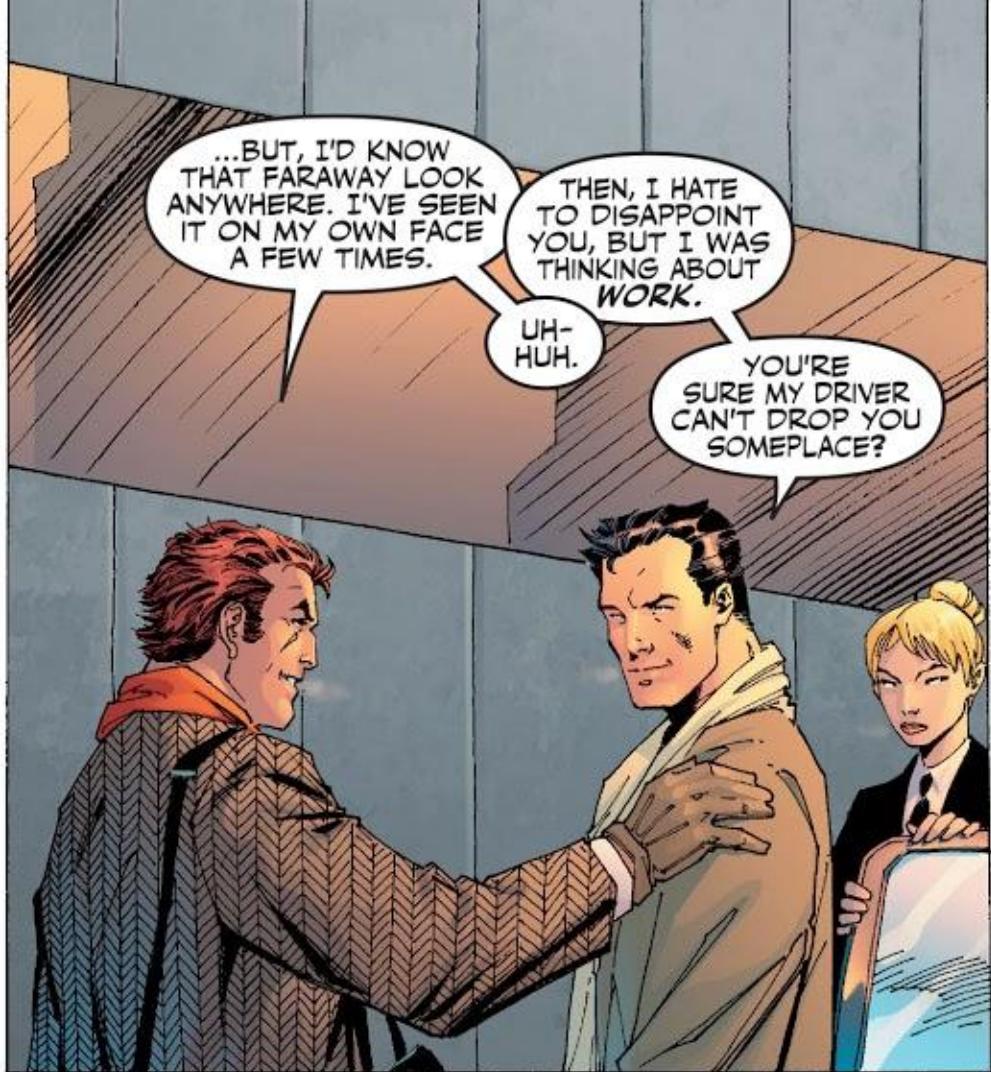


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IT IS, ISN'T IT...?



The Daily Planet.

HOW
MANY "P'S" IN
"THERAPIST"?

ONE,
LOIS.

THANKS,
SMALLVILLE.
HEY, LOOK AT
THAT --

--IF YOU
PUT A SPACE IN
"THERAPIST," YOU
GET "THE RAPIST."
THAT'S KIND OF
CLEVER.

KIND
OF...
CLARK, GIVE ME
JUST A FEW MORE
SECONDS AND WE
CAN GRAB SOME
DINNER.

I KNEW
PUTTING A
FLORIST IN THE
LOBBY OF THIS
BUILDING WAS A
GOOD IDEA.

WHO --?

HOW'S MY
FAVORITE GAL
REPORTER?

BRUCE!

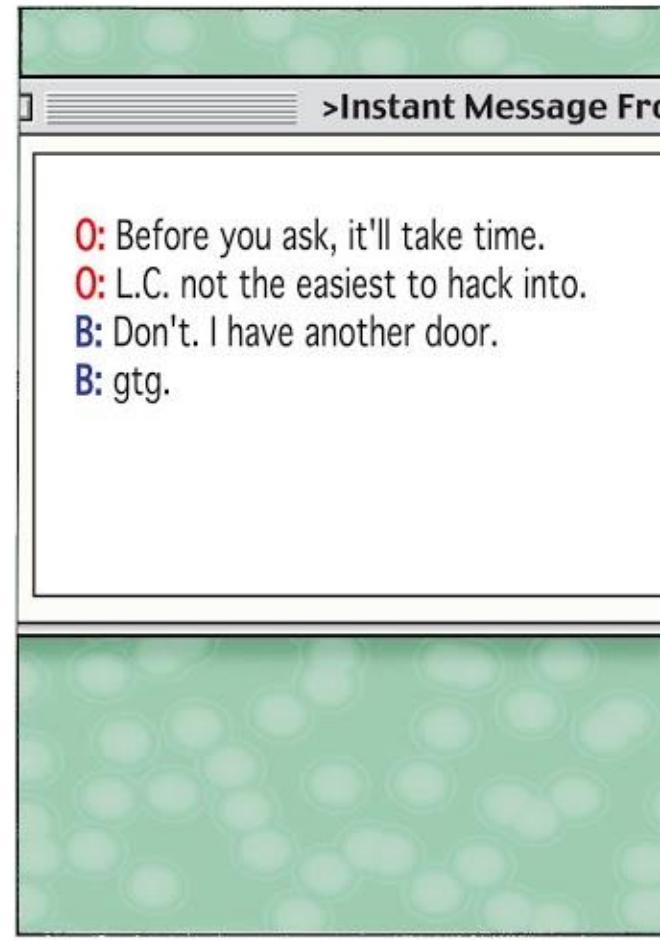
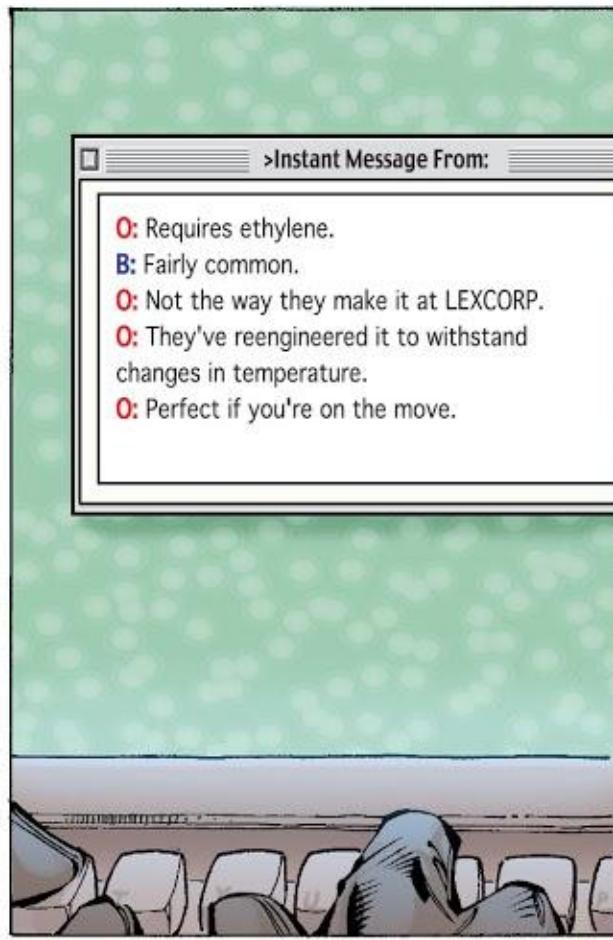
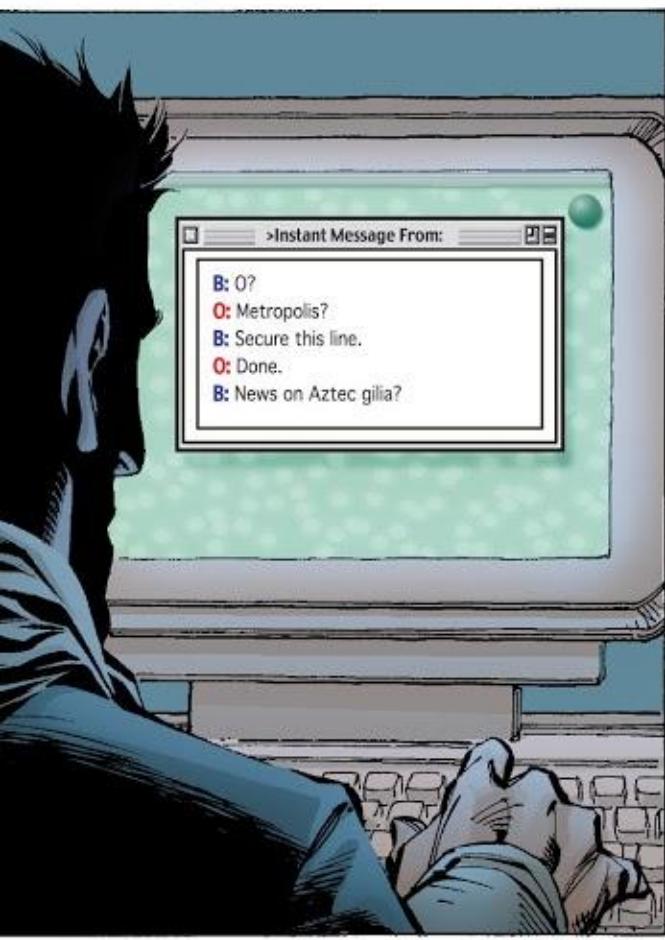
LOIS, I'M
NOT SURE THAT
P.D.A. IS THE MOST
APPROPRIATE FORM
OF BEHAVIOR
WITH THE OWNER
OF THE DAILY
PLANET.

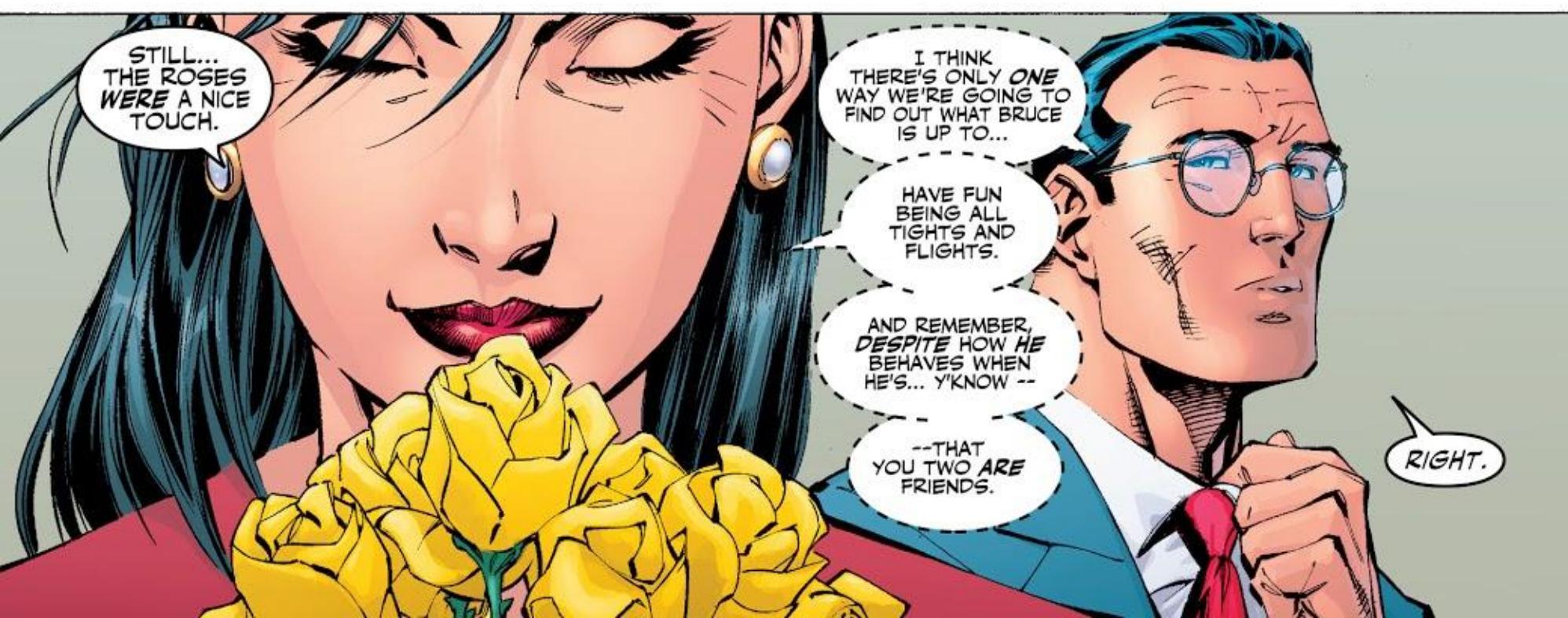
P.D.A.?

PUBLIC
DISPLAY OF
AFFECTION. YOU
CAN TAKE THE BOY
OUT OF KANSAS,
BRUCE, BUT...

Lois and Clark. He made
the choice to be honest
with her. To share both
sides of his life.

Could I find
that trust in...?





The LexCorp Towers.

YOU
COULD COME
TO METROPOLIS
MORE OFTEN.

THIS ISN'T
A SOCIAL
VISIT.

IS IT
EVER?

LexCorp was formerly owned and operated by Lex Luthor, now The President of The United States.

Currently, Talia Head, the estranged daughter of the megalomaniac Ra's Al Ghul, was handed the reins when Luthor took the Oath of Office and was forced to divest himself of any conflict of interest.

Not surprisingly, LexCorp remains one of the nation's largest weapon suppliers.

Talia. Ra's. Luthor. Calling them a nest of vipers is an insult to vipers...

WHAT DOES
"THE DETECTIVE"
WANT FROM ME
NOW?

THIS
COMPANY MAKES A
CHEMICAL CALLED
"ETHYLENE."

YES.
IT'S A PLANT
HORMONE. RAISING
AZTEC GILIA,
ARE WE?

IS THAT
SURPRISE I SAW
FLASH IN YOUR
EYES? I NEVER WAS
JUST A PRETTY
FACE.

TALIA.

IF SOMEONE
IN THIS CITY HAS
ACQUIRED LARGE
DOSES OF ETHYLENE,
I HAVE TO
KNOW.

YOU'RE
VIBRATING.

I'M NEEDED
ELSEWHERE.

My past relationship with Talia is... was complicated. I think of Selina and the matter at hand.

KRK

THERE IS
SOMETHING...
DIFFERENT ABOUT
YOU. I AM NOT
SURE I LIKE IT.

BUT, I WILL
GET YOU THE
INFORMATION
YOU SEEK...



In Gotham City, Killer Croc led me to a penthouse where he believed Poison Ivy would be.

The plants I found there were Aztec gilia. They are, at best, difficult to grow in an indoor environment.

Ivy could no more abandon them than a mother could her child, taking them with her to Metropolis.

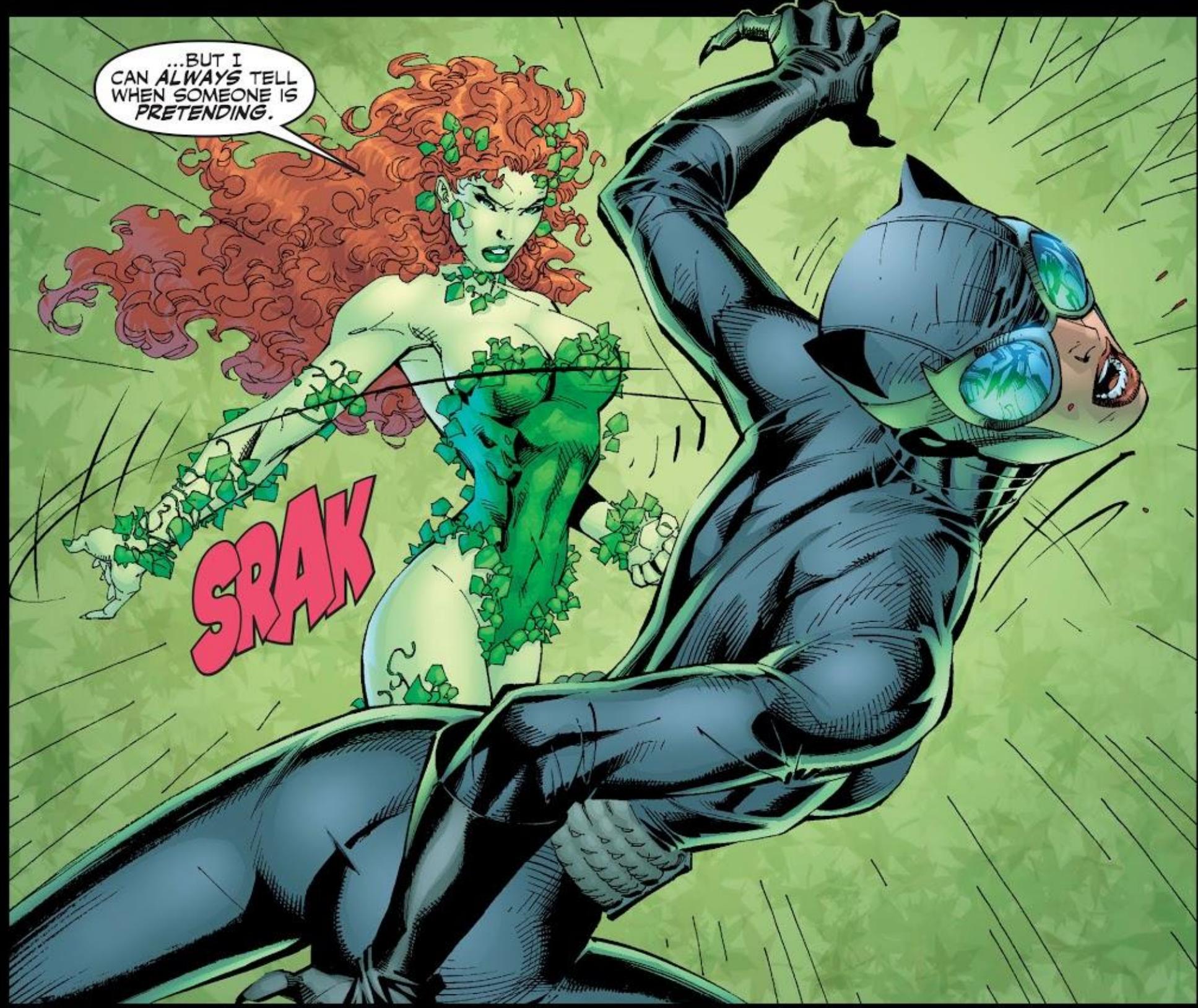
I'VE COME BACK TO YOU.

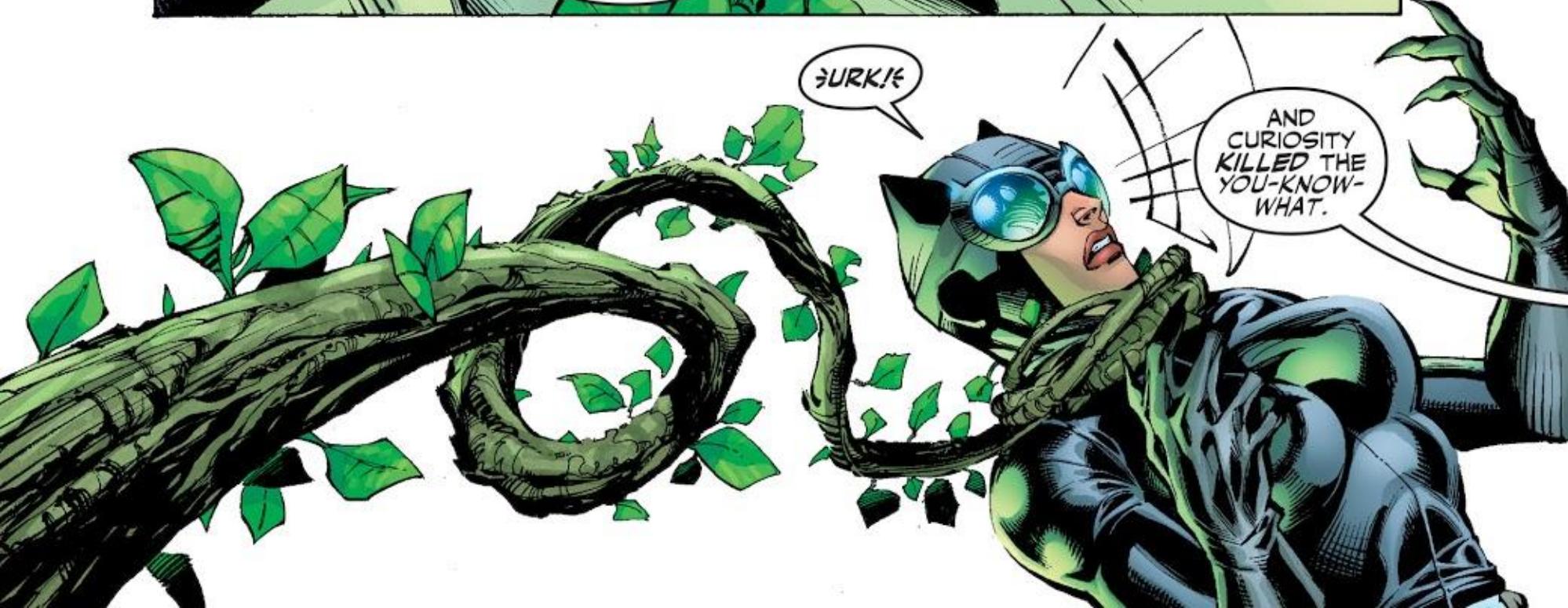
HAVE YOU?

IT'S LIKE YOU SAID --

-- NO ONE CAN RESIST YOU.

YESSS...







THOOM

No.

Not here.

THASH

KRRRK

Not now.

WHAOOOW!

Not him.

IF YOU COME
NEAR HER --

-- YOU'LL
HAVE TO COME
THROUGH ME.

YOU HEARD
THE MAN.

MY
SUPERMAN.

next: BATMAN vs. SUPERMAN