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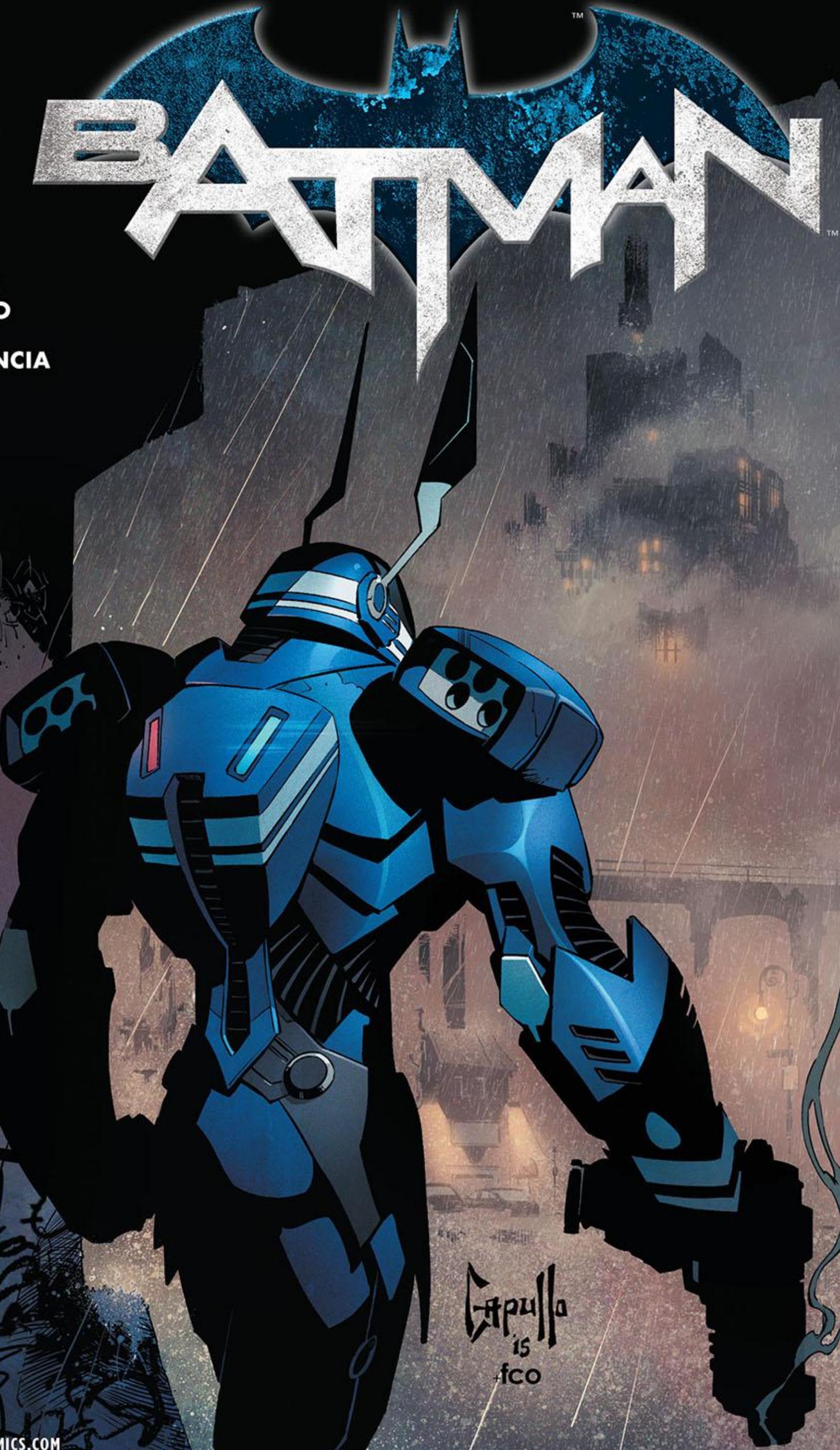
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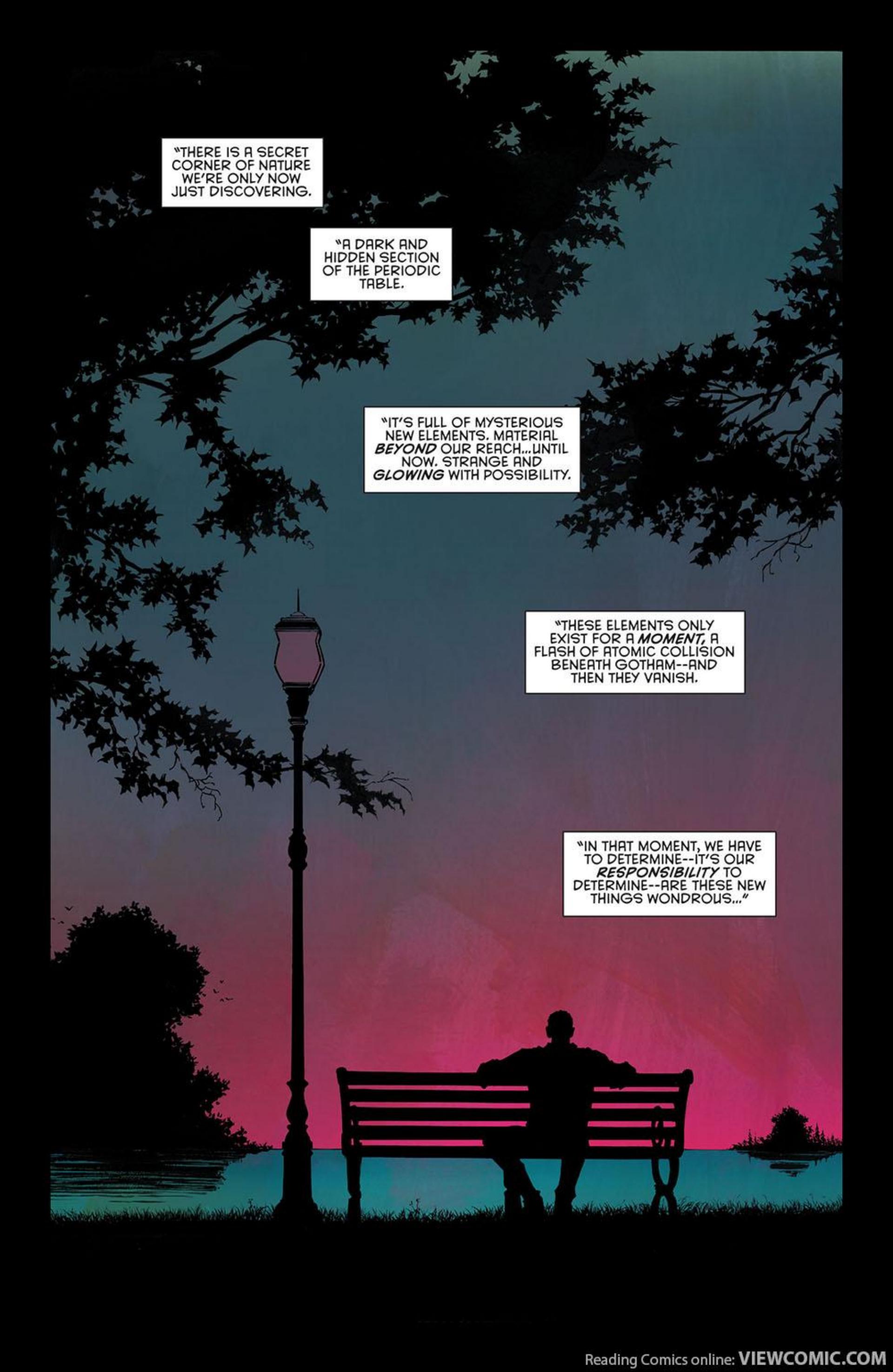
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# BATMAN



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"THERE IS A SECRET CORNER OF NATURE WE'RE ONLY NOW JUST DISCOVERING."

"A DARK AND HIDDEN SECTION OF THE PERIODIC TABLE."

"IT'S FULL OF MYSTERIOUS NEW ELEMENTS. MATERIAL BEYOND OUR REACH...UNTIL NOW. STRANGE AND GLOWING WITH POSSIBILITY."

"THESE ELEMENTS ONLY EXIST FOR A *MOMENT*, A FLASH OF ATOMIC COLLISION BENEATH GOTHAM--AND THEN THEY VANISH."

"IN THAT MOMENT, WE HAVE TO DETERMINE--IT'S OUR *RESPONSIBILITY* TO DETERMINE--ARE THESE NEW THINGS WONDROUS..."



"...IT."



Ah, I bet I know what you're thinking.

Yes, you.

You're thinking, the signal is supposed to shine up into the sky. Not down at the ground.

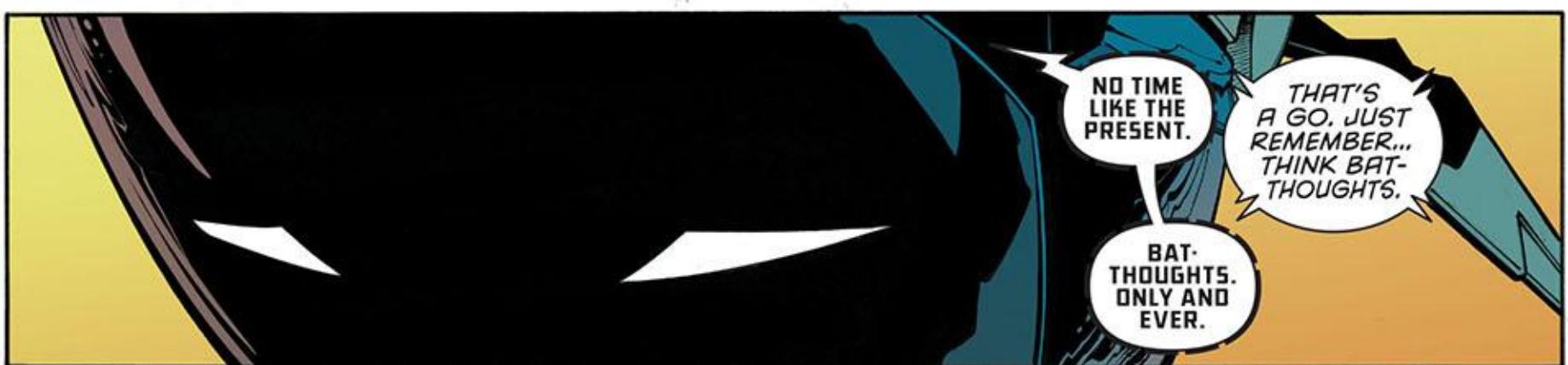
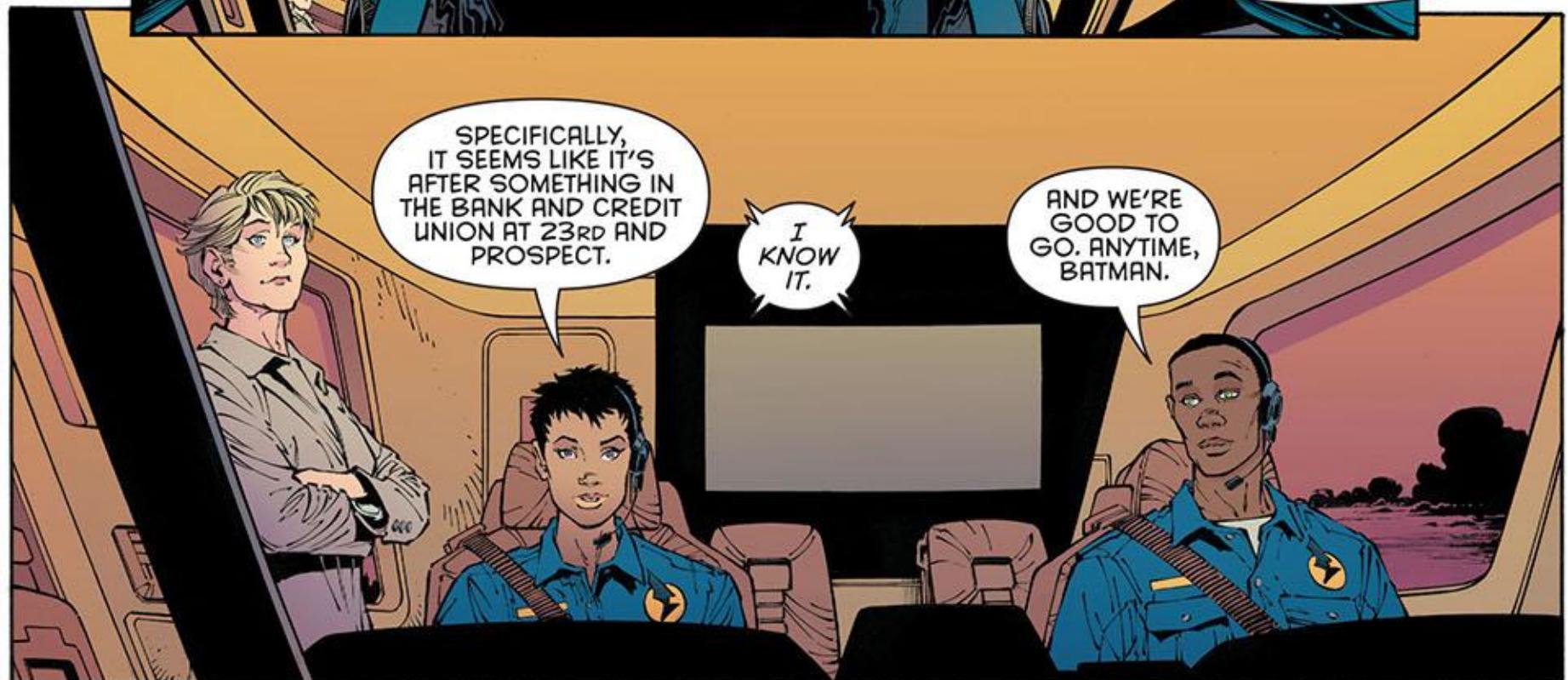
But then again, why not, right? Lately, it's almost like the whole city has been turned upside down.

Like it's been completely upended by Batman's death. Ever since--

AHEM.  
YOU'RE AWFULLY QUIET. TELL ME YOU'RE NOT NAVEL-GAZING AGAIN.

BATMAN HAS NO NAVEL.





# SUPERHEAVY

PART ONE

SCOTT SNYDER WRITER GREG CAPULLO PENCILS  
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SEAN MURPHY & MATT HOLLINGSWORTH JOKER 75TH ANNIVERSARY COVER

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...the  
BATMAN.



You'll practice that.

Now, giant energy-man, what brings you to Little Cuba?!

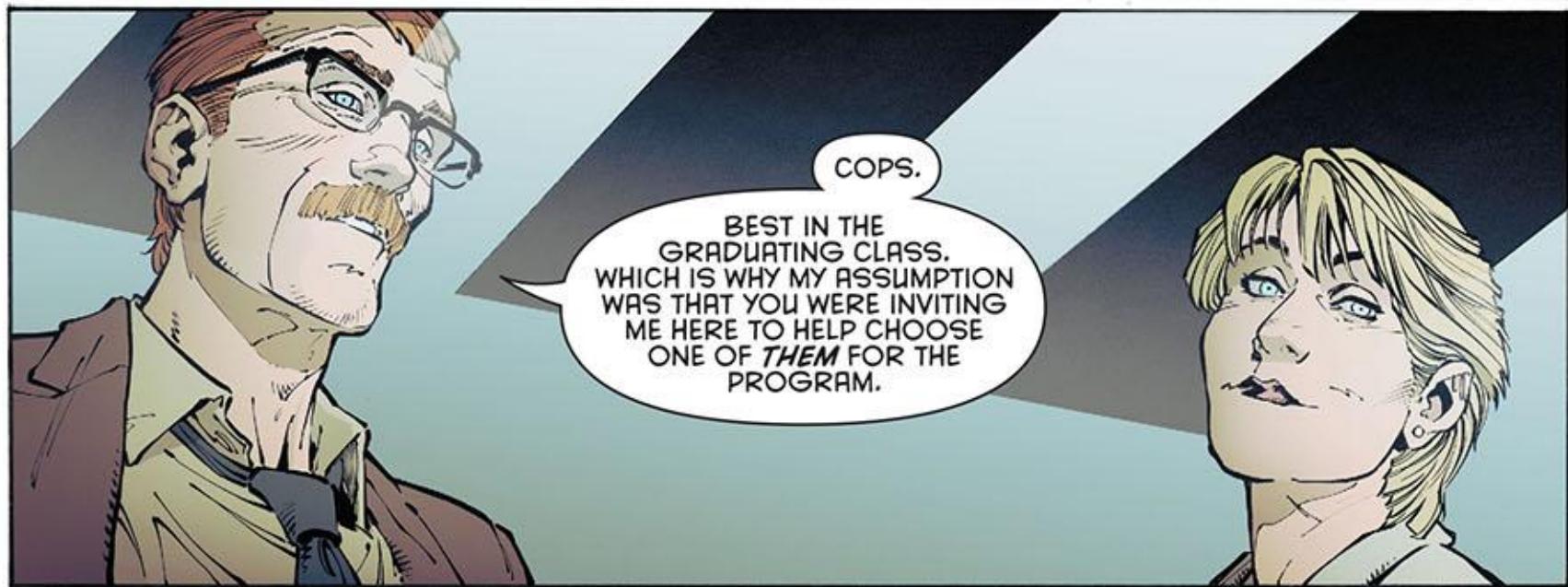
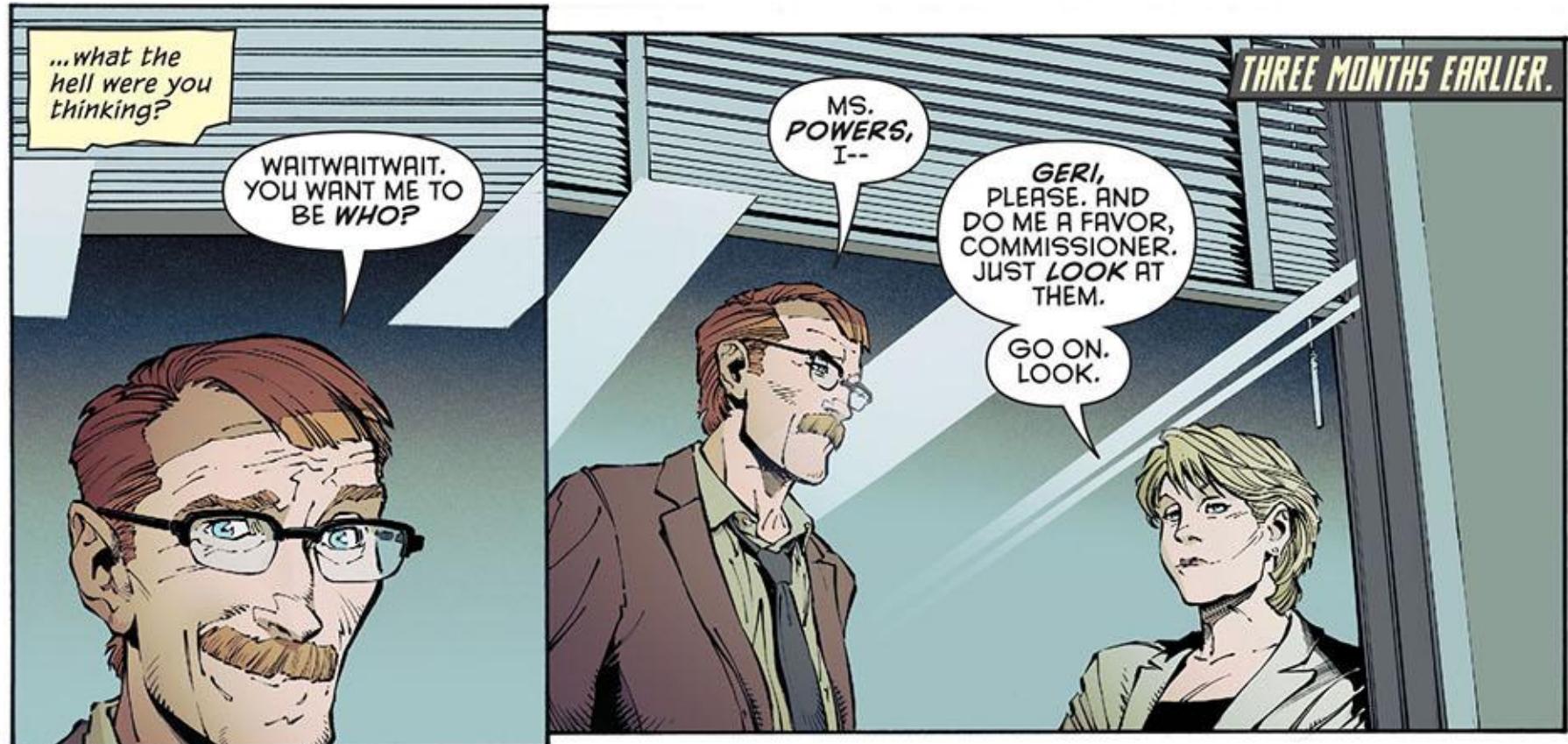
I mean, sure, good people, good food. Best baseball player in Gotham history lives here. Dodger Valera. Five-ring catcher.

So what is it you're here t--

BATMAN,  
ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT?!

>Unh-  
Bat-thoughts...  
that hurt. A lot.

Damn, Jim...



I MEAN, THAT'S WILLIAMS. THE GUY IS QUICK AS A WHIP. TOP OF HIS CLASS...

YES. AND HE'D MAKE A MUCH SMARTER BATMAN THAN YOU, JIM.

YES. AND SHE'D MAKE A MUCH TOUGHER BATMAN THAN YOU.

RIGHT, OF COURSE HE WOULD. OR HUANG. LOOK AT HER. SHE PRACTICALLY LIVES AT THE STATION.

HELL, THEY'D ALL BE PRETTIER BATMEN THAN YOU, I'LL SAY THAT.



BUT NONE OF THEM WOULD BE THE *RIGHT* BATMAN.

YOU WERE A MARINE, COMMISSIONER. SO WAS I. THOSE KIDS, AND THEY ARE KIDS, THEY'LL GET HURT OUT THERE.

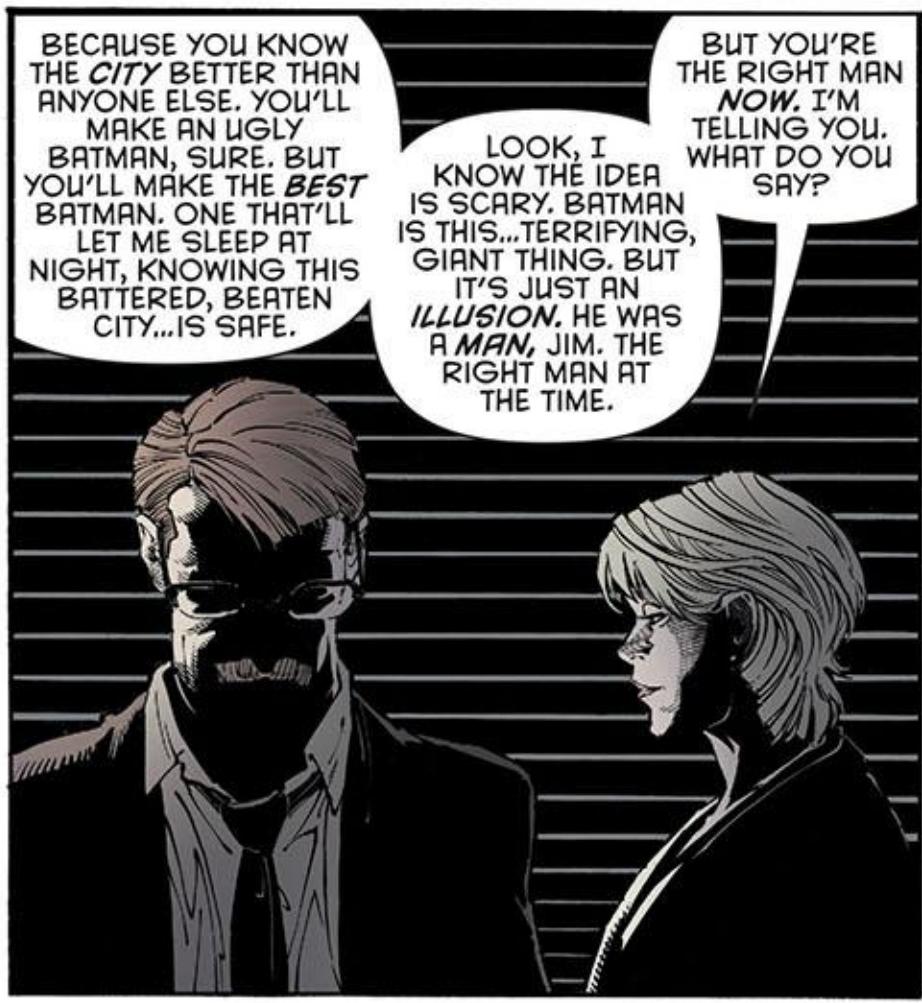
NOW THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, THEY'D PREFER A YOUNGER BATMAN. A MORE FRESH-FACED BATMAN. EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC WON'T KNOW BATMAN'S IDENTITY. BUT ME? I BELIEVE IT HAS TO BE YOU.



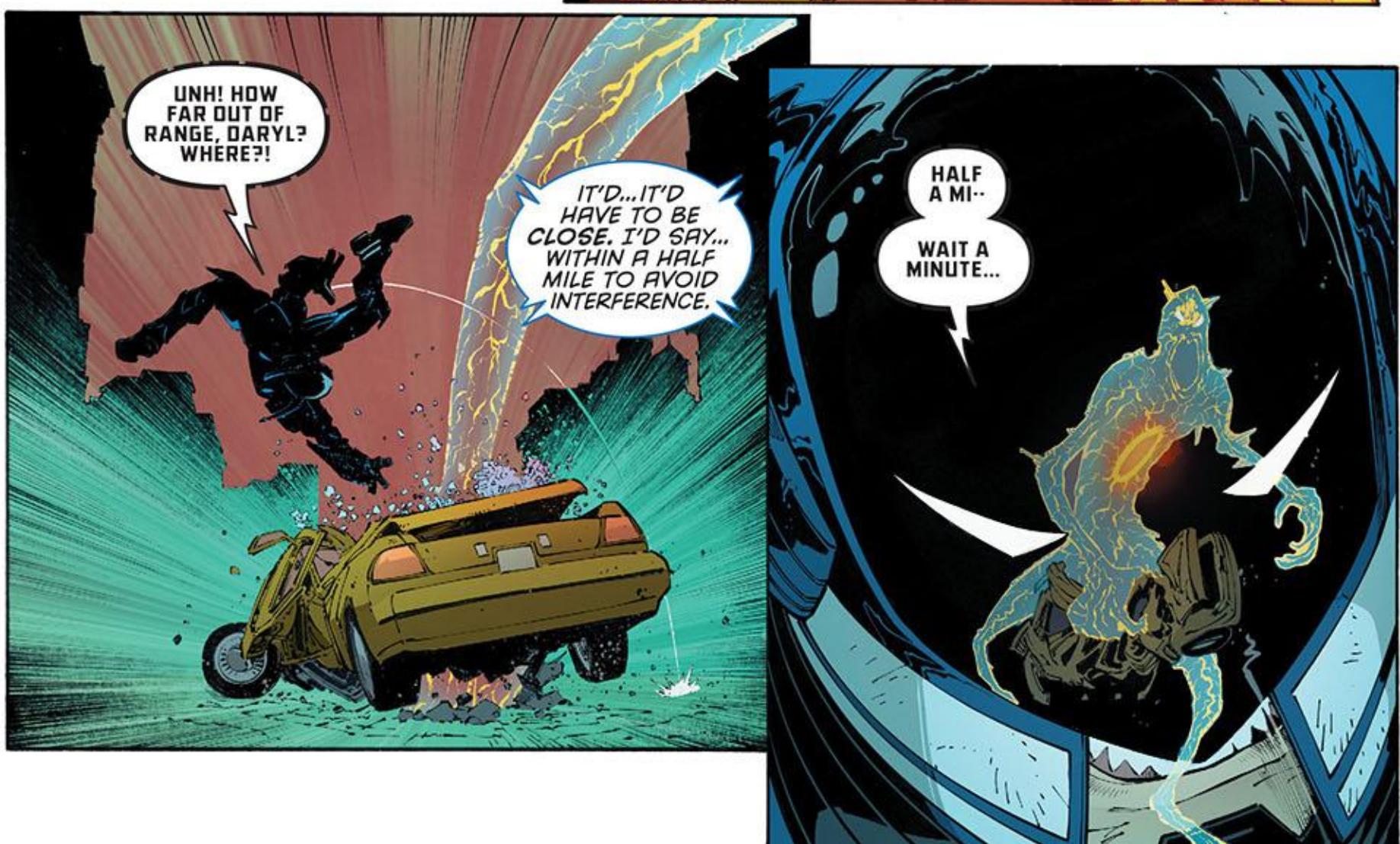
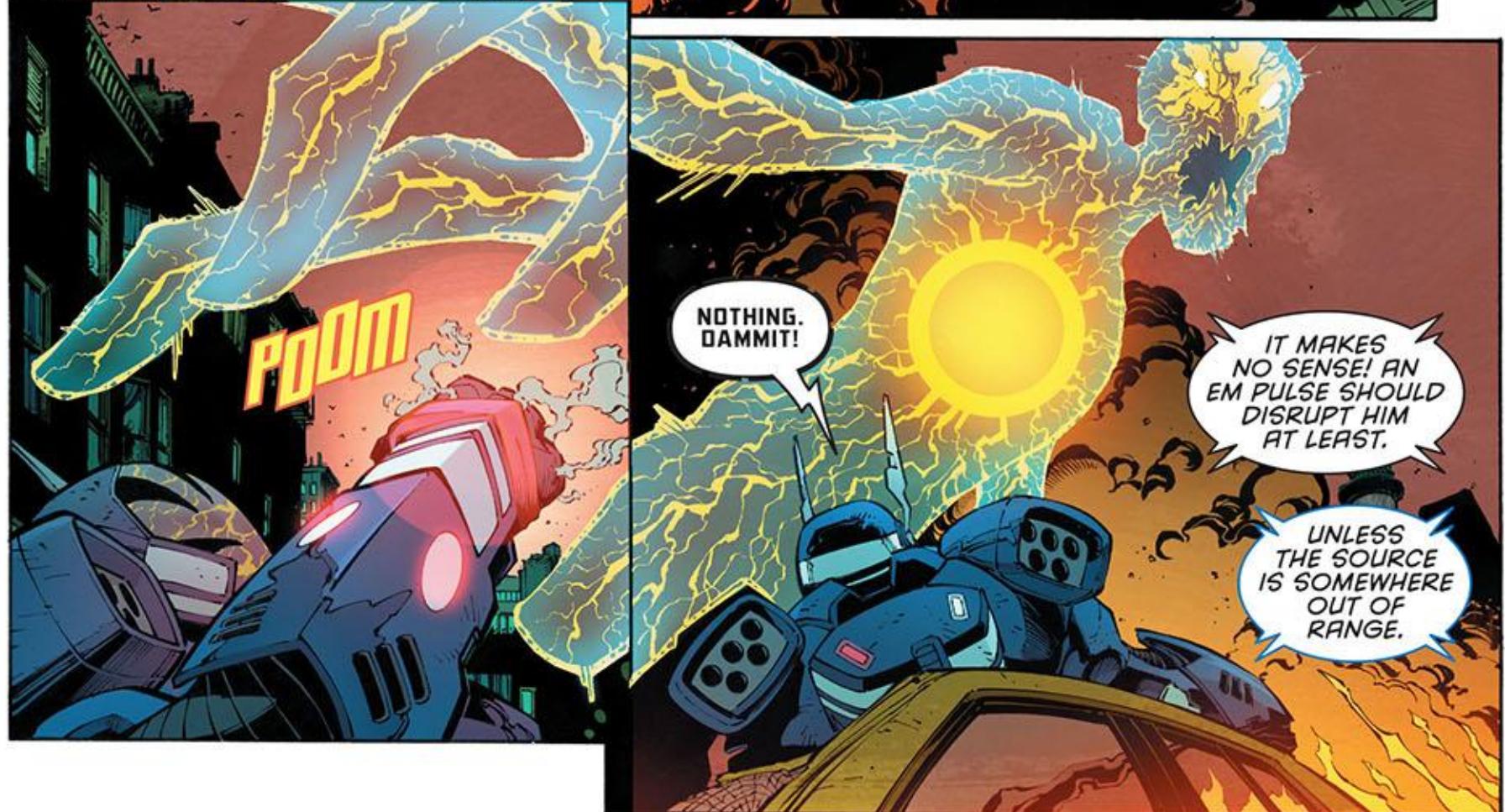
BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE CITY BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE. YOU'LL MAKE AN UGLY BATMAN, SURE. BUT YOU'LL MAKE THE *BEST* BATMAN. ONE THAT'LL LET ME SLEEP AT NIGHT, KNOWING THIS BATTERED, BEATEN CITY...IS SAFE.

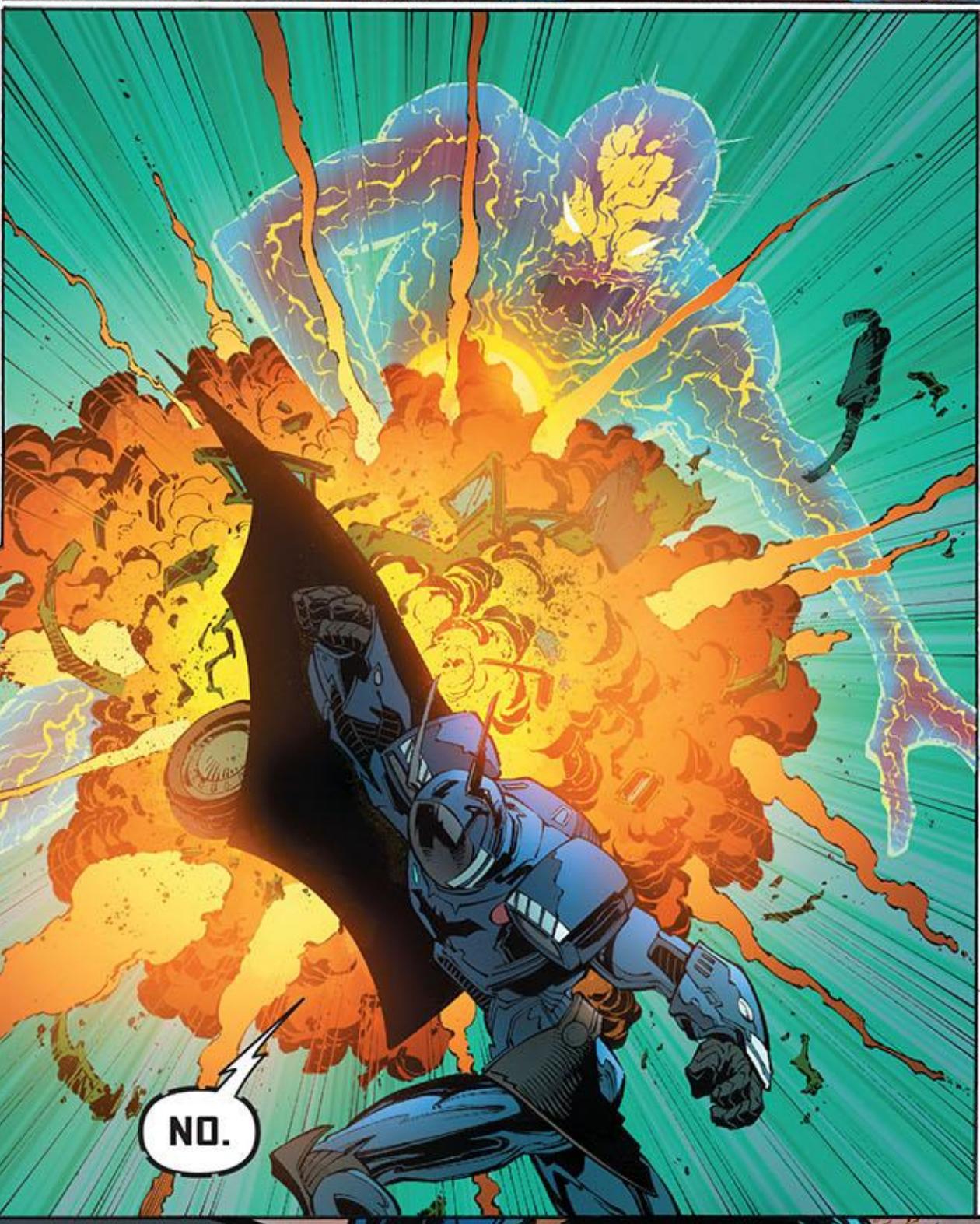
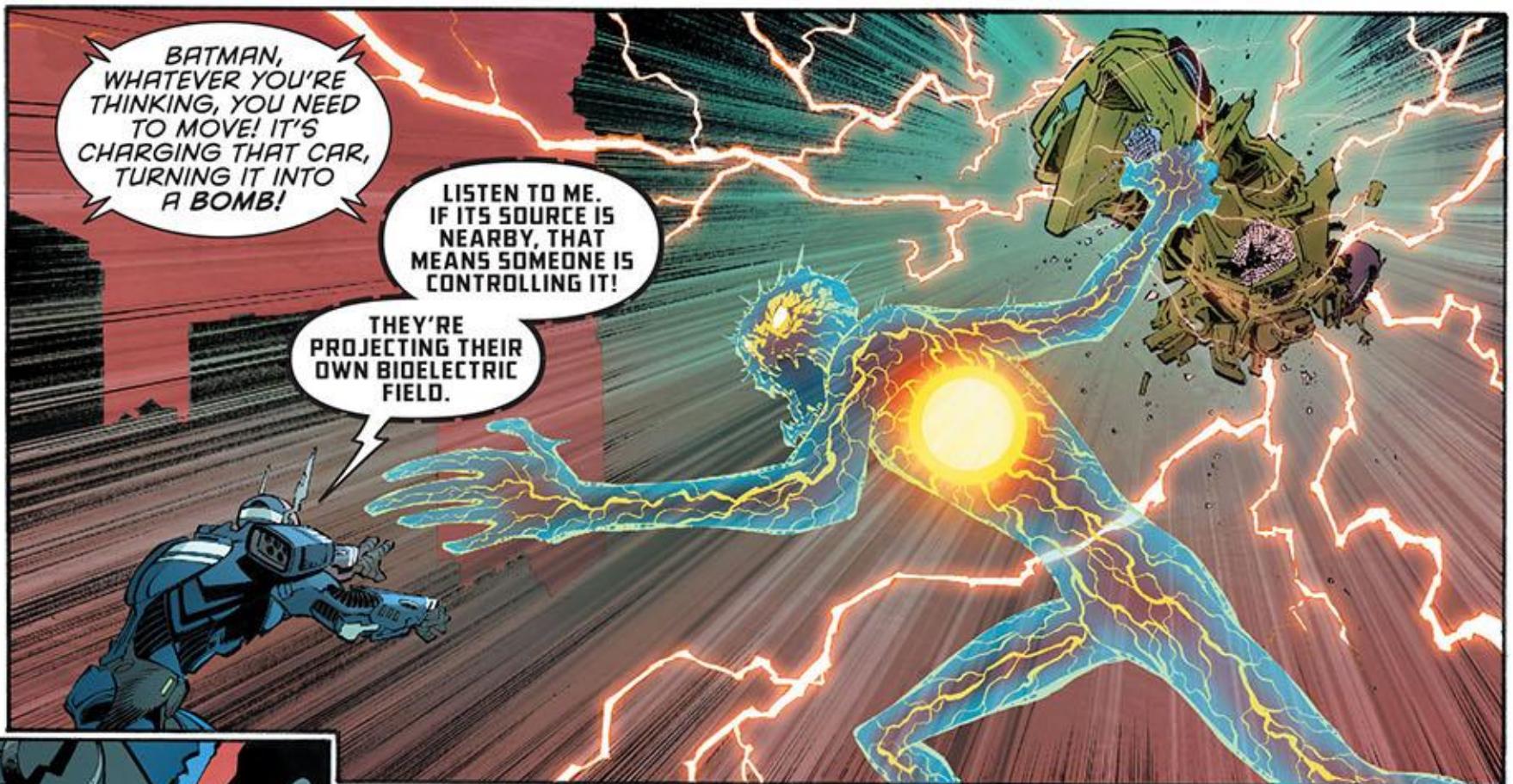
LOOK, I KNOW THE IDEA IS SCARY. BATMAN IS THIS...TERRIFYING, GIANT THING. BUT IT'S JUST AN ILLUSION. HE WAS A MAN, JIM. THE RIGHT MAN AT THE TIME.

FORGIVE ME, GERI, BUT... WHY?

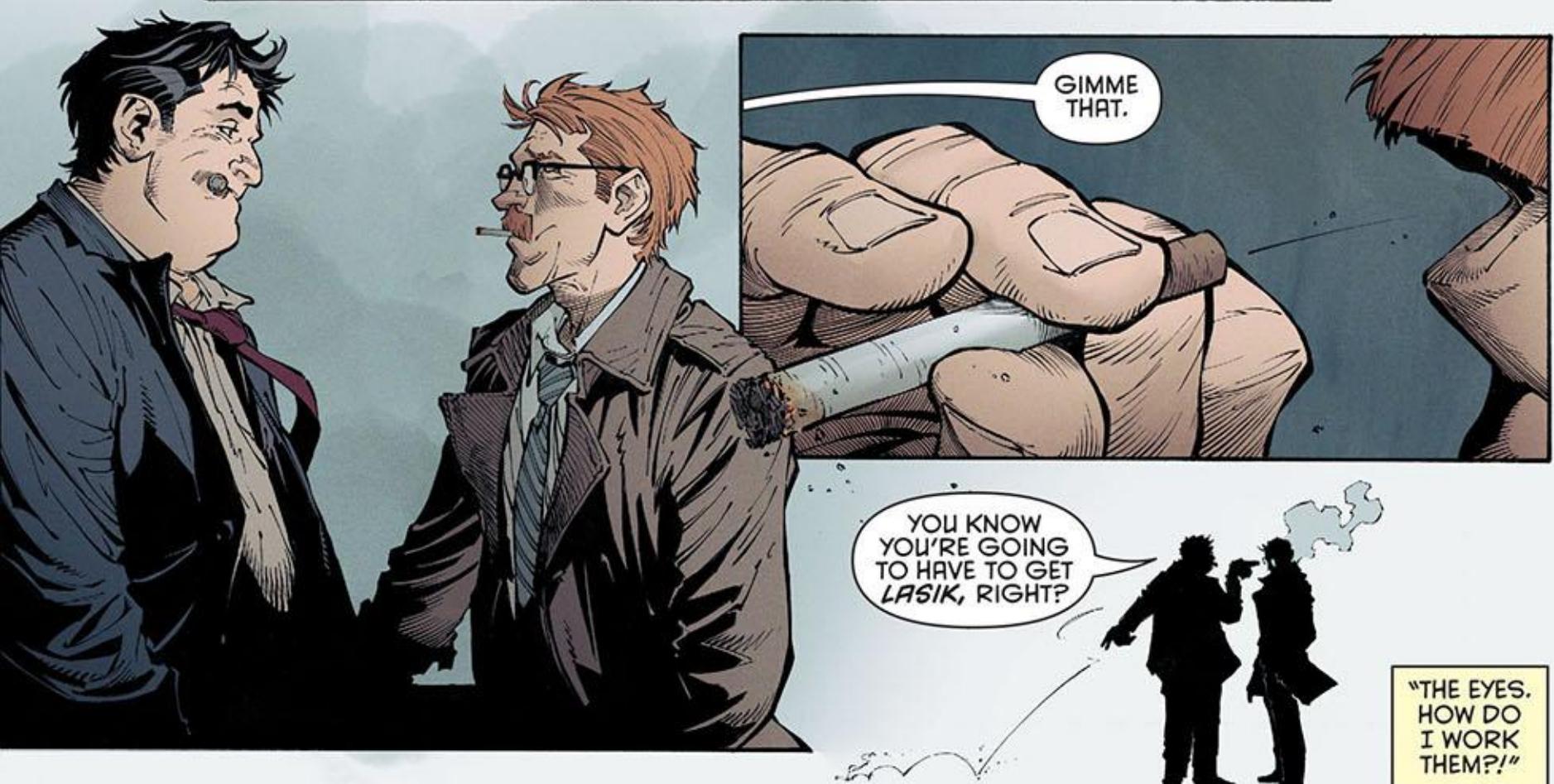
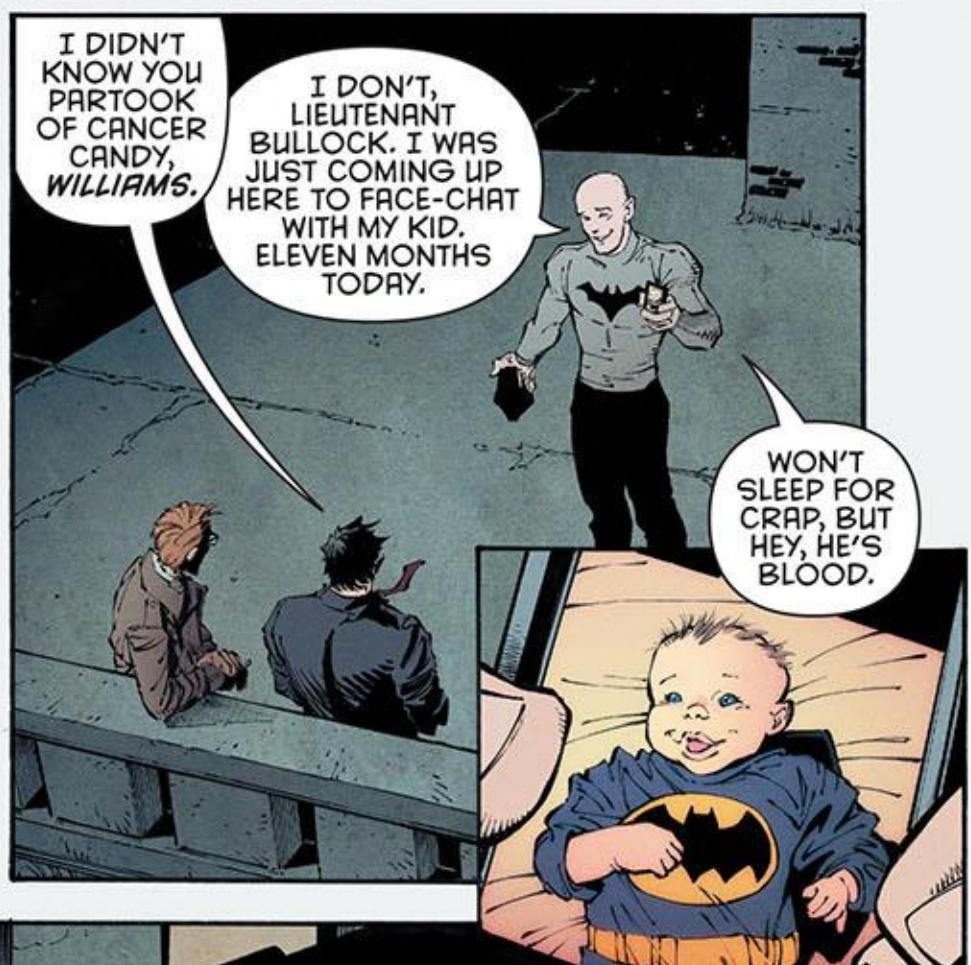


...  
I'M SORRY...









ON IT.  
WHAT ARE WE  
LOOKING  
FOR?

UNH!  
SOMEONE  
STEALING  
HOME!

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND,  
IF--

THE MONSTER  
IS AN EXTENSION  
OF A PARTICULAR  
CRIMINAL. AND WHAT  
DO WE KNOW  
ABOUT THEM?

THEY WERE  
ATTACKING A  
BANK.

Huh.  
LOOK AT  
THAT. BATMAN  
SWINGS AND  
CONNECTS!

STRANGE,  
THE POWER SOURCE  
SEEMS TO BE COMING  
FROM INSIDE THE PERP.  
WE HAVE IDENTIFICATION,  
THOUGH. HIS  
NAME IS--

PRECIOUS  
PRECIOUS. YES, HIS  
REAL NAME. I KNOW  
HIM WELL. FOUNDING  
MEMBER OF THE CUBAN  
BRANCH OF THE  
INFAMOUS WHISPER  
GANG.

UPON INITIATION,  
THE GANG MAKES ITS  
MEMBERS WEAR METAL  
MASKS FOR A YEAR TO PROVE  
THEIR DEDICATION. PRECIOUS  
OPTED TO KEEP HIS ON FOR  
THREE. HENCE THE SCARS.  
MURDER, EXTORTION...



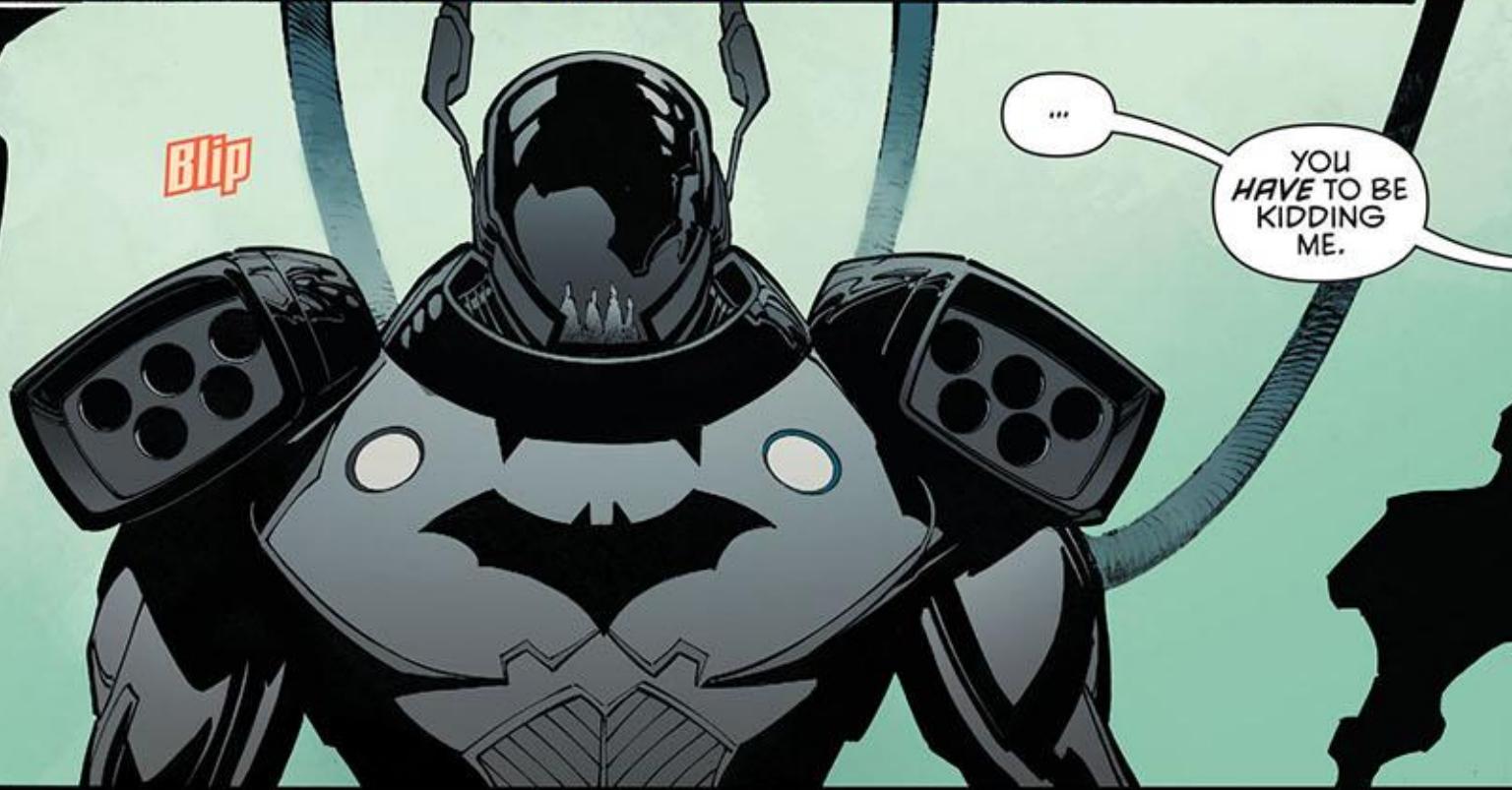
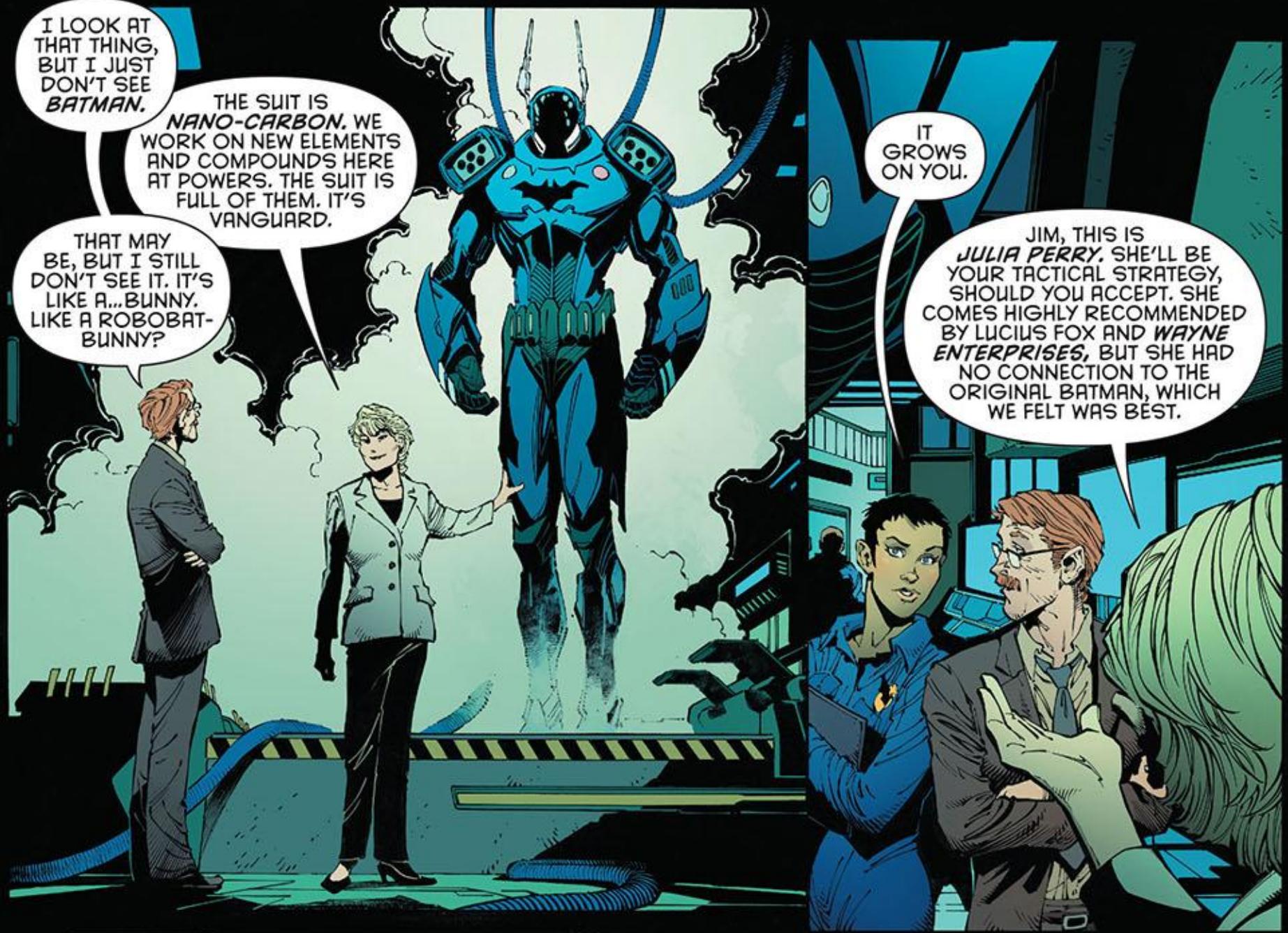
I LOOK AT THAT THING, BUT I JUST DON'T SEE BATMAN.

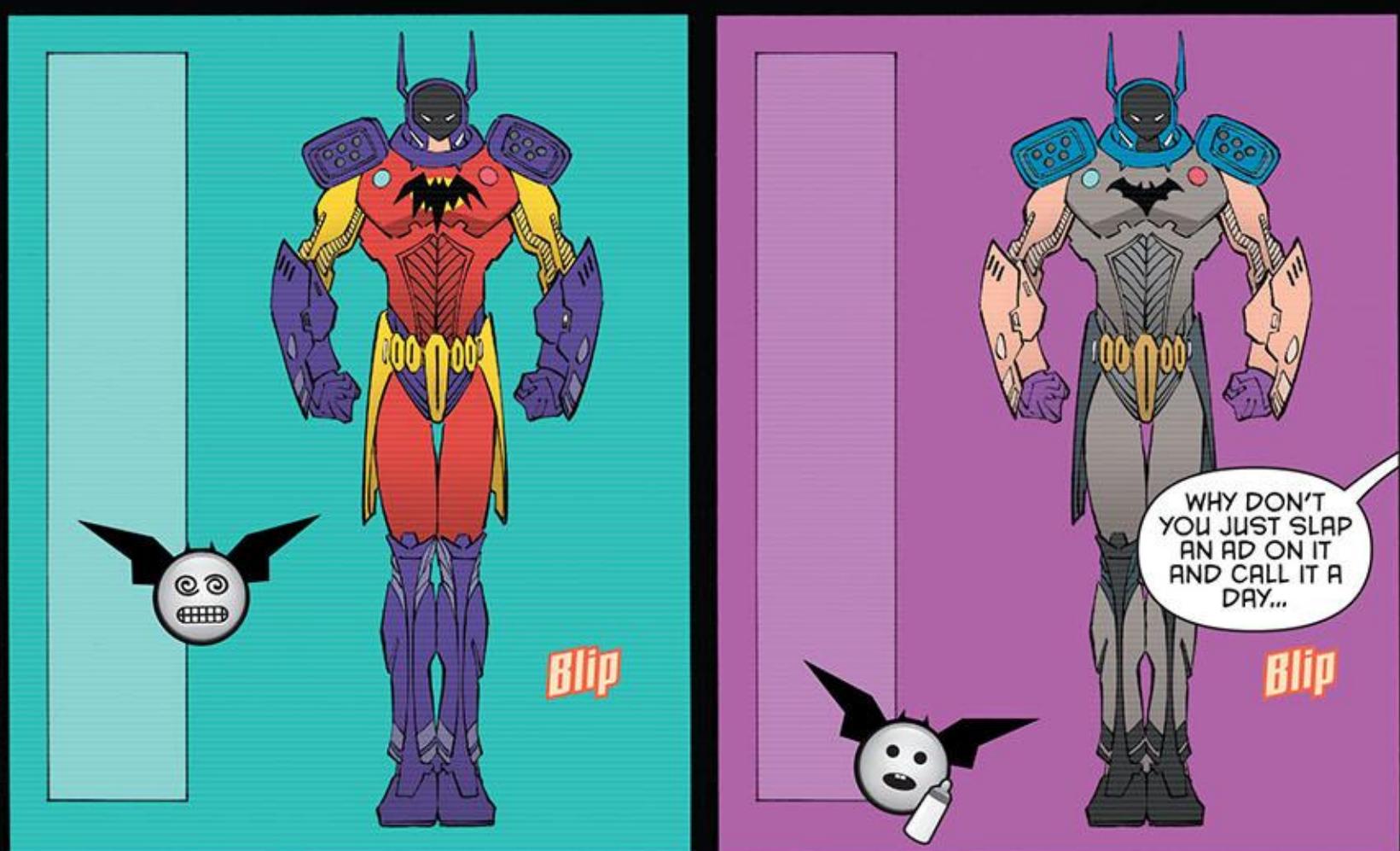
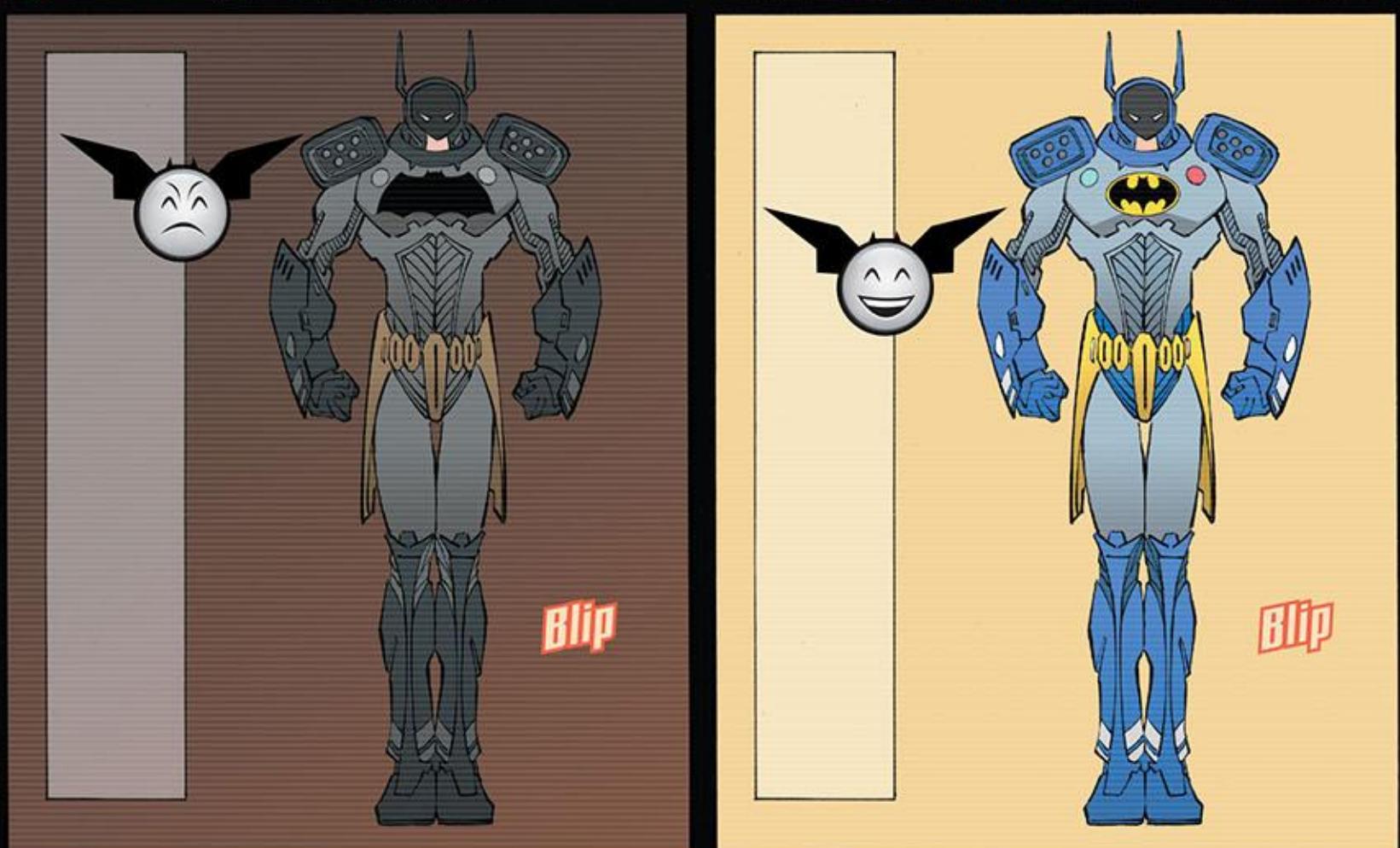
THE SUIT IS NANO-CARBON. WE WORK ON NEW ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS HERE AT POWERS. THE SUIT IS FULL OF THEM. IT'S VANGUARD.

THAT MAY BE, BUT I STILL DON'T SEE IT. IT'S LIKE A... BUNNY. LIKE A ROBOBAT-BUNNY?

IT GROWS ON YOU.

JIM, THIS IS JULIA PERRY. SHE'LL BE YOUR TACTICAL STRATEGY, SHOULD YOU ACCEPT. SHE COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY LUCIUS FOX AND WAYNE ENTERPRISES, BUT SHE HAD NO CONNECTION TO THE ORIGINAL BATMAN, WHICH WE FELT WAS BEST.









"I THINK SO."

"GOOD, THEN LISTEN CAREFULLY, BECAUSE THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART..."

"WHAT WE'RE MAKING HERE IS SOMETHING DANGEROUS AND UNKNOWN."

"YOU WILL BE A NEW BATMAN, IF YOU DO THIS, JIM."

"YOU WON'T *BE* POLICE, YOU'LL WORK WITH THEM. WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND THE PEOPLE, TOO. YOU'LL BE A BATMAN THAT HAS CHECKS AND BALANCES."

"YOU'LL BE A BETTER BATMAN, BETTER FOR THIS GOTHAM, THIS MOMENT."

"SOMETHING INSPIRING."

"NOW, THE PUBLIC WON'T KNOW YOUR IDENTITY, BUT THE FEW THAT **NEED** TO KNOW, WILL."

"YOU'LL HAVE TO TRAIN, TO **TRANSFORM** YOURSELF."

"AND YOU'LL LIVE IN AN APARTMENT IN OUR MAIN FACILITY. IT'LL BE YOUR HOME. YOUR 'CAVE.'

"SO, JIM GORDON...WHAT DO YOU SAY?"

Heh.



I GUESS THEY'LL HAVE TO  
START MAKING THESE  
DAMN THINGS  
- HARV

"I SAY..."

WHAT THE HELL HAVE WE DONE?



NEXT MONTH:  
**GOTHAM CRUMBLES!**