

# BATMAN



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VOTED THE CENTURY'S MOST POPULAR COMICS CHARACTER

HAMA • McDANIEL • STORY



# MIKE and ALFIE



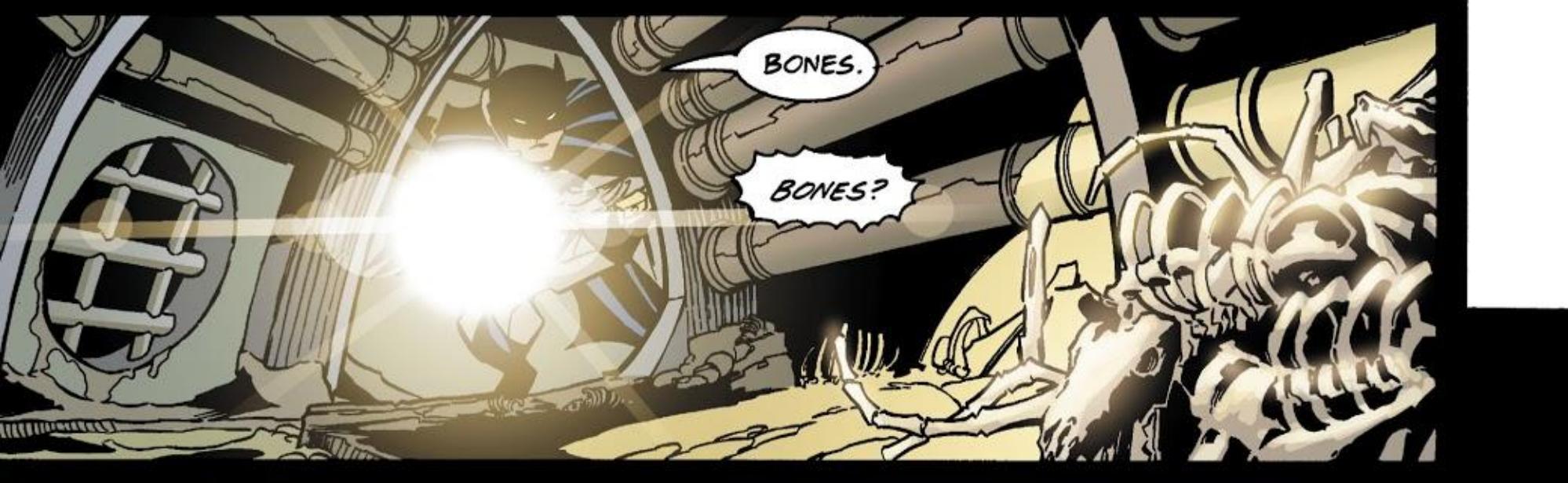
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I'VE FOUND SOME STRANGE TRACKS DOWN HERE, ALFRED. MUCH TOO LARGE FOR A RAT.

ALMOST REPTILIAN.



BONES.

BONES?



RAT BONES...

...and they've been GNAWED.



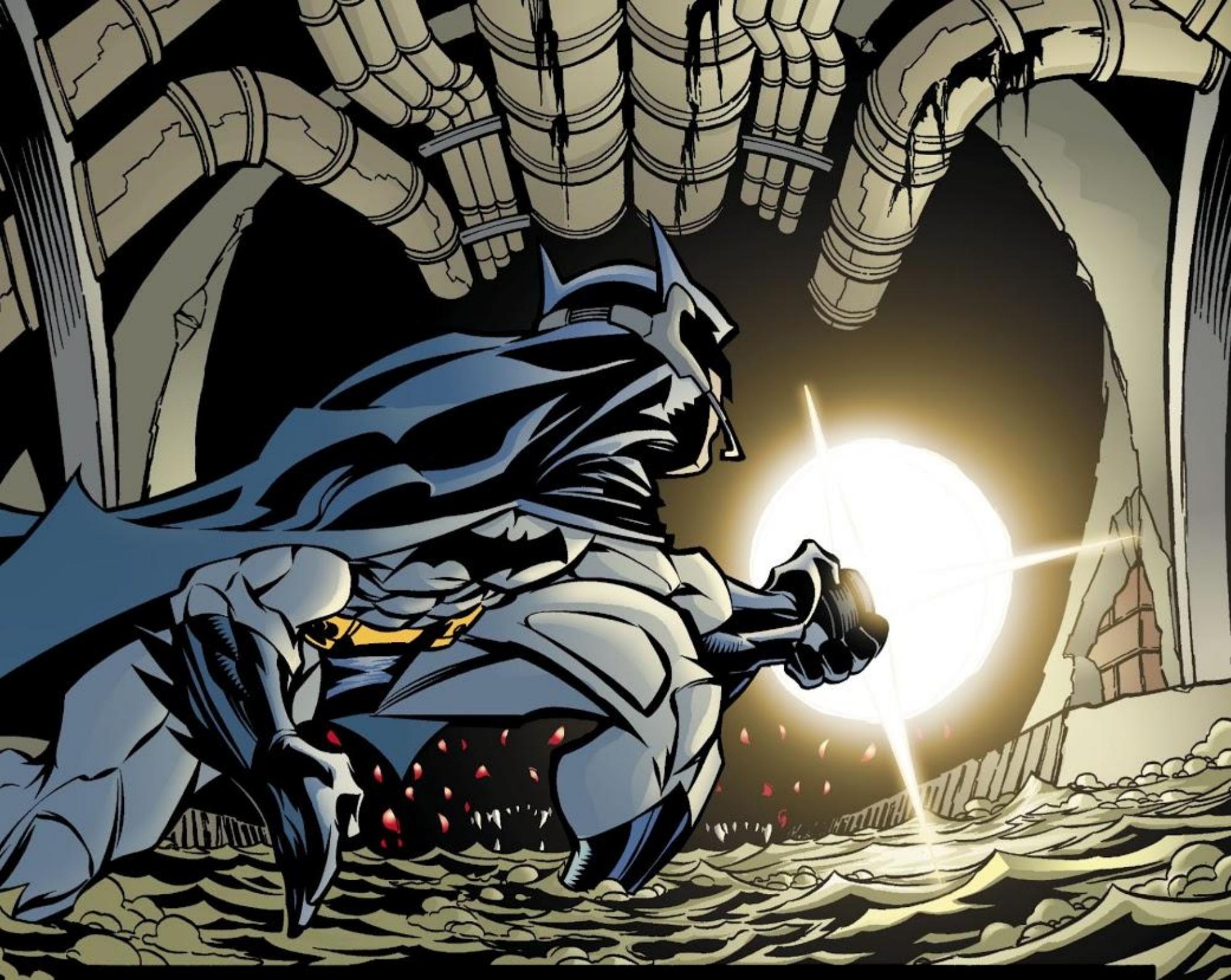
WHAT ON EARTH?

CRUNCH!  
SNAP! SLURP!



COULD BE SOME CARS HAVE GOTTEN TRAPPED DOWN HERE...

...BUT THE TRACKS ARE ALL WRONG.



MASTER BRUCE! I'M AFRAID THAT THE RATS ARE THE LEAST OF OUR PROBLEMS!

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING.

IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CONDUIT...

IT'S WORKING! ALL THOSE RATS WE LET LOOSE THROUGH THE DRAINS SET OFF THE ALARMS SO OFTEN THAT THEY SHUT DOWN THE SYSTEM!

ALL THE CHARGES ARE SET, RUBY! WE CAN BLOW THROUGH INTO BRUCE WAYNE'S BASEMENT WHENEVER YOU GIVE THE WORD!

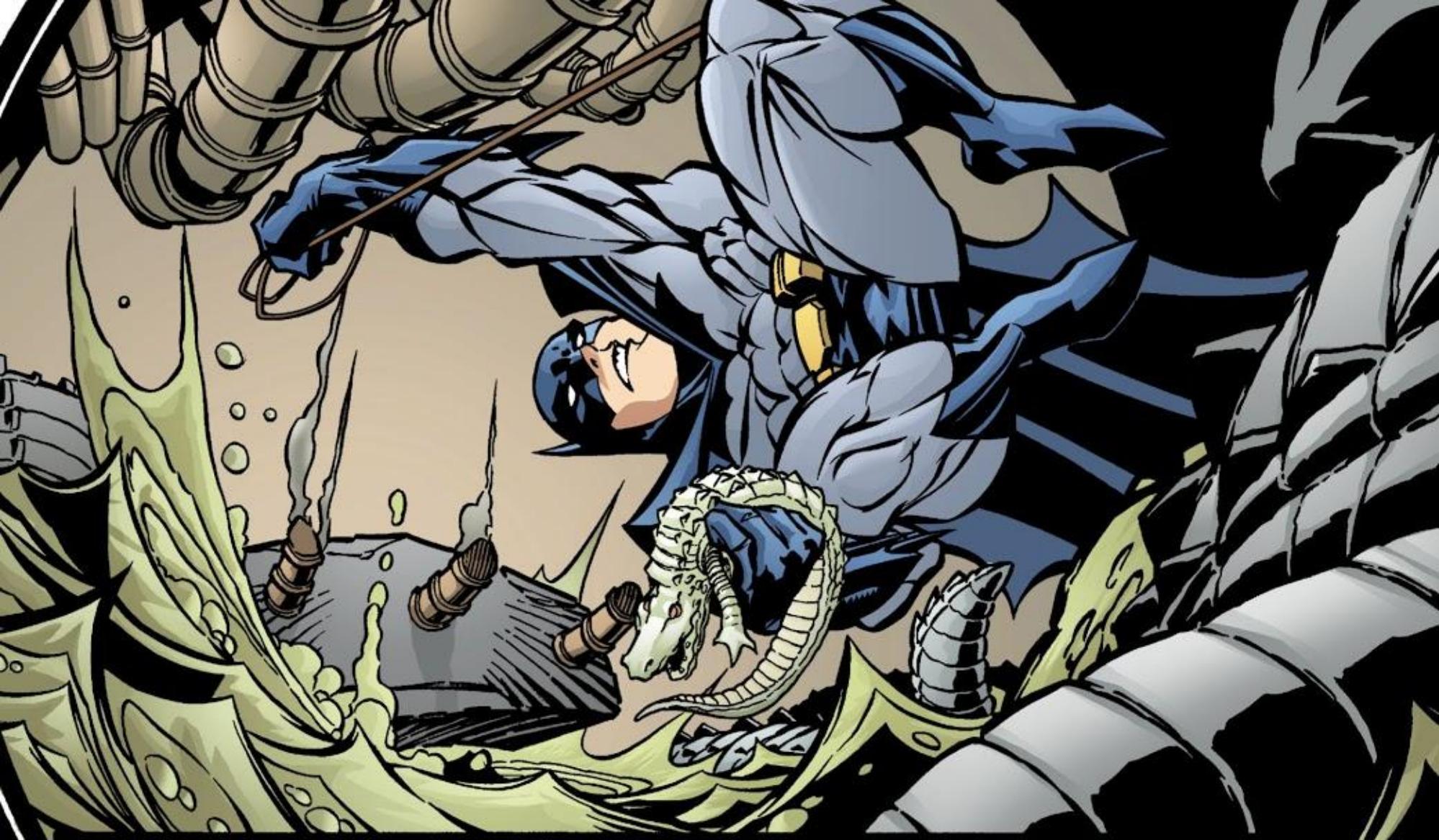
ALL DOSE NICE MOUSIES AIN'T GONNA GET HURT, ARE DEY?

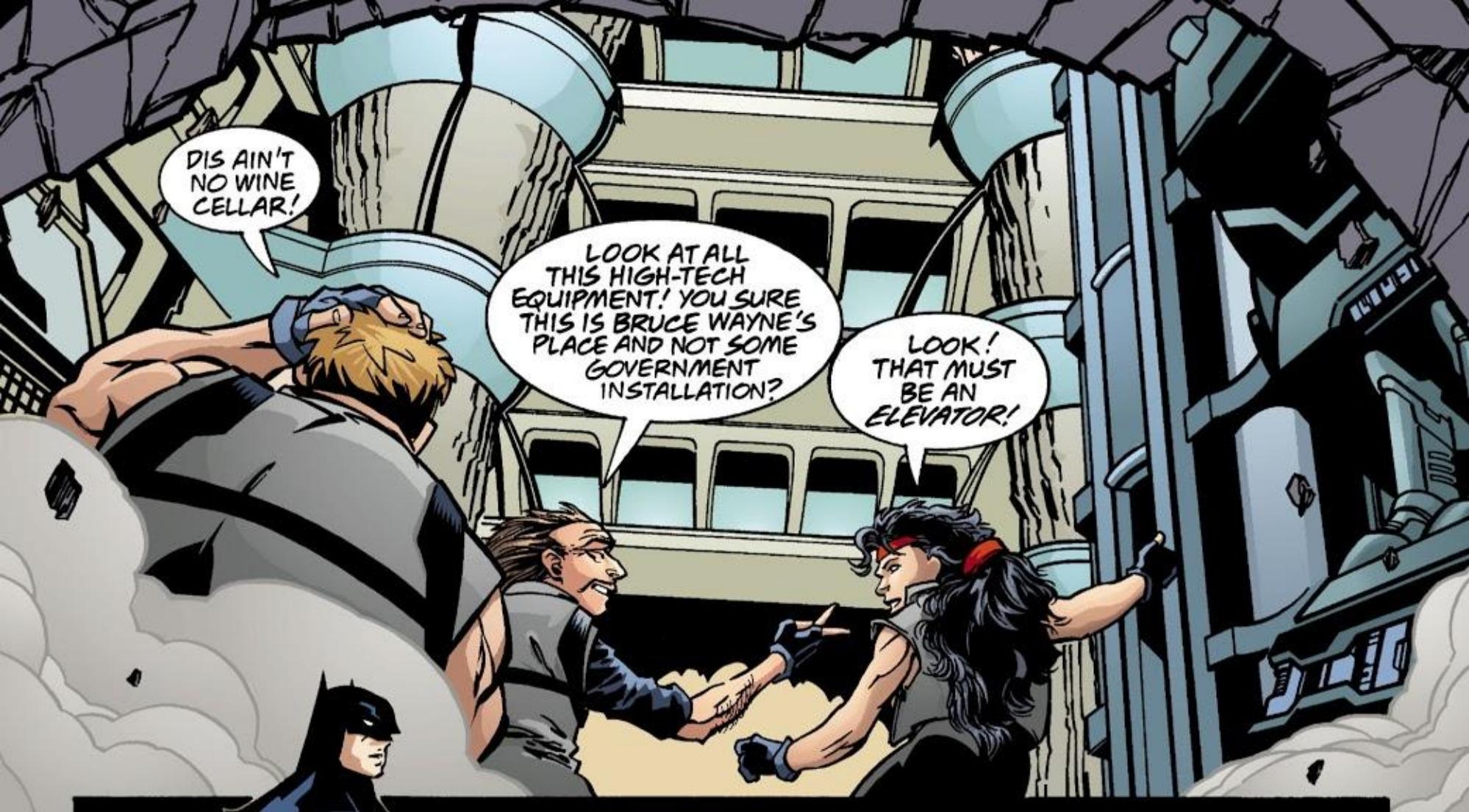
















THAT WAS  
THE WORSTEST  
MOMENT IN MY  
WHOLE LIFE.

WILL YA LOOKIT THIS? BRUCE  
WAYNE MUST BE A TOTAL BATMAN  
FAN! I TELL YA, SOME PEOPLE  
HAVE MORE MONEY THAN THEY  
KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH!

HE  
PROBABLY  
GOES HIS  
OWN  
BATMAN  
SUIT THAT HE  
PUTS ON TO COME  
DOWN HERE AND  
PLAY IN!

HE GOT  
HIS OWN  
BATMOBILE?

MAN, THIS  
AIN'T NO  
MOCK-UP!

THIS IS  
THE REAL  
MCCOY!

WHU? WHAT ARE  
YOU SAYING,  
RUBY?

BRUCE  
WAYNE IS  
BATMAN!

WHAT? THAT  
BLUE-BLOOD  
PLAYBOY IS THE  
DARK KNIGHT??  
GIMME A  
BREAK!

LOOK AT THIS  
PLACE! LOOK AT THE  
EQUIPMENT! IT MAKES  
SENSE! WHO ELSE  
COULD AFFORD TO  
BE BATMAN??

BATMAN  
IS RICH?

WE'RE GONNA BE RICH,  
TOO! YOU KNOW WHAT THE  
PENGUIN OR THE JOKER  
WOULD PAY TO HAVE  
THIS INFO--?

--HUH?  
WHO'S  
THIS?

I'M GOING BACK TO  
THAT BIG ROOM  
WE PASSED AND GET US  
SOME PROOF THAT WE  
WERE IN BATMAN'S  
LAIR...

YOU TWO MAKE  
SURE THAT BUTLER GEEK  
CAN'T EVER IDENTIFY US  
AND MEET ME BACK  
DOWN IN THE CONDUIT!

SOME  
GEEK IN A  
BUTLER  
SUIT.

UHHHHH...



I RAN OUT OF THAT HOUSE SO FAST, I WAS LUCKY I DIDN'T BREAK MY NECK...



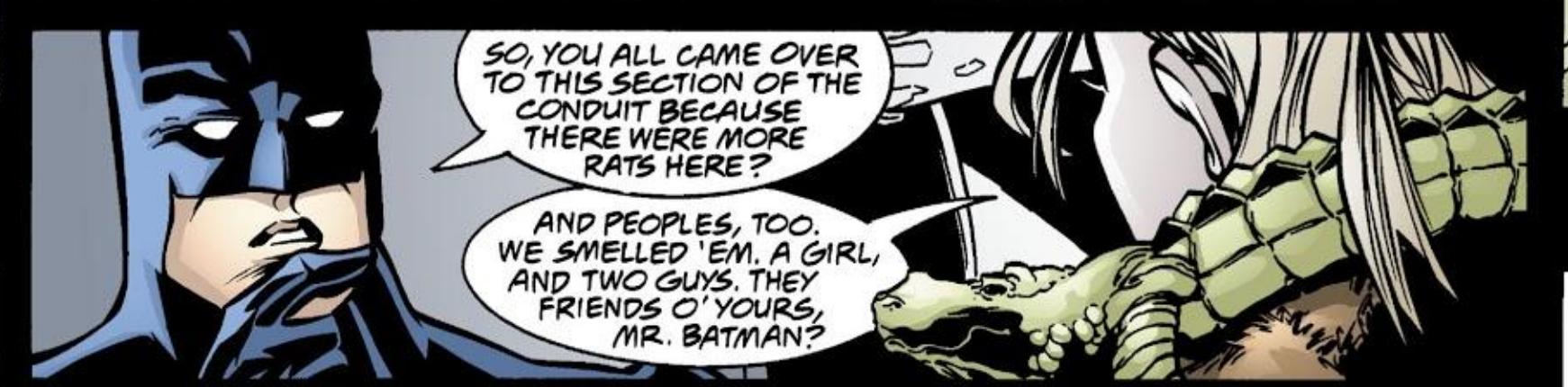
I COULD HEAR MIKE IN MY HEAD LIKE I ALWAYS COULD, BUT IT WAS FAR AWAY AND HE WAS REAL SCARED.



I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WAS GONNA FIND MIKE, BUT I JUST KNEW THAT I WOULD...

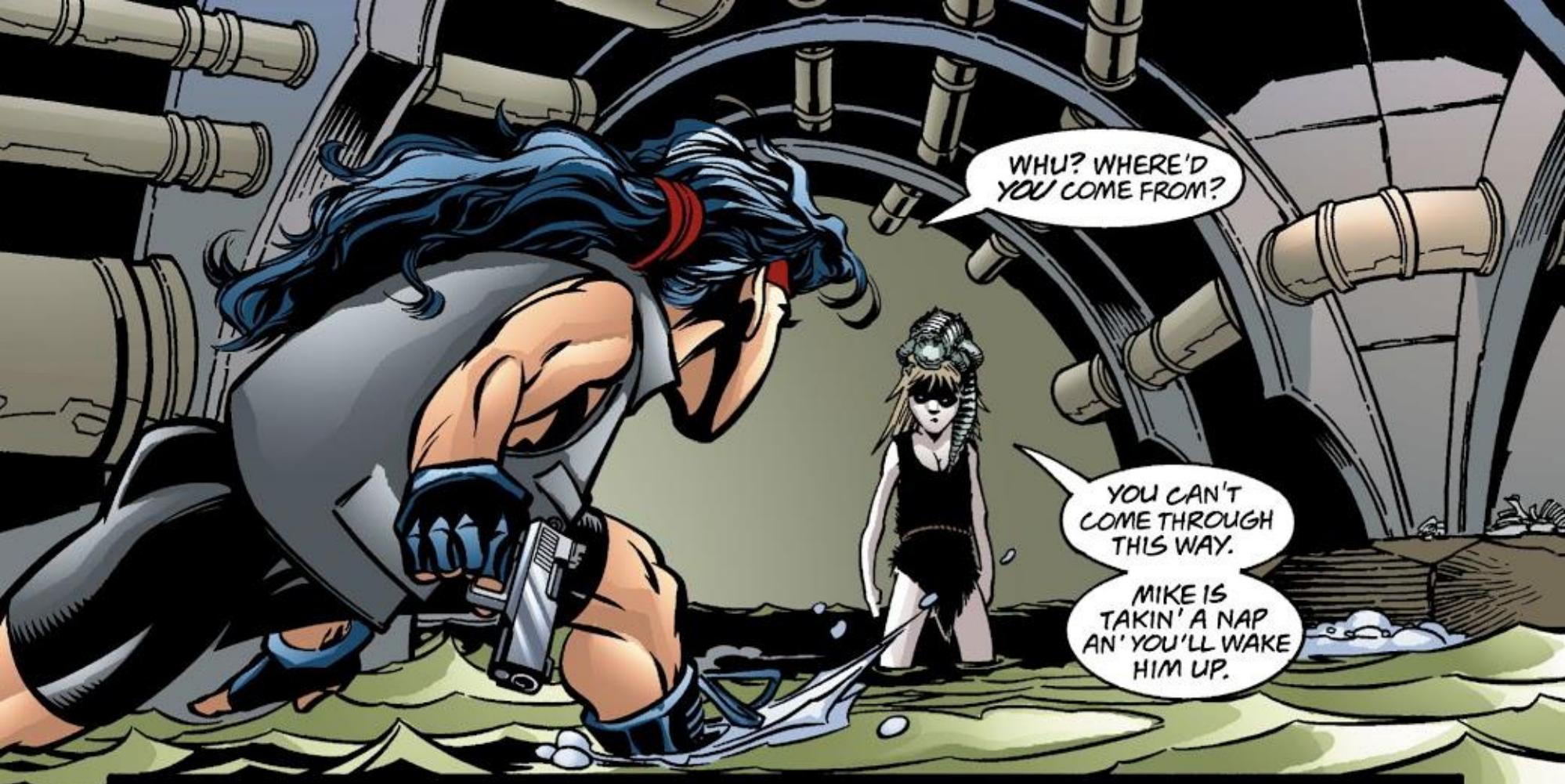


...AND WHEN I DID FIND HIM, I DECIDED THAT ME AND MIKE WERE NEVER EVER GOIN' BACK...











...MIKE  
GETS RIGHT  
GRUMPY WHEN  
HE GETS WOKED  
UP!

GRRRR



ALFRED, HOW HARD WOULD IT BE TO HACK INTO THE RECORD COMPUTER AT THE GOTHAM DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES?

NOT TOO DIFFICULT AT ALL, SIR. TO WHAT END, MIGHT I INQUIRE?

I'M LOOKING FOR A COUPLE WHO TOOK IN A LOT OF FOSTER KIDS OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. I DON'T KNOW THEIR LAST NAME, BUT THEIR FIRST NAMES ARE LESTER AND IRMA.

GETTING INTO THEIR DATABASE IS SIMPLE ENOUGH. ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS RUN A SEARCH FOR THOSE NAMES IN COMBINATION...

**Epilogue:**  
ONE WEEK LATER...

