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CAN
I HAVE ONE OF
THOSE?

THANK YOU.

HE SENT YOU?
YOU DO
EVERYTHING HE
WANTS?

IN HIS DREAMS.

WE
MET ON THE
STREET.





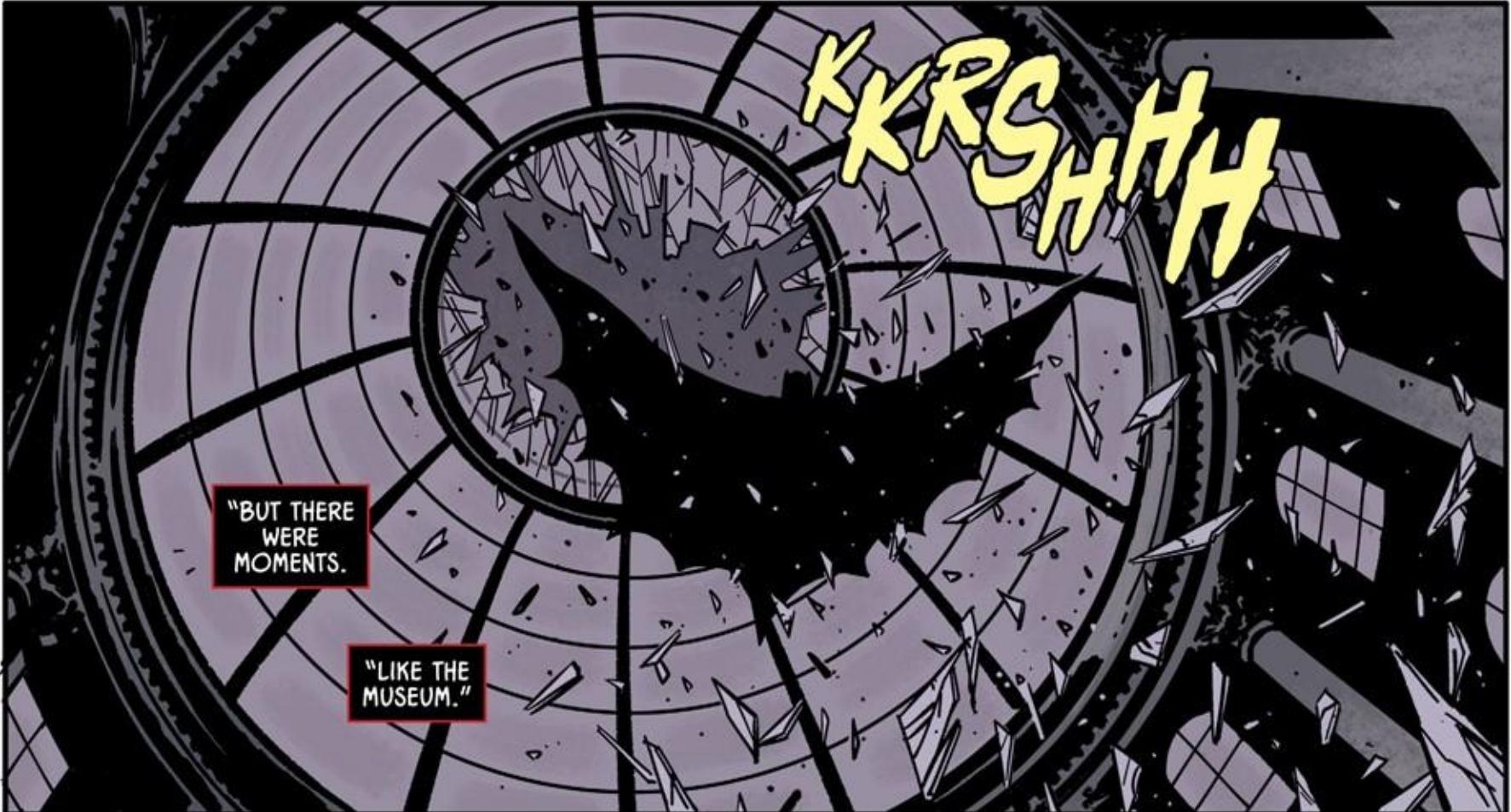


"WELL, YOU HAVE
TO UNDERSTAND.

"IT'D BEEN GOING
FOR SOME TIME..."



"...BEFORE
IT BECAME
SOMETHING
NICE."

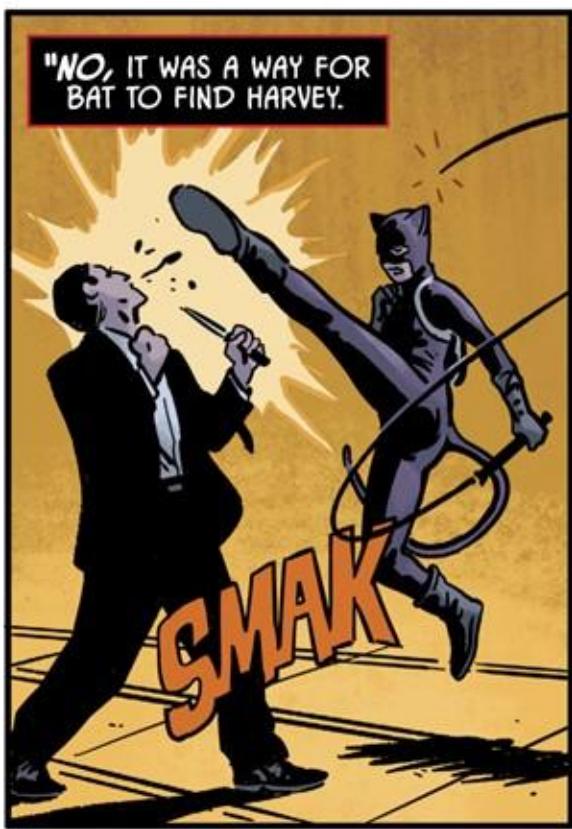
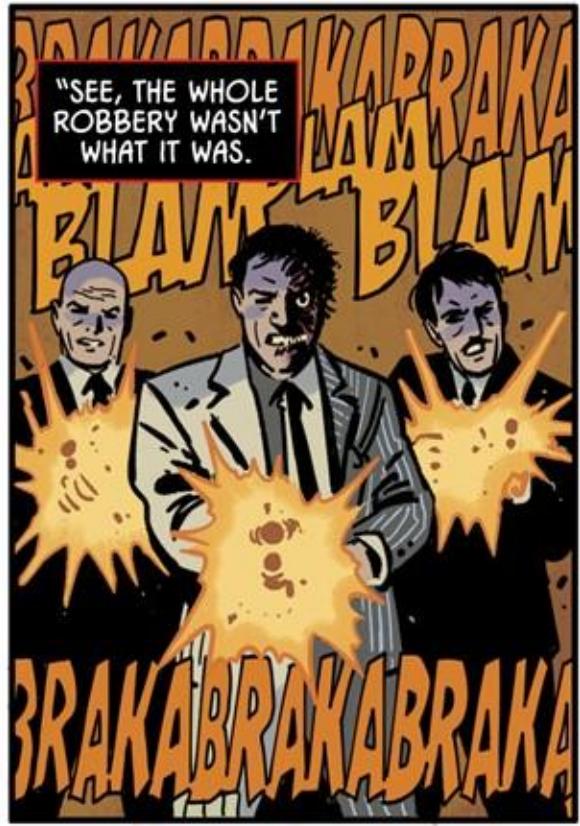


"BUT THERE
WERE
MOMENTS.

"LIKE THE
MUSEUM."

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"I DONATED
THE MONEY."

"A CHARITY
FOR STRAYS."

"I KEPT THE
DIAMOND."

"AFTER THAT IT BECAME FAIRLY REGULAR."

"NOW, I WASN'T ALL GOOD, HE WASN'T ANYTHING BUT GOOD."

"OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE TOLD OURSELVES AND OCCASIONALLY EACH OTHER."

"SO THERE WERE TENSIONS."

"BREAKS."

"I'D FIND SOMEONE ELSE, HE'D FIND WHOEVER."

"WE'D MAKE ALL THE BAD DECISIONS, BREAK ALL THE BEST HEARTS."

"AND IN THE END, THERE WE'D BE."

"SWEAT AND LEATHER."

"BAT AND CAT."

"I LIKED HOW HE HELD ME, LIKE HE COULD DO ANYTHING, BUT HE COULDN'T LET GO."

"SO WE'D ALWAYS COME BACK TO EACH OTHER."



"HE'S NOT LIKE US."

"HE'S NOT EVEN
LIKE THEM."



"THEY HAVE
POWERS."



"THEY'RE
GODS."



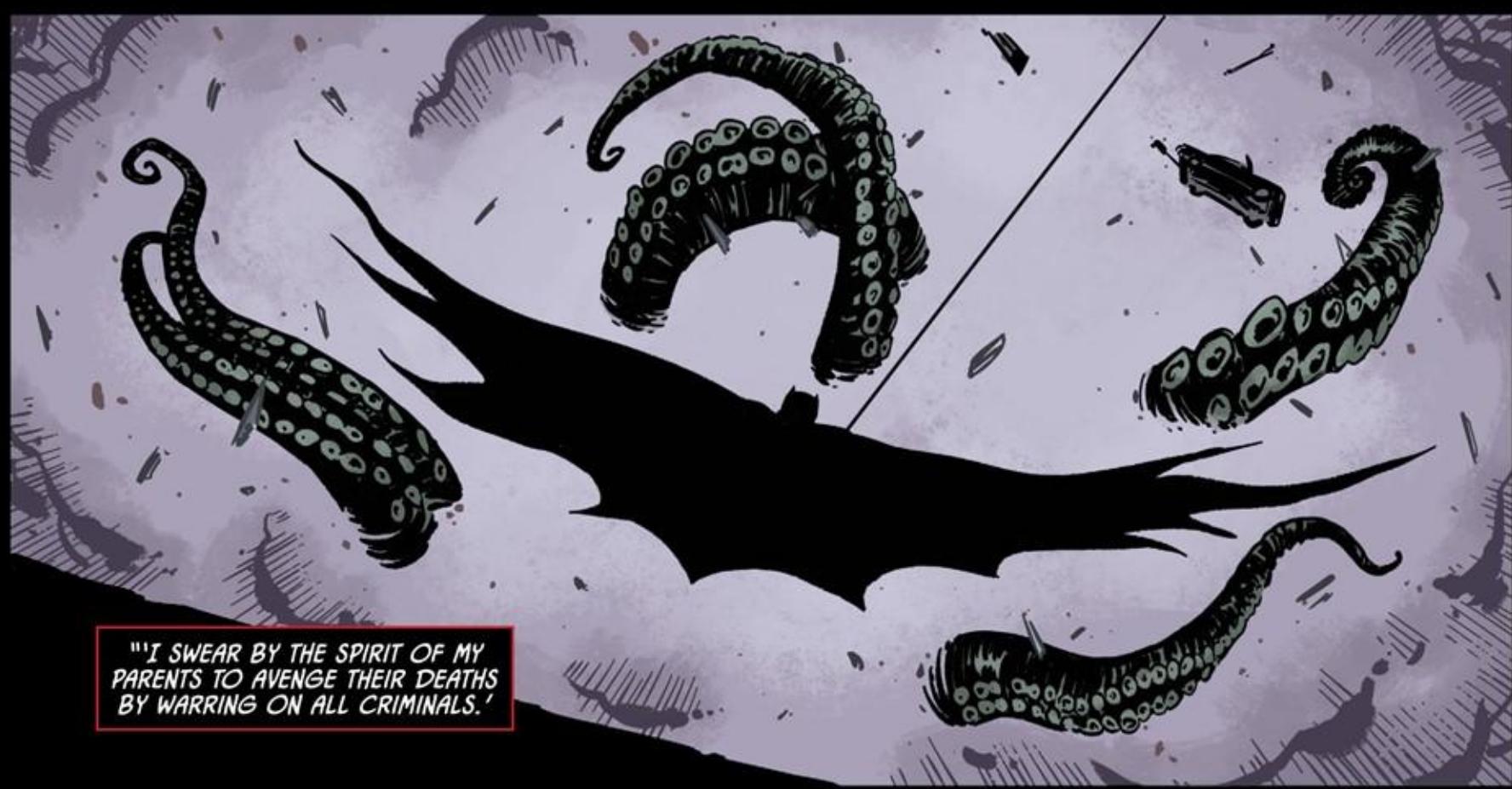
"WHAT
IS HE?"



"ALL HE HAS
IS A VOW."



"I SWEAR BY THE SPIRIT OF MY
PARENTS TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS
BY WARRING ON ALL CRIMINALS."



"THAT'S
IT."





"I'M GOOD AT THIS GAME. THIS PUNCHING AND FIGHTING NONSENSE."

"GETTING ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE FIGHT."

"I BET YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, TOO."



"THERE ARE LOTS OF US, AND LOTS OF US ARE GOOD AT IT."

"WE TRAIN OUR WHOLE LIVES, USE OUR TRAGIC BEGINNINGS AND OUR FORTUNATE ACCIDENTS."

"WE KICK, WE JUMP, WE FLY, WE SAVE THE DAY."



"BUT NONE OF US. NOT A ONE..."

"...IS HIM."

"NO ONE ELSE IS..."



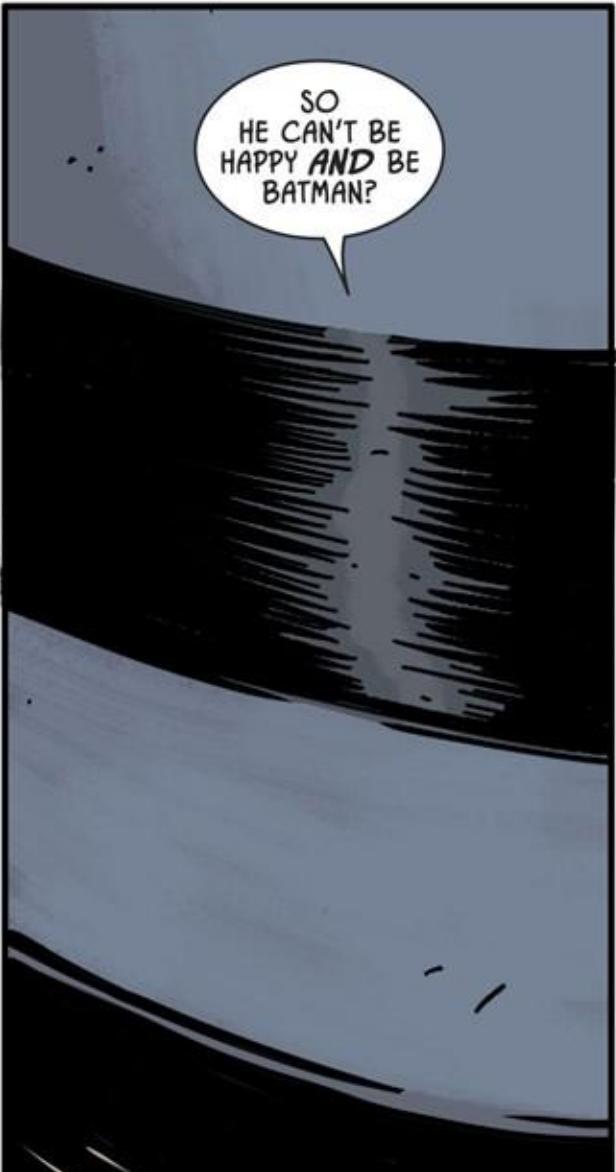
"...BATMAN."





"EVERY LOVE."





"YOU LOVE HIM.
HE LOVES YOU."

"I LIKED HIS
FACE, HE
LIKED MINE."

"IF HE'S SO STRONG,
AS YOU SAY HE IS, HE
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
HAVE THAT LOVE."

"NO ONE'S
THAT STRONG."

"THE
BATMAN
IS!"

"WHY ARE YOU
YELLING?"

"I'M
TIRED OF
THE LIES!"

"AND WHEN
YOU'RE TIRED YOU
HAVE TO YELL?"

"DAMMIT! HE'S NOT A **MOUSE** YOU
PLAY WITH BEFORE THE KILL!"

"I WROTE THE NOTE.
READ THE NOTE."

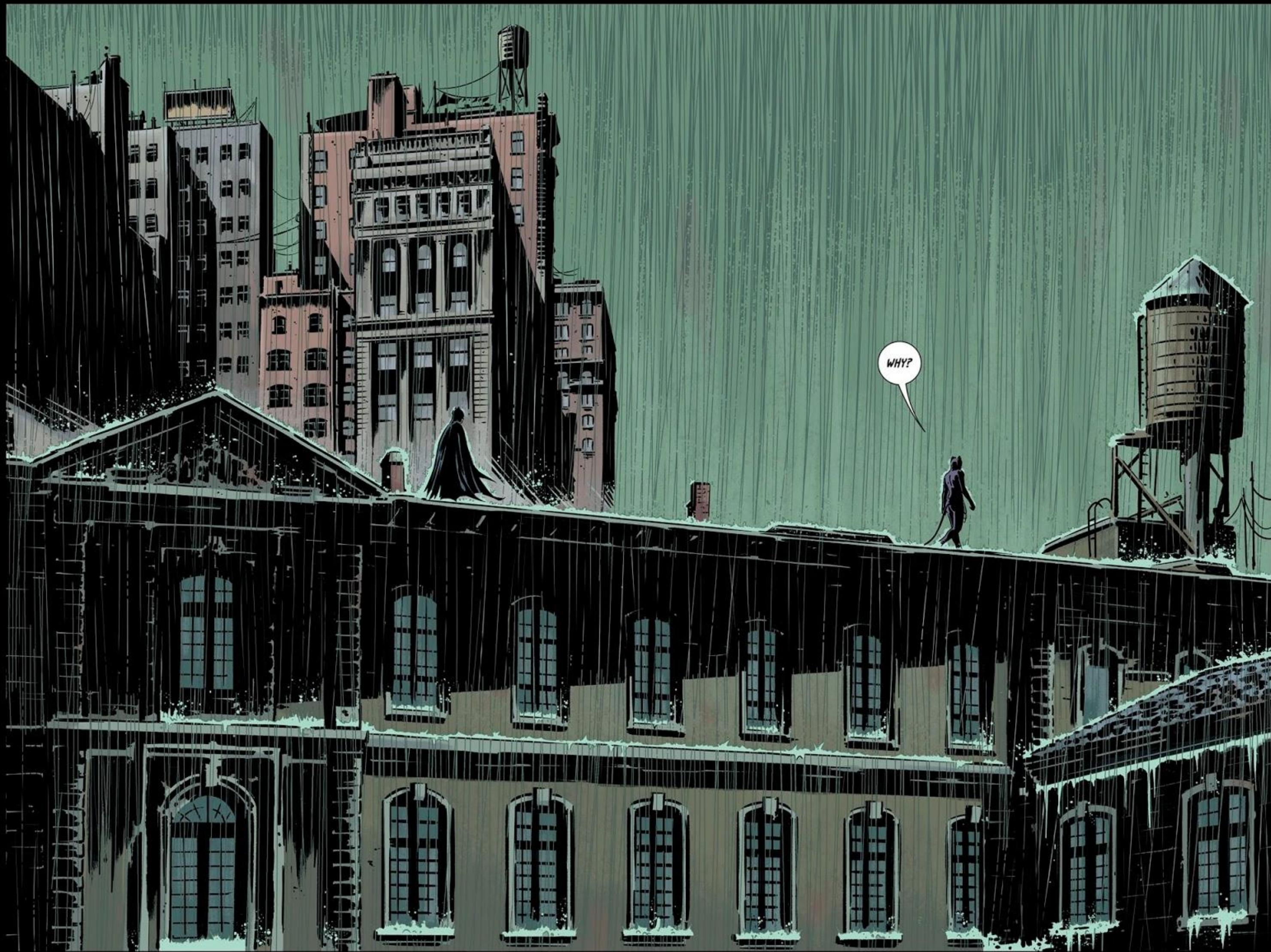
"I READ
THE NOTE!"

"YOU
SOUND
PATHETIC."

"I NEED **THE
REASON!** THE
ACTUAL REASON!"

"YOU
HAVE IT."

"HE NEEDS **THE
REASON!**"





"I LEFT A
NOTE."

"YES. YOU EXPLAINED.
YOU LOVED HIM. YOU
LEFT HIM SO HE COULD
BE A SUPERHERO."

"AND HERE WE ARE,
HIS FAMILY FALLEN, HIS
FRIENDS ABANDONED,
CAPTURED BY HIS
ENEMY."

"FOR THE FIRST
TIME, THE BATMAN
IS UNPREPARED."

"SO LET ME
ASK YOU,
SELINA."

"YOU'RE VERY
INTELLIGENT. YOU
KNOW HIM BETTER
THAN ANYONE."

"IF THIS WAS YOUR
REASON...TO MAKE
HIM STRONG..."

"...WHY IS HE
SO DAMN
WEAK?"



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OKAY.
I LIED.

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