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"ALFRED, THE PIRATE BROKE GOTHAM. GAVE HIM AN ANGER HE CAN'T LOSE."

"HE BLAMES THE CITY. HE'S GOING TO TRY TO DESTROY IT."

"BUT I WON'T GET THERE IN TIME."

RUN.

"DO WHAT YOU CAN DO."

WELL,
THOMAS,
ALLOW ME
FIRST TO SAY
WHAT AN
HONOR IT
IS TO BE
ASKED.

FOR YOU,
POSSIBLY,
TO ENTRUST
ME WITH
THE CARE OF
MASTER BRUCE.

WELL,
SIR, I AM
HUMBLED.

BUT
OF COURSE,
THE NEED FOR
SUCH CARE
WILL NEVER
ARISE.

IT IS
NOT AS IF ON
SOME DARK
NIGHT...

...YOU
ARE JUST GOING
TO WALK DOWN
CRIME ALLEY
WITH MARTHA
IN HER BEST
PEARLS.

THAT
WOULD
BE...

ΣΙΓΗΣ

ABSURD.

BUT, IF
SUCH UNLIKELY
CIRCUMSTANCES
WERE TRAGICALLY
TO COME TO
PASS...

...ALLOW
ME TO
ASSURE
YOU THAT IT
WILL NOT BE
A DIFFICULT
BURDEN TO
BEAR.

MPH: 87

BRUCE
IS SUCH A
GOOD BOY,
SIR, AS
YOU WELL
KNOW.

QUIET
AND CALM
AND YET STILL
COMPASSIONATE
AND
CURIOS.

MPH: 105

CARING
FOR HIM
WILL BE MORE
A PLEASURE
THAN A CHORE,
SIR.

A LIFE OF
MILD DAYS
READING
BOOKS.

MPH: 147

TRANQUIL
NIGHTS
PLAYING
BOARD
GAMES.

PERHAPS
A CHARITY
BALL NOW
AND THEN.

MPH: 196



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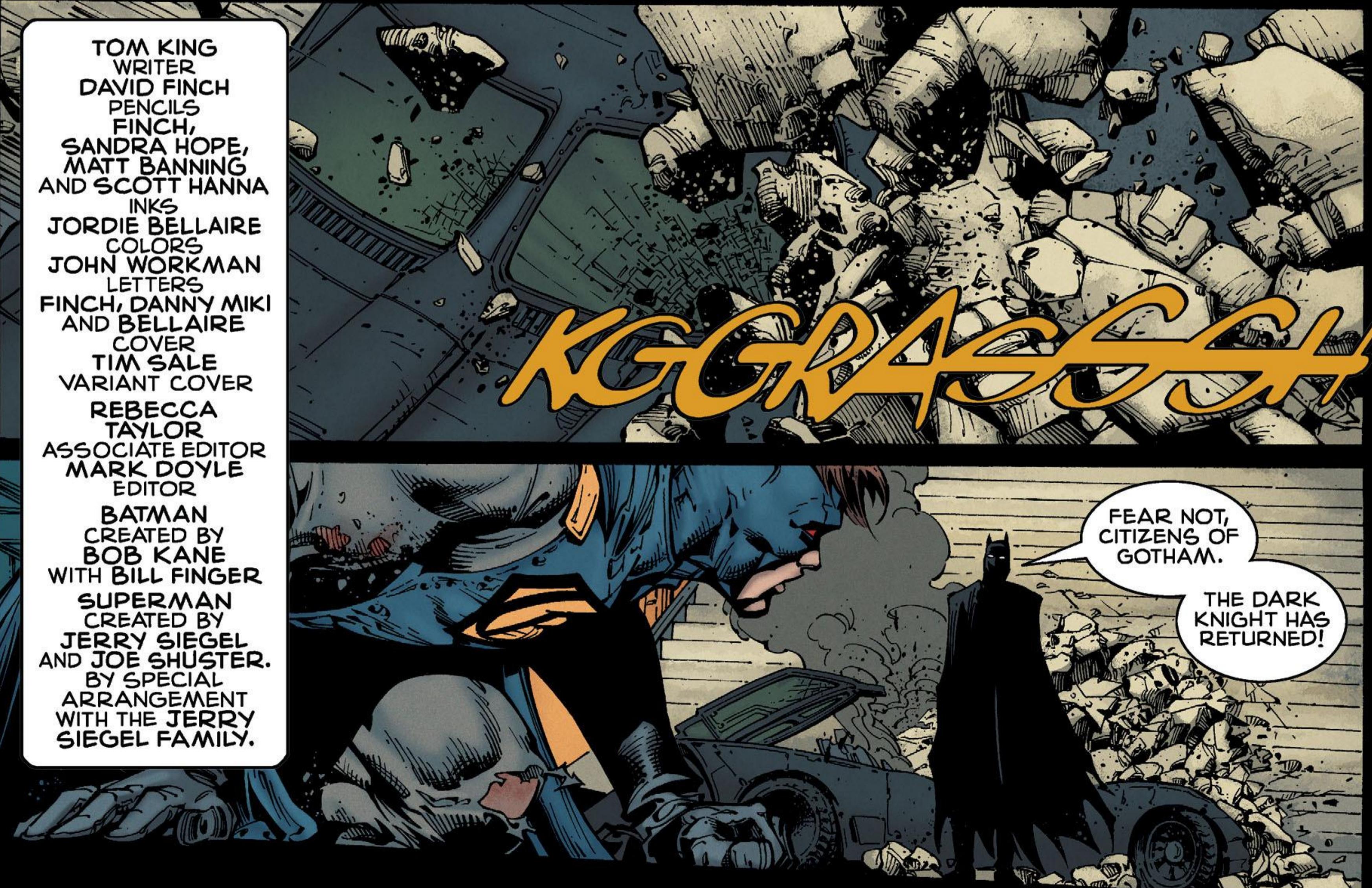
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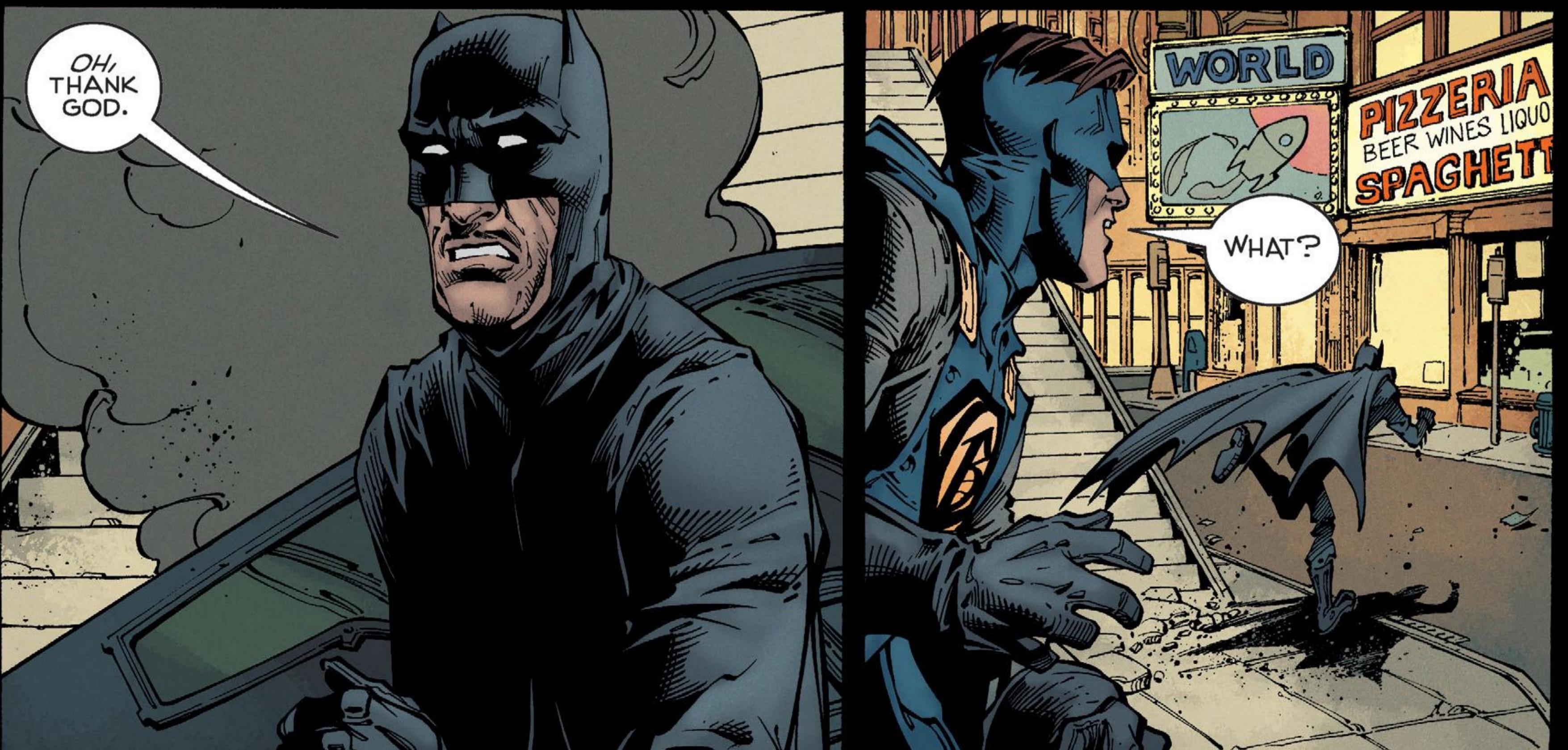
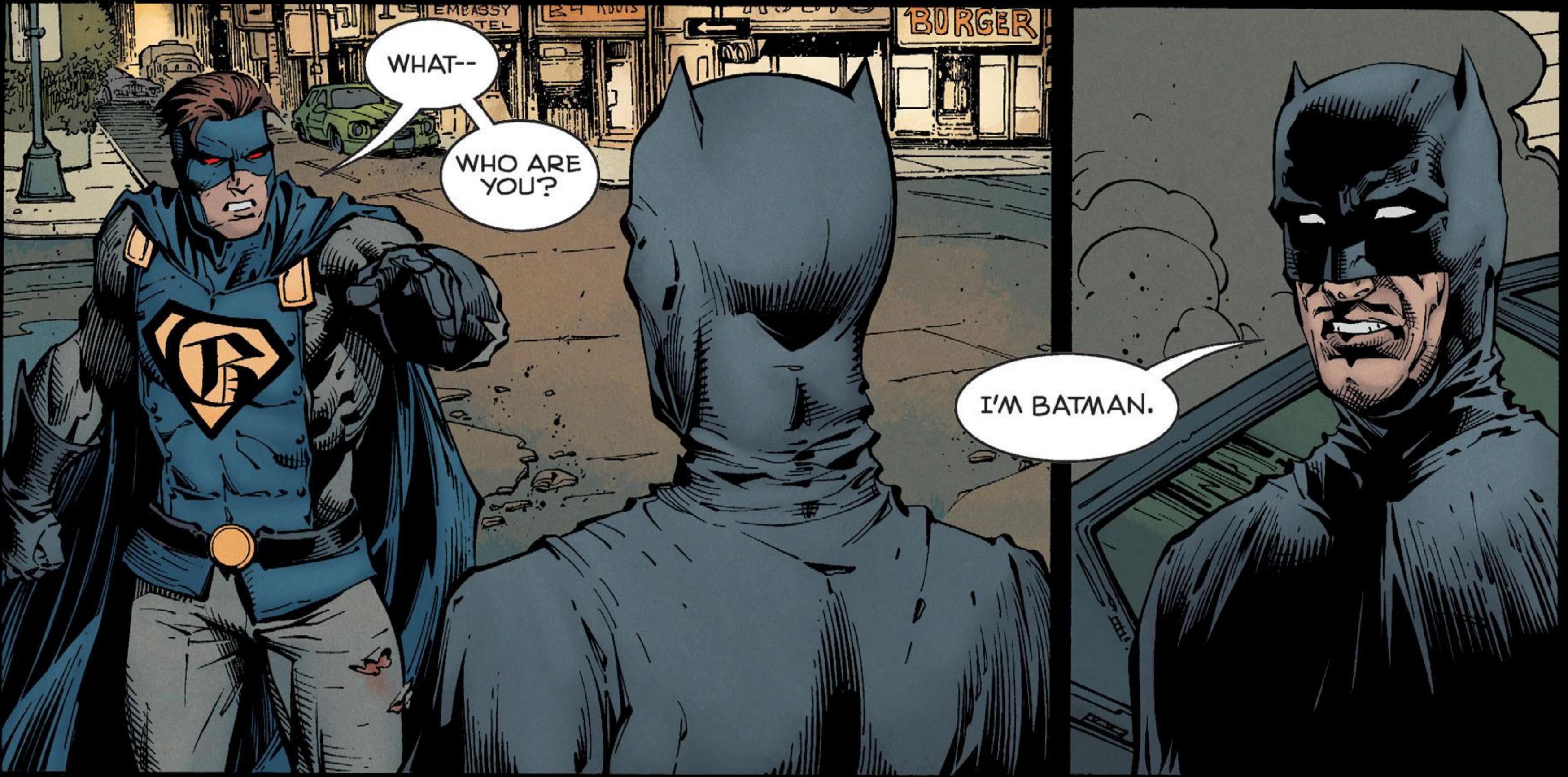


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GOTHAM.

MEL'S

FESTIVAL

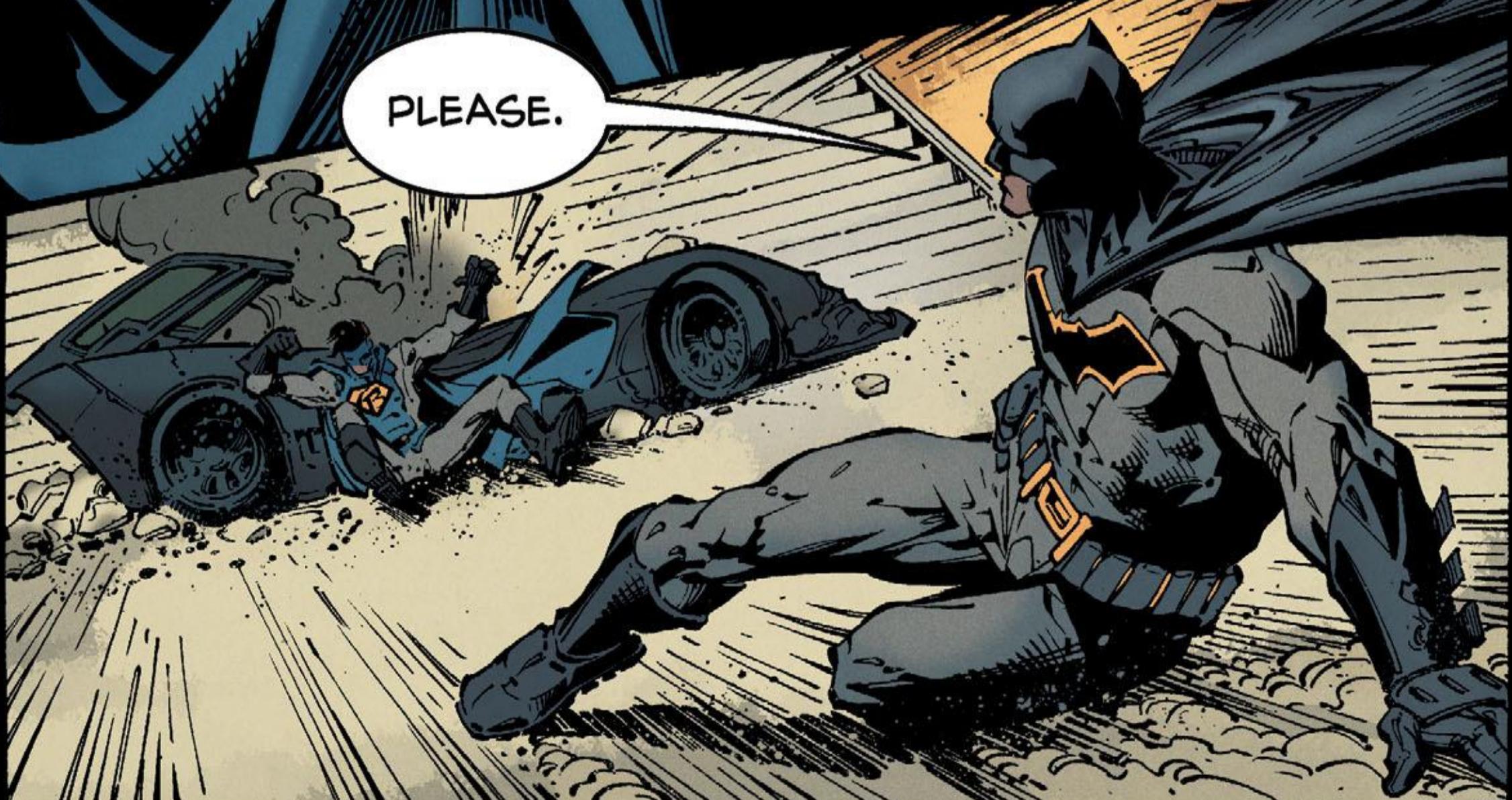
MC PHEE
E'S

KIRTHINK

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PLEASE.

WE NEED
TO TALK.





Beep.
Beep.

BDDOOM

THE BATCAVE.

AT SOME POINT, HE'S GOING TO RUN OUT OF BATMOBILES.

WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT-- ARE YOU...

HOW DOES EVERYONE DO THAT?!

I'M S-S-ORRY.

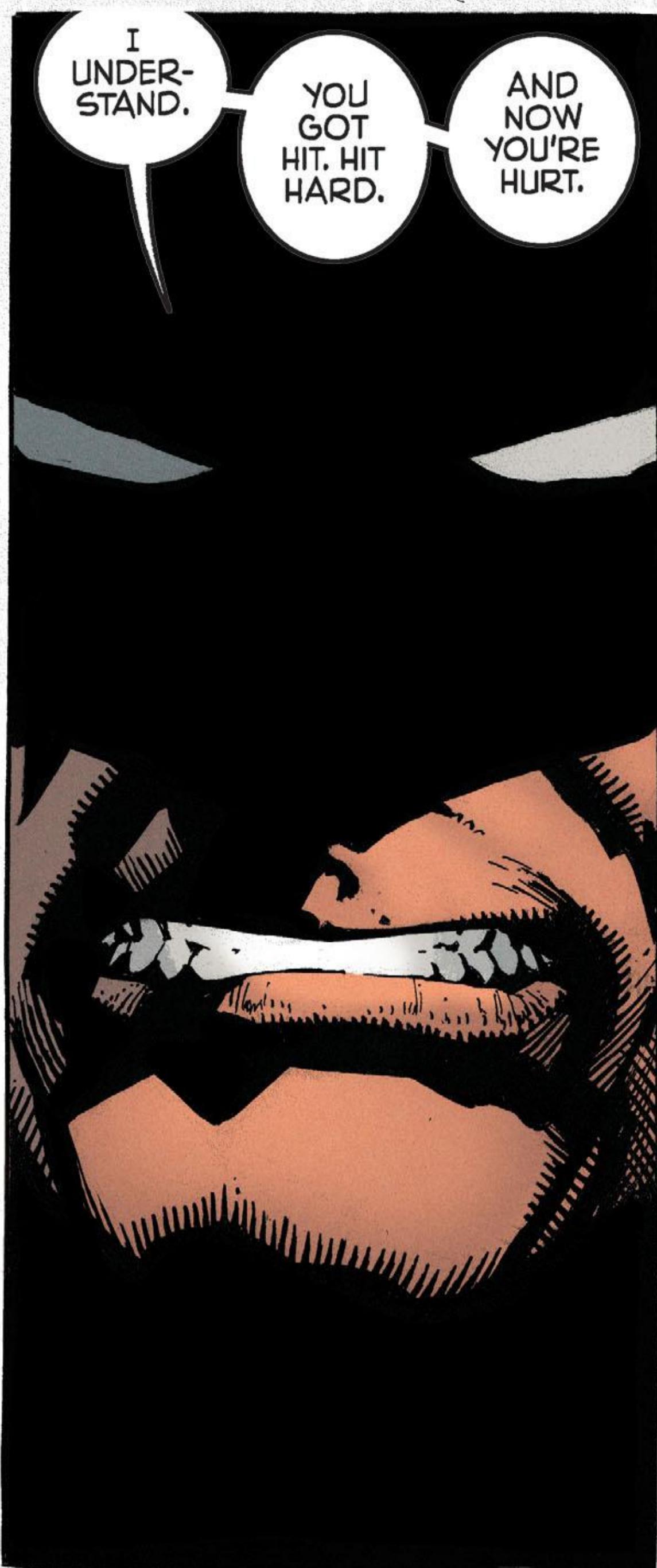
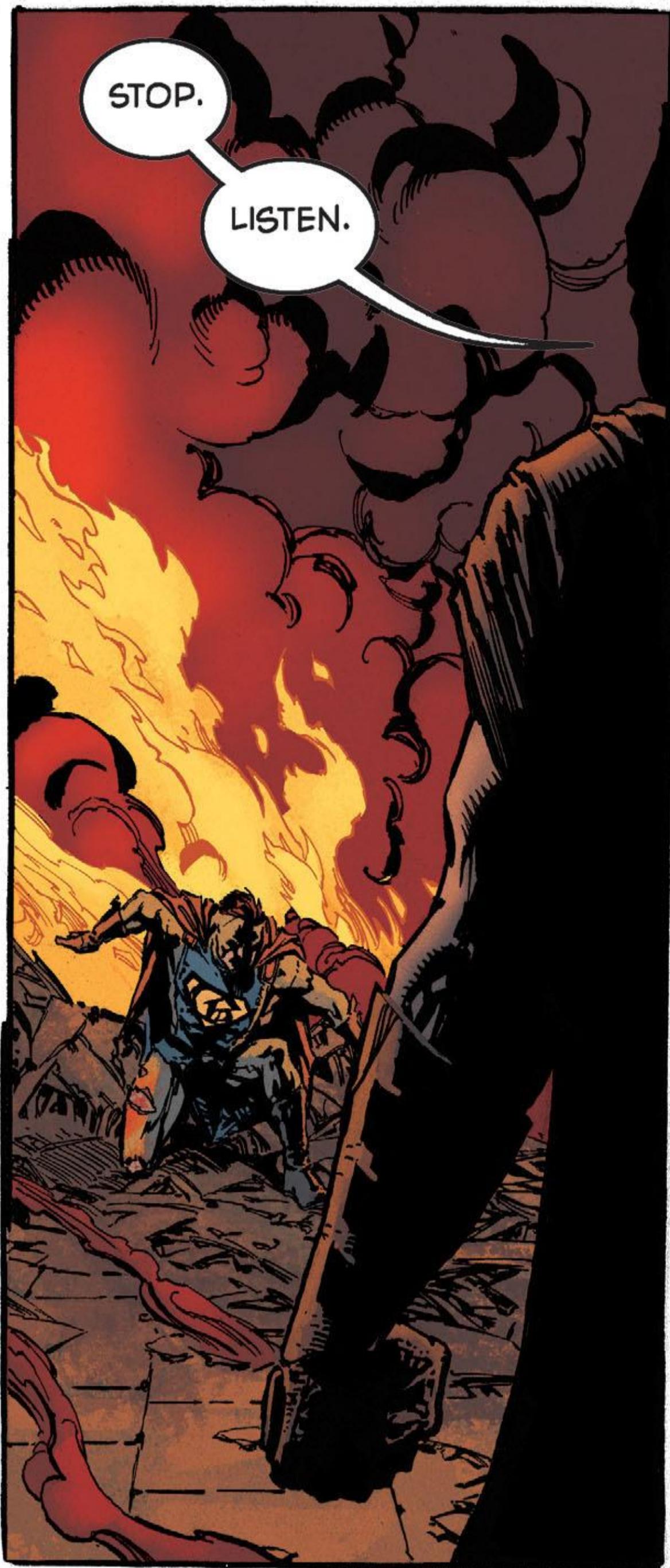
NO, NO, I'M SORRY. CLAIRE.

I DIDN'T --I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE UP.

YEAH, W-WELL... I...I AM ST-STILL INF-F-ECTED BY THE P-PIRATE.

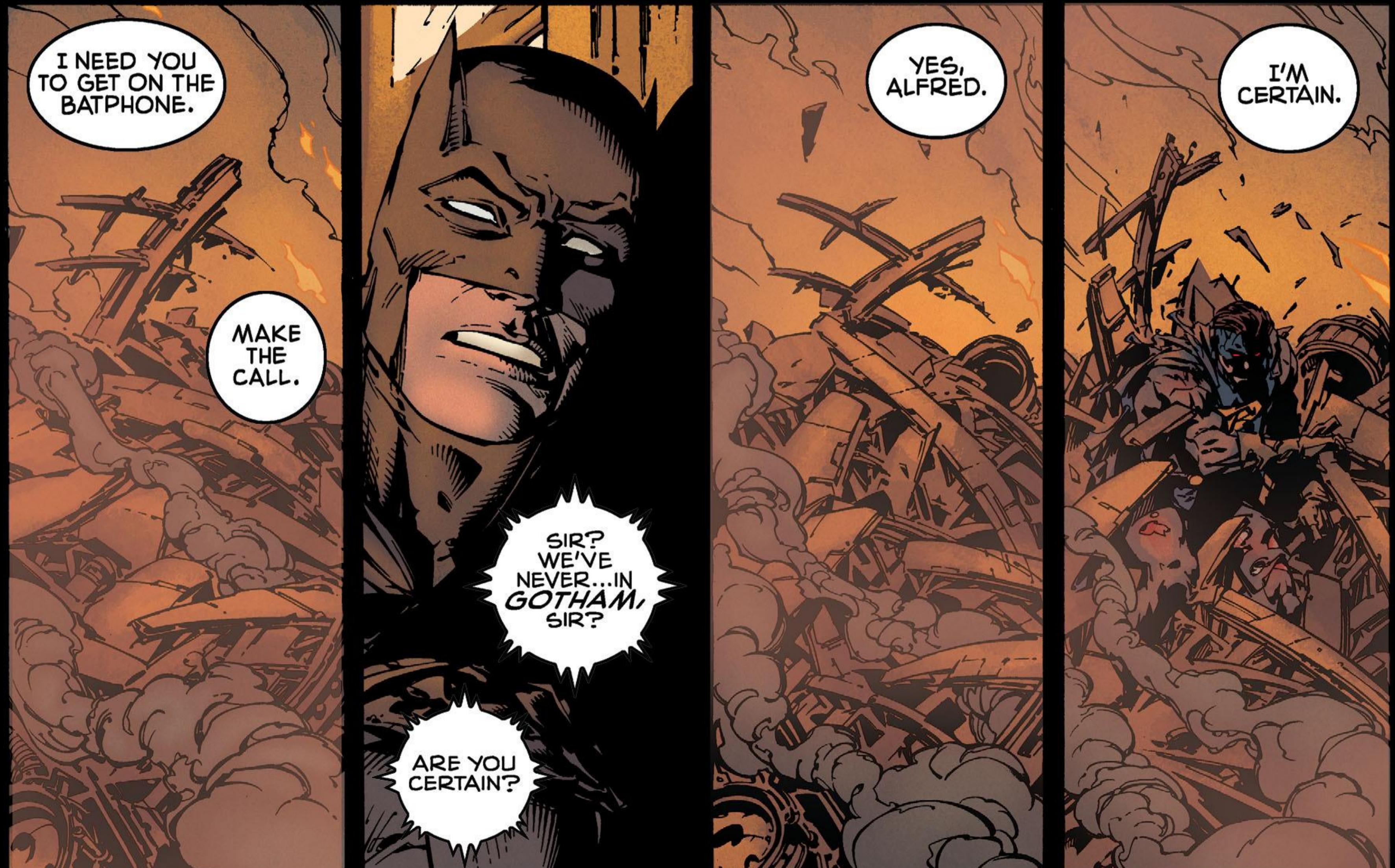
I'M ST-STILL SO...SO SCARED, OF EVERYTHING, DUKE.

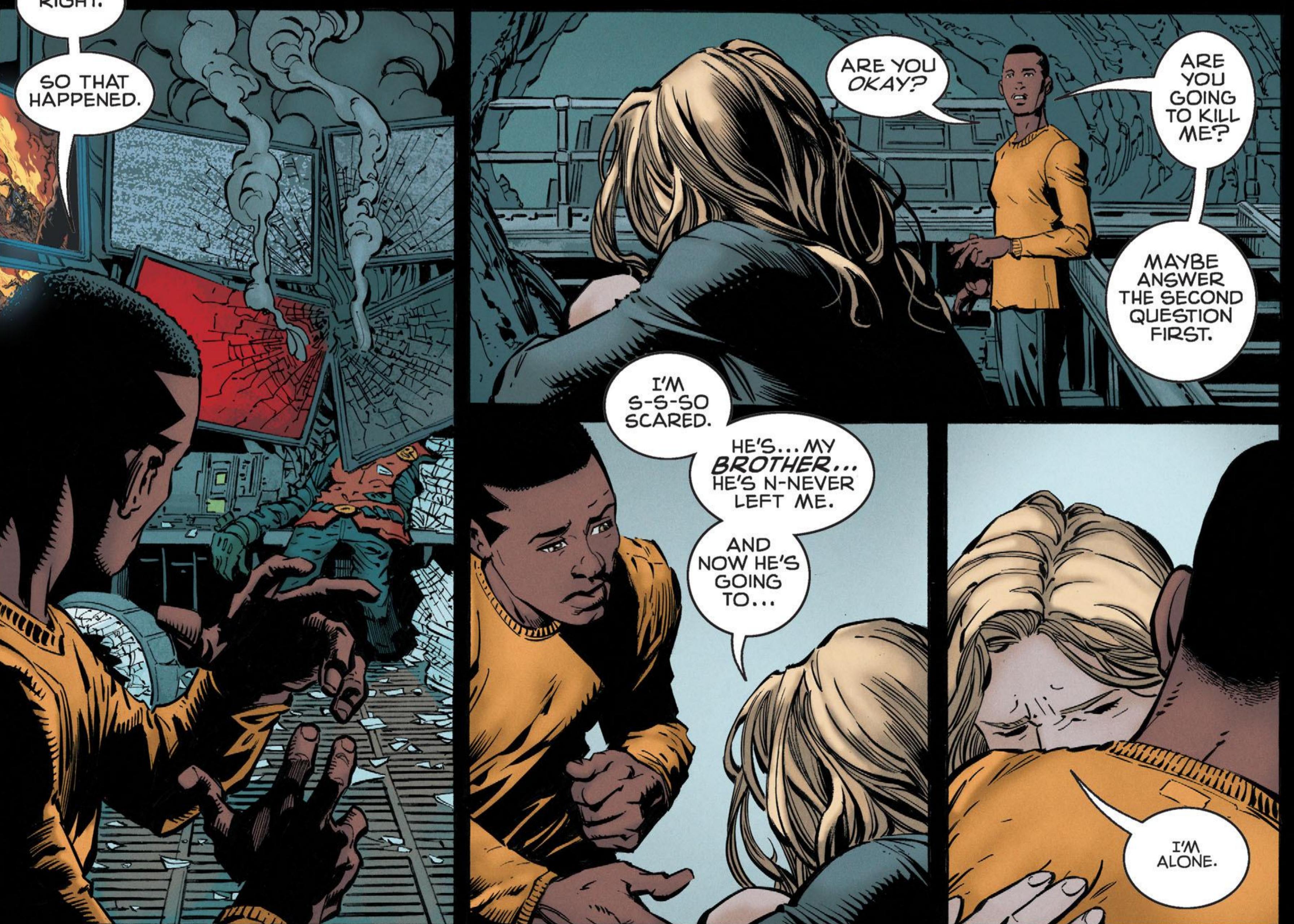
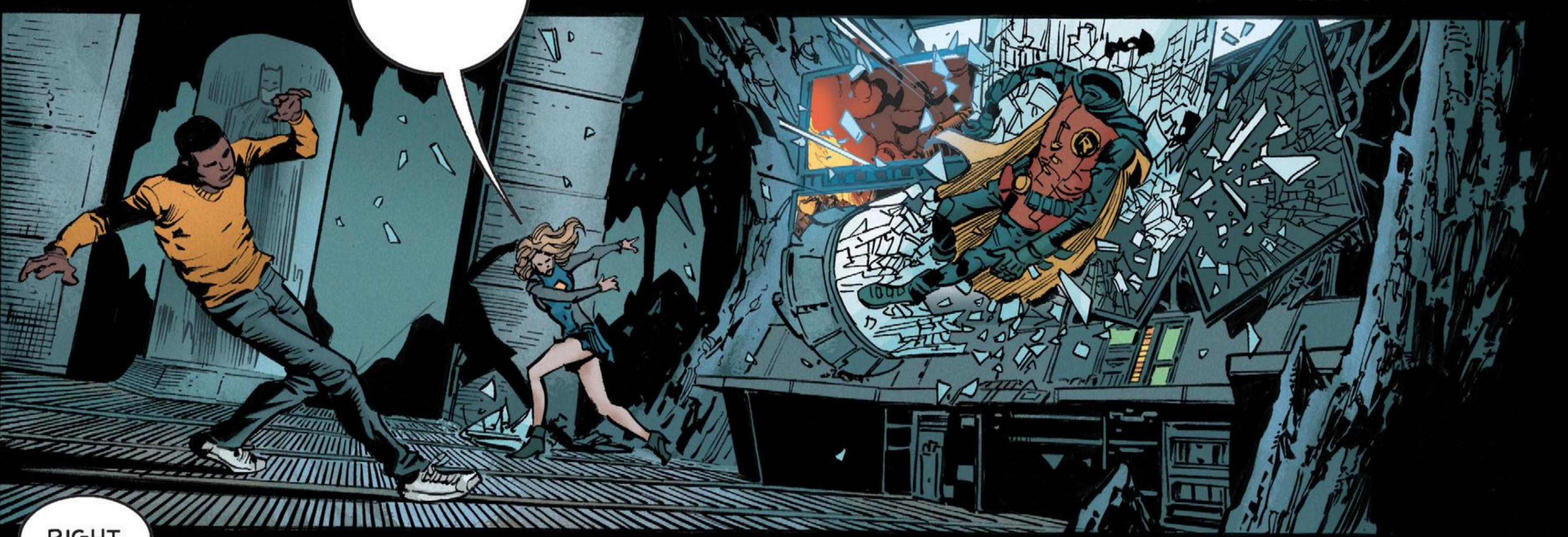
BUT, YEAH, AT L-LEAST I'M UP.

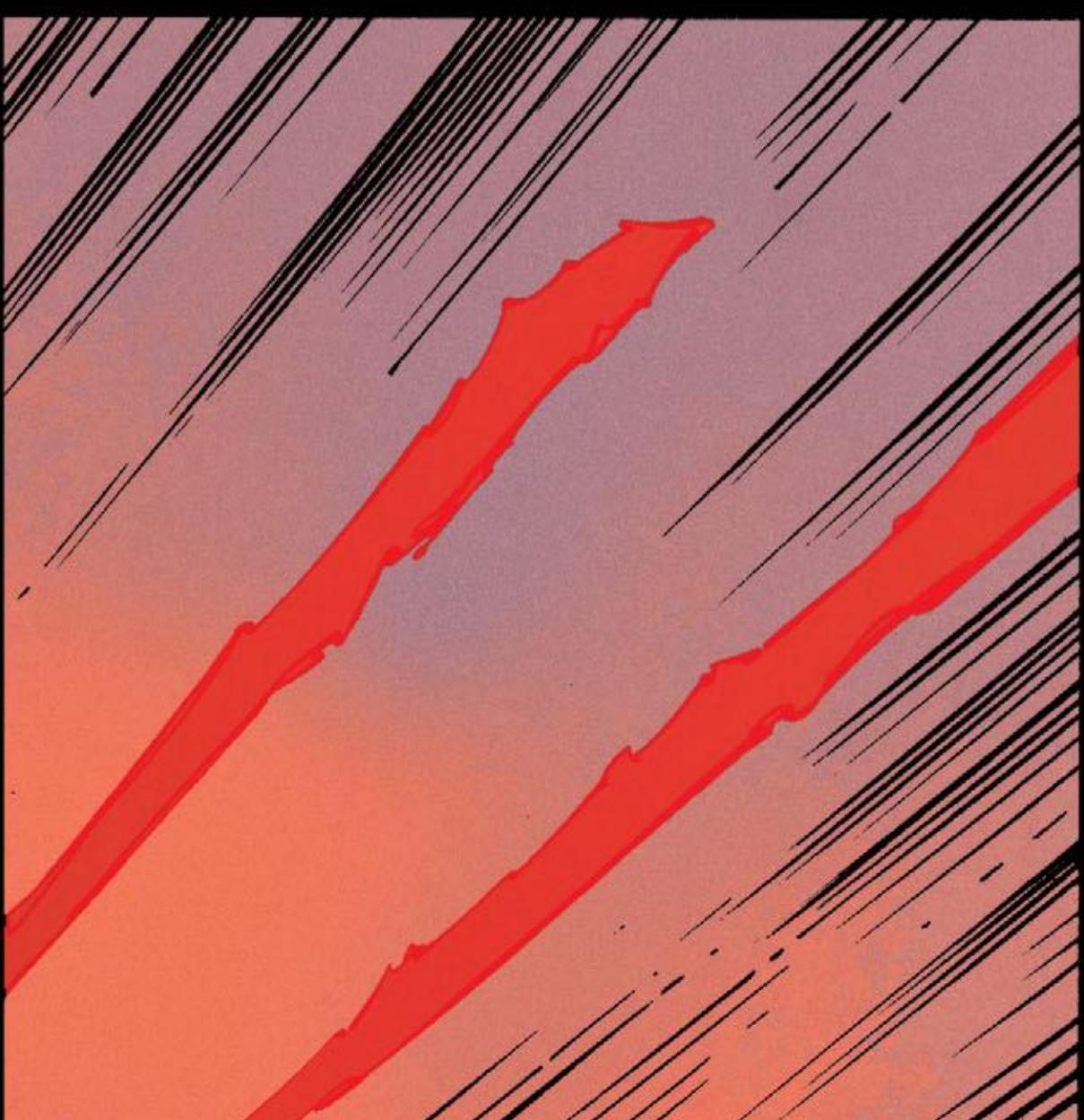
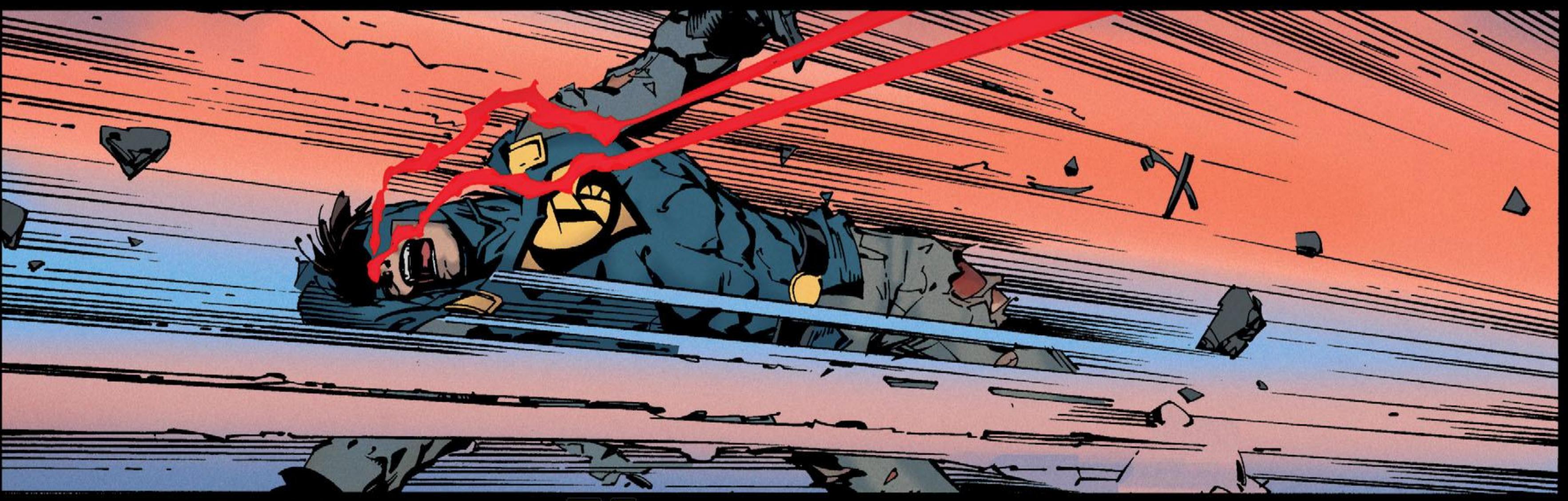




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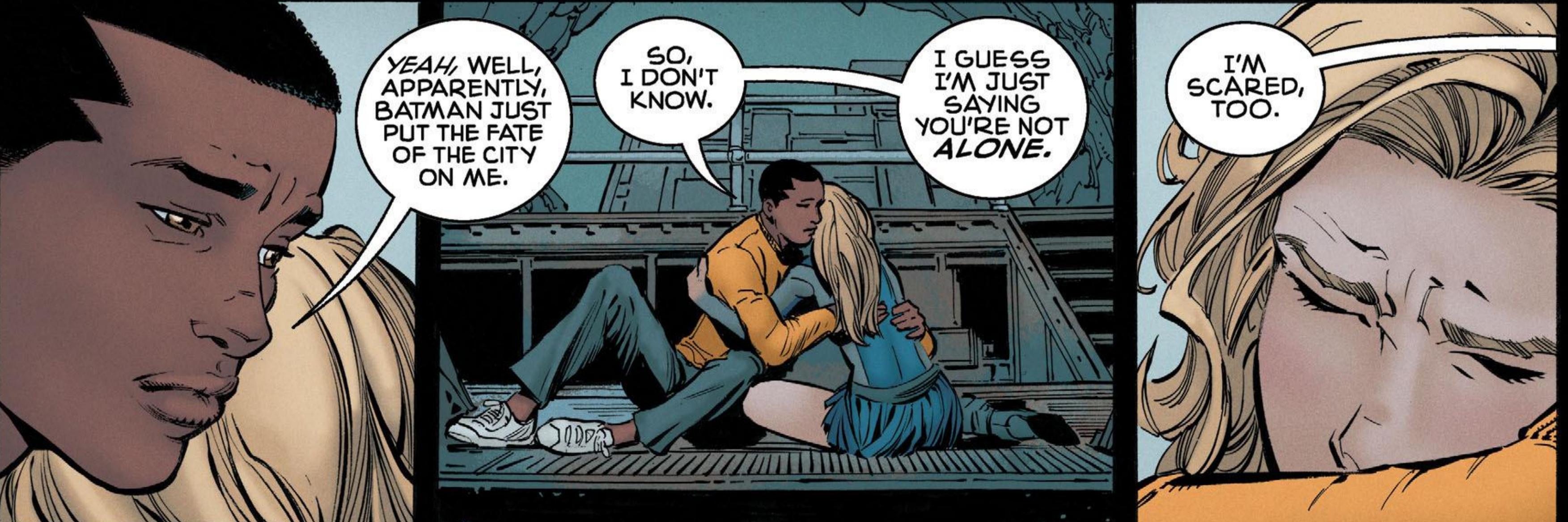
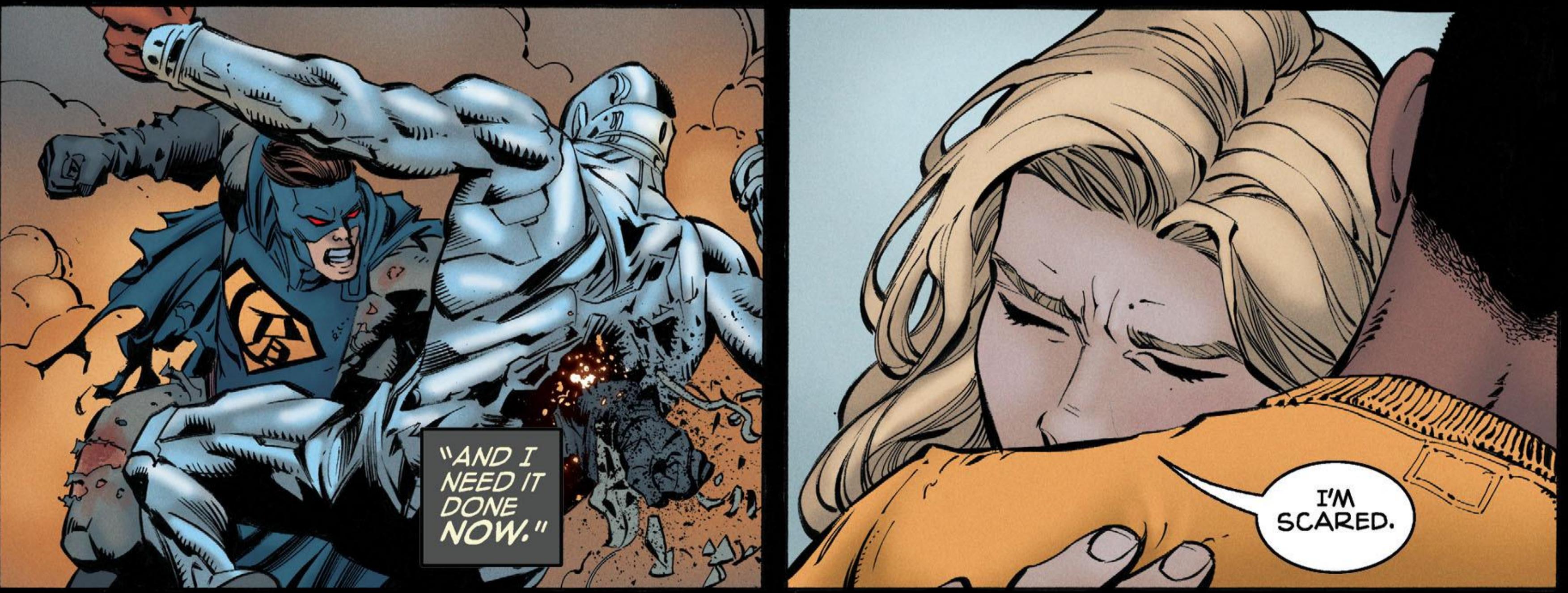
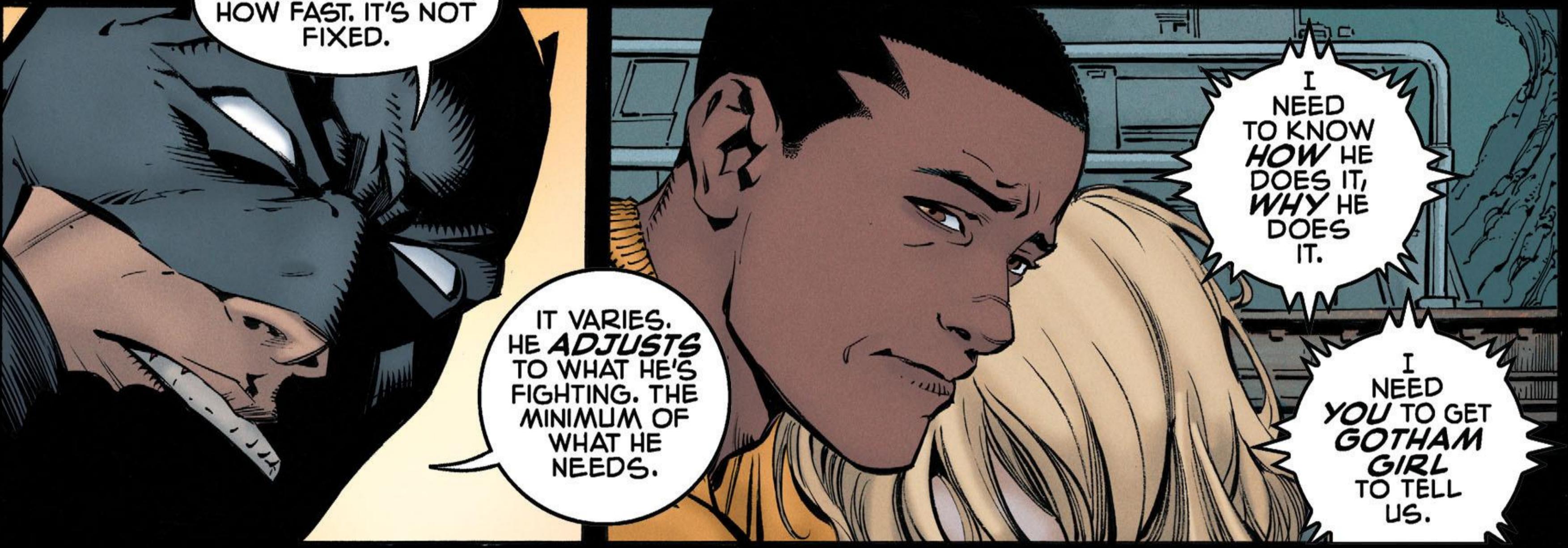
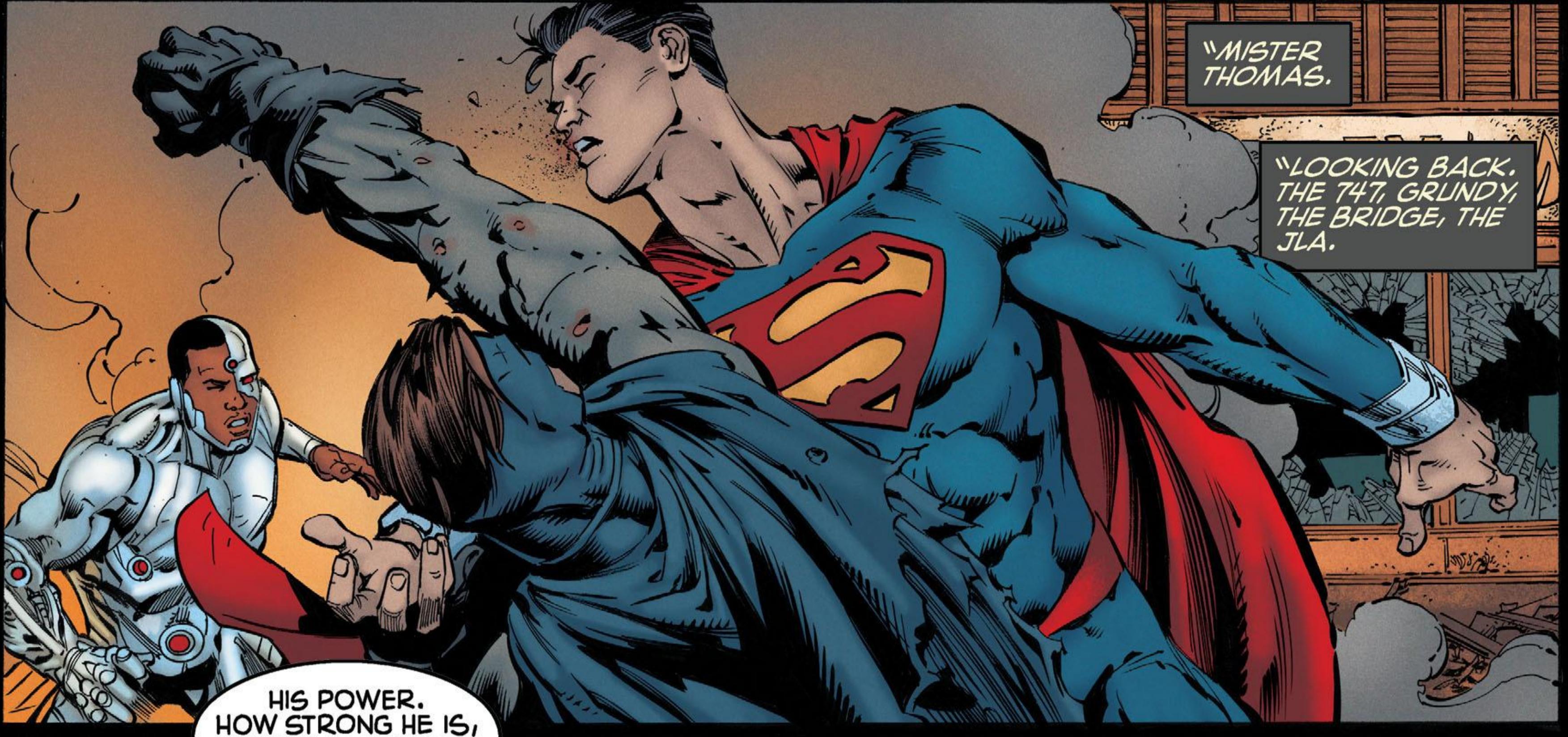


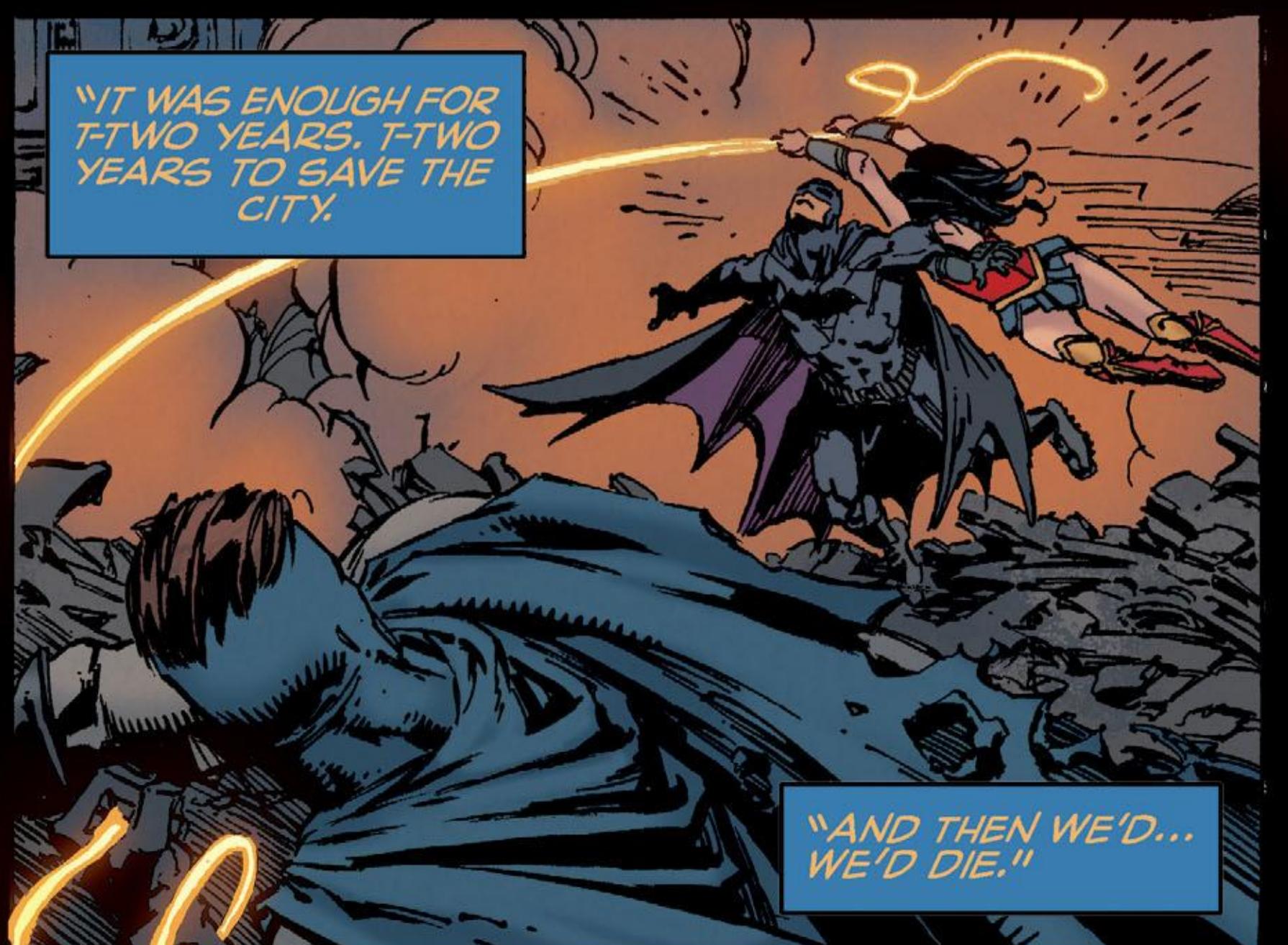
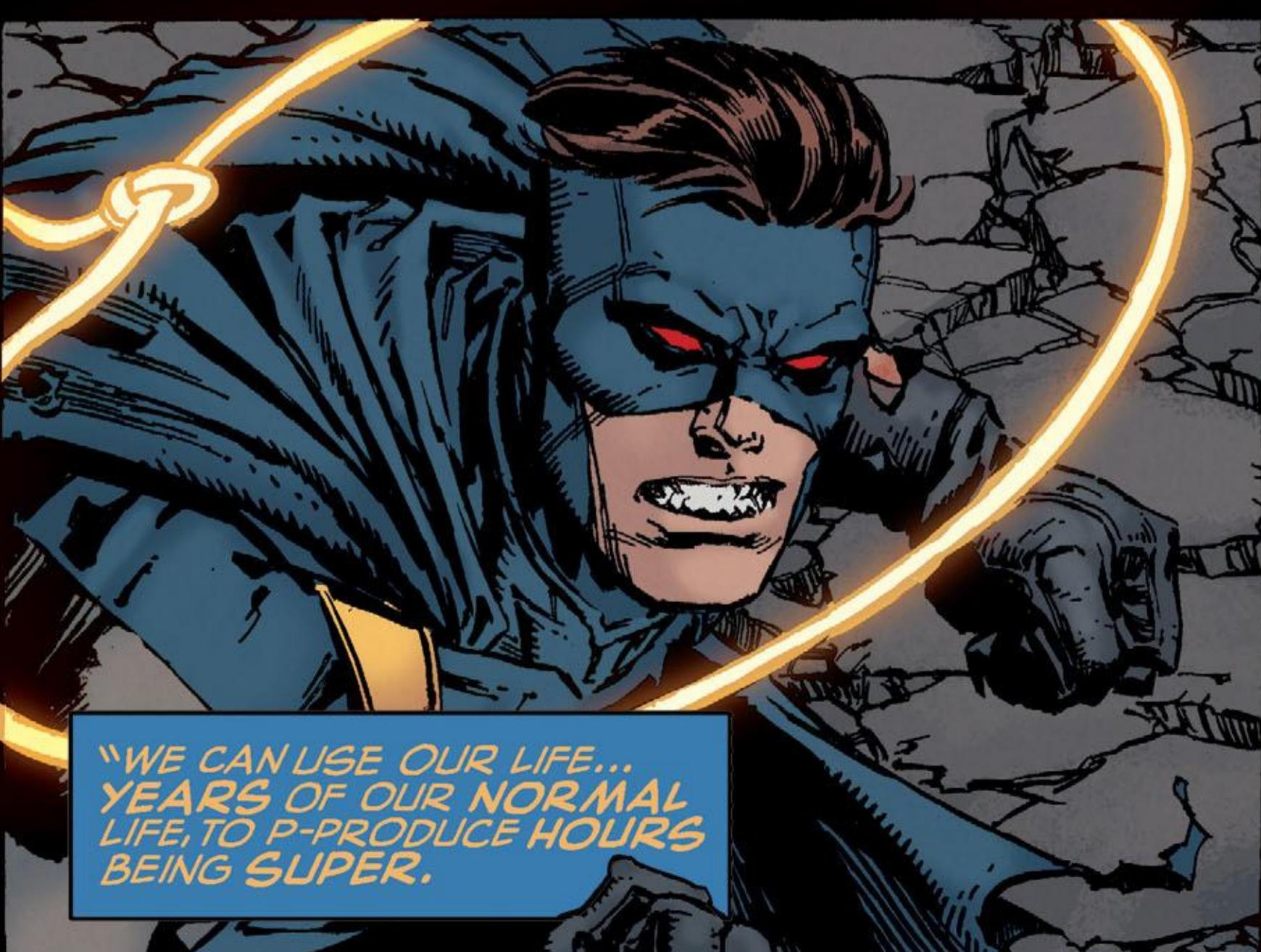
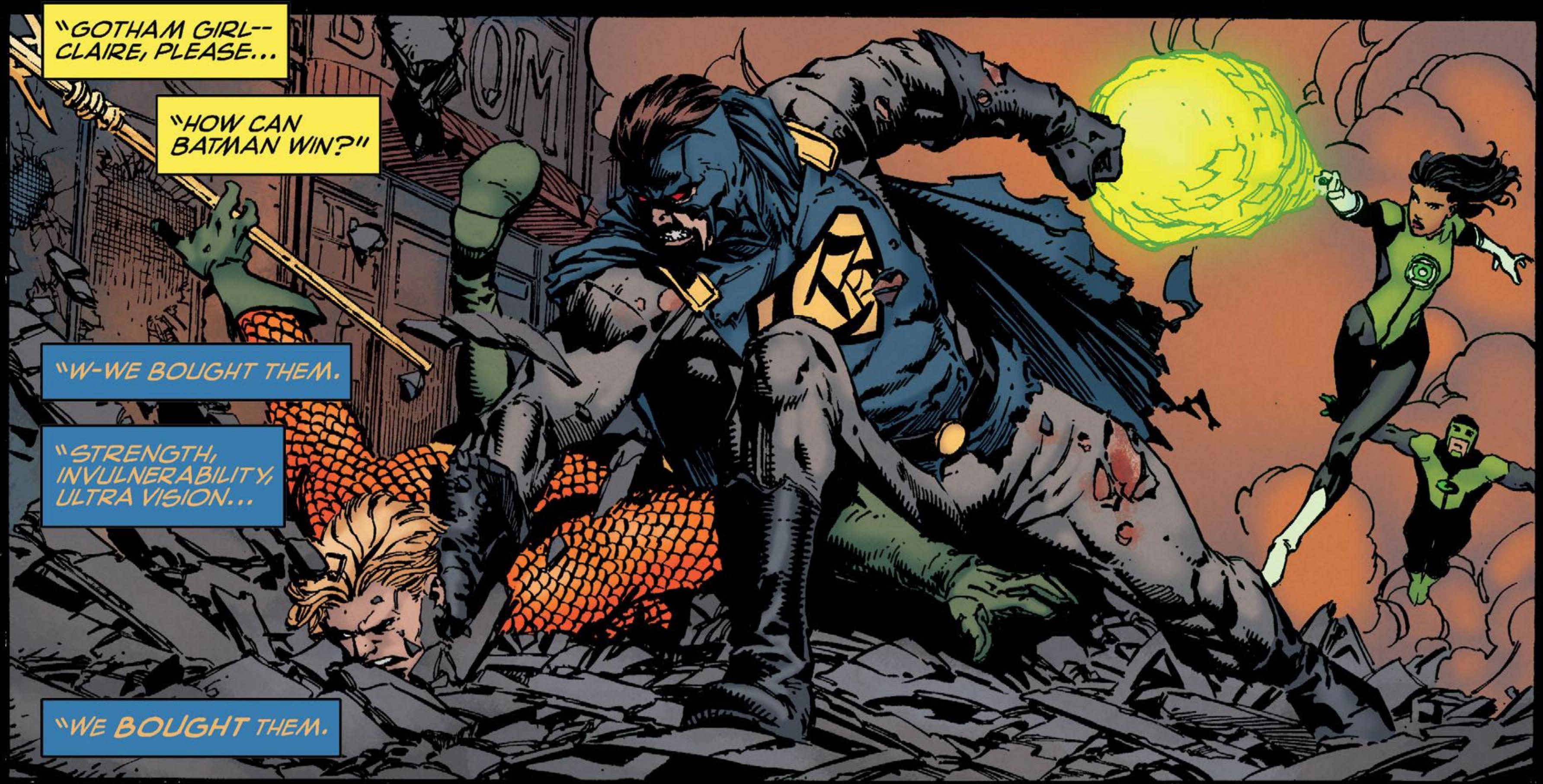
HELLO,
GOTHAM.

MY
NAME IS
SUPERMAN,
AND THIS IS
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE.

WE'RE
BATMAN'S
FRIENDS.

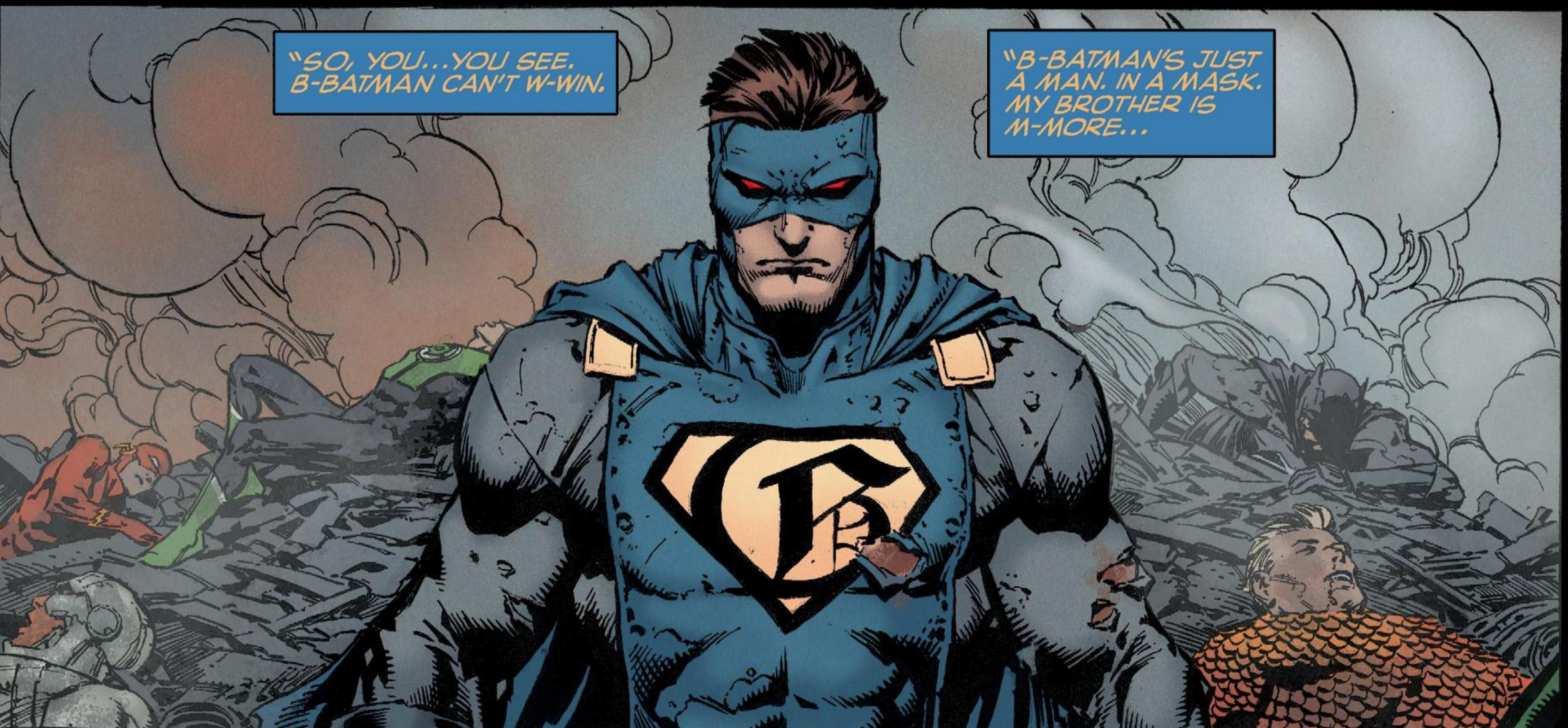
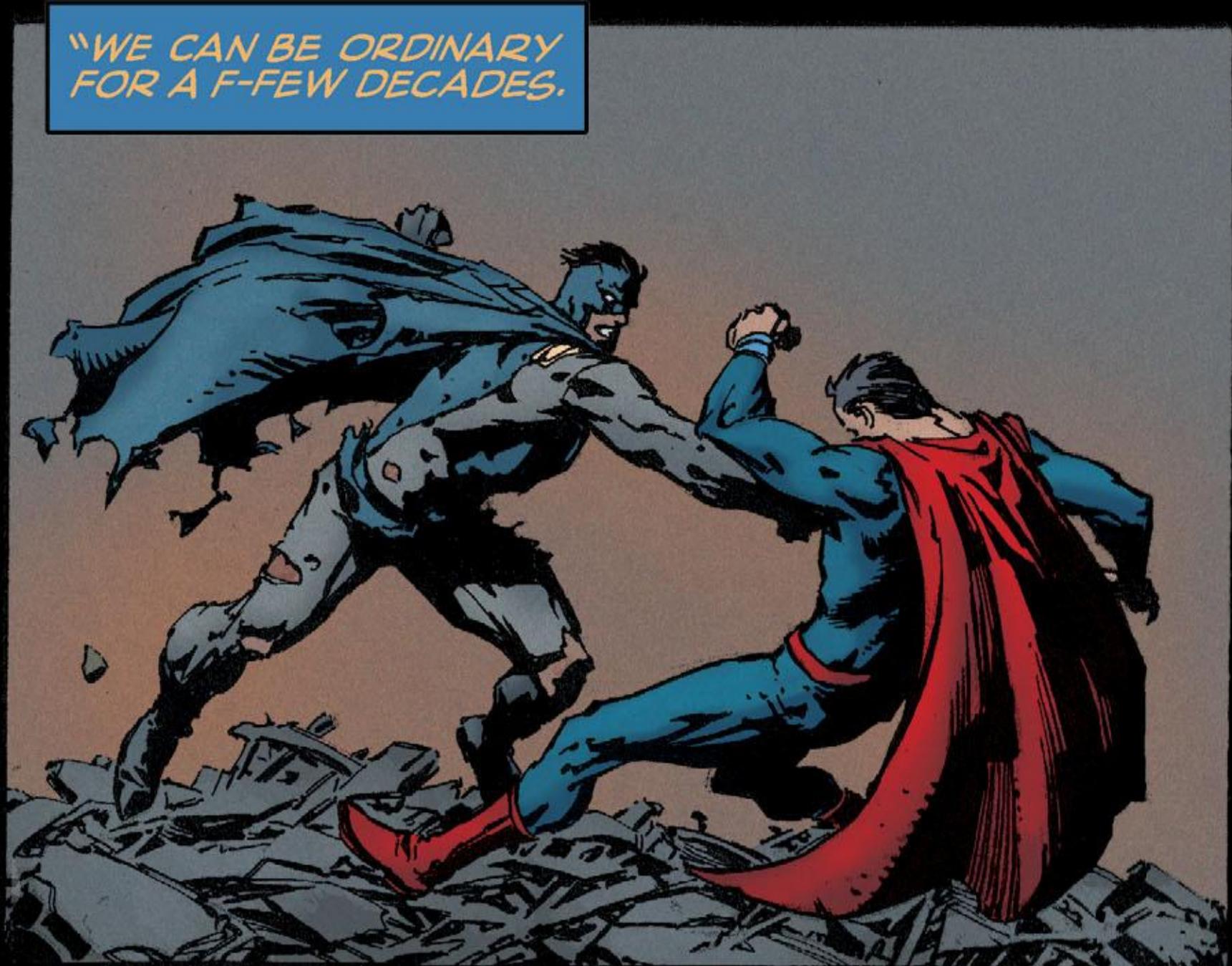
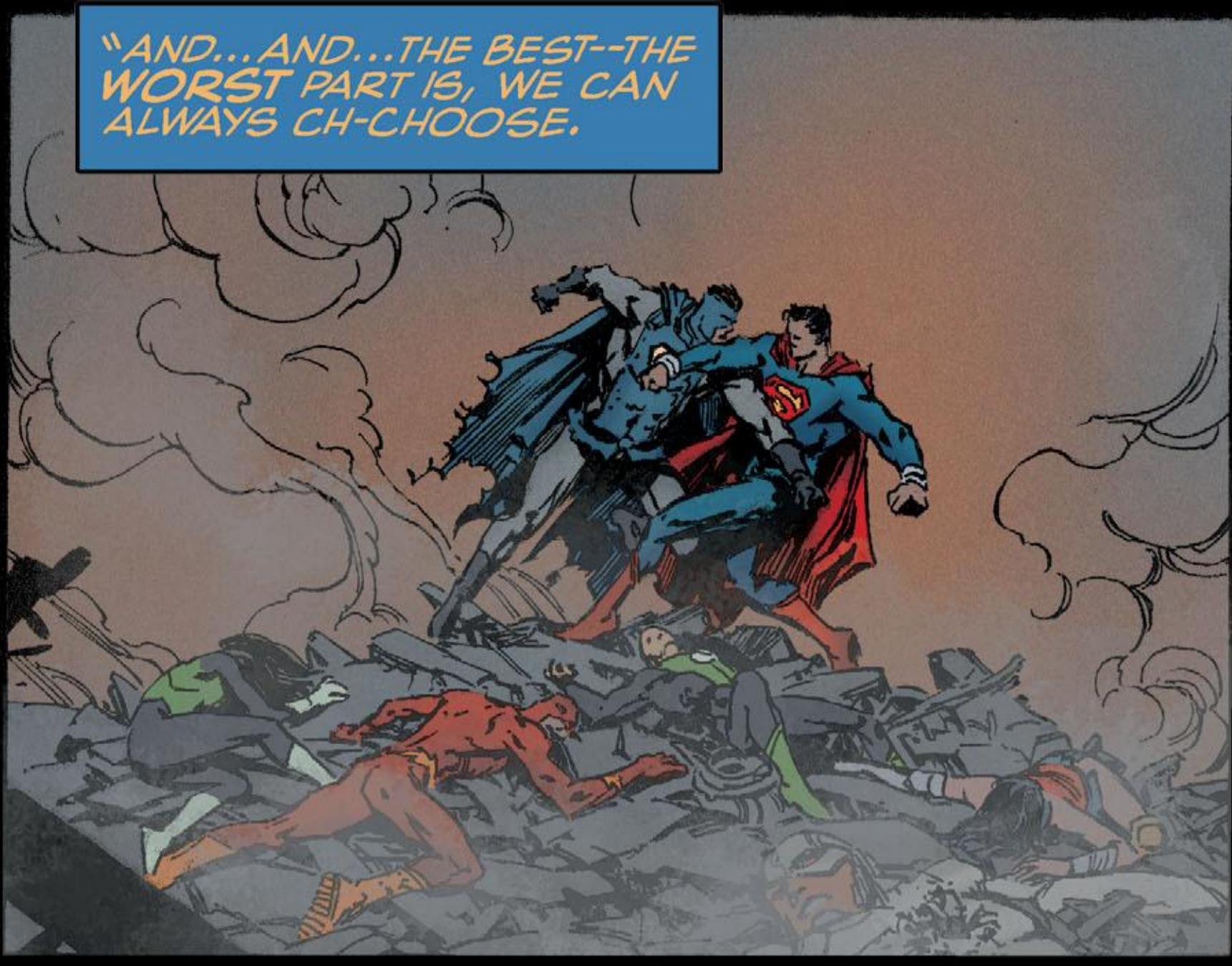
AND
WE'D GREATLY
APPRECIATE IT
IF YOU WOULD
SURRENDER.



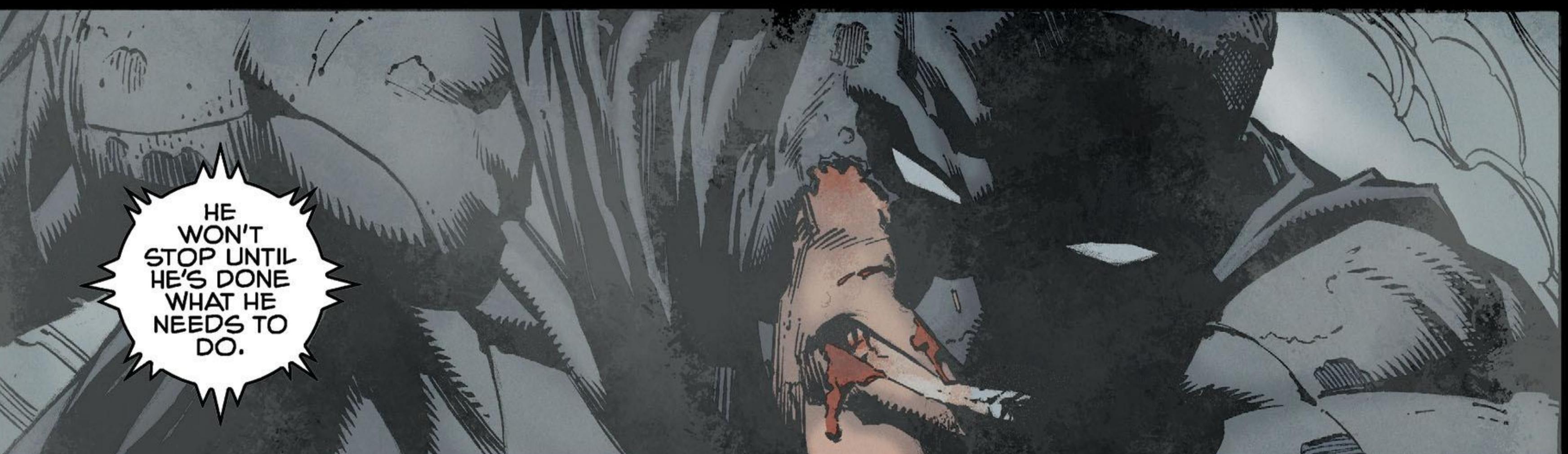


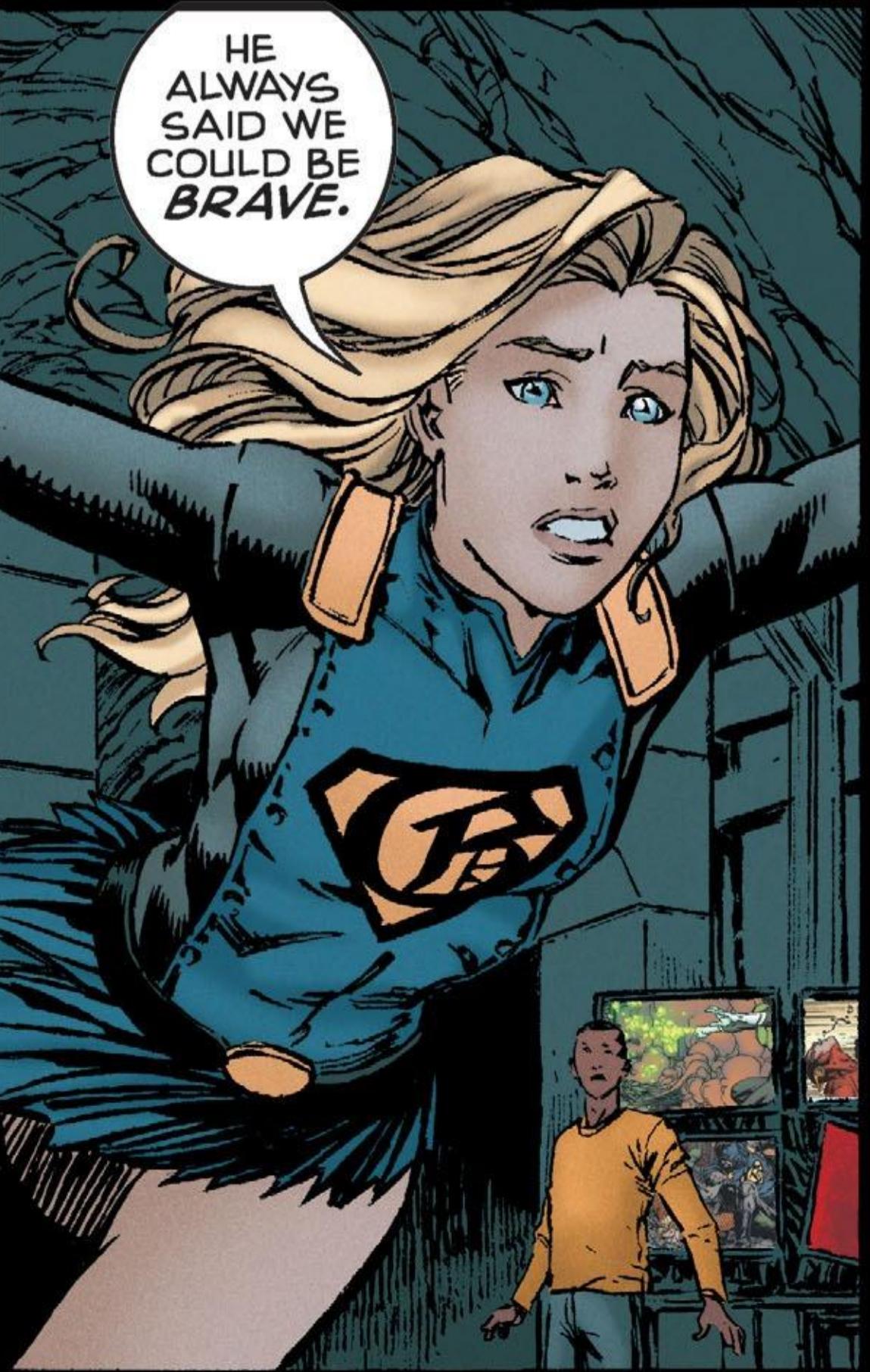
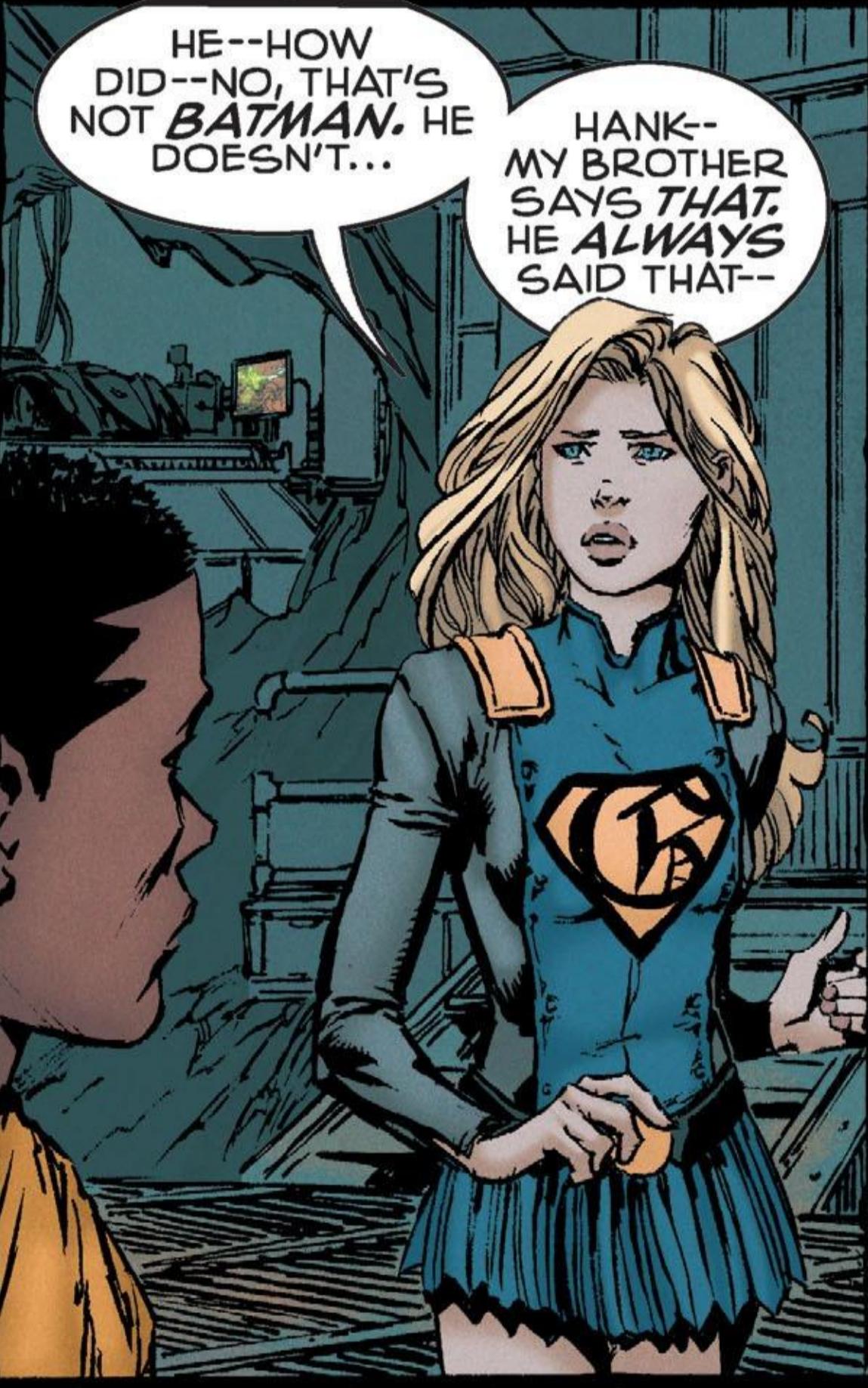
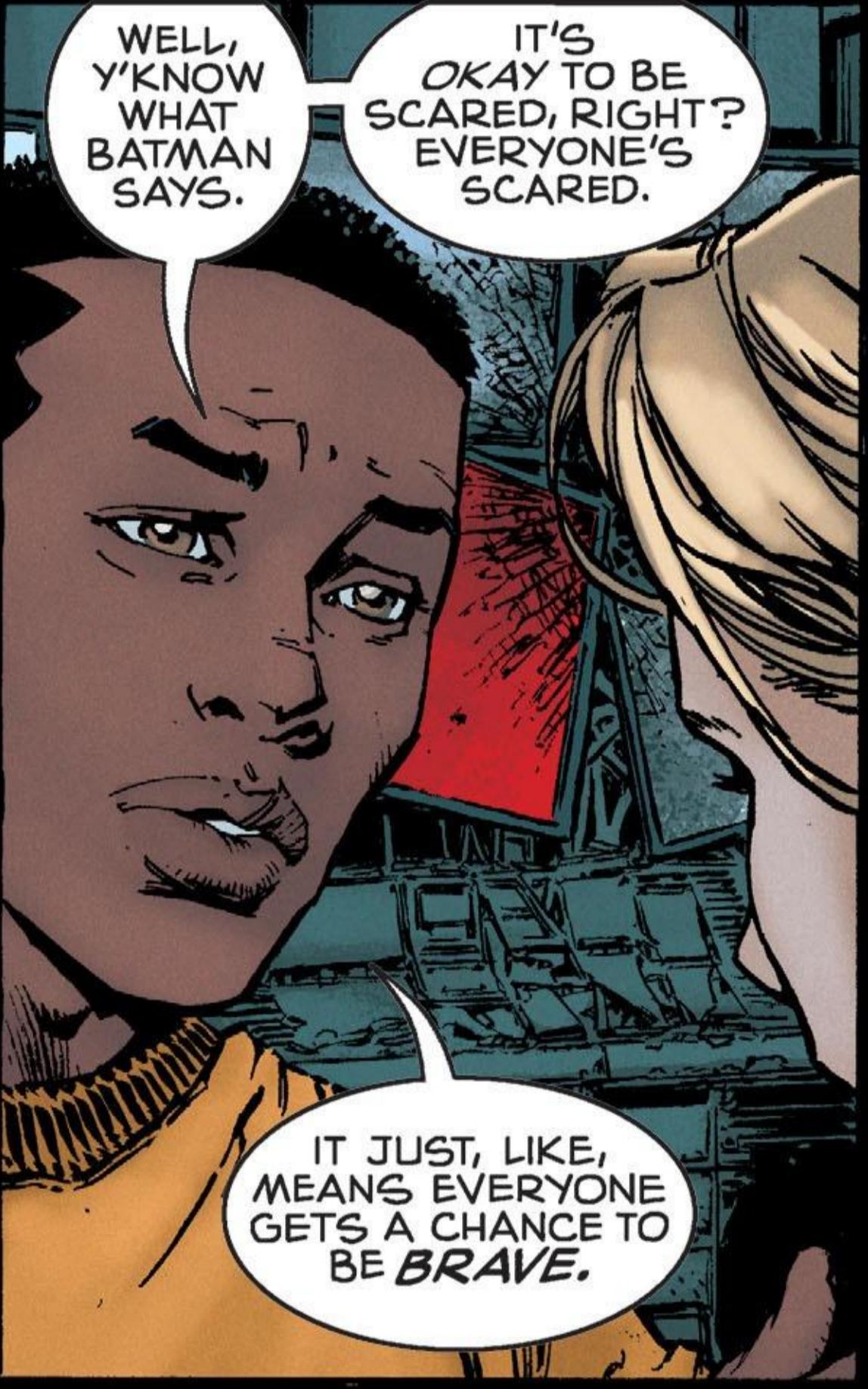
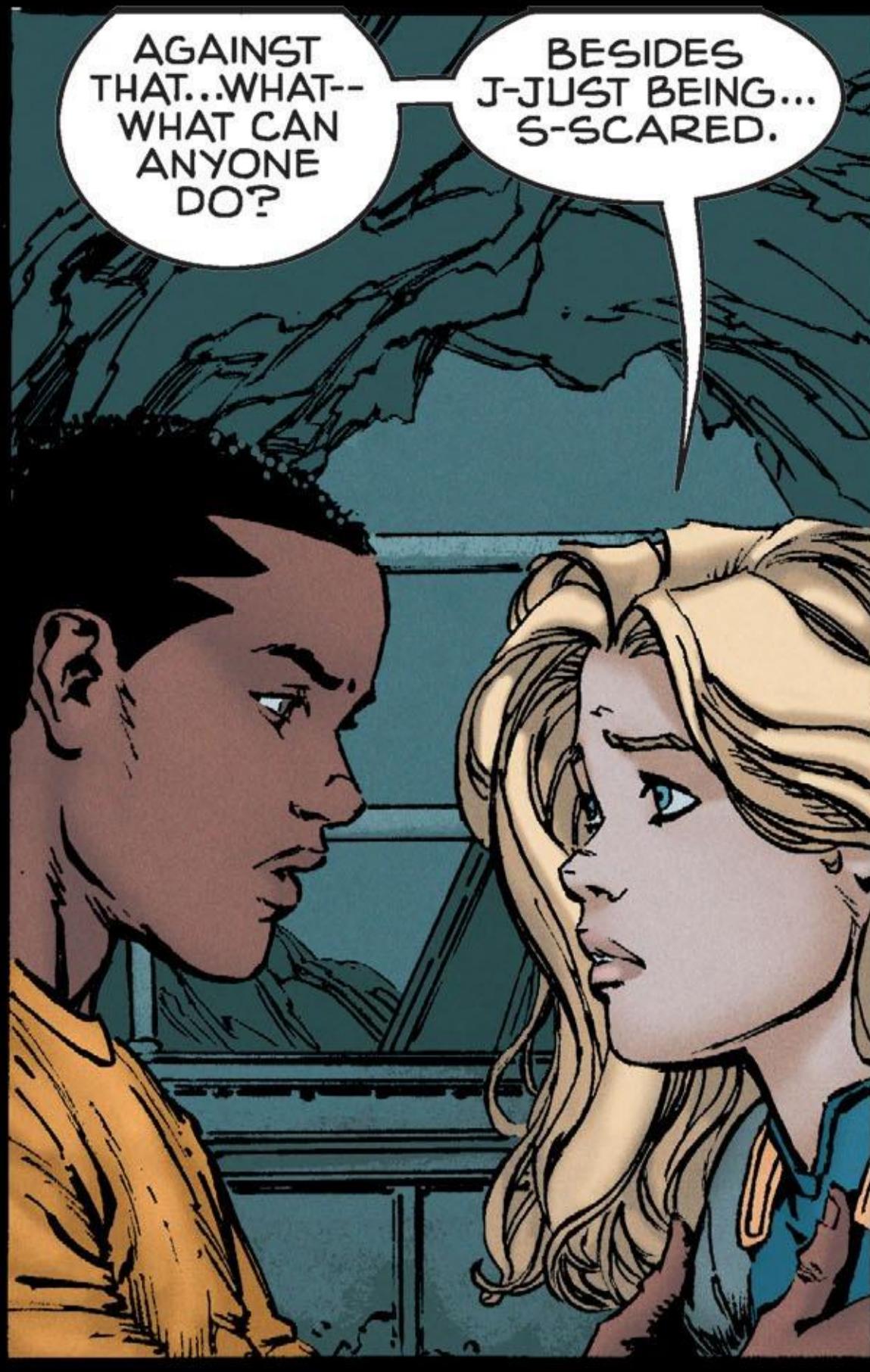
"AND... AND... THE BEST--THE WORST PART IS, WE CAN ALWAYS CH-CHOOSE."

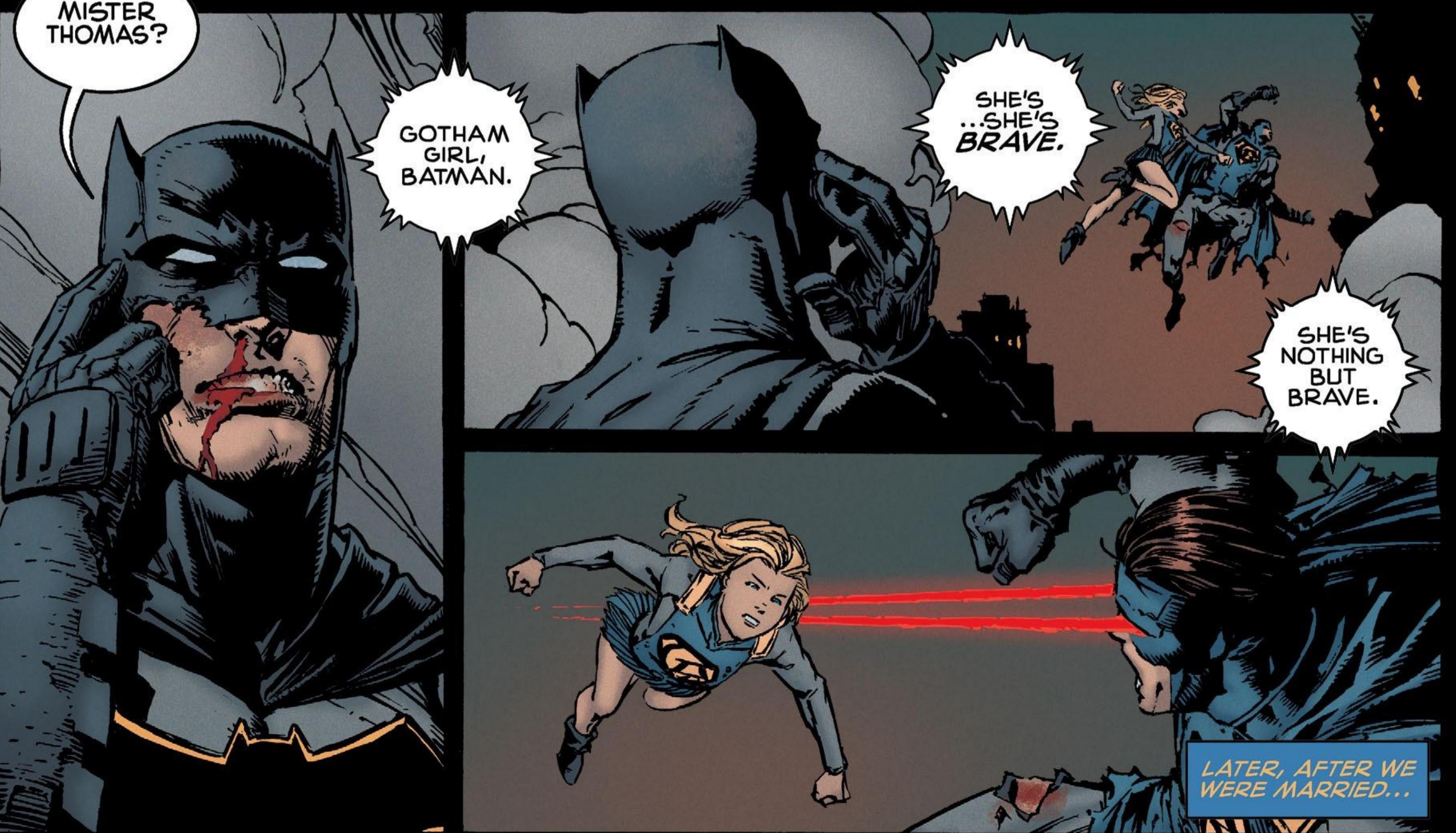
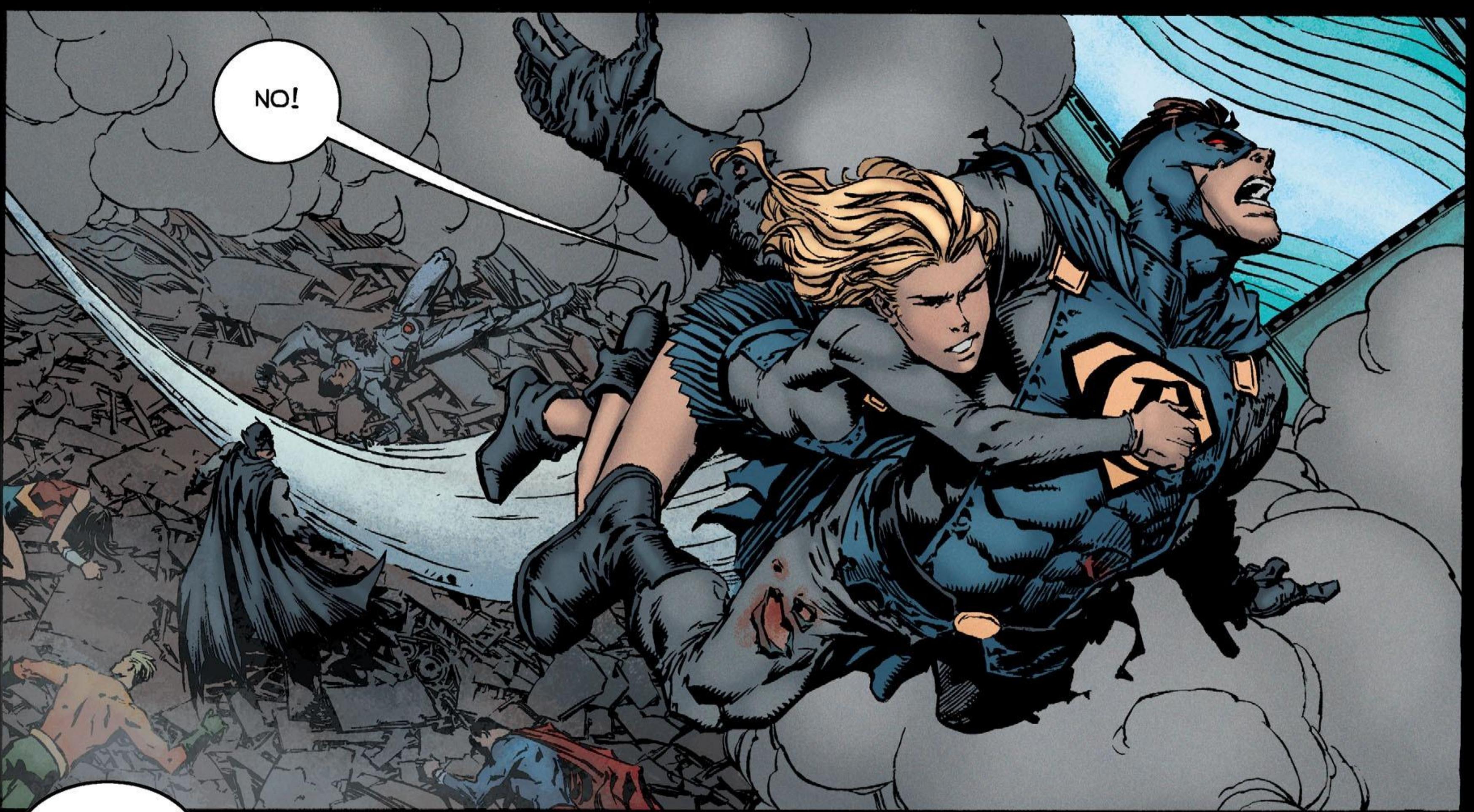
"WE CAN BE ORDINARY FOR A F-FEW DECADES."



HE
WON'T
STOP UNTIL
HE'S DONE
WHAT HE
NEEDS TO
DO.







...AFTER BRUCE DID
WHAT HE DID, AFTER
HE DIED HOW HE DIED...

...AFTER I...AFTER
I KILLED HIM, I
MEAN.

DUKE AND I, WE'D
COME HERE ONCE A
YEAR, ON THE ANNIV-
ERSARY OF MY
BROTHER'S DEATH.

JUST TO TAKE TIME
TO REMEMBER.

I TOLD
HIM TO STOP. I...I
TRIED TO MAKE
HIM STOP.

IF HE
D-DIDN'T STOP,
IT WOULD ALL
BE GONE.
H-HE WOULD
BE GONE.

I TOLD
HIM. I T-TRIED
TO TELL
HIM...

REMEMBER THAT THIS IS
WHERE IT STARTED.

I TRIED... I T-TRIED...

THE ORIGIN OF
GOTHAM GIRL...

THE DEATH
OF BATMAN...

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YEAR ONE



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