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WHY
DOESN'T IT
WORK?

DR. MYLES
STRANE.

YAAAH!

WHAT
DO YOU WANT
FROM ME?!

ANSWERS.

JACQUI
TREMAYNE STOLE
MIMIC FROM WAYNE
FRANKLIN'S I-GORE
DEVICE, DIDN'T
SHE?

WELL...OKAY...
YES.

CONCEPTUALLY IT'S
A GREAT IDEA. DESIGNED
TO BE A SURGEON'S HANDS
EVEN FROM FAR AWAY VIA
A CYBERNETIC LINK.

JUST
ONE SMALL
PROBLEM.

IT
DOESN'T
WORK.

PERHAPS
YOU'RE NOT AS
BRILLIANT AS THE
LATE DOCTOR
FRANKLIN.

YOU WILL
GIVE ME THOSE
NOTES, DOCTOR
STRANGE.

CAN'T BE
DONE.

GENERAL
SCALPEL WORK IS
NOT A PROBLEM, BUT IT
BOTCHES THE FINE CUTS
AND THE STITCHING.
HIGHER-UPS GAVE ME THE
PROTOTYPE AND THE
NOTES AND SAID MAKE
IT WORK.

I HAD
HIS NOTES. IT
DIDN'T REALLY
WORK FOR HIM,
EITHER.





HEY THERE,
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
YOU SURE ARE LOOKING
GOOD.



HAWOOOO!



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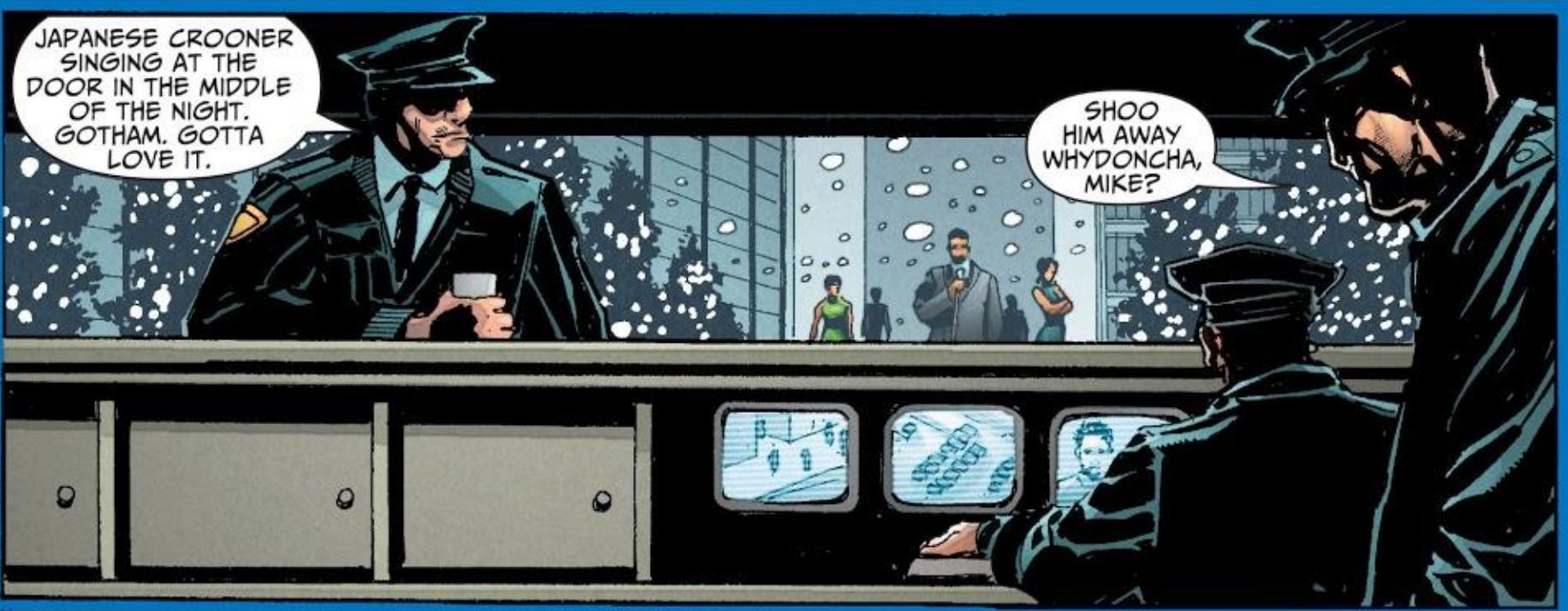
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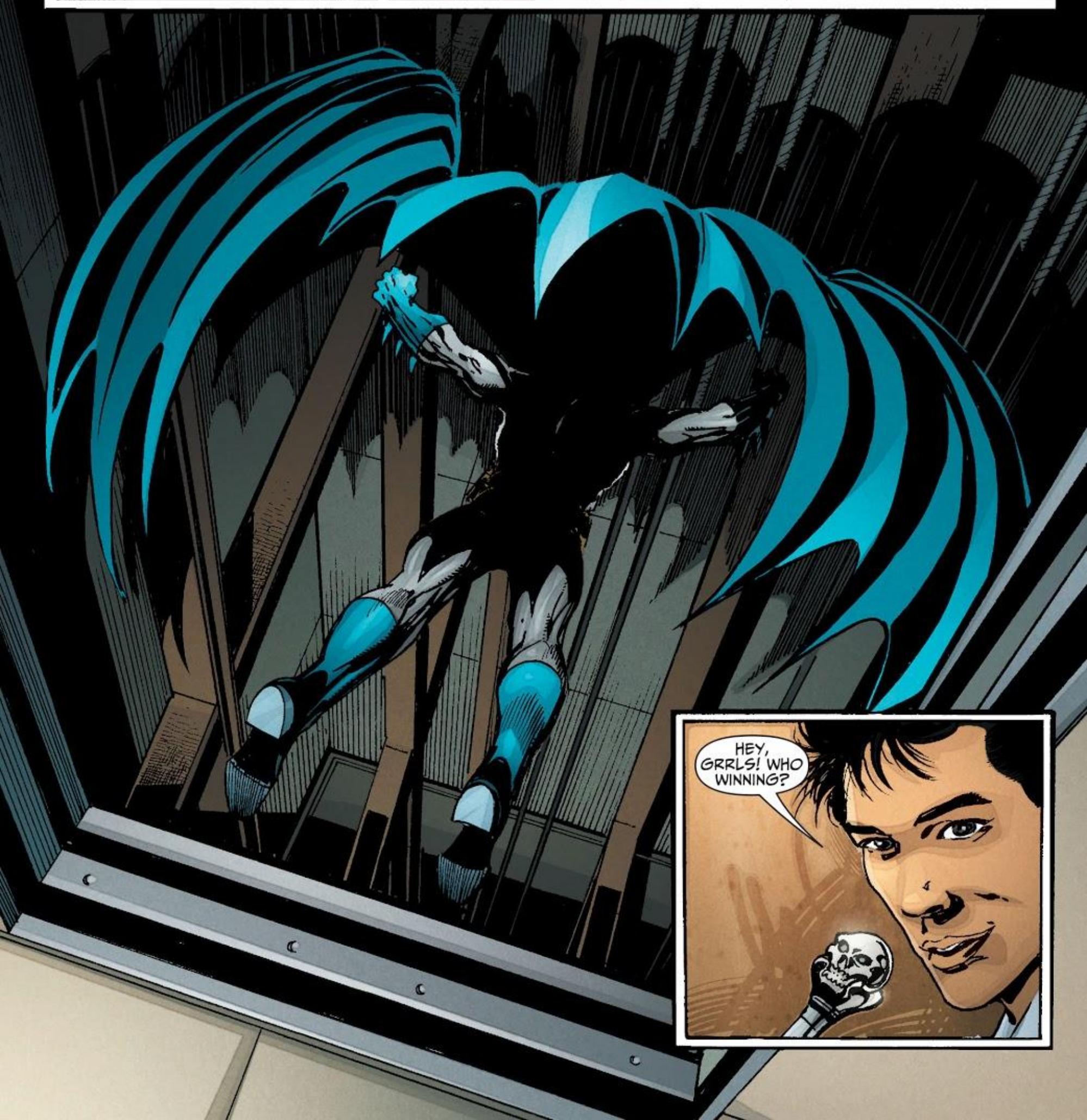
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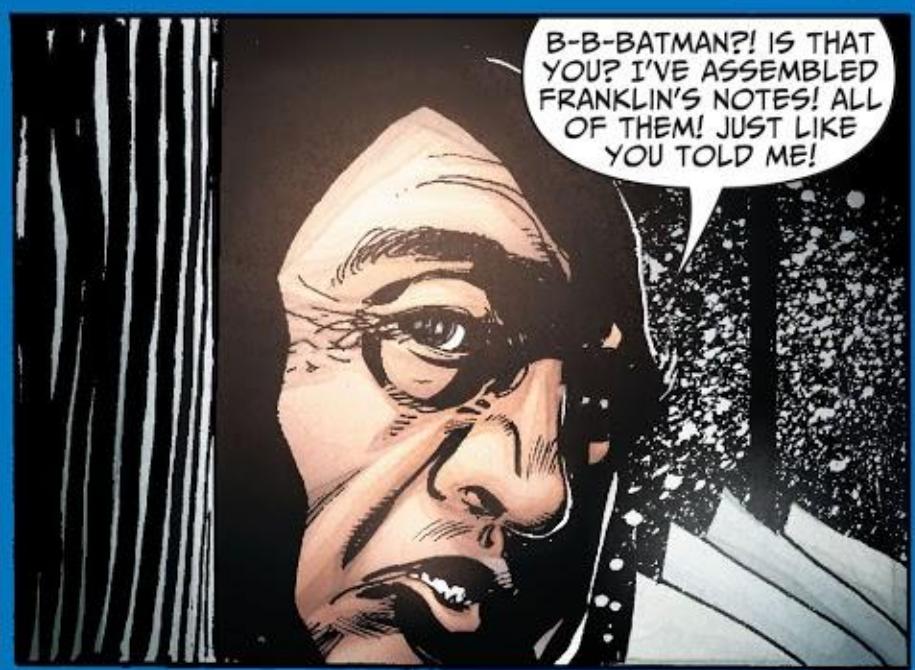
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YOU RELY
TOO MUCH ON
WEAPONS.

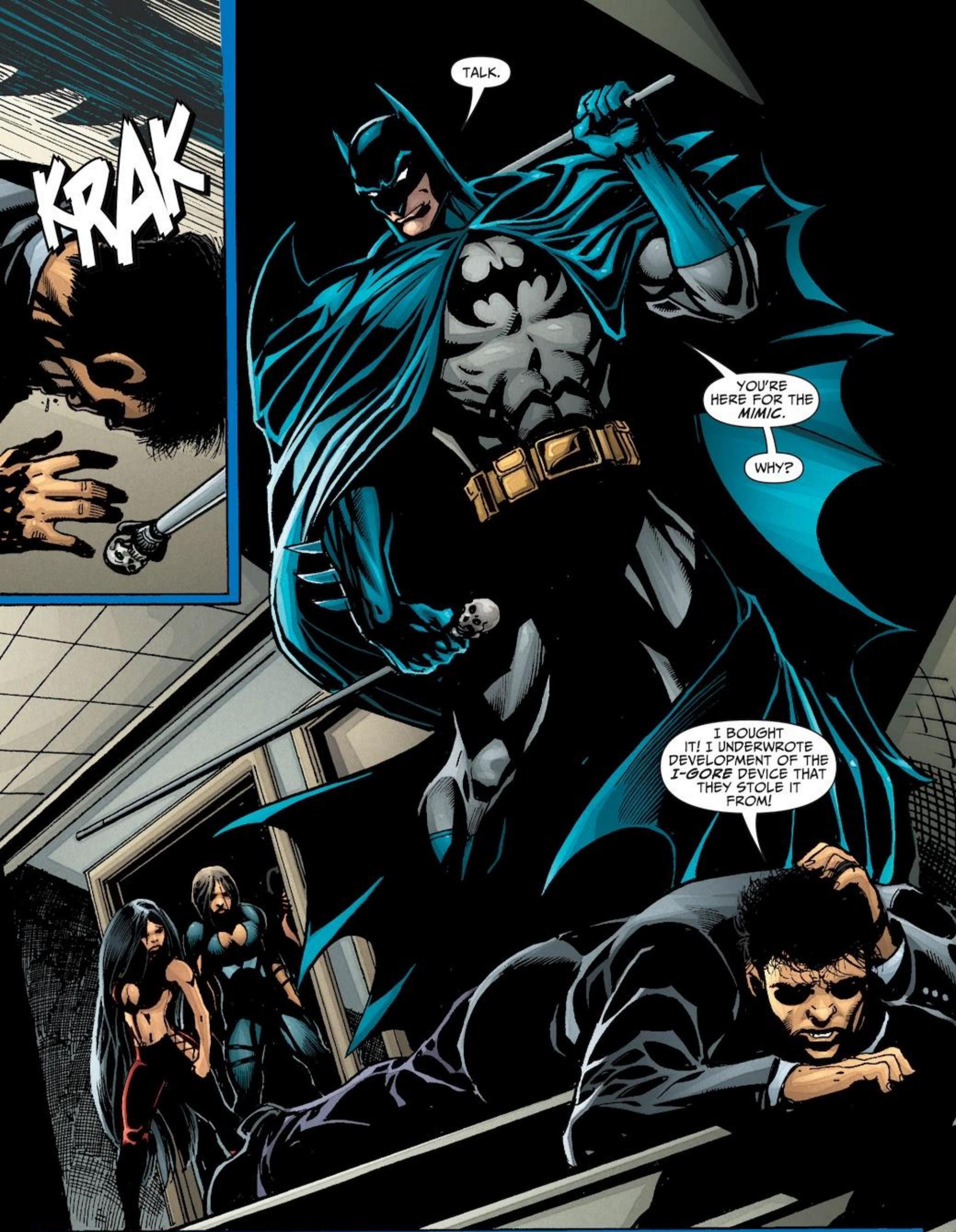
YOUR
MISTAKE.











GROTESK.

DOWN STAIRWAYS,
GRRRLS! POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN
COMING PRETTY SOON, I BET!
GO GO GO!

MY LITTLE
RUNAWAYS! RUN-
RUN-RUN-RUN-
RUNAWAYS!

WHAM

Strange.

Too late.

The Mimic device is
gone. Notes probably
taken or burned.

Just Grotesk's
usual funeral
pyre.

SHORTLY...

THE PRESSURE TO SOLVE THIS MESS JUST INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY. ALL THREE OF THE MURDERED SECURITY GUARDS WERE RETIRED GCPD. GOOD MEN.

THIS MORE OF GROTESK'S HANDIWORK?



THE GUARDS WERE KILLED BY A YAKUZA CALLING HIMSELF JOHNNY KARAOKE.

HE TRAVELS WITH FOUR YOUNG AND LETHAL FEMALE BODYGUARDS HE CALLS HIS GEISHA GRRLS.

STRANE, HOWEVER, WAS KILLED BY GROTESK WHO I NOW BELIEVE TO BE THE "LATE" DR. WAYNE FRANKLIN.

JACQUI TREMAYNE DATED HIM AND STOLE HIS I-GORE PLANS FOR MIMIC.

I'VE LEARNED FRANKLIN'S PARENTS WERE '60S RADICALS IN A GROUP THAT INCLUDED GROTESK'S OTHER VICTIM - GEORGE WILLIAMSON.

LUCIDO WAS A LOCAL LOAN SHARK, AND KARAOKE SAID HE "UNDERWROTE" I-GORE'S DEVELOPMENT.

THE RUSSIAN MAFIA BOSS, PERUN, ACTS LIKE FRANKLIN OWED HIM MONEY, TOO.

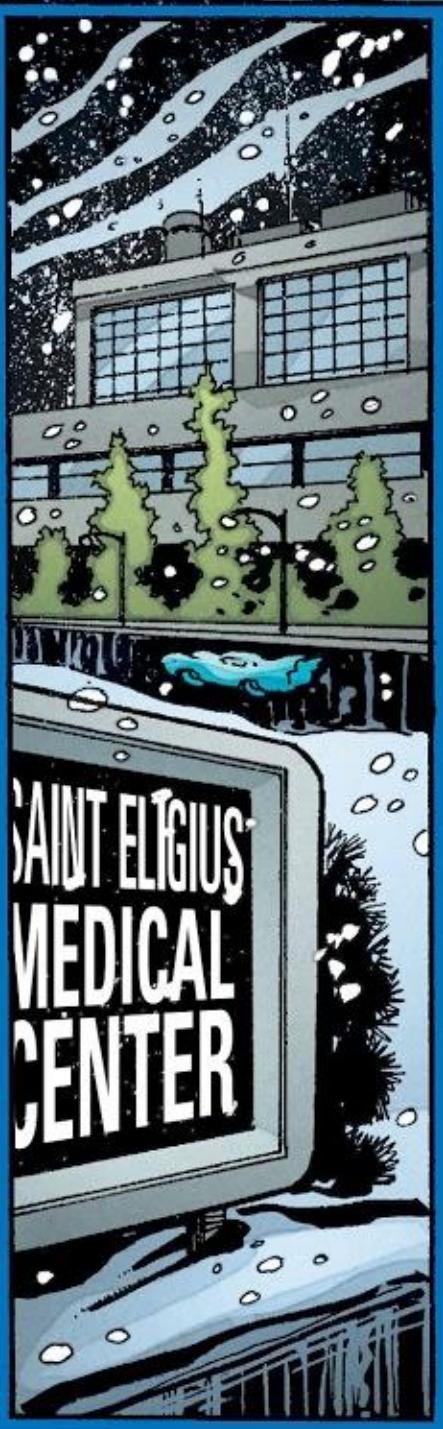




BY FAKING HIS OWN DEATH, BUT SOMETHING OBVIOUSLY WENT WRONG.

FRANKLIN... GROTESK... IS TALKING ABOUT GETTING "JUSTICE." SOMEBODY TRIED TO KILL HIM.

IT WOULD EXPLAIN HIS CONDITION.







BLAM





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