

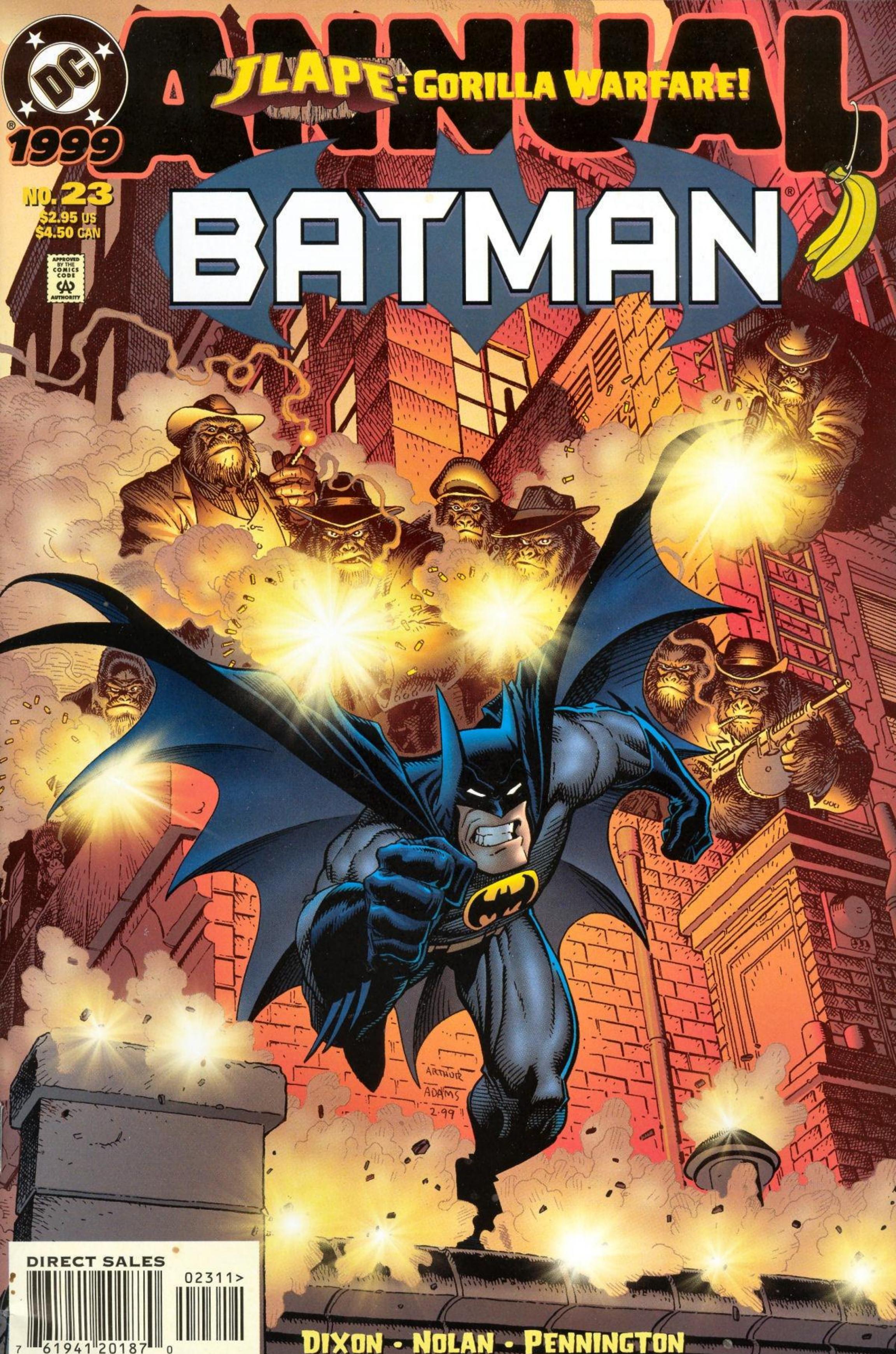


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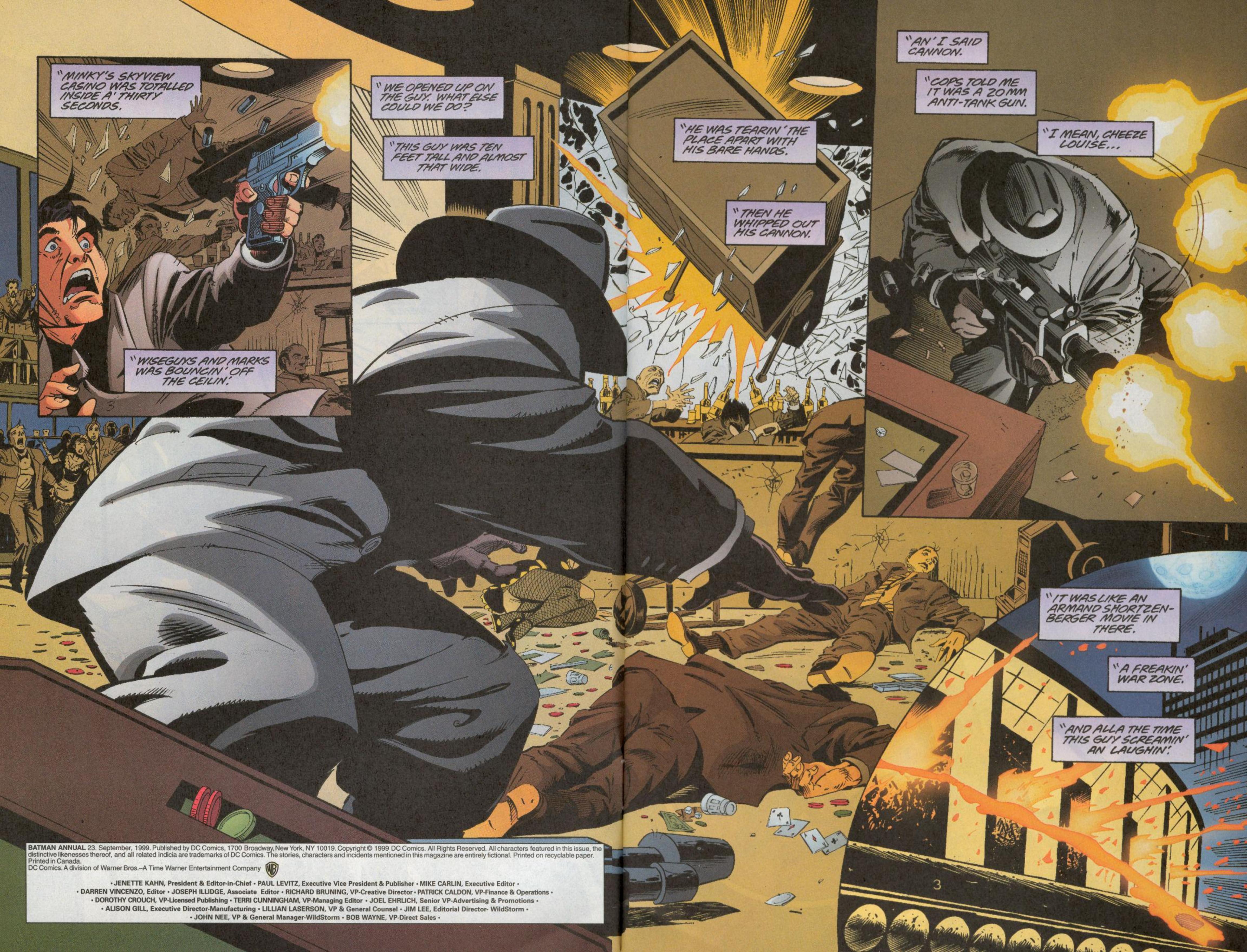


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NEXT THING I KNOW,
FATHER McDANIEL'S READIN'
ME MY RIGHTS AND MY MOTHER'S
OVER IN THE CORNER THERE
CRYIN'.

WHAT WAS
THIS KILLER'S
NAME,
BLINKY?

HE DIDN'T
LEAVE A CARD,
TOO-TALL.

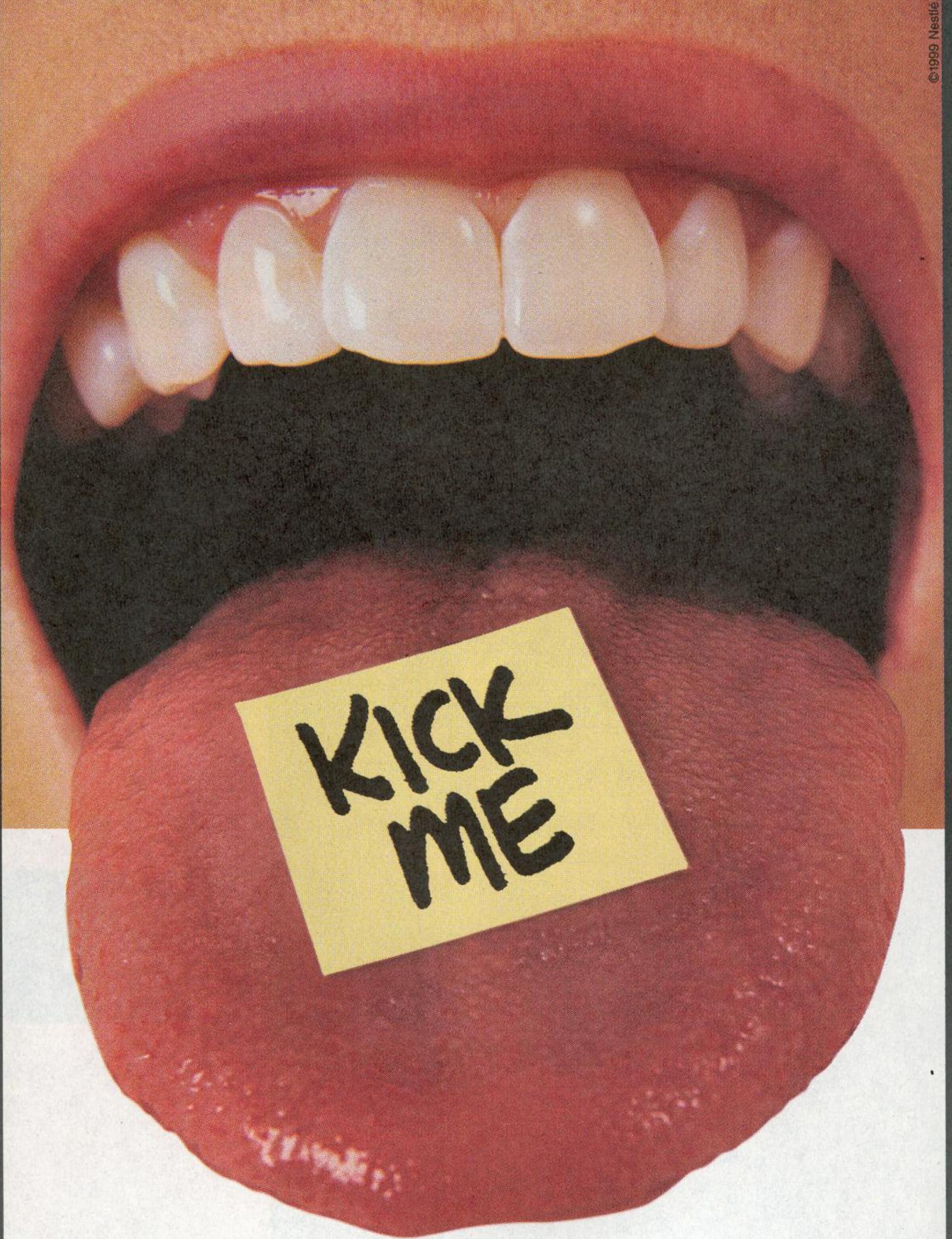
WE WANT
THIS GUY AS BAD
AS YOU DO,
BLINKY.

'ZAT
SO?

WELL, AFTER
SEEIN' THAT GUY'S
ACTION YOU THINK
I'M SCARED A'
YOU TWO?

WHO WAS
HE AFTER?

LOOKED
LIKE EVERYBODY
T'ME. TWO TONS
A' MASS
MURDER.



KICK
ME

Tangy. Fruity. Chewy.



It's a kick in the mouth.

COMMAND
CONQUER

Use your

smart bomb.



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only fires neurons.



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THERE WAS SOMETHIN' FUNNY ABOUT THE GUY, THOUGH.

A SMELL. I REMEMBER IT FROM SOMEWHERE BUT I CAN'T PUT--



-- MY FINGER ON IT.



SO, A TYPICAL GANG HIT BRINGS YOU DOWN TO BLUDHAVEN?

NOTHING TYPICAL HERE.



YOU DON'T KNOW BLUDHAVEN. DON'T YOU HAVE ENOUGH GOING ON UP IN GOTHAM?



I HAVE MY HANDS FULL.



BUT THERE'S A LOT MORE HERE THAN WE THINK.



SUCH AS?

SOMETHING BIG.

SOMETHING STRANGE.

YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE TELLING?

IS IT JUST A HUNCH OR SOMETHING MORE?

LET'S CHECK OUT THE CRIME SCENE.

YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ME.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I DIDN'T.

NURSE?

YOU TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME, SIS.

I BEEN BUZZIN' FOR TWENTY MINUTES. I GOT AN ITCH RIGHT DOWN--



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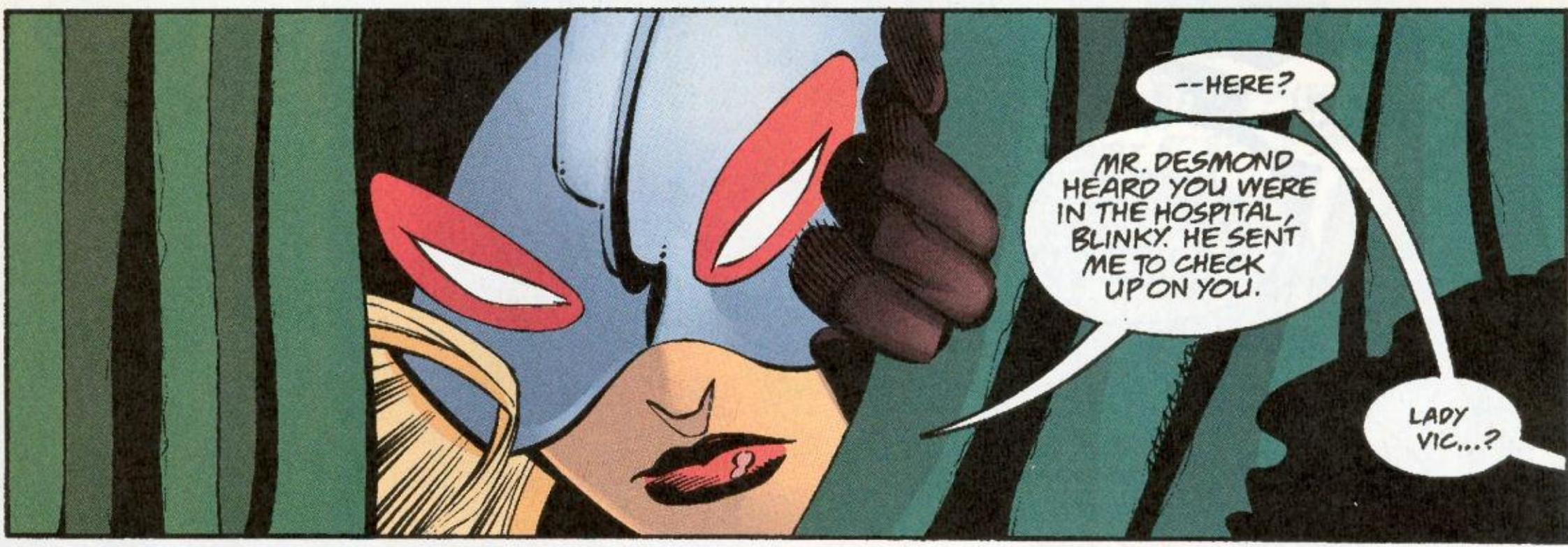


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IS MY
ORDER ALL
THERE?

A TRIPLE
JUMBO FRUIT
SALAD AND FRESH
BABY LOBSTER
SAUTEED WITH...
BANANAS?

THAT'S
THE TICKET,
BABE.

COULD BE OUR BOY. BUT DIDN'T THE POLICE REPORT SAY HE WORE GLOVES?

MAYBE THEY'RE NOT HIS PRINTS.

CRIME SCENE DONE

BY THE SHEER SIZE OF THEM I'D SAY IT HAD TO BE THE SHOOTER.

I'VE GOT SOME FIBERS THAT DON'T BELONG.

AND BLINKY WAS RIGHT. THERE'S AN ODOR HERE.

THIS GUY PUT HIS HANDS EVERYWHERE.

MAYBE HE WAS CRAWLING AT ONE POINT.



LOOK CLOSELY
AT HOW THEY'RE
SPRAYED. AND
MOSTLY ONLY
THE TIPS OF THE
FINGERS ARE
CLEAR.

HANDSPRINGS?
THE SHOOTER WAS
DOING FLIP-FLOPS?

HOW MUCH
HELP OR HIN-
DRANCE WILL THE
BLUDHAVEN P.D.
PROVIDE?

WE'LL NEED
A LIST OF WHO
WAS HERE.

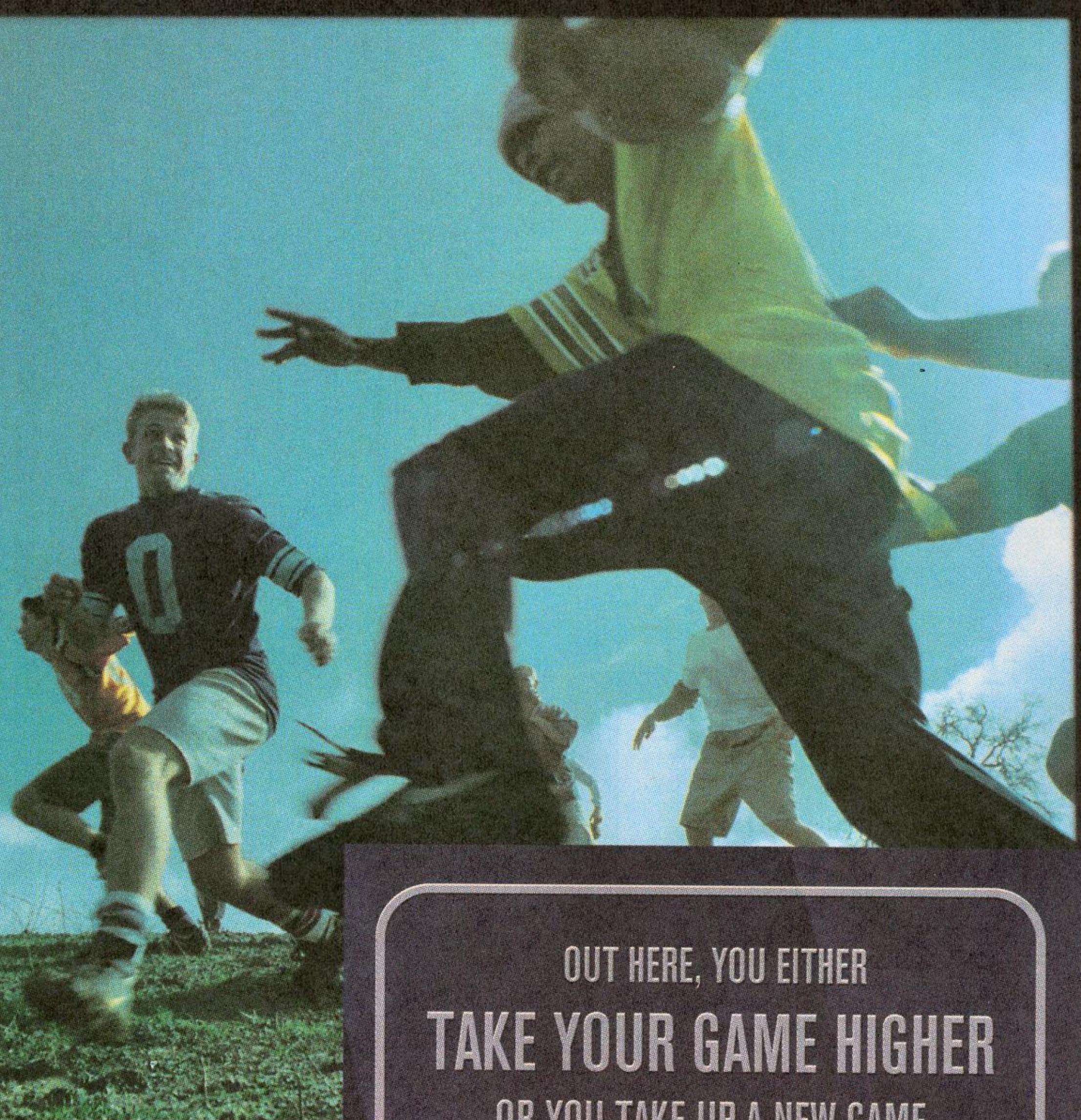
WE NEED
TO KNOW WHO THE
SHOOTER WAS
AFTER.

AND
IF HE GOT
HIS
TARGET.

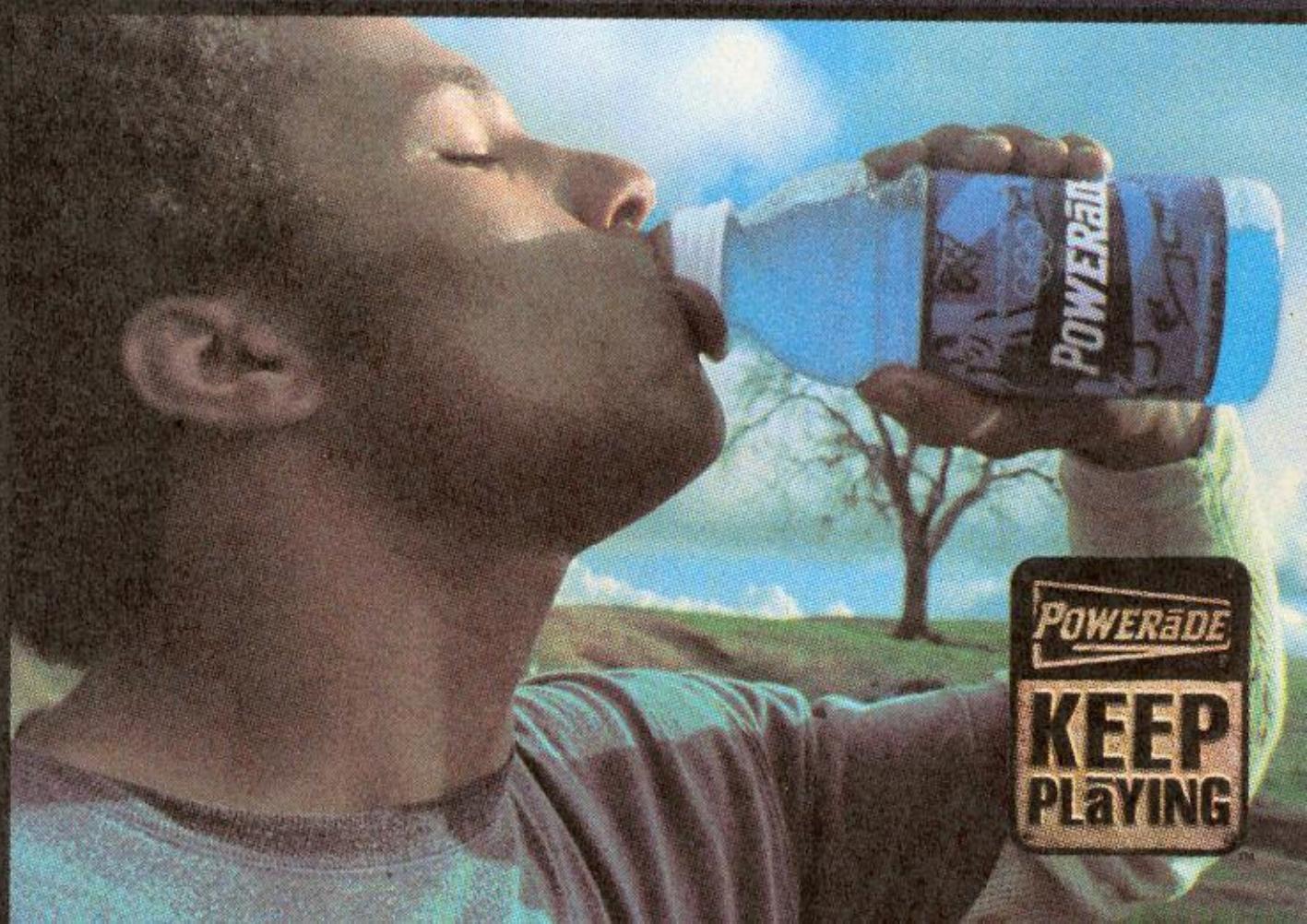
IF HE DIDN'T
IT WASN'T FOR
LACK OF
TRYING.

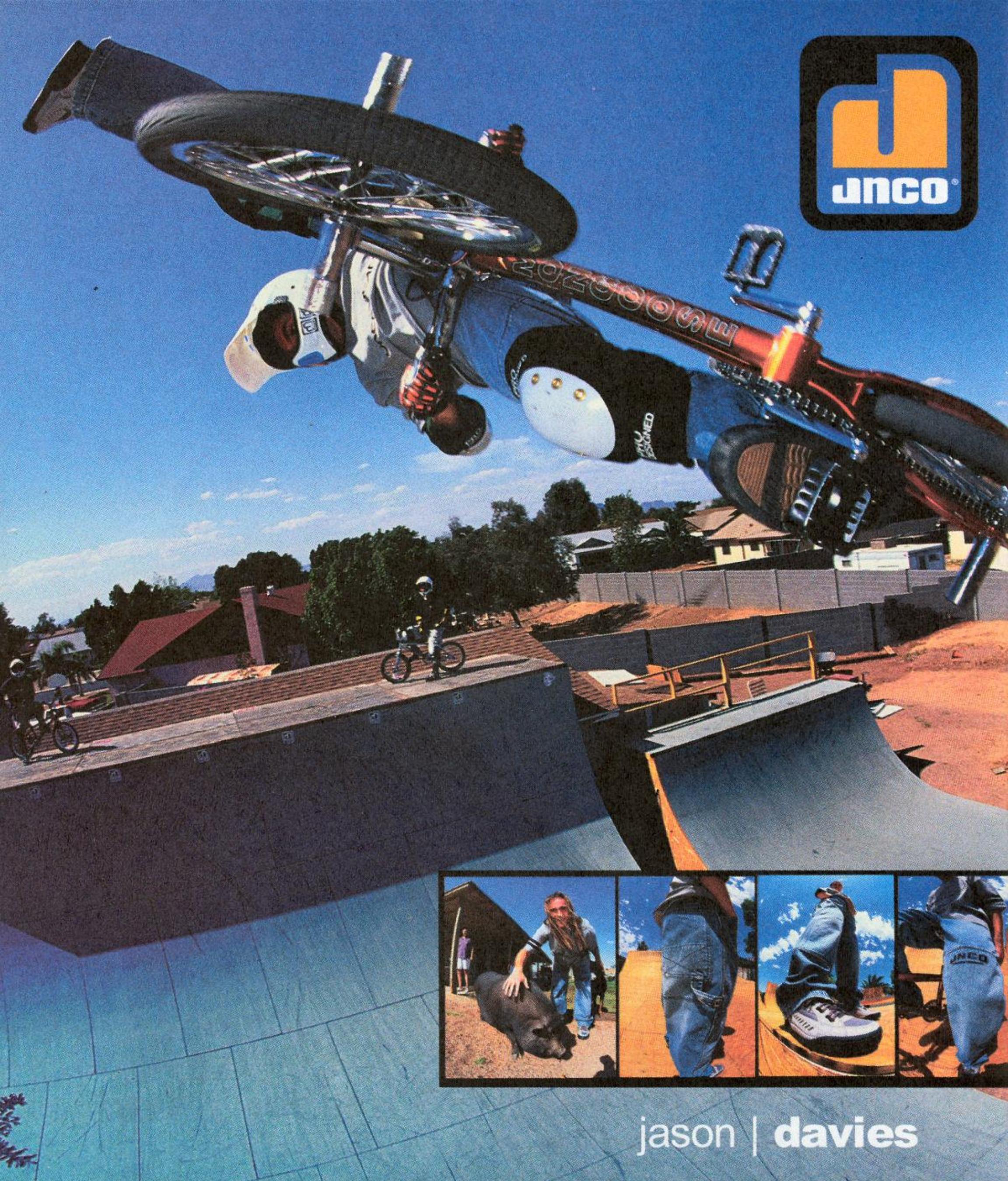
THIS
IS A
"GANG
THING".

CHIEF
REDHORN WILL
PUT ON A SHOW,
BUT THAT'S ABOUT
IT. THE COPS LET
THESE SITUATIONS
SORT THEMSELVES
OUT.



OUT HERE, YOU EITHER
TAKE YOUR GAME HIGHER
OR YOU TAKE UP A NEW GAME.

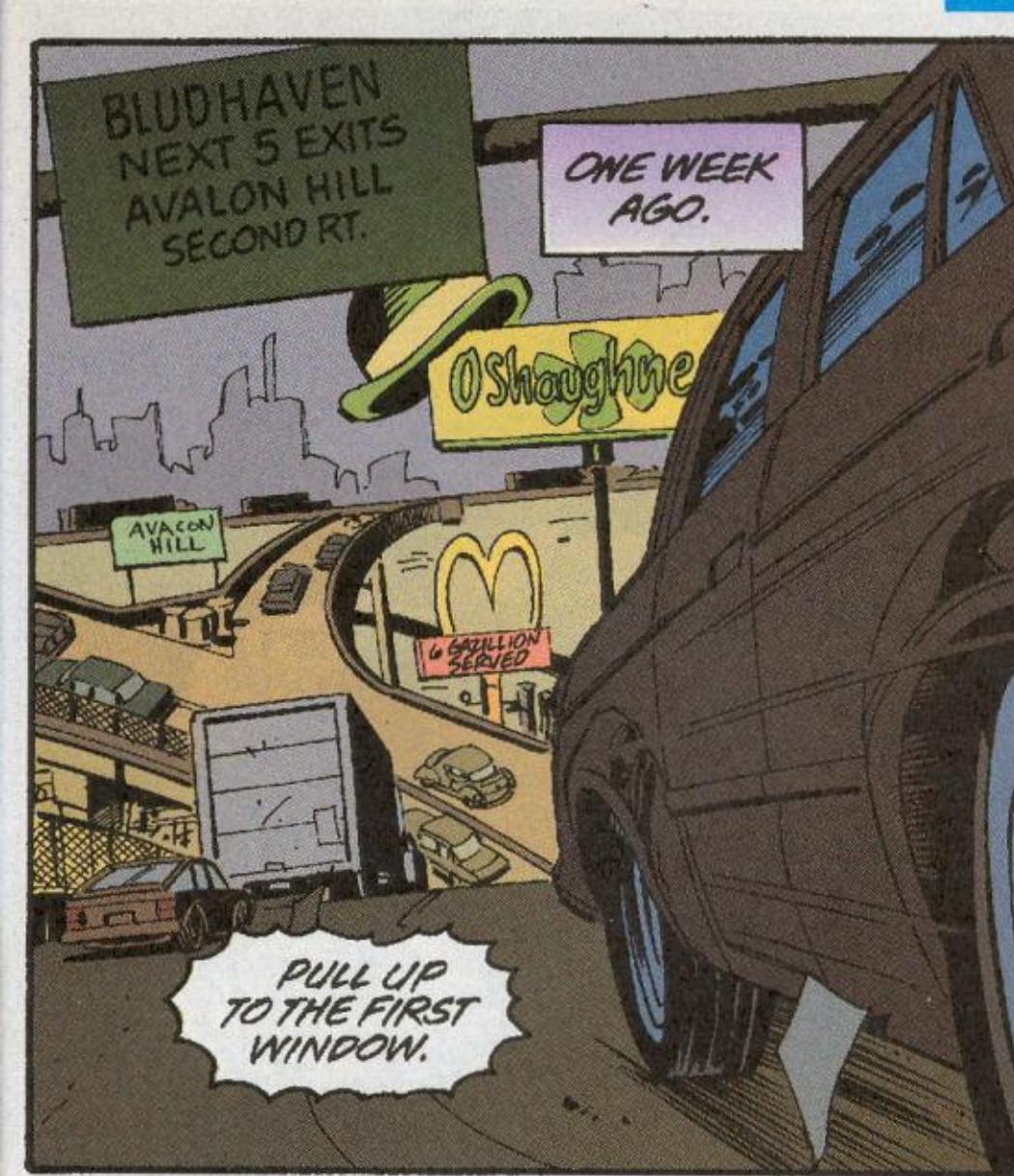




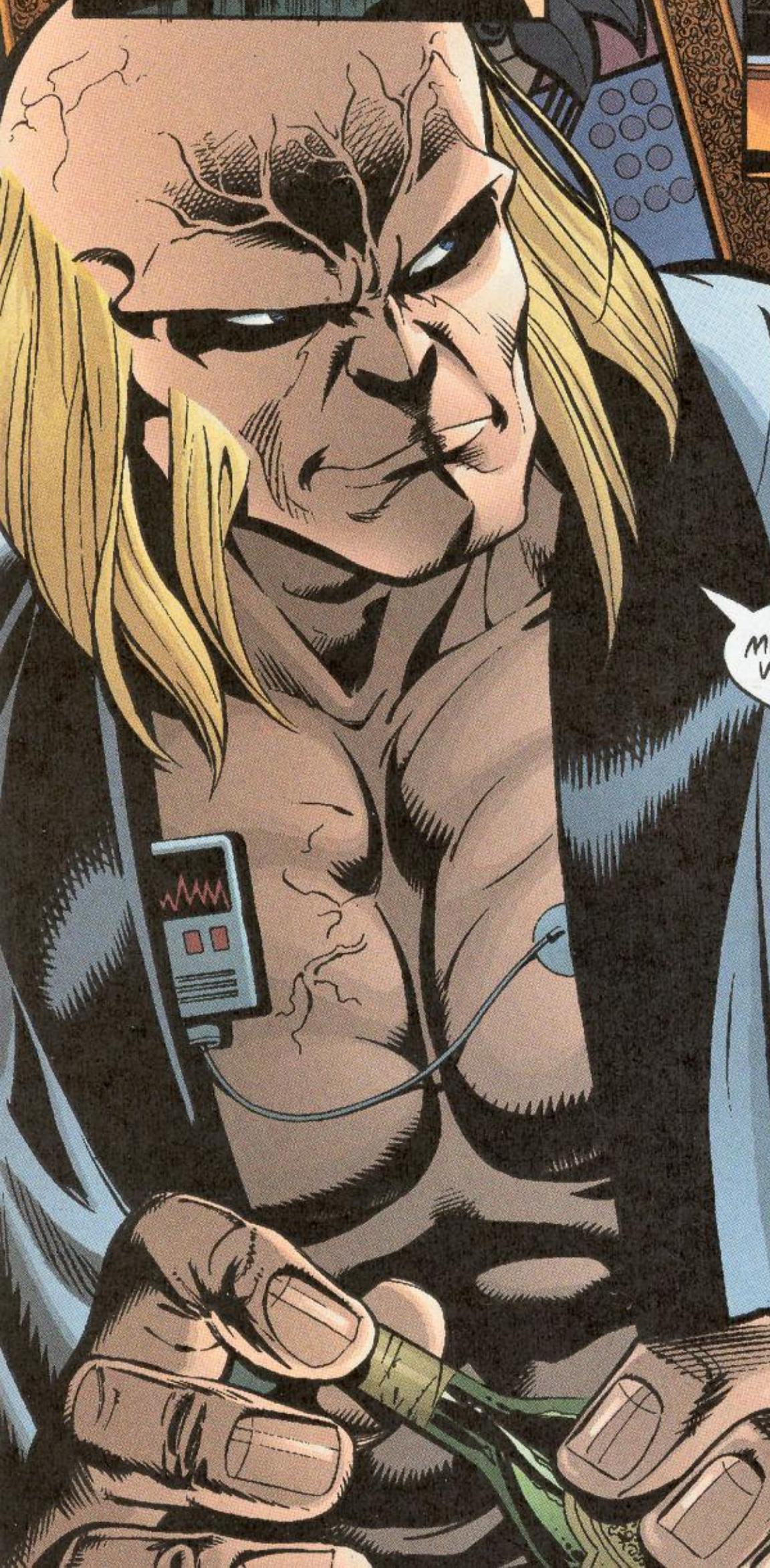
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BLINKY
STACKHOUSE
TELLS A REMARK-
ABLE TALE.

BUT I
BELIEVE
EVERY
WORD.



THE MAN WHO
CREATED THE MELEE
AT YOUR CASINO WAS
OVER SEVEN FEET TALL
AND WEIGHED IN
EXCESS OF SIX HUNDRED
POUNDS.

EVEN GIVEN THE FACT
THAT BLINKY EMBELLISHED
HIS STORY, WE HAVE TO
ASSUME THE VILLAIN IS
FORMIDABLE.

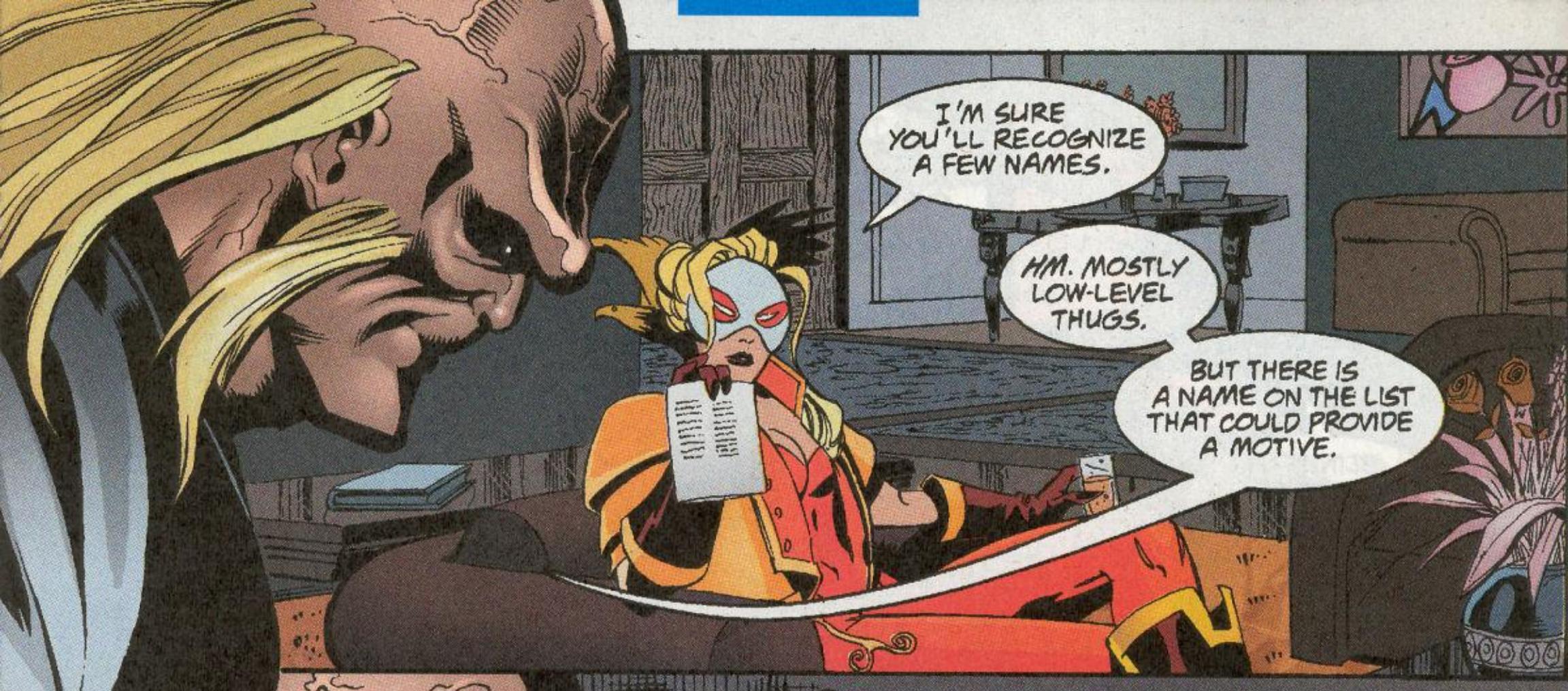


ONE MIGHT EVEN
THINK BLINKY WAS
DESCRIBING YOU,
MR. DESMOND.

PLEASE
CALL ME ROLAND...
ELAINE.

AND WHO DOES
MR. STACKHOUSE THINK
WAS THE TARGET OF
THIS ATTACK?

IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
ANYONE IN
ATTENDANCE.



YOU TOLD ME
YOU WERE WORKING
ON A LAIR, DICK.

SO WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

IT'S A
GARAGE.

SORRY, ALL
THE CAVES WERE
TAKEN.

WHAT'S THE
ANALYSIS ON THOSE
FIBERS WE FOUND AT
THE CRIME SCENE?

SOME
KIND OF
FUR.

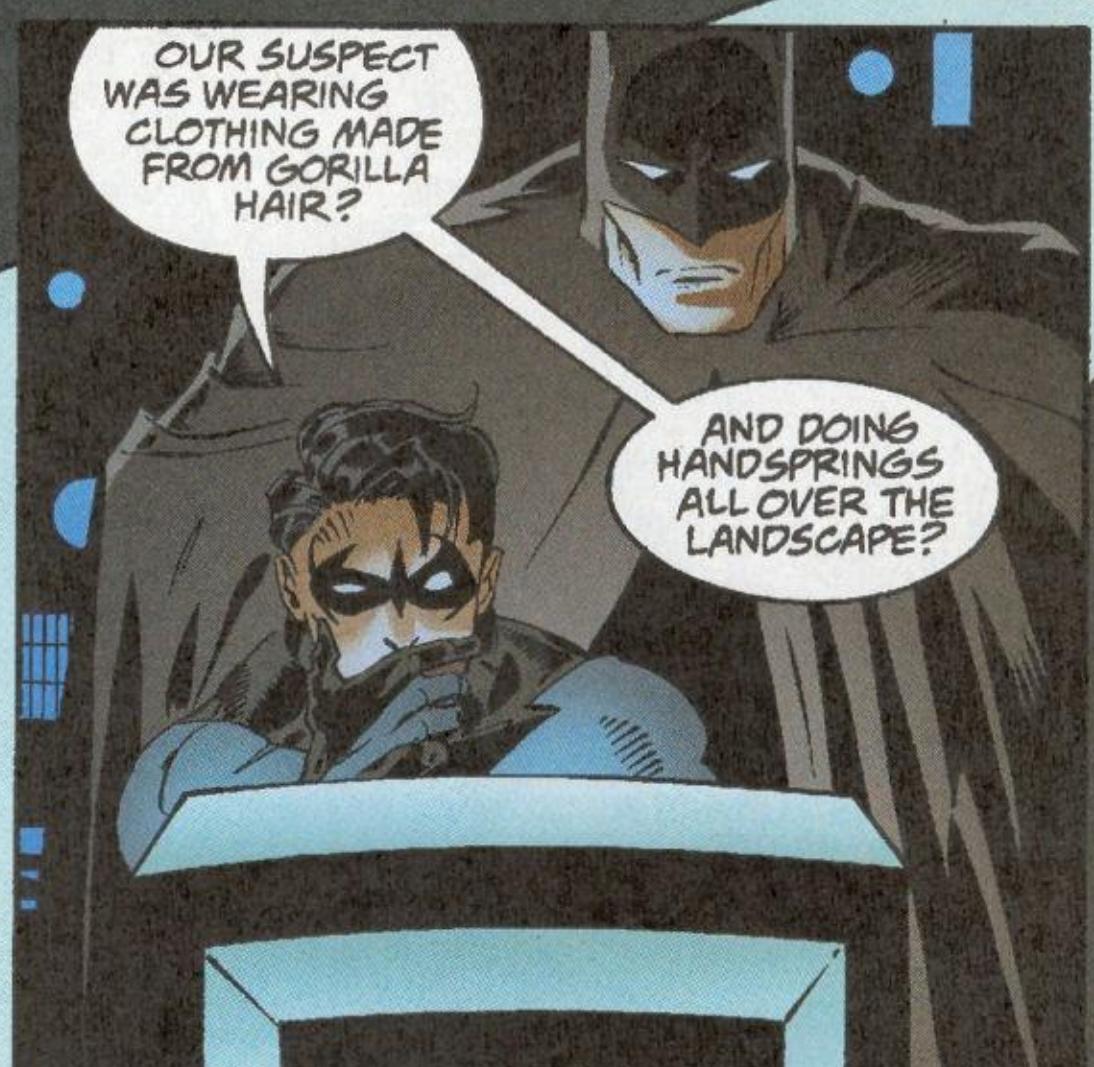
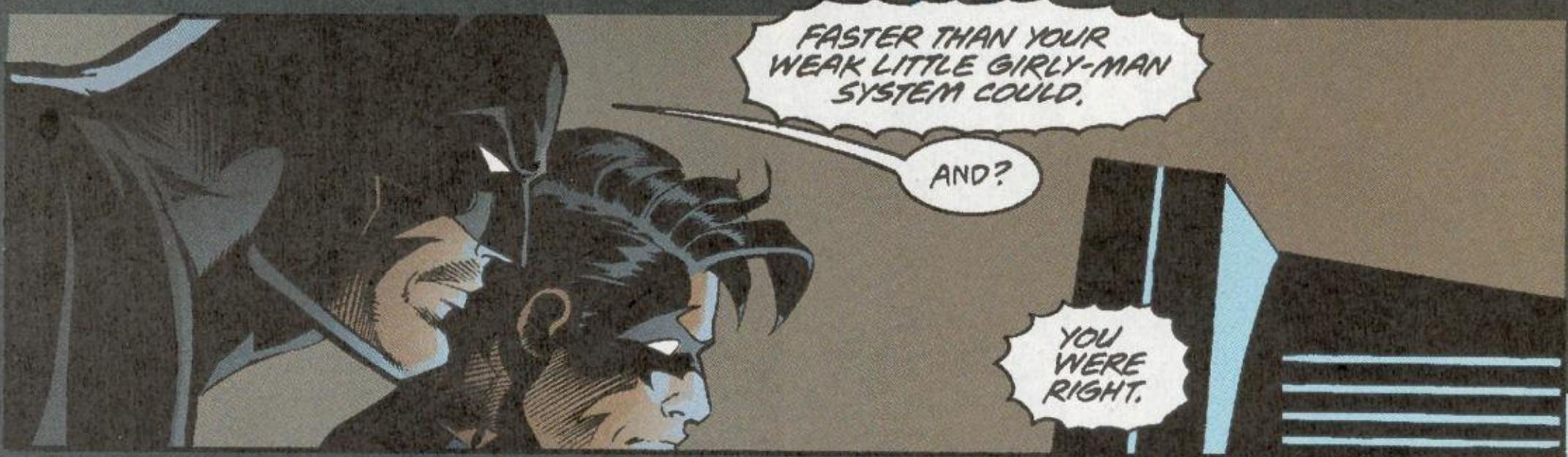
MUMPH!

THIS'LL TAKE A
FEW MINUTES. I DON'T
HAVE THE COMPUTER
MUSCLE BARBARA
HAS.

SHE'S A BIT
BUSY TO BOTHER
WITH THIS RIGHT
NOW.

I'LL BE THE
JUDGE OF THAT,
BOYS.

BABS?



"...THERE'S A GORILLA
IN OUR MIDST."

LISTEN...

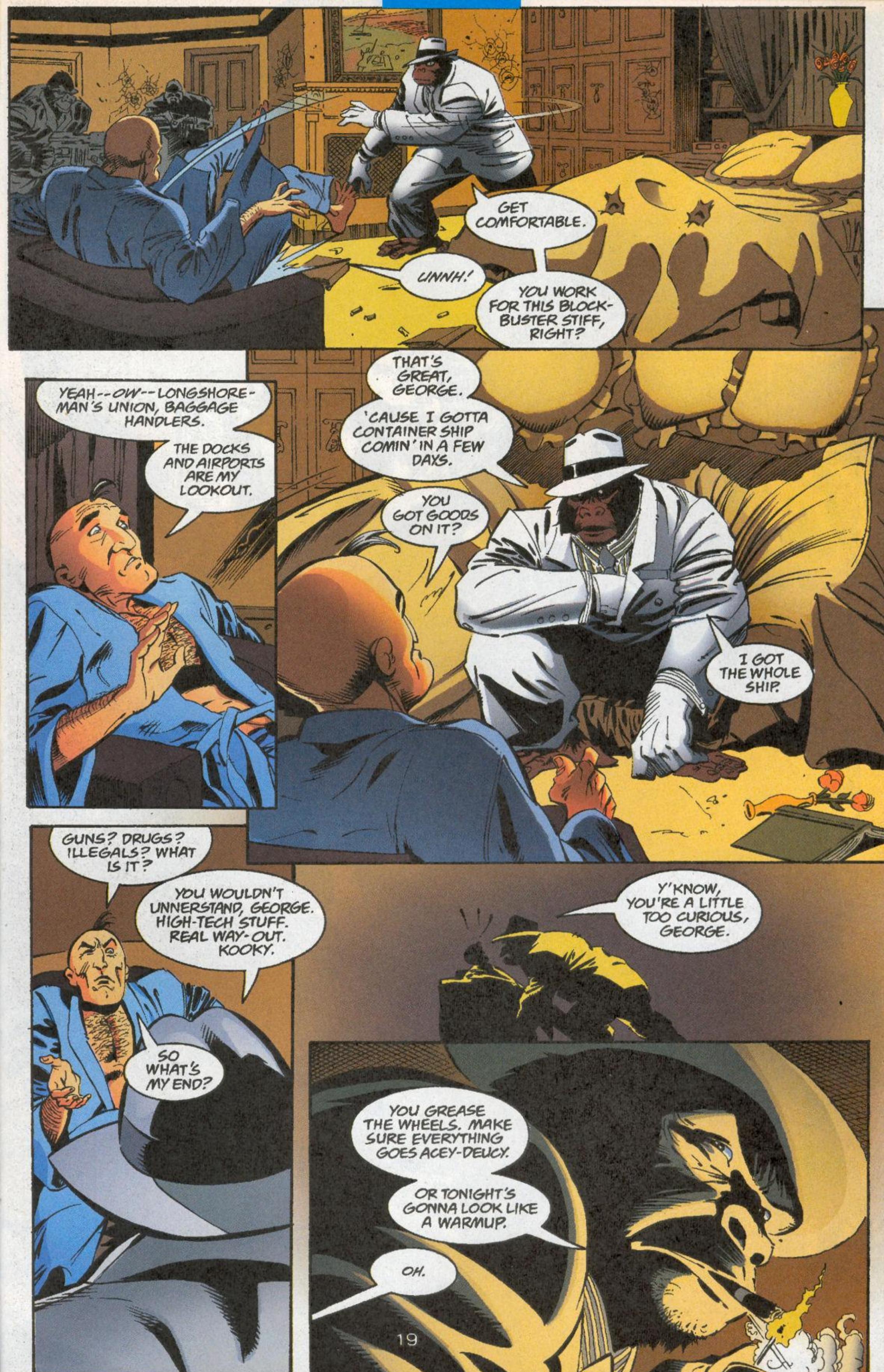
WE CAN
TALK,
RIGHT?

WE DON'T
HAVE TO DO
THIS LIKE
THIS.

IT'S NOT
PRODUCTIVE.

I MEAN,
YOU'RE A
REASONABLE...
GUY.





WHAT SAY WE SKIP THE WARMUP?

LET'S GO RIGHT TO THE MAIN EVENT.

LITTLE GEORGIE NASH AND A HOUSE FULL OF DEAD MOPES.

YOU...

LET'S UNRAVEL THIS LITTLE ENIGMA, SHALL WE?

NAW...

LET'S UNRAVEL YOU.



UNNH!

YOU HAIRLESS RAT!

GET YOUR STINKIN PAWS OFF ME!

HE'S MINE!

I'M GONNA TEAR HIM APART DOWN THE MIDDLE!



YOU
CAN TAKE
OFF NOW,
BIG
BOY.

NOT
WITHOUT
YOU,
GEORGE.

HUH?

YOU AND
I HAVE A DEAL,
REMEMBER?

AND
WE'RE
STICKIN'
TO IT.
NOW SHOW
ME THE WAY TO
DRESHER.

SOMETHING
BIG IS GOING ON.
SOMETHING BIGGER
THAN BLOCKBUSTER,
BIGGER THAN
BLUDHAVEN...

I MIGHT
KNOW WHERE
THEY'RE
HEADING.







SHORTLY AFTER ADDRESSING THE UNITED NATIONS AND TAKING SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES--



-- KING SOLOVAR WAS BRUTALLY ASSASSINATED BY A CAR BOMB.



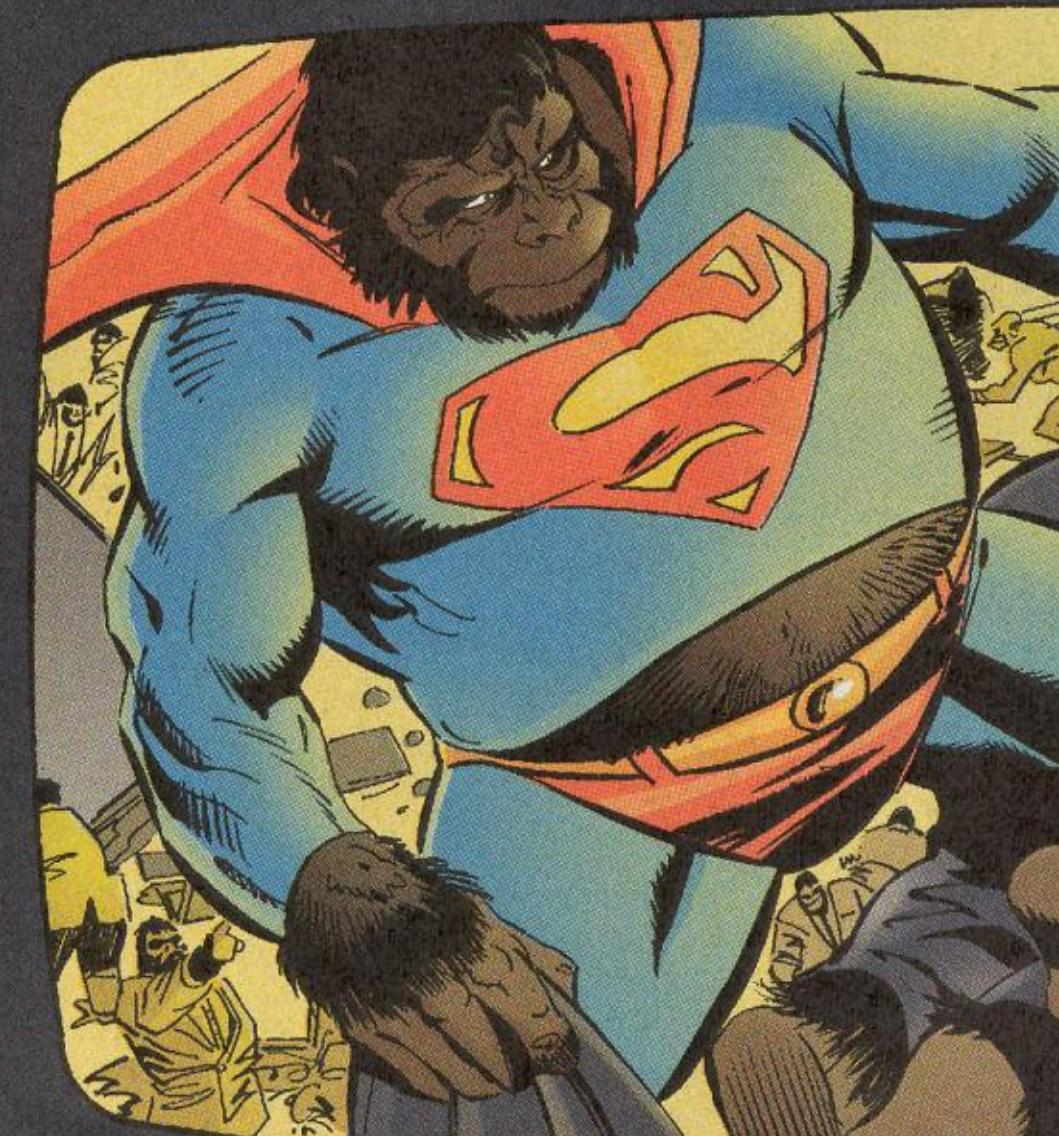
THE HUMAN SUPREMACY MOVE- MENT CLAIMED FULL RESPONSIBILITY.



DAYS LATER, SOLOVAR'S SUCCESSOR ULGO, HERE SEEN FLANKED BY HIS HONOR GUARD, REQUESTED TO MEET WITH U.N. OFFICIALS.



THE SCENE TURNED UGLY WHEN ULGO DENOUNCED HUMAN- KIND AND HIS GUARDS TURNED THE U.N. REPRESENTATIVES INTO APES.



THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, ALREADY HAVING BEEN MUTATED BY THE GORILLAS, ARRIVED TOO LATE TO THWART THE ONSLAUGHT.

SO HOW
CAN WE
POSSIBLY
HELP?

WE NEED
TO INTERCEPT
WHATEVER THIS
GRIMM IS
SMUGGLING
IN--

--I'M AFRAID THIS
IS PART OF A MUCH
LARGER SCHEME.

SO WHAT'S WITH
THIS BOGART ACT?
THE GORILLA BOSS
OF BLUDHAVEN
AND ALL THAT?

THEY HAVE
CABLE WHERE THIS
GRIMM COMES
FROM?

SATELLITE DISH IS
MORE LIKE IT.

GRIMM WOULDN'T
BE THE FIRST HOOD
TO APE THE OLD
GANGSTER MOVIES.

"APE".
OOH.

SORRY.
UNINTENTIONAL.

STOPPING
THIS SHIPMENT
COULD MEAN THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE APES' PLAN
SUCCEEDING
OR NOT.

HOW BIG
COULD THE
SHIPMENT
BE?

THEY'RE
BRINGING IT INTO
A SLEEPY SHORE
RESORT LIKE
DRESHER?

OBVIOUSLY
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN
TO DRESHER IN A
WHILE.

WOOA.

A LOT OF GOTHAM
BUSINESSES OPENED
UP SHOP HERE AFTER
THE SHUTDOWN. THEY
JUST MOVED TEN
MILES SOUTH ON 61.

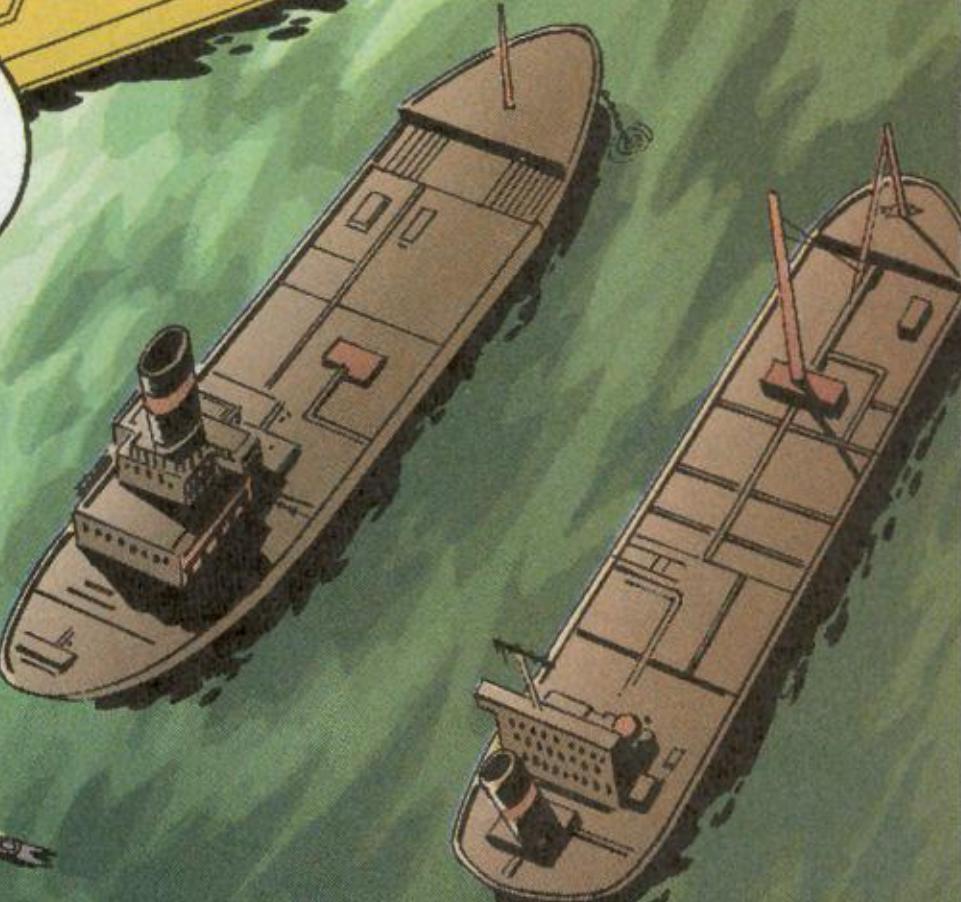
I REMEMBER WHEN
THIS WAS A BROKEN-
DOWN BOARDWALK
AND A COUPLE OF
SALTWATER TAFFY
SHOPS.

THE POPULATION'S
QUADRUPLED INSIDE
OF A YEAR.

I DON'T
SEE A
PORT.

THEY'RE
DREDGING A
DEEPWATER
HARBOR ON THE
INLAND WATER-
WAY.

FOR NOW
THEY BERTH
OFFSHORE.



HMMMM.
I WONDER
WHICH ONE WE
SHOULD BOARD
FIRST?





BLOCKBUSTER!

YOU TWO
INTERFERING
AGAIN.

BUT THIS
WILL BE THE
LAST TIME.

WE CAME
ARMED FOR
SUPER
APES--

--BUT
THIS'LL DO FOR
YOU TOO,
ROLLY.

UNNH!

Lasts
Longer
than your
attention
span.



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BUT THIS ONE I
TAKE OUT WITH
MY MITTS.

HA
HAHA
HAHA
HA!

GUHHH!

NO
LETHAL
STUFF,
VICKY!





BA-DOOM



HE'S AN ANIMAL.



BUT A SHARP DRESSER.



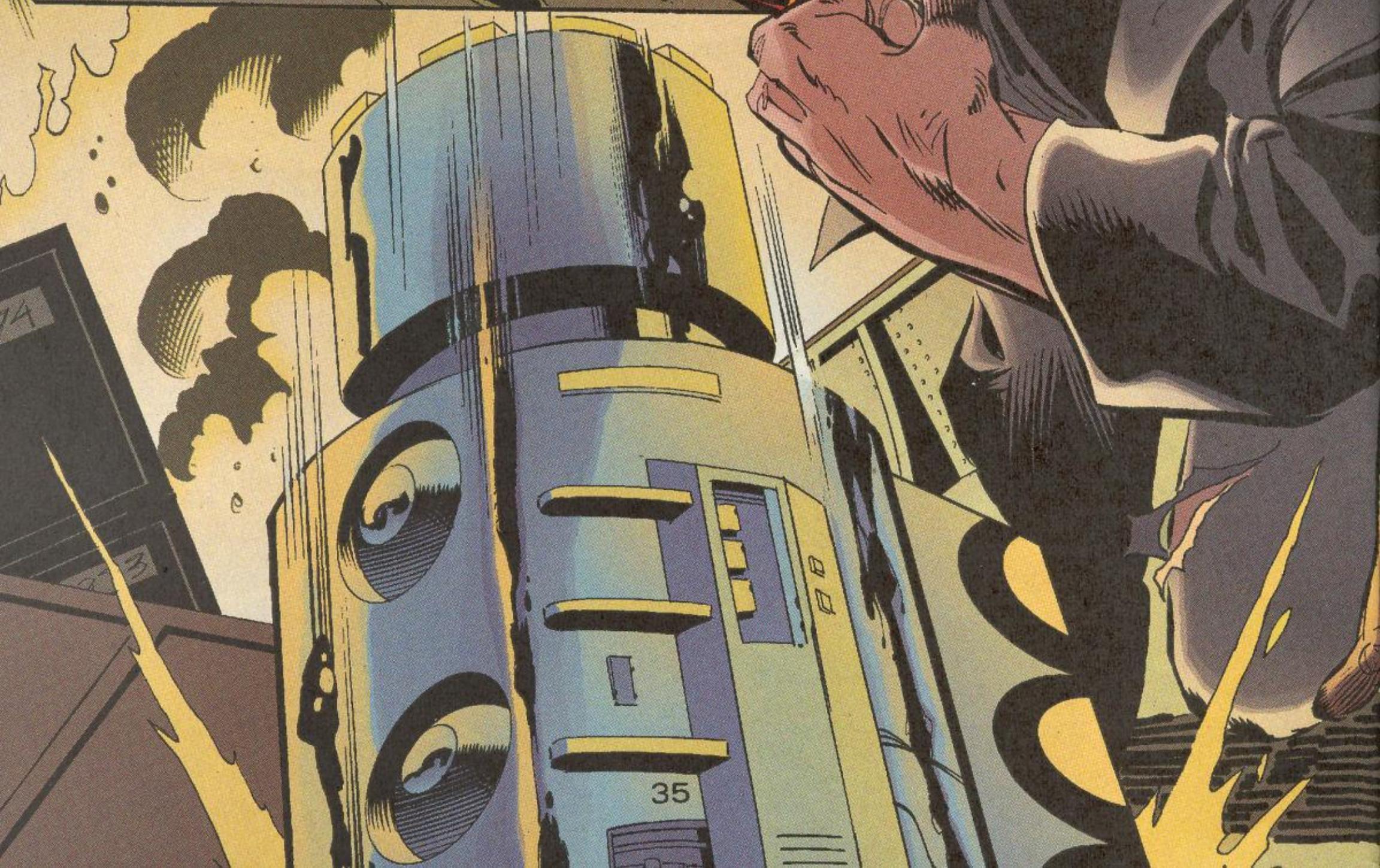
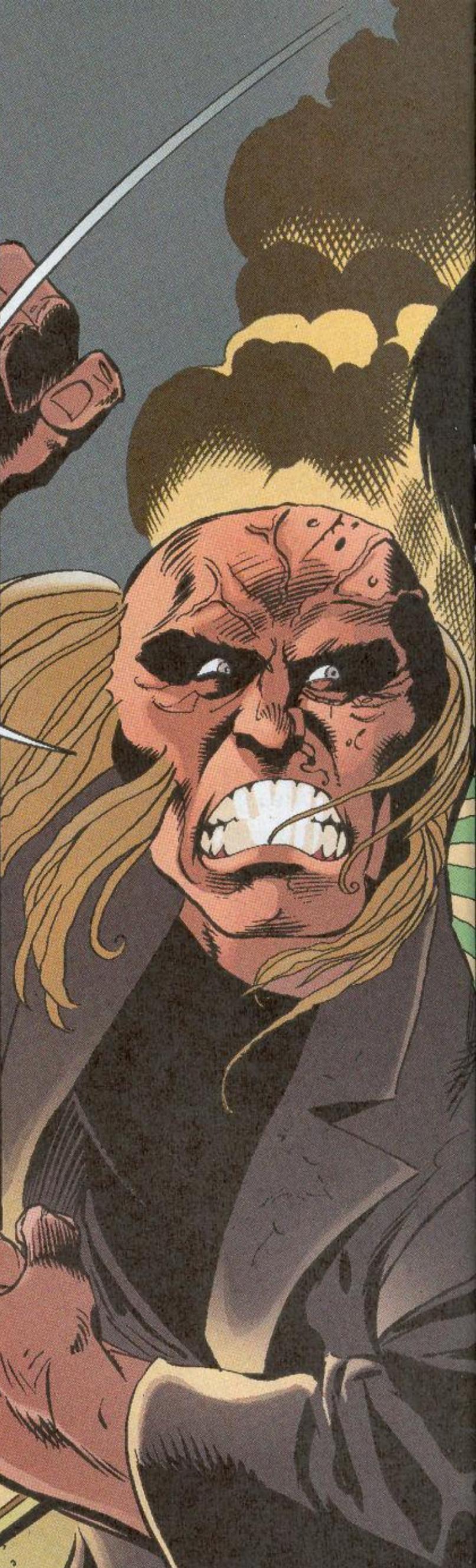
DOOM

I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL WITH THAT MOLECULAR DISRUPTOR.

OOPS.

WHAT WAS I THINKIN' TRUSTIN' A SAPIEN WITH A FUSION WEAPON?





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Even your emotions will determine the fate of your journey. You may choose to be romantically linked with another character, or you may choose to remain friends. But no matter what, it will affect your path. And more seriously, if a close friend dies in battle, you'll feel incredible rage that will cause you to fight with more furious combat moves.

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not just appear along the way.

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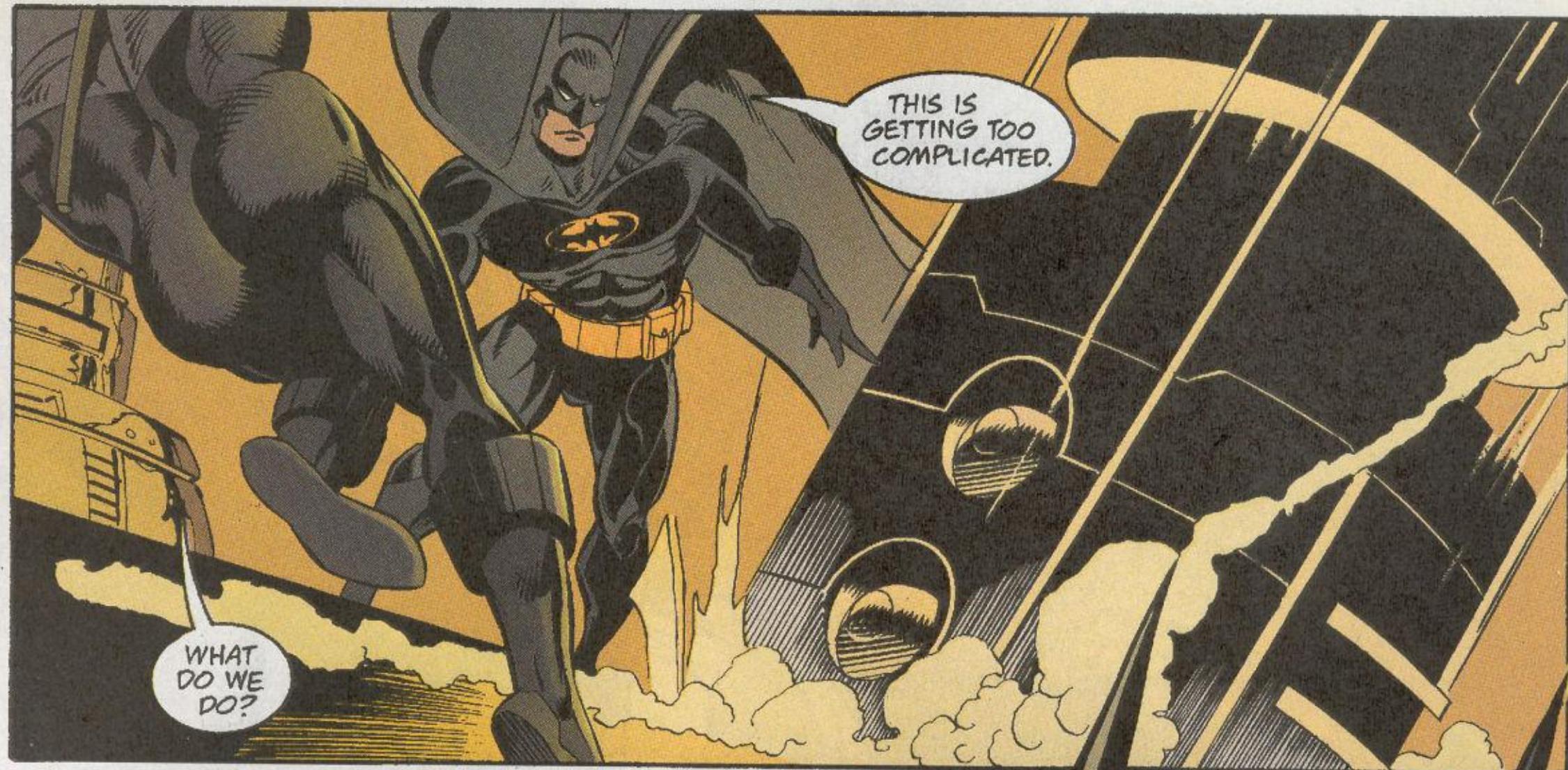
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WE HAVE TO
GET CLEAR. SHE'LL
TAKE US WITH HER
WHEN SHE
GOES.

DIE,
ABOMINA-
TION,
DIE!

GRIMM'S
EQUIPMENT IN
THE HOLD IS SELF-
DESTRUCTING.

AND I
COULDN'T BE
HAPPIER--

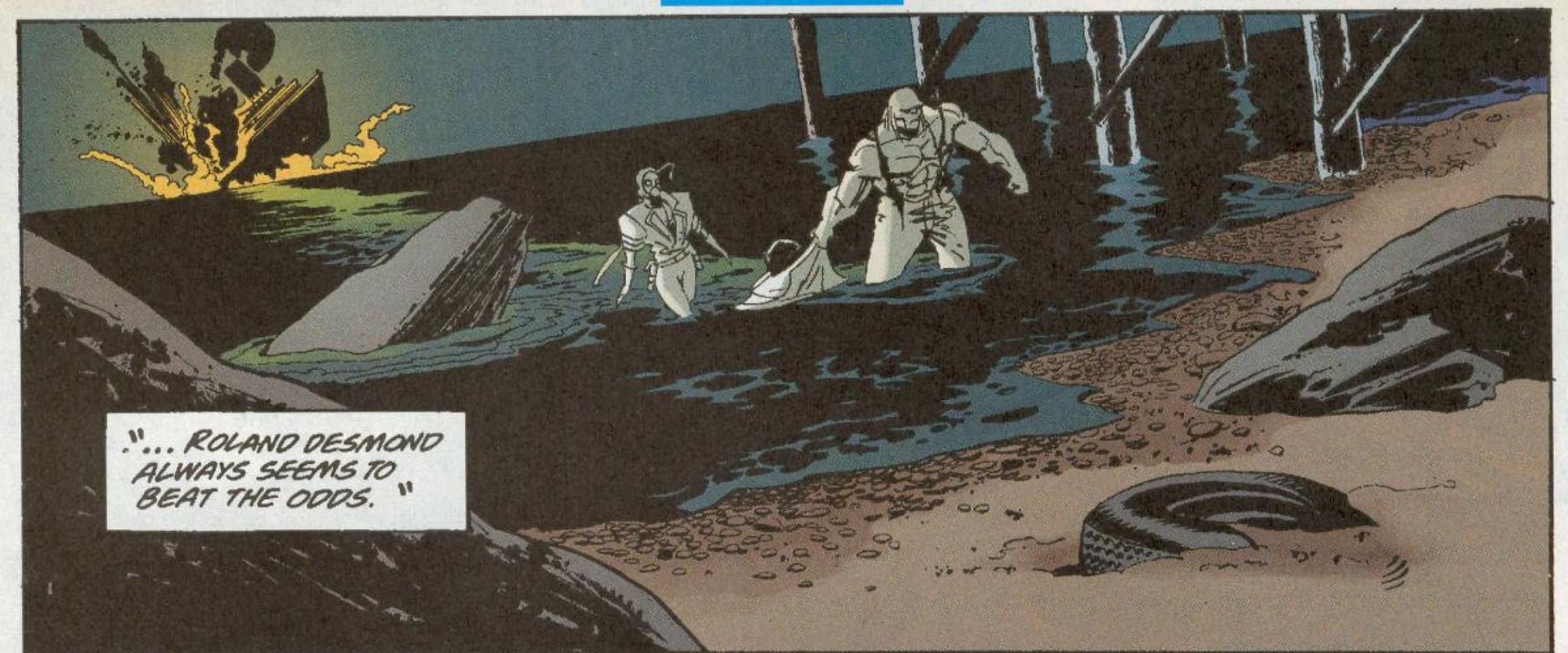
-- IF IT'S MORE
STUFF LIKE THAT GUN
NASH WAS USING.

FROM YOUR
FACE, I'D SAY YOU
DON'T THINK THIS
IS THE END OF
THIS.

WE'VE
THROWN A
WRENCH IN THE
APES' PLANS
BUT THEY'RE
FAR FROM
ENDED.

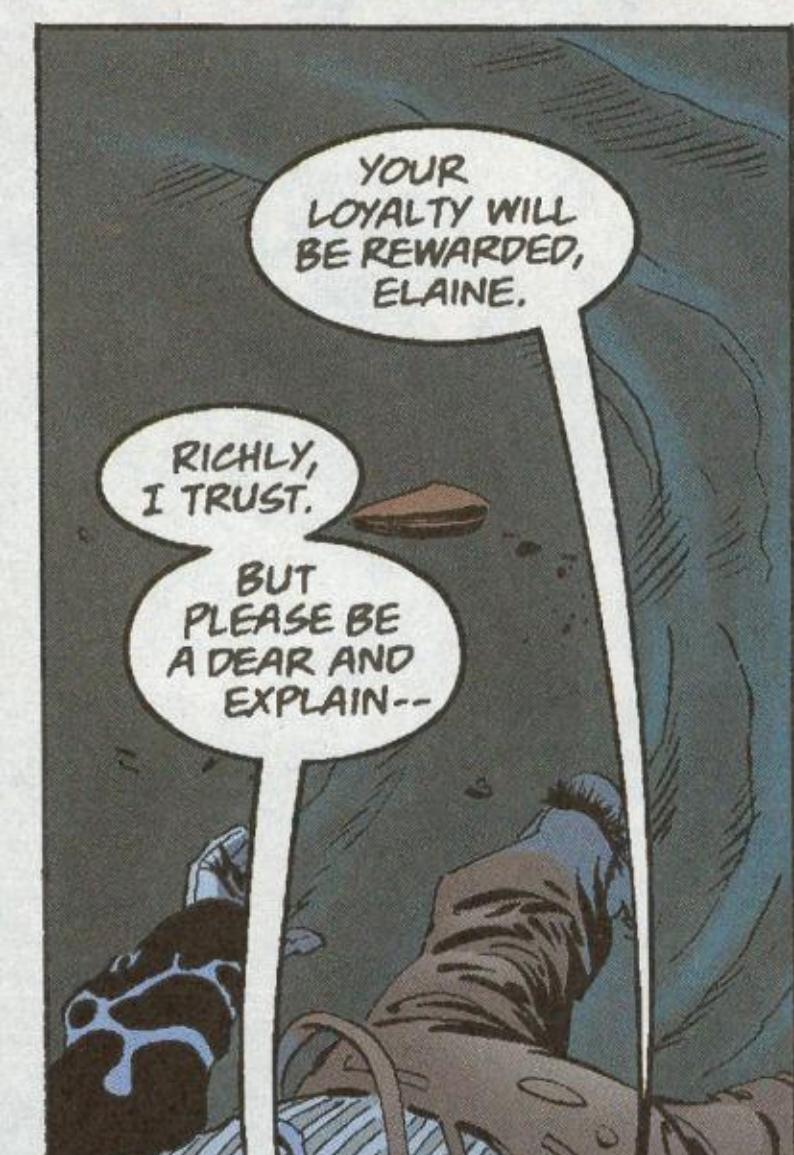
AT LEAST WE
SOLVED SOME
PROBLEMS FOR
BLUDHAVEN.

I'M
NOT SO
SURE...



"...ROLAND DESMOND
ALWAYS SEEMS TO
BEAT THE ODDS."

--WHY YOU SAVED
THE LIFE OF THIS...
CREATURE?



YOUR
LOYALTY WILL
BE REWARDED,
ELAINE.

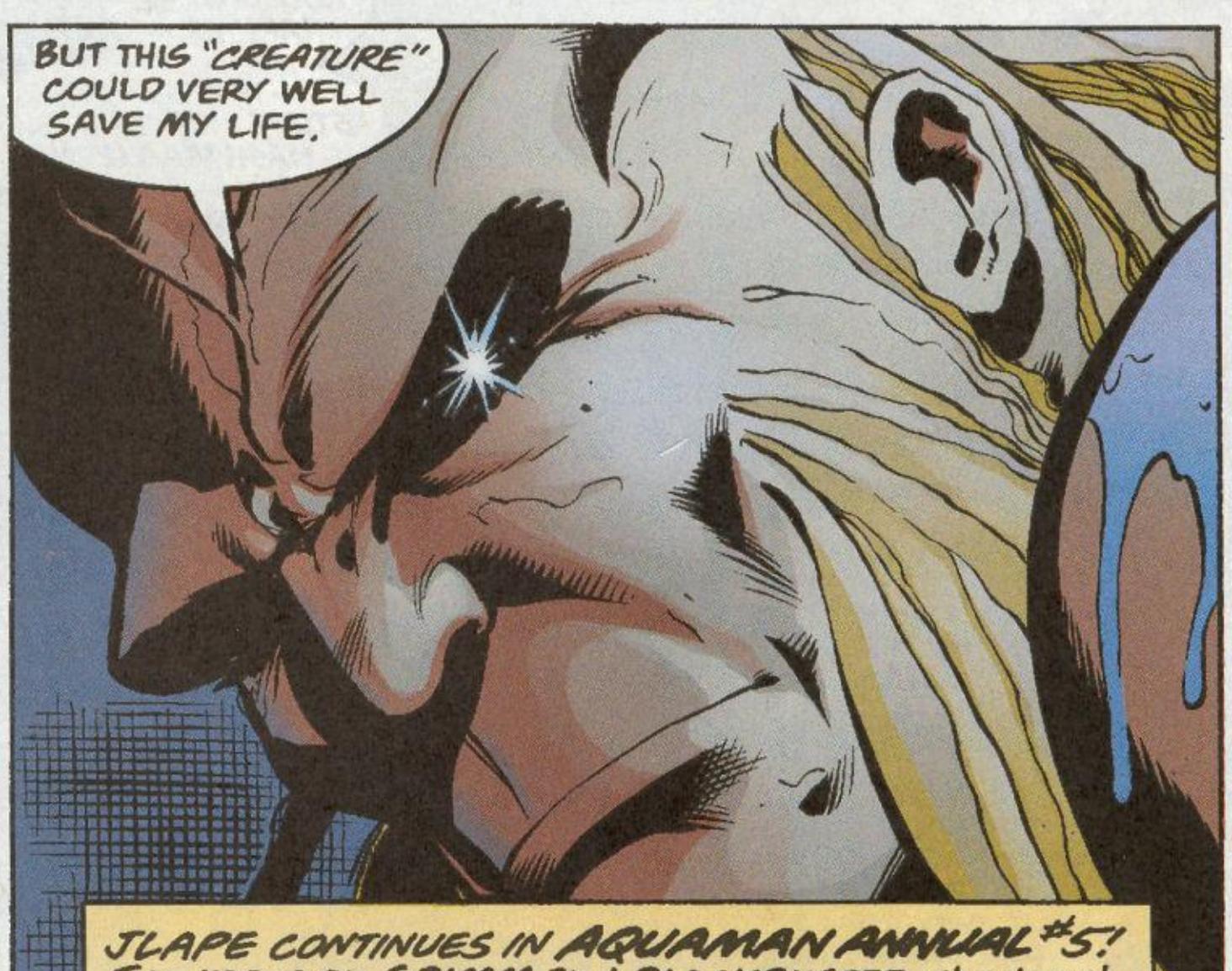
RICHLY,
I TRUST.

BUT
PLEASE BE
A DEAR AND
EXPLAIN--



IT VERY
NEARLY KILLED
YOU, ROLAND.

I'M NOT
AT LIBERTY TO
SAY RIGHT NOW,
MY DEAR.



BUT THIS "CREATURE"
COULD VERY WELL
SAVE MY LIFE.

JLAPE CONTINUES IN AQUAMAN ANNUAL #5!
For more on GRIMM and BLOCKBUSTER, check out
NIGHTWING every month!

HEY, KIDS! COMICS!

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1. Coordinates the whole DC Universe (sounds BIG, doesn't it?)
2. Approves new projects
3. Judge & jury when conflict arises among editorial team.
4. Sometimes executioner, too.
5. And in that vein: Cancels weak selling titles.
6. Is the public spokesman for DC's super-heroes.
7. Encourages forward movement in the Universe.
8. Reads comic books!

CARLINI AWAAAAAAAY!

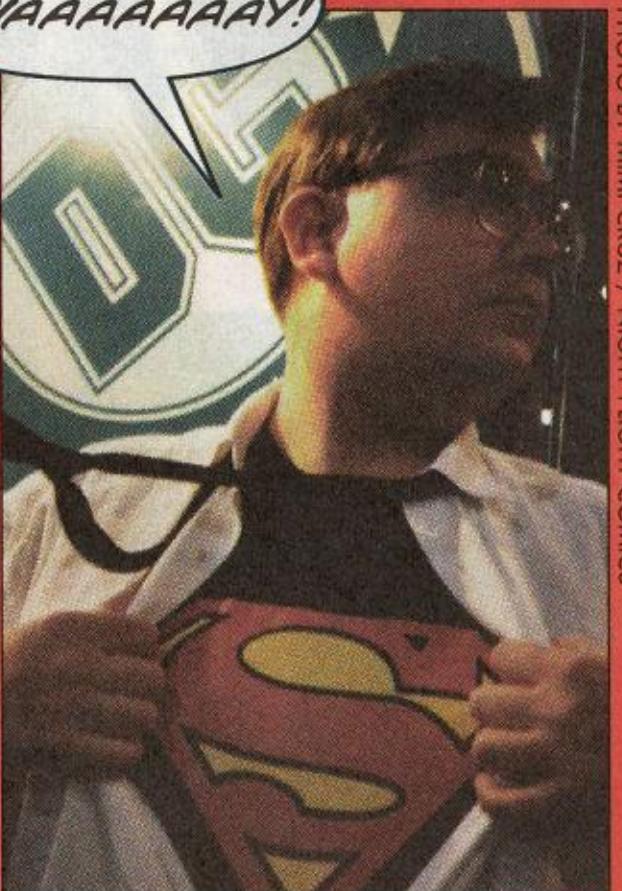
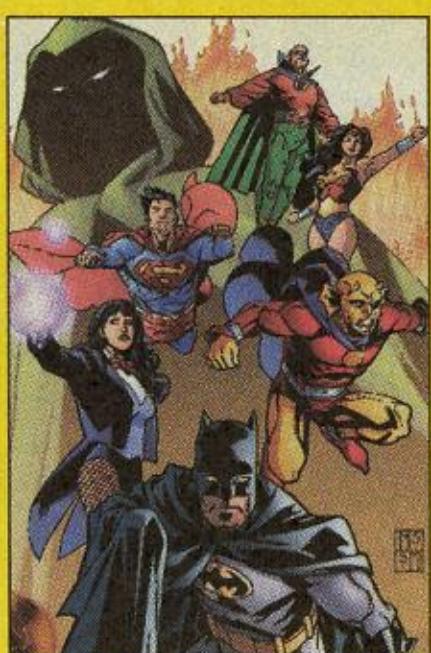


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Mike Carlin

Executive Editor
of the DC Universe
(a.k.a. The Great Carlini!)



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THE SWORD OF SOLOVAR

OFFICIAL NEWS DISPATCH OF GORILLA CITY ARMED FORCES

JULY 14, 1999

HUMANS HALT ARMS SHIPMENT

BLUDHAVEN, USA - Like cowardly hyenas stealing food in the night, humankind struck a lucky first blow against Operation: JLape. In the waters off Gotham harbor, a cargo vessel bearing our most advanced hover tanks, pulse cannons and disruptor rifles was sent to the bottom of the bay by the notorious human terrorists Batman and Nightwing. Details are still sketchy, but as Captain Grahlu in military logistics put it, "Ook! That's gonna set the invasion way off schedule!" Rumors persist that Gorilla City's crime boss, Grimm, arranged for the secret transport deep within enemy territory.

The present state of war between Gorilla City and humankind was set off by the recent murder of our beloved King Solovar as he departed a swanky New York City restaurant. Our principal military objectives remain secret as Operation: JLape gets under way, but featured prominently in the invasion plan is our new gorillas, which can evolve hostile humans into perfectly good gorillas like ourselves.

The *Sword of Solovar* will continue to bring you the latest developments in the war every week until victory is ours.

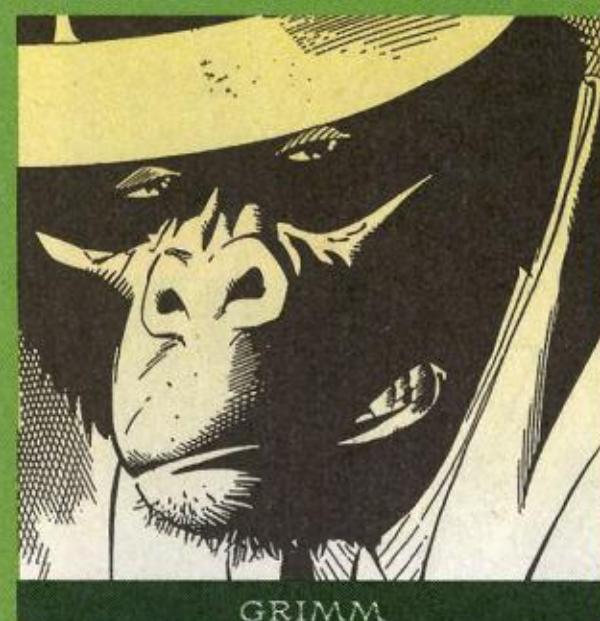
KNOW YOUR ENEMY!

GORILLA CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS - The GCPD's behavioral sciences division released their profile of the infamous human known as the Batman. "He must be a superstitious, cowardly lout to hide behind such a silly mask and costume," says Doctor Zeyoz, a forensic psychologist. Zeyoz concedes that Batman shows remarkable intelligence for a human. "But he dresses like a flying mouse, for gutyudt's sake!" Zeyoz concludes. "He's a few bananas short of a bunch!"

DID YOU KNOW...?

Many humans believe their opposable thumbs set them above other animals. And yet—get this—they can't grasp a thing with their feet! What's two opposable digits compared to four, you arrogant, hairless freaks?!

NEWSMAKERS



GRIMM

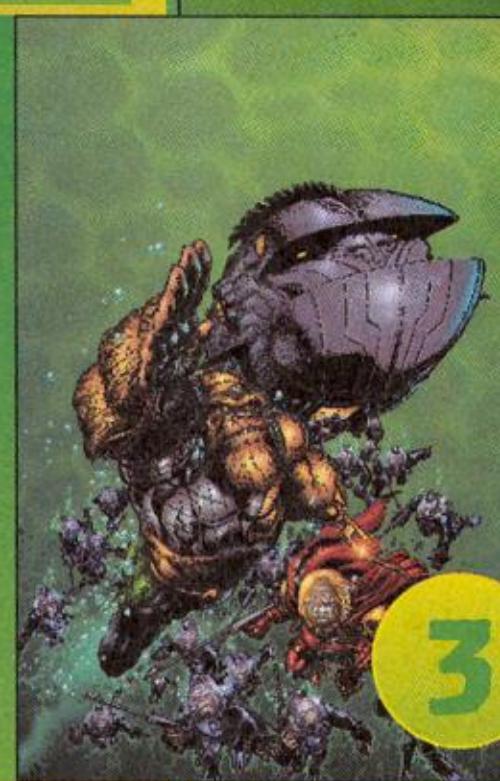
GORILLA CITY, AFRICA - For most of our history, Gorilla City has remained remarkably crime-free, a testament to the noble nature of our species, *Gorilla berengei superior*. But even in utopia, the weed of crime can still take root. Thus, the best detectives in the Gorilla City police department have spent years pursuing the monkey mob maven named Grimm. A wily character known for his cunning wit and ruthless brutality, Grimm allegedly controls all gambling and bootlegging in Gorilla City and the surrounding Congo basin. "He's mean as a human, and twice as ugly," screeched Police Chief Gaboon. "If he's really turned over a new leaf for the war effort, I'm not a monkey's uncle!"

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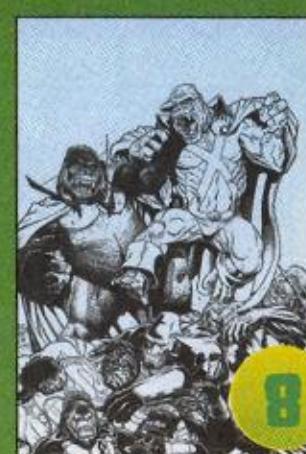
AQUAMAN
ANNUAL #5
by John Ostrander, M.D. Bright & Dick Giordano

Admiral Grober Trafalgo, proud leader of the Gorilla City navy and secret Simian Scarlet conspirator, leads his awesome attack sub, the Kong, against the forces of Atlantis and their mighty sea-king, Aquaman!

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MANHUNTER
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"Operation: JLape" — our 8-step plan to evolve our less fortunate human cousins. Follow the correct invasion route...



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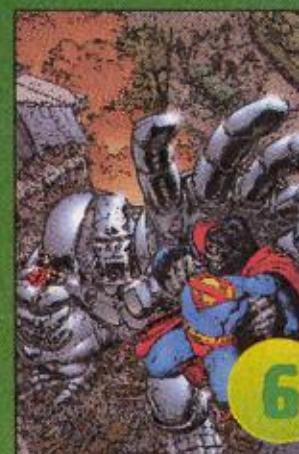
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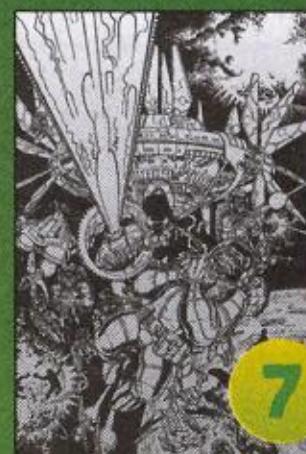
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