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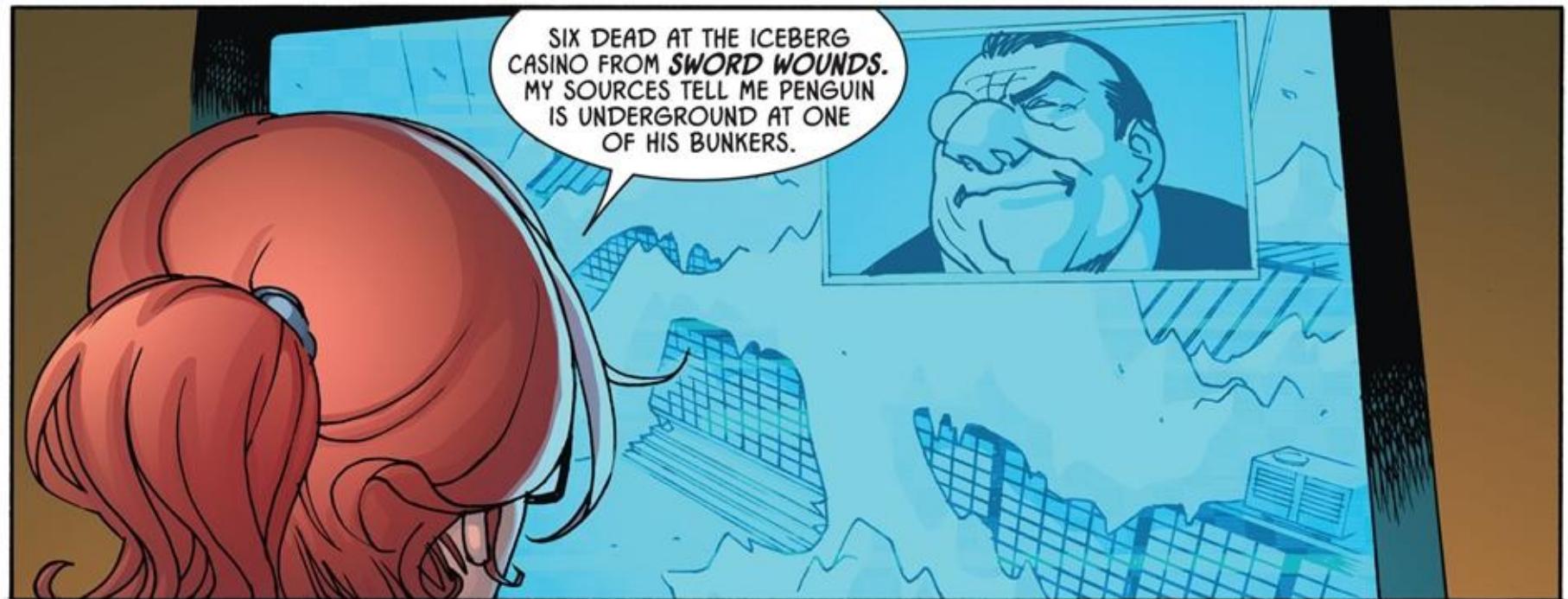
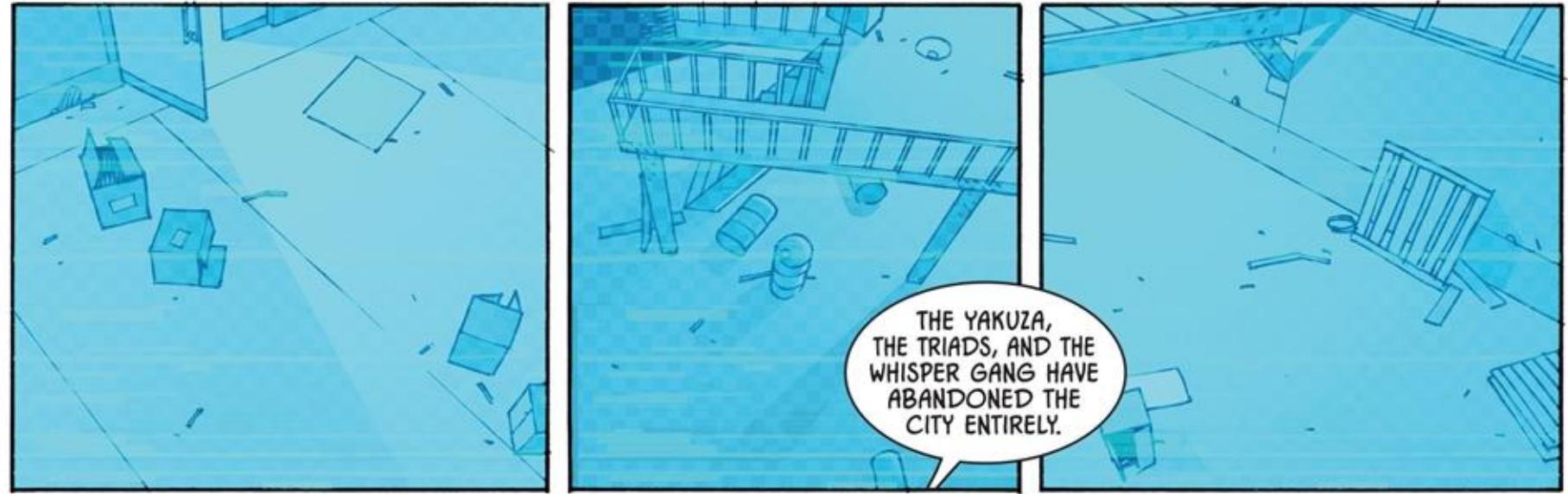
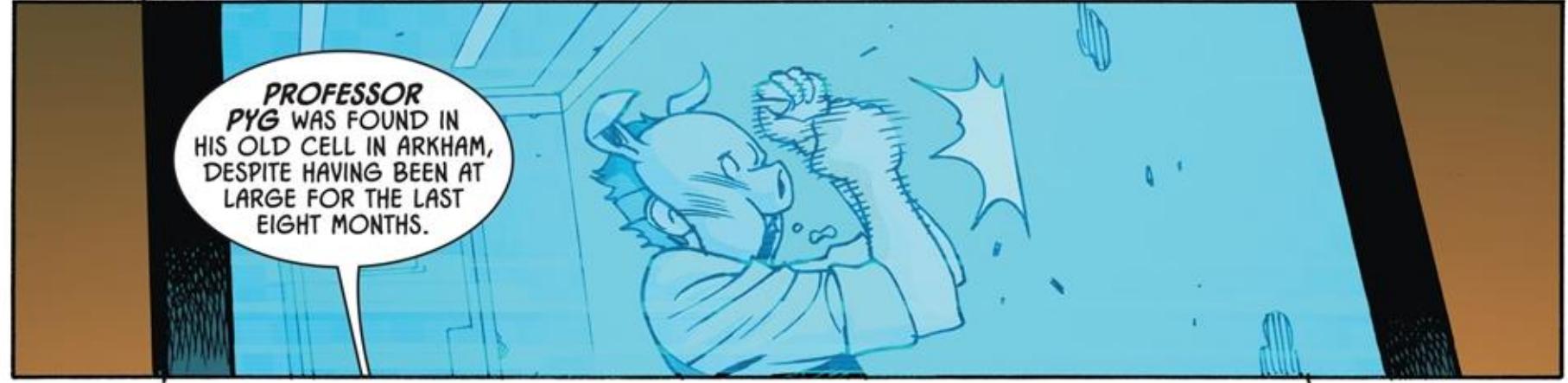
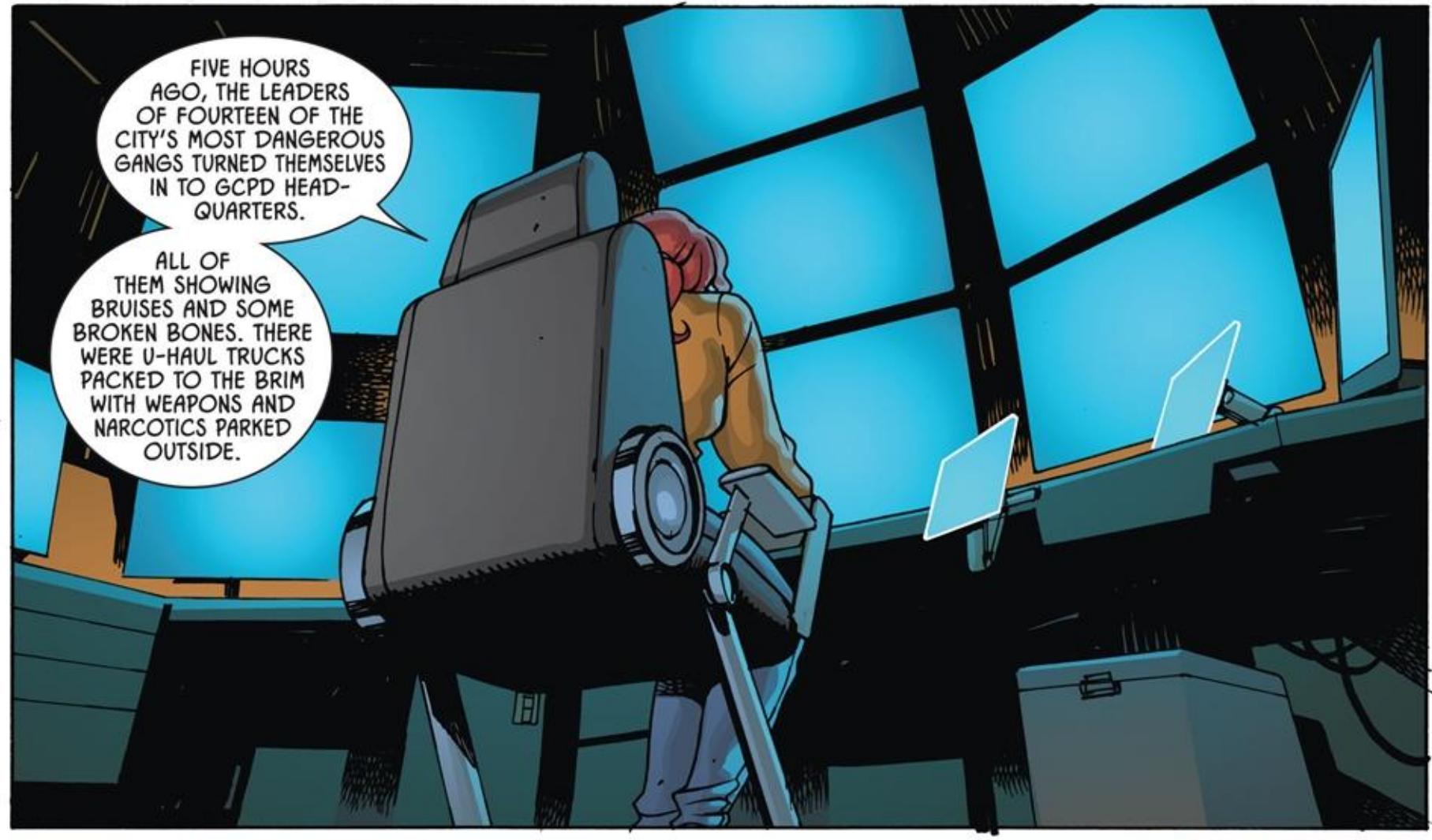
I'VE BROUGHT
YOU TO THE ONE
PLACE IN GOTHAM
YOU REALLY
BELONG.

GHOST STORIES PART 3

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"I HONESTLY DON'T REMEMBER WHO WE WERE CHASING. IT WASN'T THE PENNY PLUNDERER, BUT IT WAS SOMEONE ON THAT LEVEL."

"A NUISANCE WITH A GIMMICK WHO STIRRED UP TROUBLE EVERY NOW AND THEN."



"WE GOT WORD THEY WERE FLEEING THE COUNTRY. EN ROUTE TO SINGAPORE. WE DECIDED TO BEAT HIM THERE."

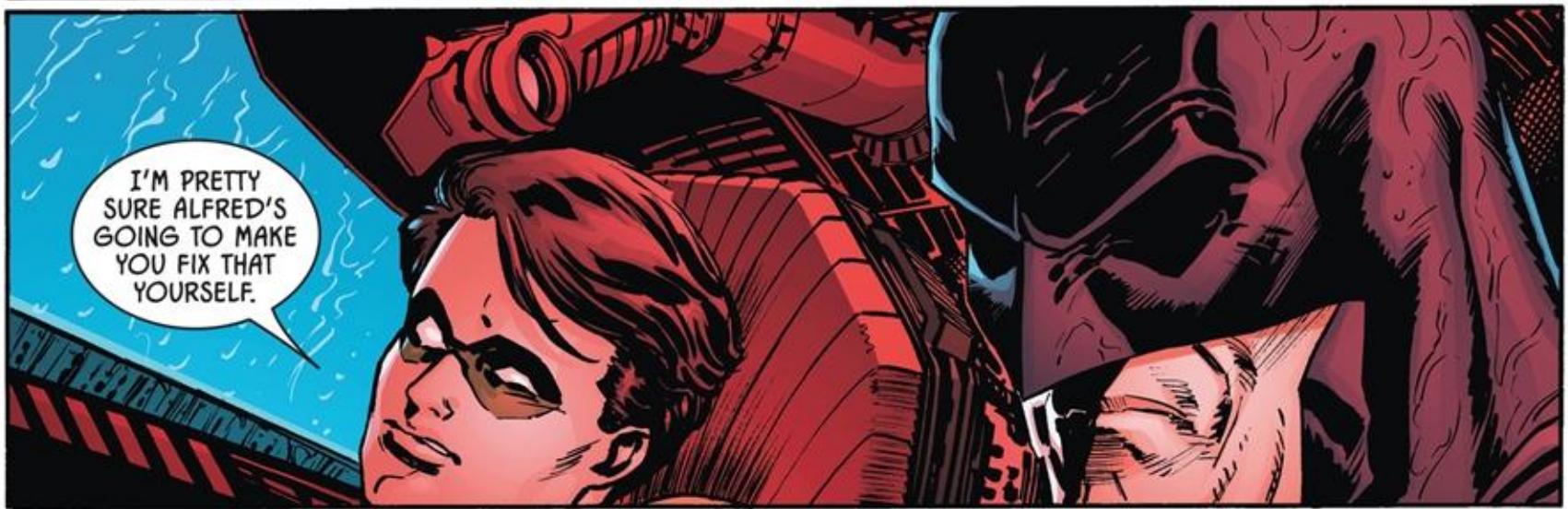


"I REMEMBER IT WAS RAINING WHEN WE LANDED IN THE PRIVATE AIRSTRIP BY ONE OF WAYNE ENTERPRISES' INTERNATIONAL SUBSIDIARIES."



"AND THERE WAS A FIGURE WAITING FOR US IN THE RAIN."







"I WAS JUST LIKE ANY YOUNG MAN. I DIDN'T KNOW WHO I WAS, OR WHO I WOULD BECOME."

"I HAD MADE AN OATH ON MY PARENTS' GRAVE TO SPEND MY LIFE WARRING AGAINST CRIMINALS, AND I WANTED TO BECOME THE KIND OF PERSON WHO COULD FULFILL THAT OATH."

"LEARN EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO LEARN."

"EVERY SKILL AND EVERY TRADE THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL."

"IT WAS A LONELY ROAD, DICK...UNTIL I MET A YOUNG MAN."

"I HADN'T HAD A REAL FRIEND IN YEARS. I DIDN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO GET CLOSE TO PEOPLE IN SCHOOL."

"WE WOULD STAY UP LATE, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, TALKING ABOUT THE SKILLS WE WANTED TO LEARN."

"HIS EGO WAS UNBEARABLE, BUT I HAD NEVER MET ANOTHER PERSON WHO THOUGHT LIKE I DID."

"THE SORT OF TECHNOLOGY WE HOPED MIGHT EXIST IN OUR ADULT LIVES, AND ALL WE WANTED TO BUILD."

"WE'D EACH COME UP WITH UNSOLVABLE MYSTERIES AND PIT THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER, TRYING TO STUMP THE OTHER."

"HE HAD BEEN MAKING HIS OWN WAY AROUND THE WORLD, AS I HAD DONE. HE WANTED TO BE THE GREATEST CRIME-FIGHTER IN THE WORLD."

"I PUSHED EACH OF THEM AWAY, HOLDING THE MISSION IN MY MIND."

"AND SO, ONE NIGHT, I FINALLY DECIDED TO TELL HIM WHO I WAS, AND WHY I WAS FIGHTING. I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE NIGHT MY PARENTS DIED."

"I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE OATH. ABOUT MY MISSION."



"HE TOLD ME THAT I WAS WEAK."



OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, HE WOULD FIND ME, TO TRY AND PROVE THAT HE WAS THE BETTER STUDENT, AND THAT HE WOULD BE THE BETTER CRIME-FIGHTER.

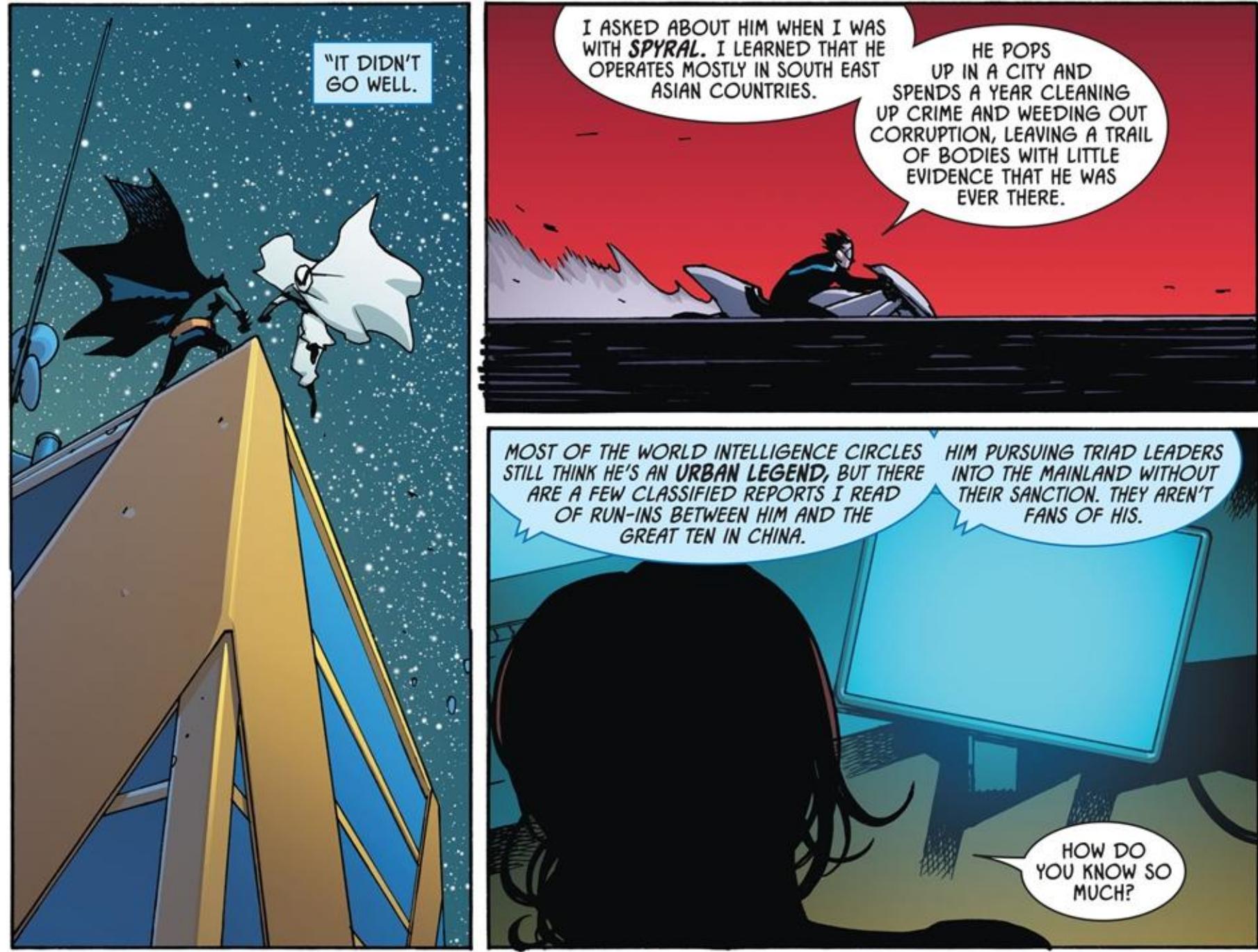
I SAW HIM AGAIN AT THE END OF MY JOURNEY.

I TOLD HIM HE WASN'T WELCOME IN GOTHAM CITY. HE SAID THAT I WASN'T WELCOME IN ANY CITY HE SET UP CAMP IN. WE AGREED.



SO THIS
TIME, HE'LL
GET THE BAD
GUY. HE'LL
SEND HIM
HOME.















Sorry,
Batman. I've
been waiting for
the chance to do
this for a long,
long time.

And I'm
going to make
it hurt.



NEXT: HOLD ON, HARLEY QUINN!