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JOKER/HARLEY:

criminal sanity

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STAY CALM.
BREATHE.





I came here to kill her, but let's see if she's as interesting as the file.



THE PROFILE IS IMPRESSIVE. IT'S OBVIOUS YOU PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO IT.

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO HAS COME CLOSE TO FINDING ME.

HE'S HERE TO KILL ME AND IT'S MY FAULT. I UNDERESTIMATED HIM.

THE PROFILE TOLD ME HE WAS DANGEROUS, IMPULSIVE, AND UNPREDICTABLE. I SHOULD'VE REALIZED HOW FAR HE WOULD GO TO PROTECT HIS IDENTITY.

NOW I HAVE TO KEEP HIM TALKING AND ESTABLISH RAPPORT. HE LIKES THE PROFILE. I CAN USE THAT.

WHAT DID YOU FIND INTERESTING ABOUT IT?

YOU RECOGNIZED I'M NOT A LOWLIFE WHO KILLS FOR SEXUAL GRATIFICATION. I'M AN ARTIST TRYING TO CREATE SOMETHING EXCEPTIONAL.

YOU ALSO CALLED ME ECCENTRIC. WHAT ABOUT ME DO YOU FIND ECCENTRIC?



THIS COULD SET HIM OFF. I NEED TO APPEAL TO HIS NARCISSISM.

YOU'RE ORIGINAL... A GIFTED ARTIST. SOME OF THE GREATEST ARTISTS IN HISTORY WERE CONSIDERED ECCENTRIC.



ENOUGH PSYCH 101. DON'T TREAT THIS LIKE AN INTERVIEW. I WANT A REAL CONVERSATION.

AS A CONSULTANT, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS CASE. WHY DID IT INTEREST YOU?



YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME. THAT'S FINE.



IF I kill her, who will chronicle my work?

LET'S SET SOME BOUNDARIES. I ADMIRE YOUR SKILL AND COMMITMENT, BUT I WON'T LET YOU INTERFERE WITH MY WORK.

SO I'LL CONTINUE HUNTING FOR SUBJECTS AND YOU WILL CONTINUE HUNTING ME. PERSONAL RESIDENCES ARE OFF-LIMITS.

AGREED.

I ENJOYED OUR LITTLE CHAT, BUT WE'RE OUT OF TIME.



IF I WANT TO MAKE A MOVE, IT'S NOW OR NEVER.

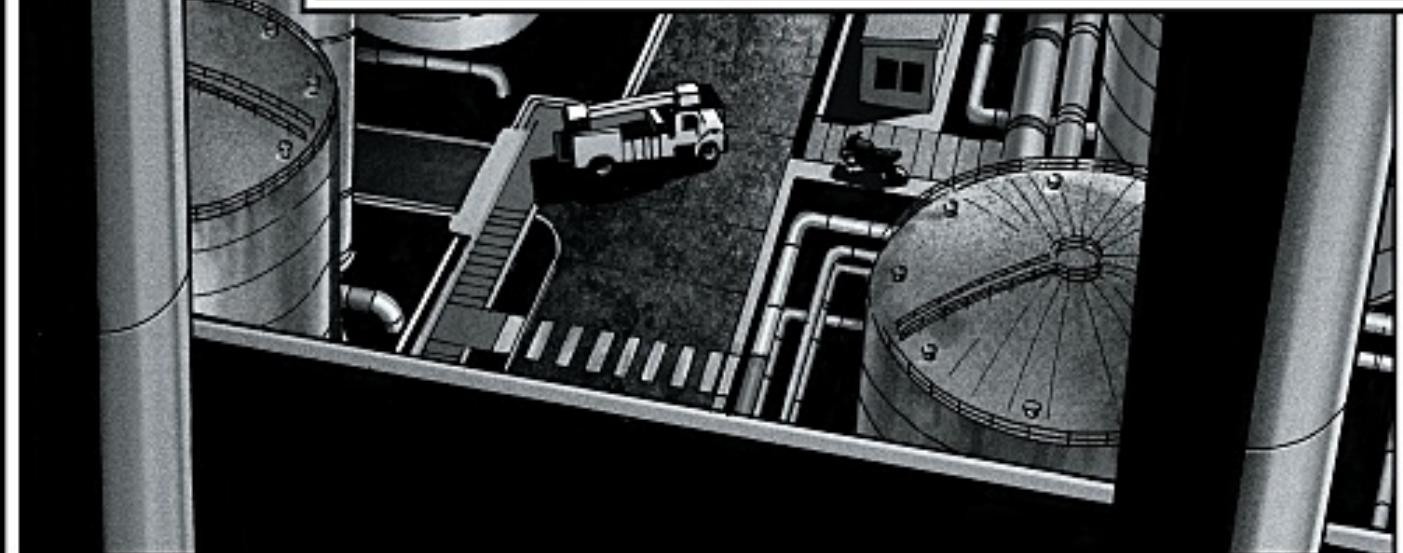
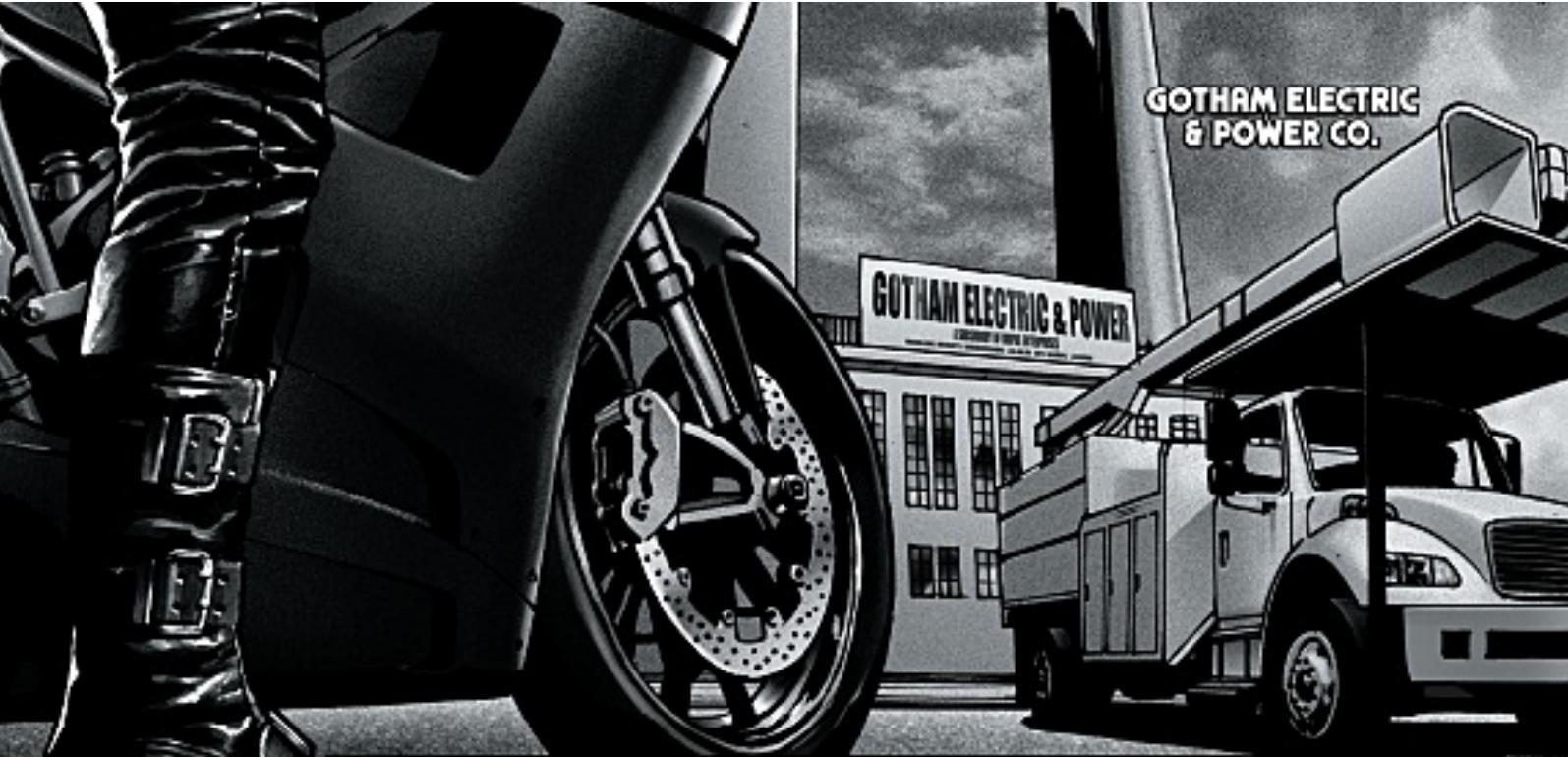
I KNOW THE WAY OUT.

NO, THAT'S EMOTION TALKING. AN IMPULSIVE ATTACK ON AN EXPERIENCED KILLER IS TOO RISKY.



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THE BASTARD WAS
IN MY APARTMENT.

THE NEXT DAY, 5 PM

HE SAT AT MY
TABLE AND READ THE
WHOLE GODDAMNED
CASE FILE.

IF HE WASN'T A
STEP AHEAD OF
US BEFORE, HE
WILL BE NOW.

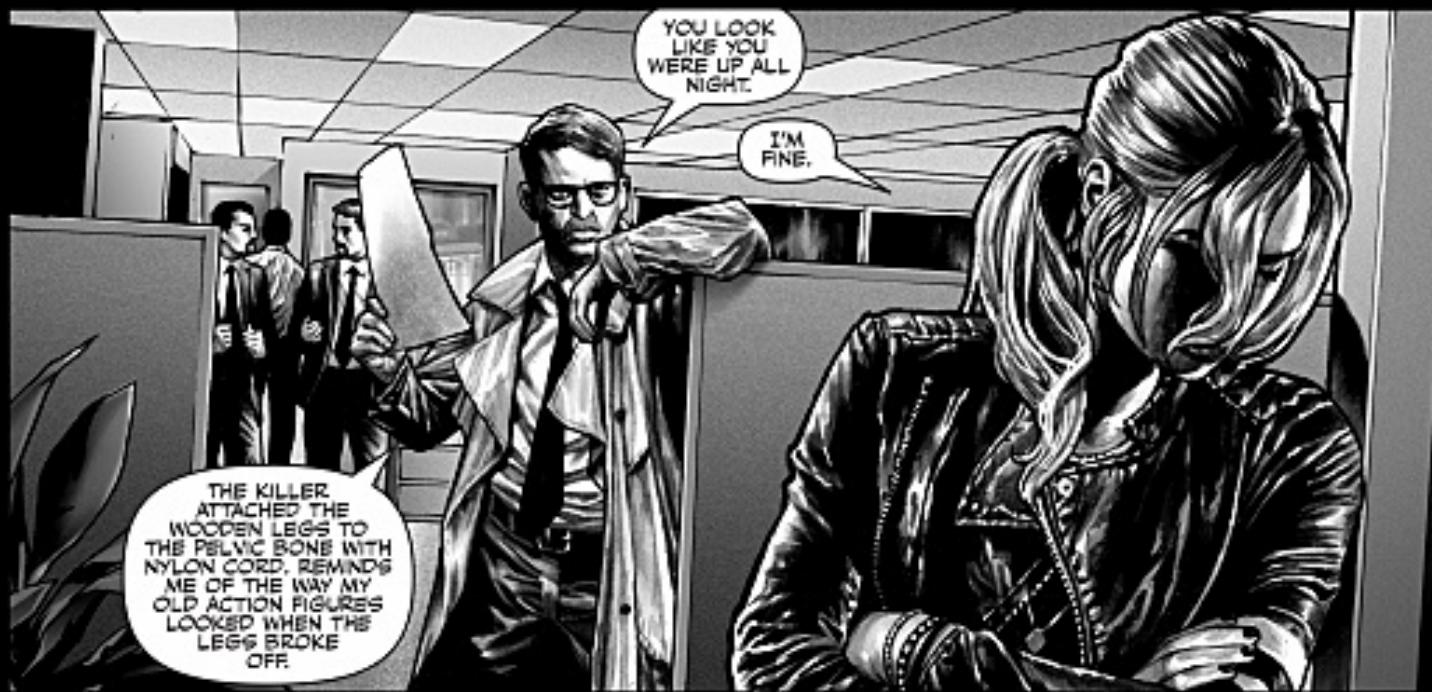
I SHOULD
CALL GORDON.

BUT THEN I'LL HAVE TO
ADMIT THAT I LET THE
KILLER GET THE DROP
ON ME, BECAUSE I
UNDERESTIMATED HIM
LIKE AN AMATEUR.

I'LL HAVE TO
RECOUNT EVERY
DETAIL OF THE
LITTLE CHAT WE
HAD WHILE I WAS
ZIP-TIED TO A
CHAIR IN MY OWN
APARTMENT.

I CAN
ALREADY HEAR
THE COPS AT
THE PRECINCT
LAUGHING
THEIR ASSES
OFF.

I CAN'T TELL
GORDON, I'LL FIND
ANOTHER WAY.



7 YEARS EARLIER

YOU REALLY
THOUGHT YOU
WERE MY KID?
IT DOESN'T
CHANGE SHIT.





IT CHANGES
EVERYTHING.



NOTHING
TO SAY,
DAD?





Find something.
Quick.







My true self.
The mask is gone.

HMM HMM
HMM HMM HMM
HMM HMM

A new beginning.

4 AM

DR. HARLEY QUINN

AUTOPSY CONDUCTED BY DR. MARTIN KADE, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER OF GOTHAM COUNTY.

NAME... MICK KELLY.

FINALLY

COME ON, GET TO PAGE TWO.

UPON CLOSER EXAMINATION OF THE THROAT, MOST OF THE LARYNX IS MISSING, POSSIBLE RESULT OF THE NECK LACERATION.

GOTHAM COUNTY

...EXAMINATION OF THE THROAT, MOST OF THE LARYNX IS MISSING.

HE CAN'T BE THE JOKER.

EDIE'S KILLER WAS STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME AND I DIDN'T KNOW IT.

I FUCKING HAD HIM!



WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

SORRY MR. FOREIGN -
PRINCE, I DON'T OPEN
MESSAGES FROM
RANDOM EMAIL
ADDRESSES.

UNLESS...

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Invitation
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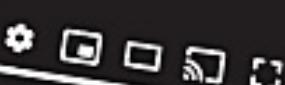
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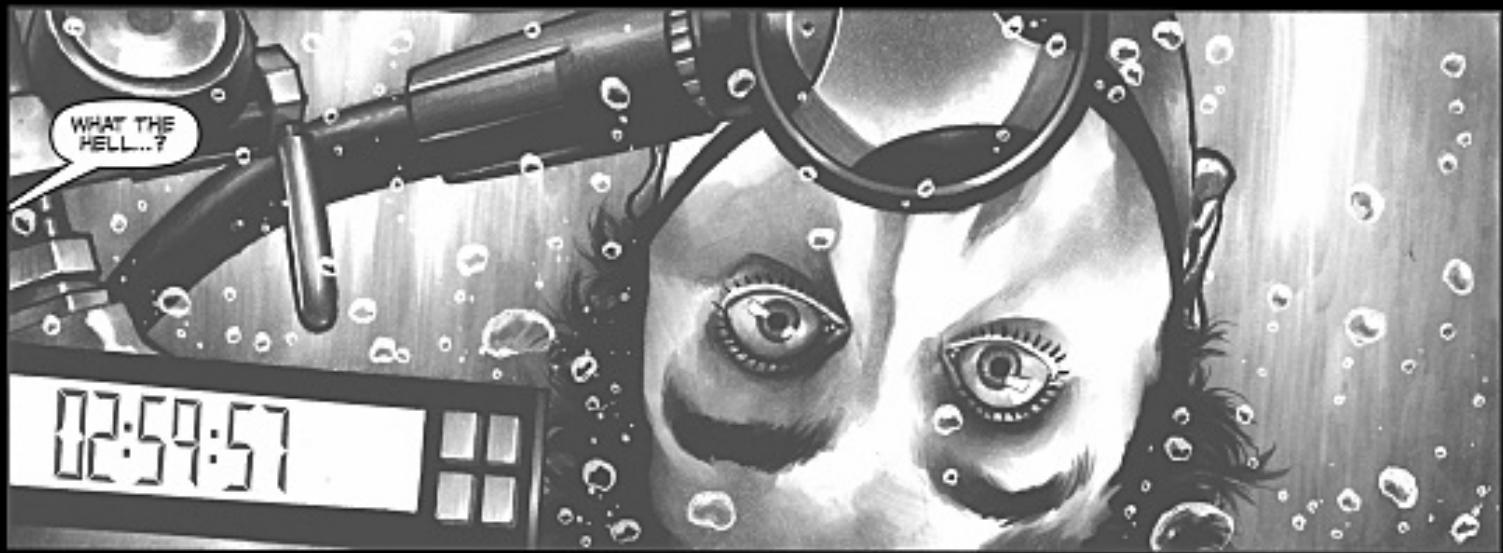
IT'S FROM
HIM.

GORDON!



LIVE





GORDON IS AT A
DISADVANTAGE
AND IT'S MY FAULT.

HE HAS NO IDEA WHO WE'RE
REALLY DEALING WITH—
A KILLER WHO VANISHED
AND REMADE HIMSELF BY
CHANGING HIS VICTIMOLOGY,
CRIMES, AND SIGNATURE.



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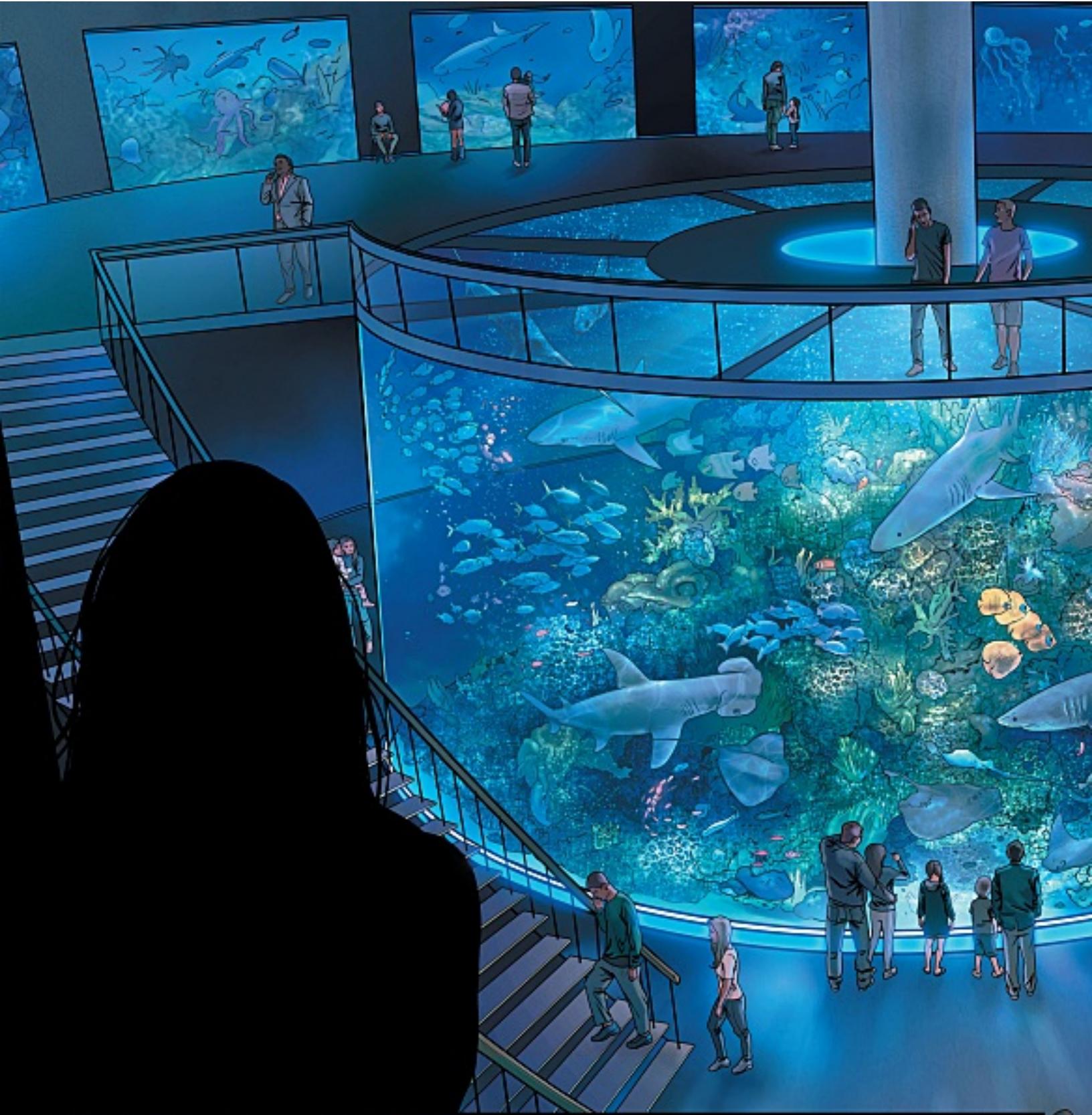


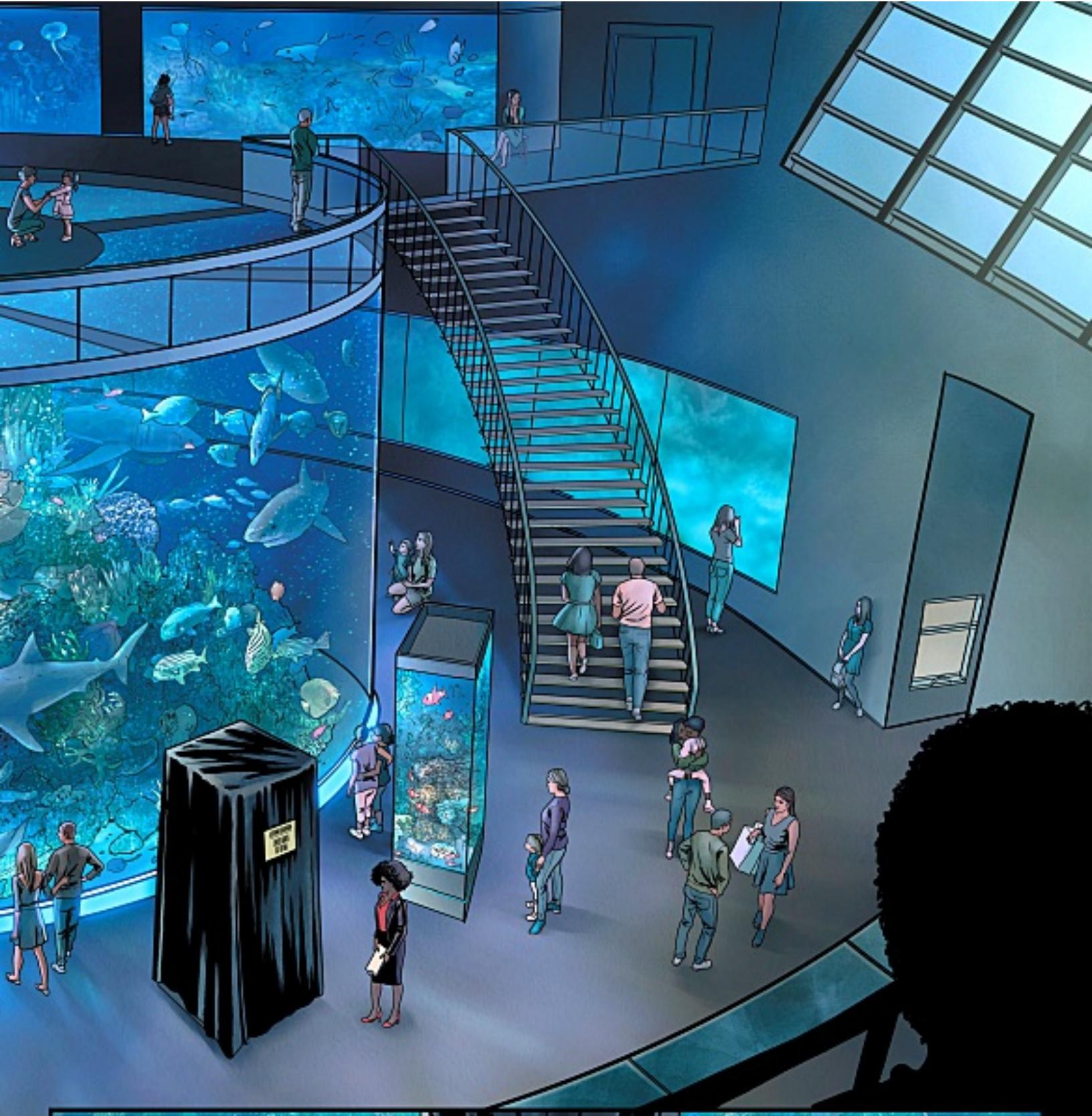
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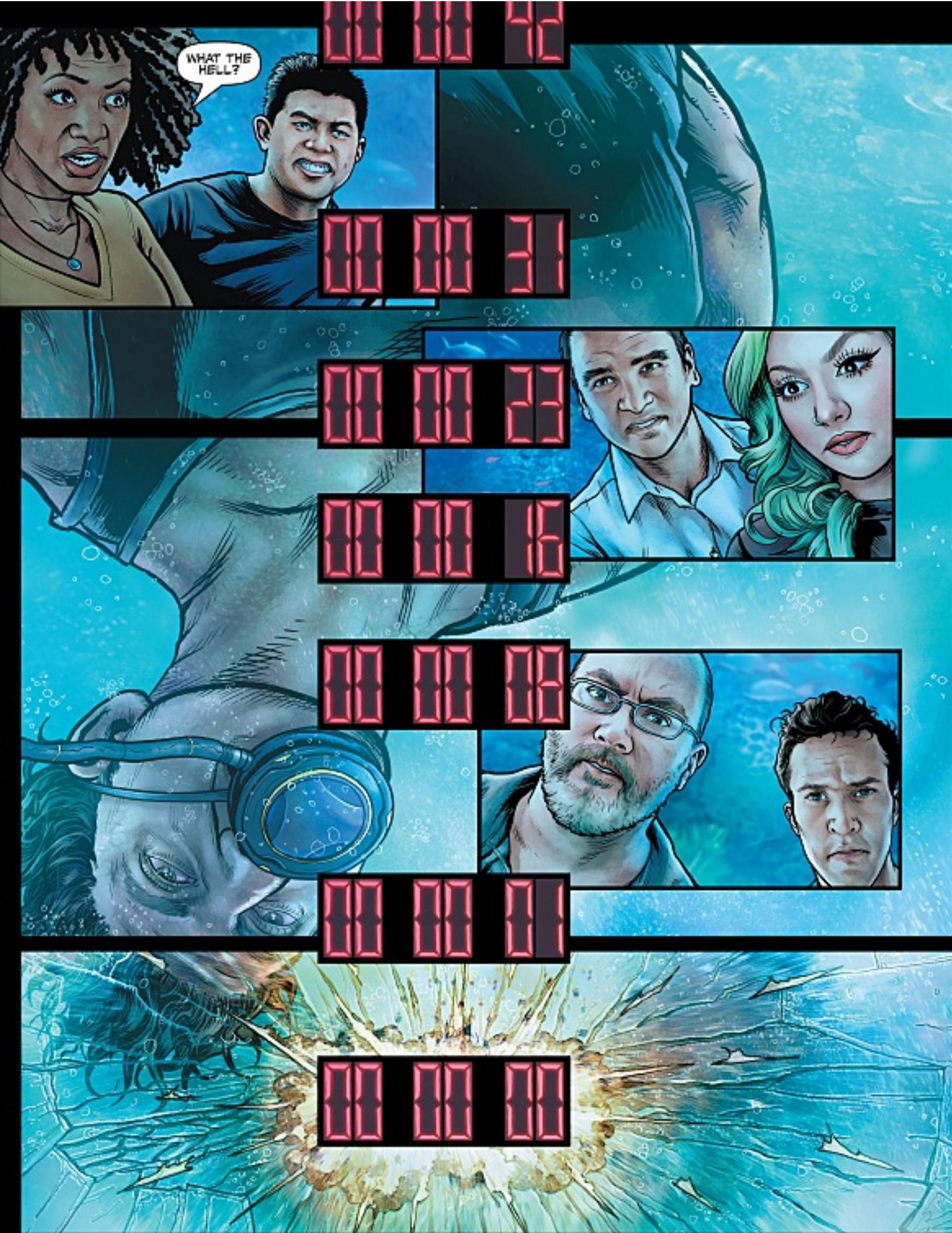
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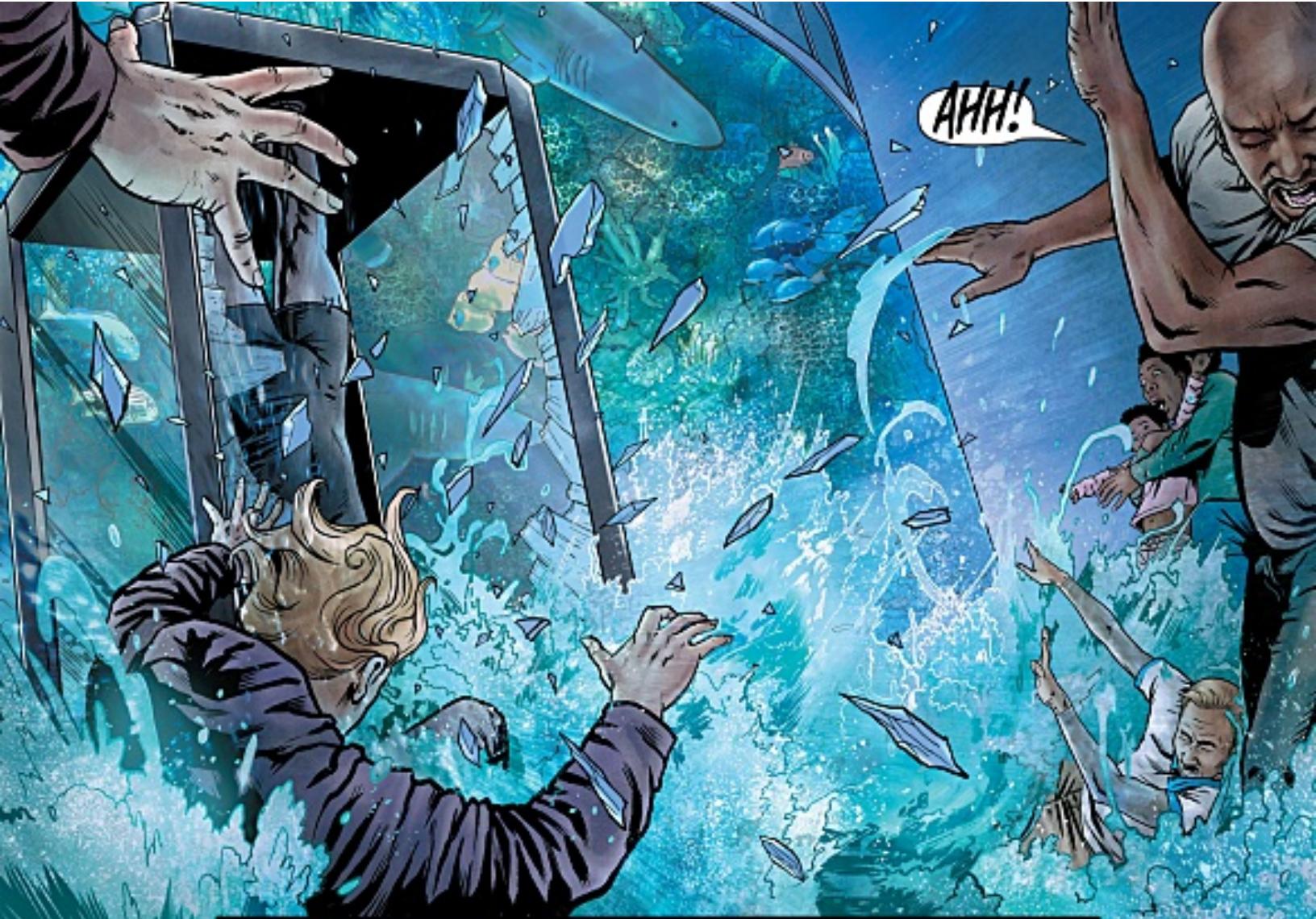














SHIT.

I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO STOP HIM.

DAMMIT,
HE'S STILL
A STEP
AHEAD OF
US.

GOTHAM 2000
CHECK BACK
AT 10 AM



I WANT THIS SON OF A BITCH BEHIND BARS, GORDON. WHAT ARE YOU AND DR. QUINN DOING TO MAKE THAT A REALITY?

YOU'D BETTER FIND THE KILLER SOON, QUINN, OR YOU'LL BE OUT OF A JOB.

I'M A CONSULTANT, MADDUX. I DON'T REALLY NEED THIS JOB.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

GODDAMMIT!







NEXT ISSUE - #6!

Harley Quinn's past and present have collided, and both the family she was born into and the family she found when she met Edie Malone are suffering. As Dr. Quinn's confrontations with the serial killer she's hunting grow more intense, his actions lead her down a dangerous path!

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