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GOTHAM. A HAUNTED CITY.
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WHERE EVERY OLD BUILDING HAS A GHOST STORY...
...BUT NONE SO CHILLING AS THE OWL COURT HOTEL!
ONCE A HOT SPOT FOR THE CITY'S RICH AND POWERFUL, IT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR OVER A CENTURY.
SOME SAY SCANDAL CLOSED THE HOTEL'S DOORS, OTHERS BLAME A MALEVOLENT SPIRIT!
EVEN TODAY, WHO WOULD DARE ENTER ITS DARKENED HALLS?
THE MYSTERY MACHINE
WHO SO BRAVE? WHO SO BOLD?

Night of the OWLFUL PARTY!

SOME DANCE PARTY. THE DJ DIDN'T EVEN SHOW UP!

YEAH, BUT THAT WON'T STOP THOSE TWO YAHOOS.

WE JUST GOT HERE AND LOOK AT THEM GO!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BiBi!!!

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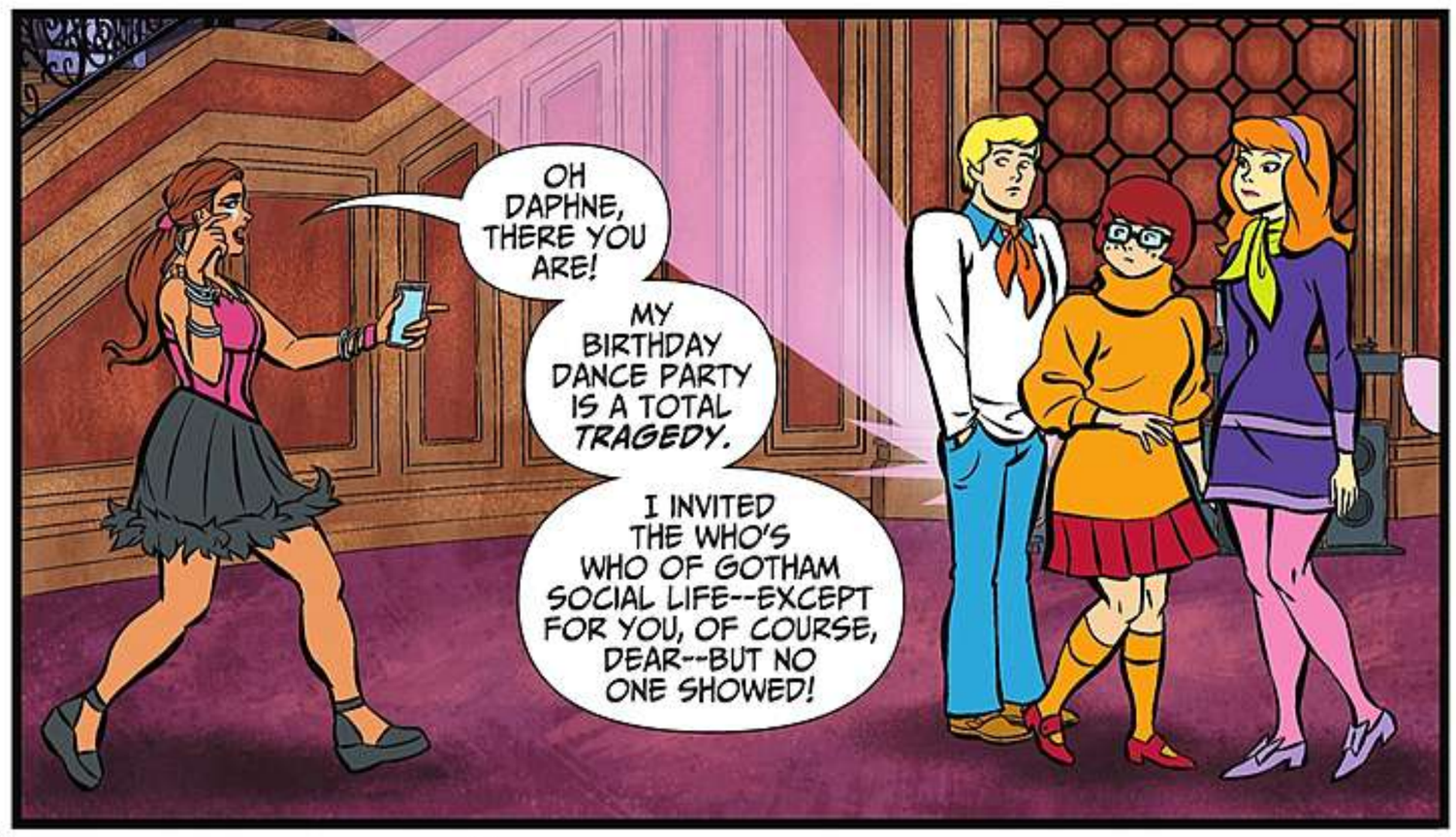
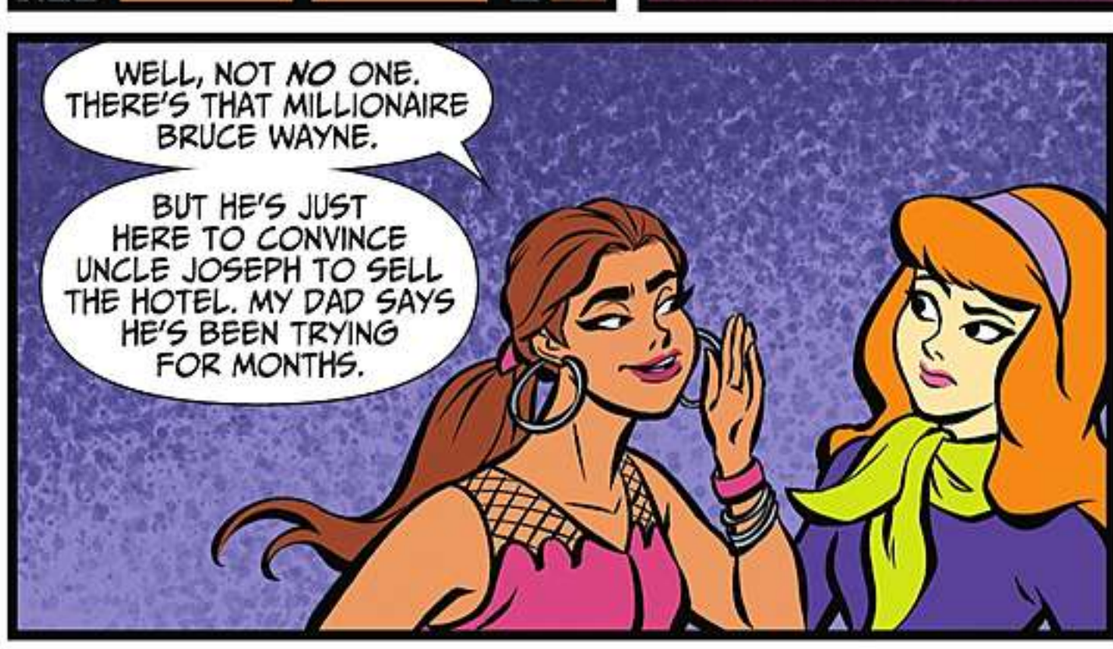
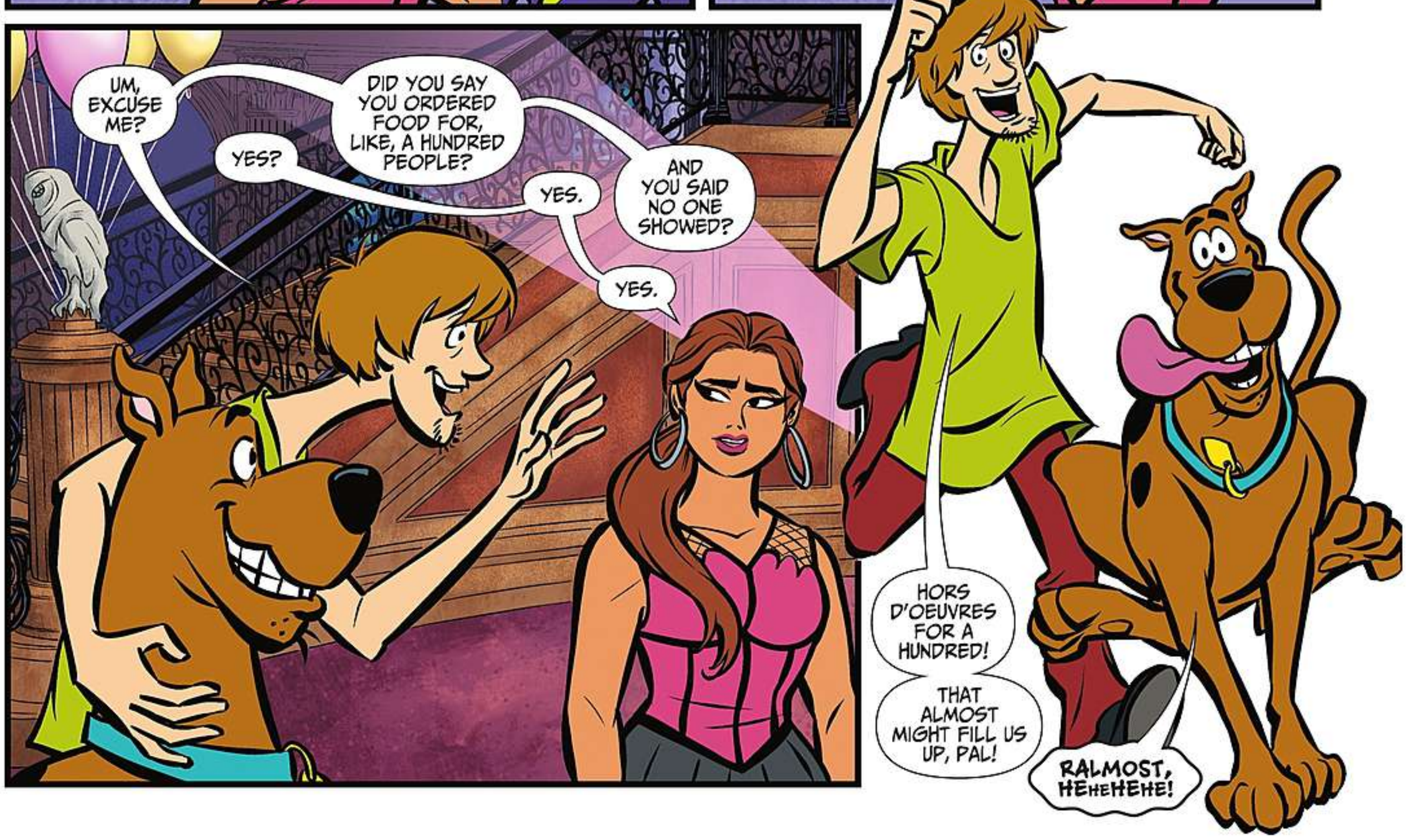
POOR BIBI. WE WERE BFFs BACK IN MY CHEERLEADING DAYS.

BFFs? "BEST FRIENDS FOREVER," LIKE SHAGGY AND SCOOBY?
MORE LIKE "BEST *FRENEMIES* FOREVER."
HER FAMILY IS SUPER RICH, AND SHE CAN BE PRETTY SNOBBY.


OH DAPHNE, THERE YOU ARE!
MY BIRTHDAY DANCE PARTY IS A TOTAL *TRAGEDY*.
I INVITED THE WHO'S WHO OF GOTHAM SOCIAL LIFE--EXCEPT FOR YOU, OF COURSE, DEAR--BUT NO ONE SHOWED!


WELL, NOT *NO* ONE. THERE'S THAT MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE.
BUT HE'S JUST HERE TO CONVINCE UNCLE JOSEPH TO SELL THE HOTEL. MY DAD SAYS HE'S BEEN TRYING FOR MONTHS.

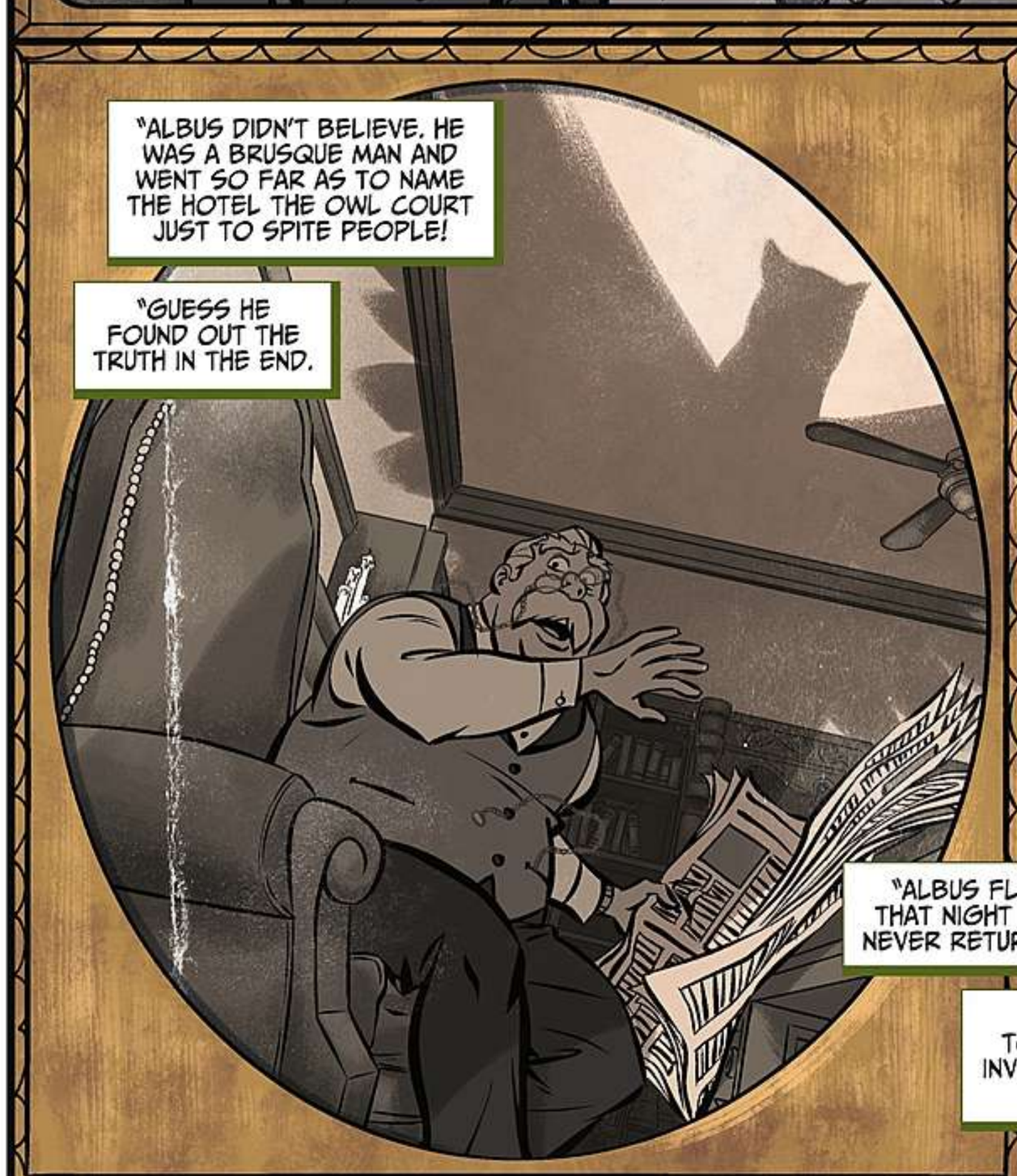
I ORDERED CATERING FOR A *HUNDRED* PEOPLE!
OH, WHAT AM I TO DO?
TAP TAP


UM, EXCUSE ME?
YES?
DID YOU SAY YOU ORDERED FOOD FOR, LIKE, A HUNDRED PEOPLE?
YES.
AND YOU SAID NO ONE SHOWED?
YES.
HORS D'OEUVRES FOR A HUNDRED!
THAT ALMOST MIGHT FILL US UP, PAL!
RALMOST, HEHEHEHE!

I AM SORRY, MR. WAYNE, BUT THE OWL COURT HOTEL IS NOT FOR SALE!
BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD MY OFFER YET.
HMMPF! YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL I WON'T SELL.
JOSEPH, PLEASE!

"MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER ALBUS POWERS BUILT THIS HOTEL IN 1918.
"EVEN BACK THEN, GOTHAM WAS AN OLD-MONEY TOWN, AND ALBUS WAS A SELF-MADE MILLIONAIRE.
"THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RUMORS GOTHAM WAS CONTROLLED BY A SECRET SOCIETY OF THE RICHEST, MOST POWERFUL FAMILIES.

"THEY WERE CALLED THE COURT OF OWLS! AND THE TALON DID THEIR BIDDING.


"ALBUS DIDN'T BELIEVE. HE WAS A BRUSQUE MAN AND WENT SO FAR AS TO NAME THE HOTEL THE OWL COURT JUST TO SPITE PEOPLE!
"GUESS HE FOUND OUT THE TRUTH IN THE END.

"ALBUS FLED THAT NIGHT AND NEVER RETURNED.
"OTHERS HAVE TRIED TO REOPEN THE HOTEL. INVESTORS HAVE OFFERED TO BUY IT OUTRIGHT.

"...BUT THE SAME THING ALWAYS HAPPENS. THE TALON ALWAYS APPEARS!
"1933.

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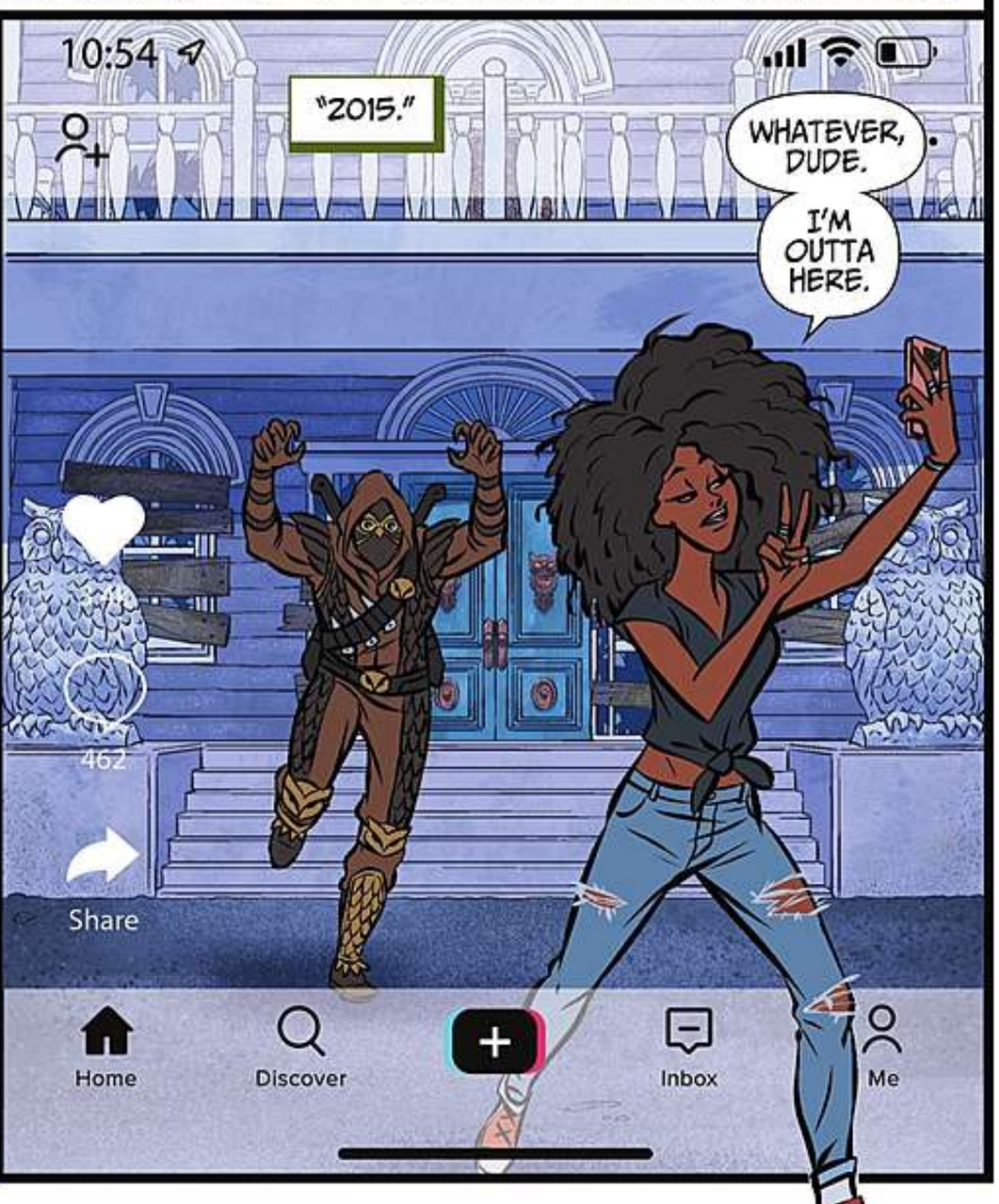
"1977.

"1986.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"2015."
WHATEVER, DUDE.
I'M OUTTA HERE.
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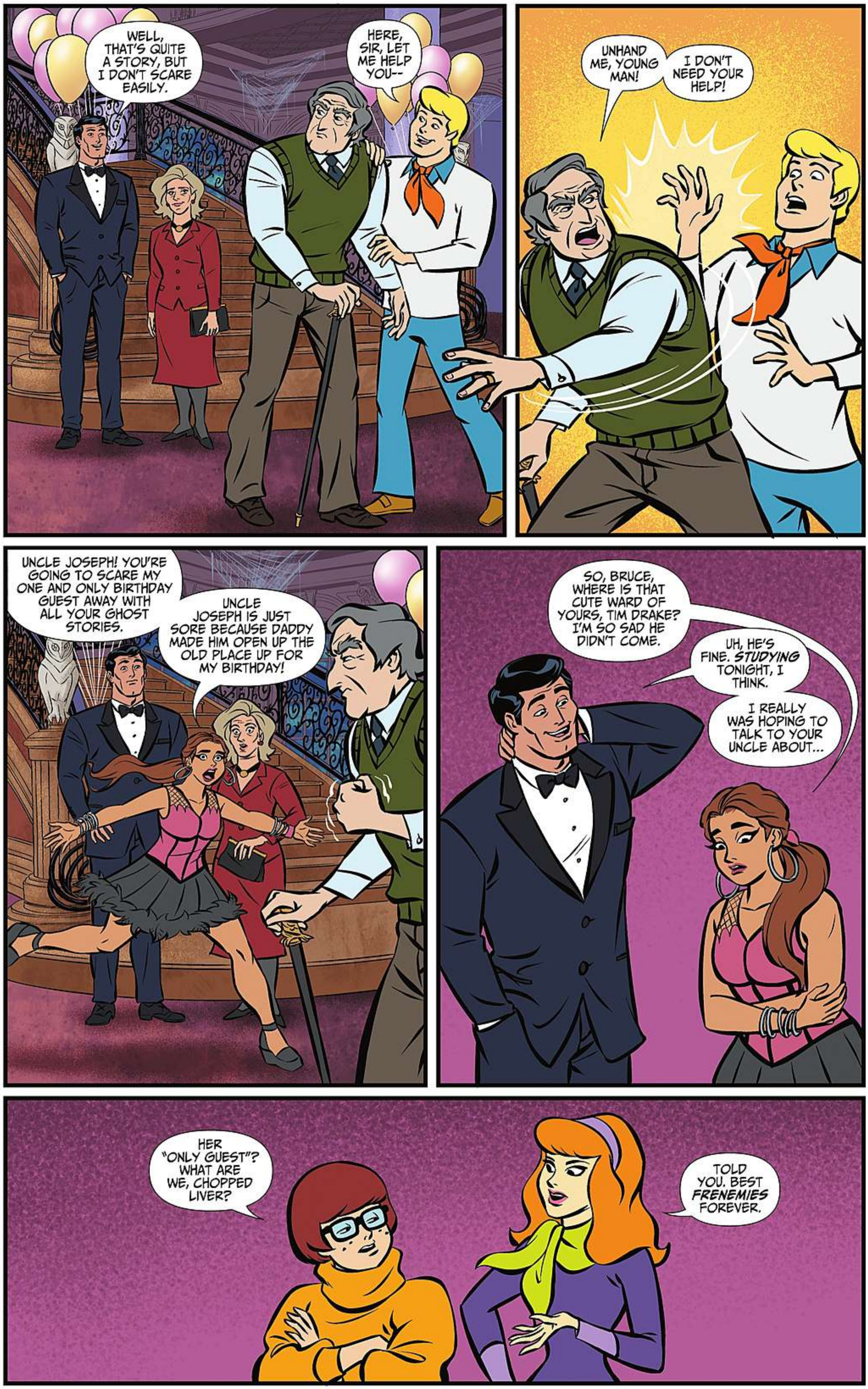
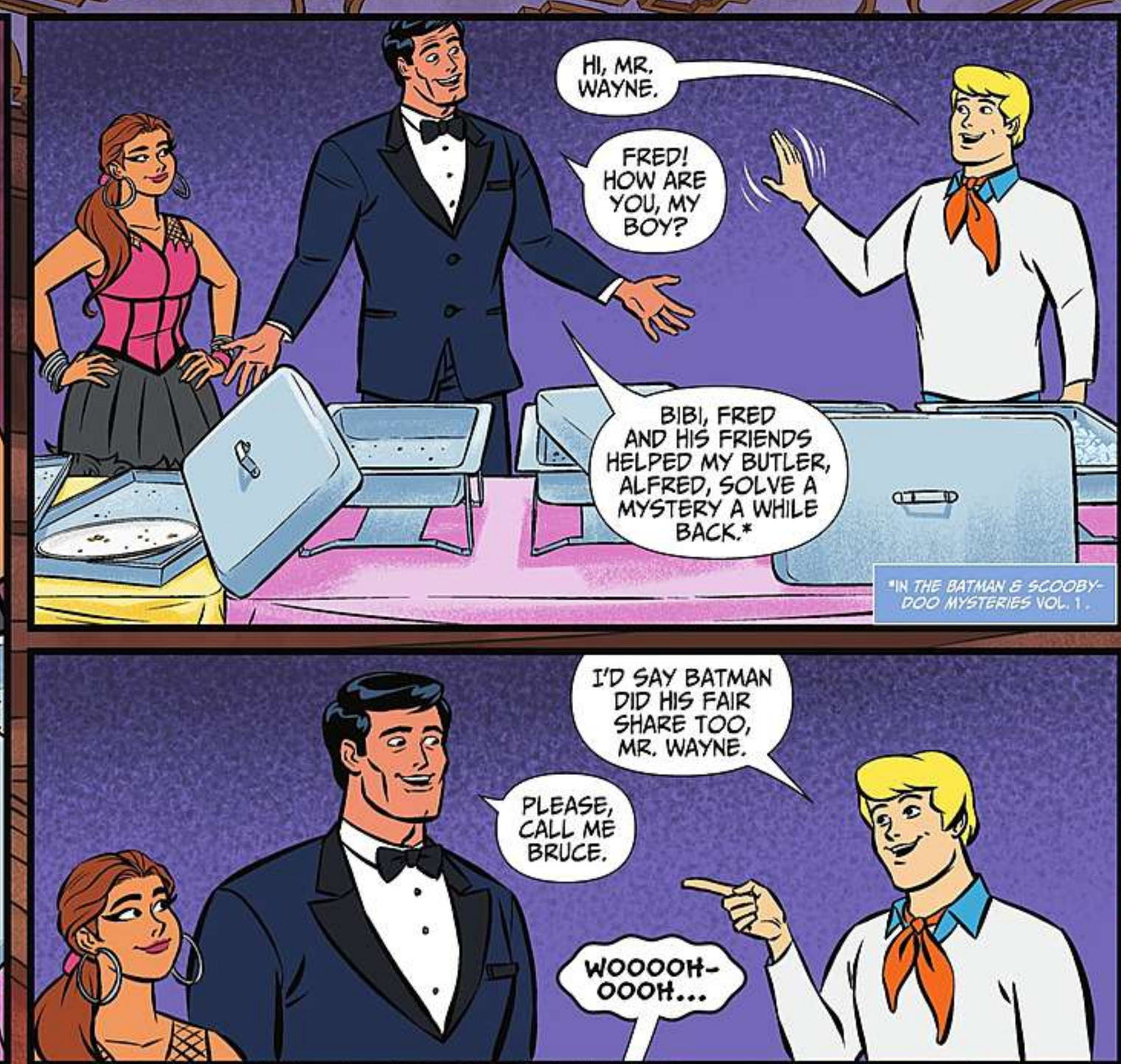

WELL, THAT'S QUITE A STORY, BUT I DON'T SCARE EASILY.
HERE, SIR, LET ME HELP YOU--
UNHAND ME, YOUNG MAN!
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
UNCLE JOSEPH! YOU'RE GOING TO SCARE MY ONE AND ONLY BIRTHDAY GUEST AWAY WITH ALL YOUR GHOST STORIES.
UNCLE JOSEPH IS JUST SORE BECAUSE DADDY MADE HIM OPEN UP THE OLD PLACE UP FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
SO, BRUCE, WHERE IS THAT CUTE WARD OF YOURS, TIM DRAKE? I'M SO SAD HE DIDN'T COME.
UH, HE'S FINE. STUDYING TONIGHT, I THINK.
I REALLY WAS HOPING TO TALK TO YOUR UNCLE ABOUT...
HER "ONLY GUEST"? WHAT ARE WE, CHOPPED LIVER?
TOLD YOU. BEST FRENEMIES FOREVER.

TALON? OH, BRUCE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT *THAT* OLD SPOOK STORY!

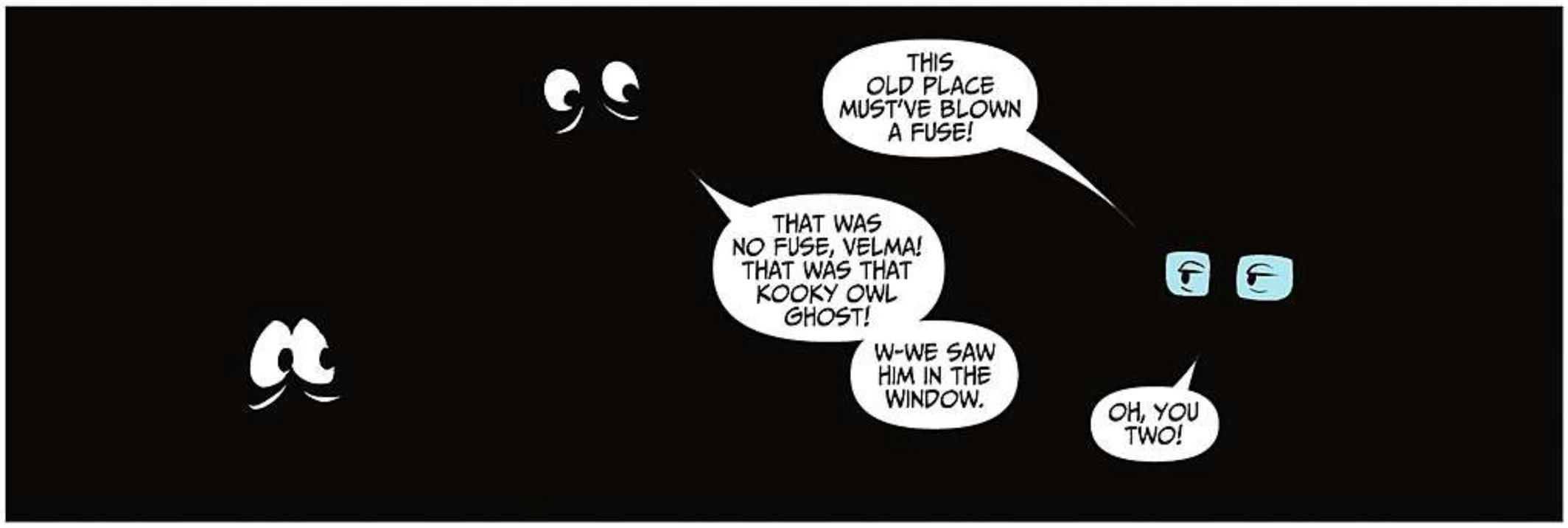

HI, MR. WAYNE.
FRED! HOW ARE YOU, MY BOY?
BIBI, FRED AND HIS FRIENDS HELPED MY BUTLER, ALFRED, SOLVE A MYSTERY A WHILE BACK.*
*IN *THE BATMAN & SCOOBY-DOO MYSTERIES* VOL. 1.

I'D SAY BATMAN DID HIS FAIR SHARE TOO, MR. WAYNE.
PLEASE, CALL ME BRUCE.
WOOOOH-OOOH...

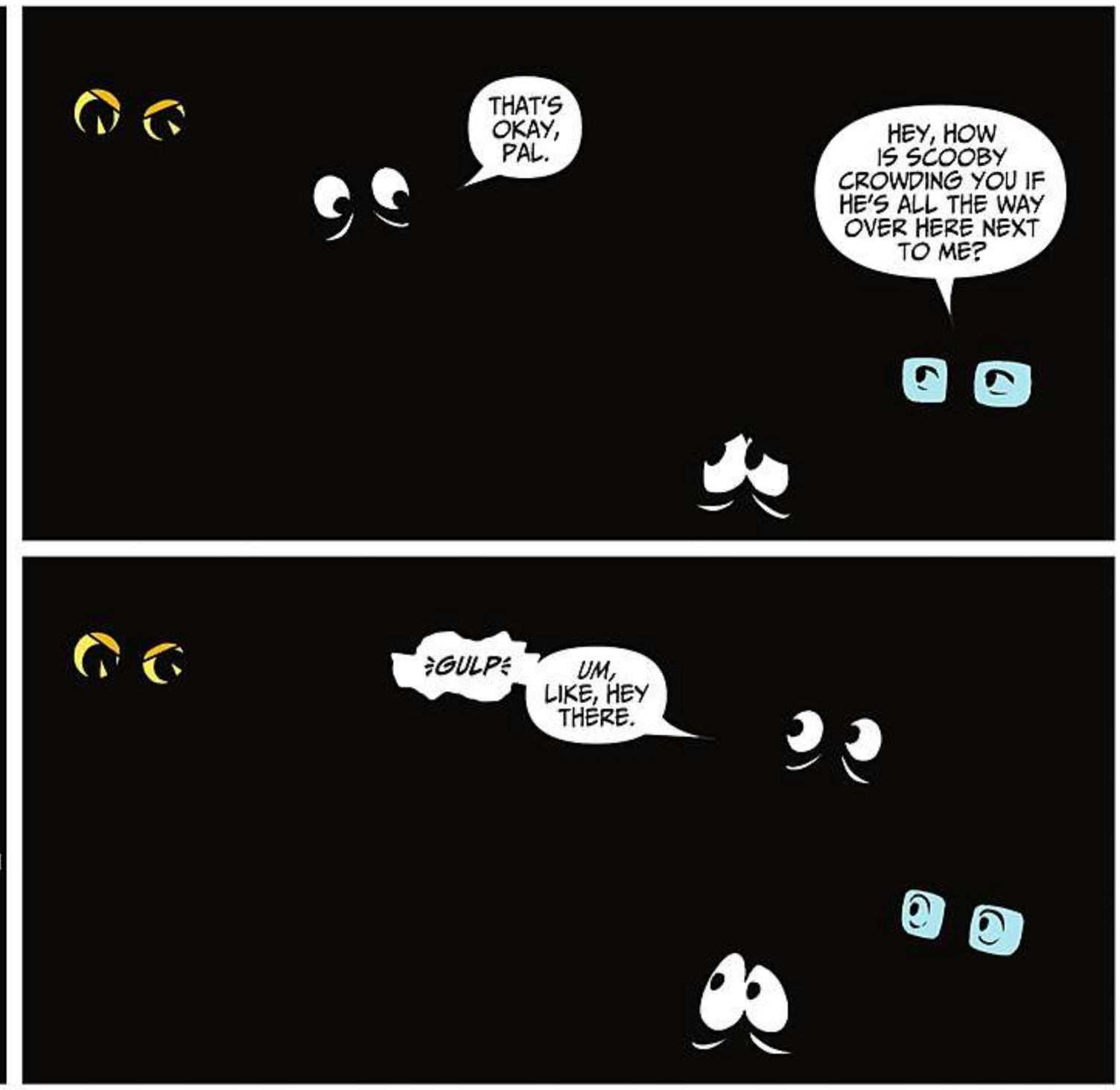
I THINK POOR SCOOB FINALLY MET HIS MATCH. TWO POUNDS OF SHRIMP COCKTAIL PUSHED HIM OVER THE EDGE.
NO MORE RIMPS... NO MORE RIMPS!

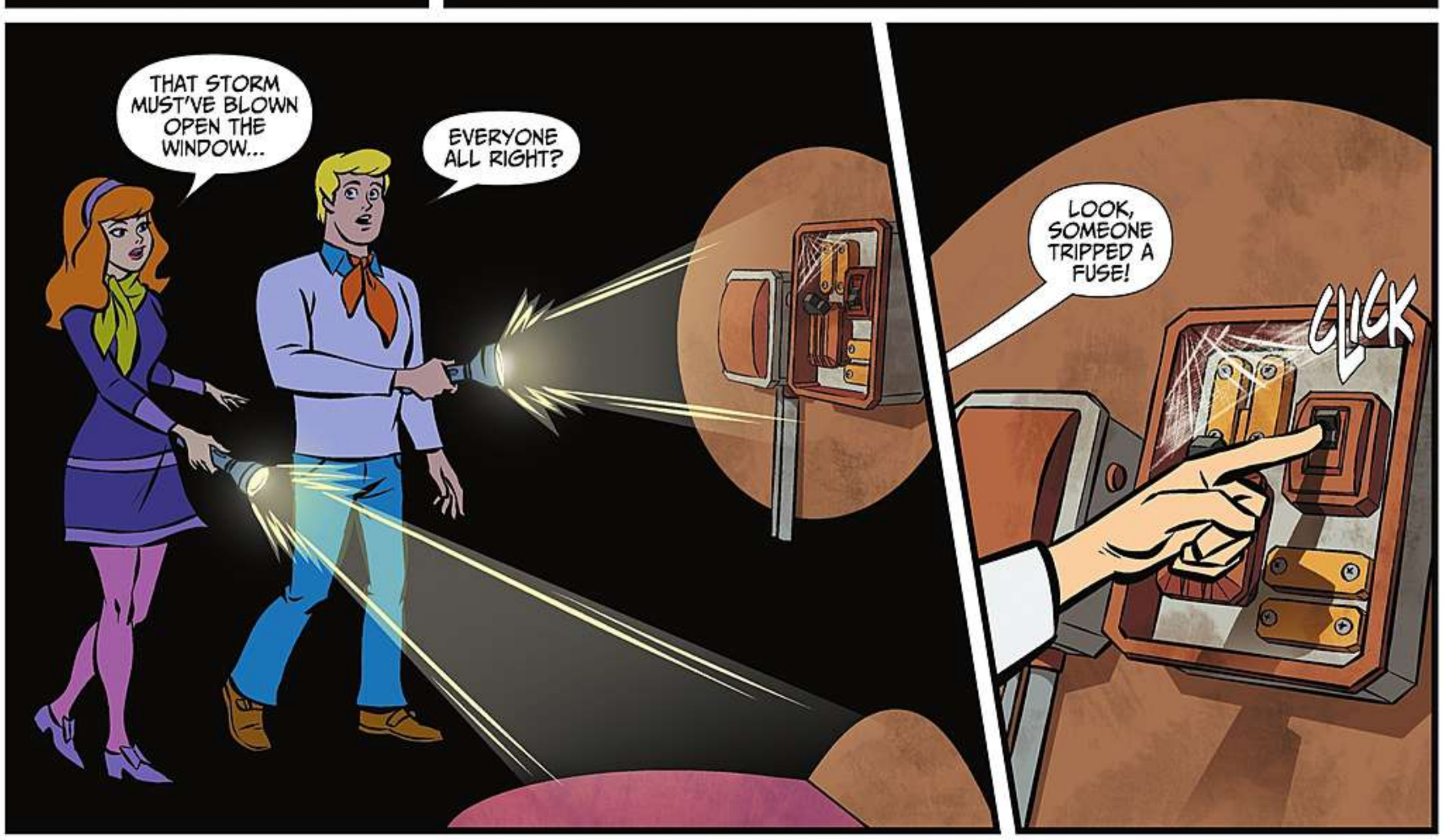
...REED RESH AIR!
HERE, LEMME OPEN THAT FOR YA, OLD PAL.
THEN I'M HEADED BACK TO THE SNACK TABLE FOR FOURTHS!
CLICK

YIKES!
LIKE, THE LIGHTS!
YOU THERE, SCOOBY-DOO?
REAH, RAGGY!


THIS OLD PLACE MUST'VE BLOWN A FUSE!
THAT WAS NO FUSE, VELMA! THAT WAS THAT KOOKY OWL GHOST!
W-WE SAW HIM IN THE WINDOW.
OH, YOU TWO!

HEY, SCOOB, COULD YOU NOT CROWD ME SO MUCH, BUDDY?
I GET CLAUSTROPHOBIC IN THE DARK.
RORRY, RAGGY.


THAT'S OKAY, PAL.
HEY, HOW IS SCOOBY CROWDING YOU IF HE'S ALL THE WAY OVER HERE NEXT TO ME?
GULP
UM, LIKE, HEY THERE.


THAT STORM MUST'VE BLOWN OPEN THE WINDOW...
EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
LOOK, SOMEONE TRIPPED A FUSE!
CLICK

L-LIKE TELL ME TH-THERE ISN'T AN O-O-O-OWL GHOST BEHIND ME, F-F-FRED, OLD PAL.

YES! AWESOME!
FRED, DO YOU HAVE TO GET SO EXCITED EVERY TIME WE SEE A GHOST?

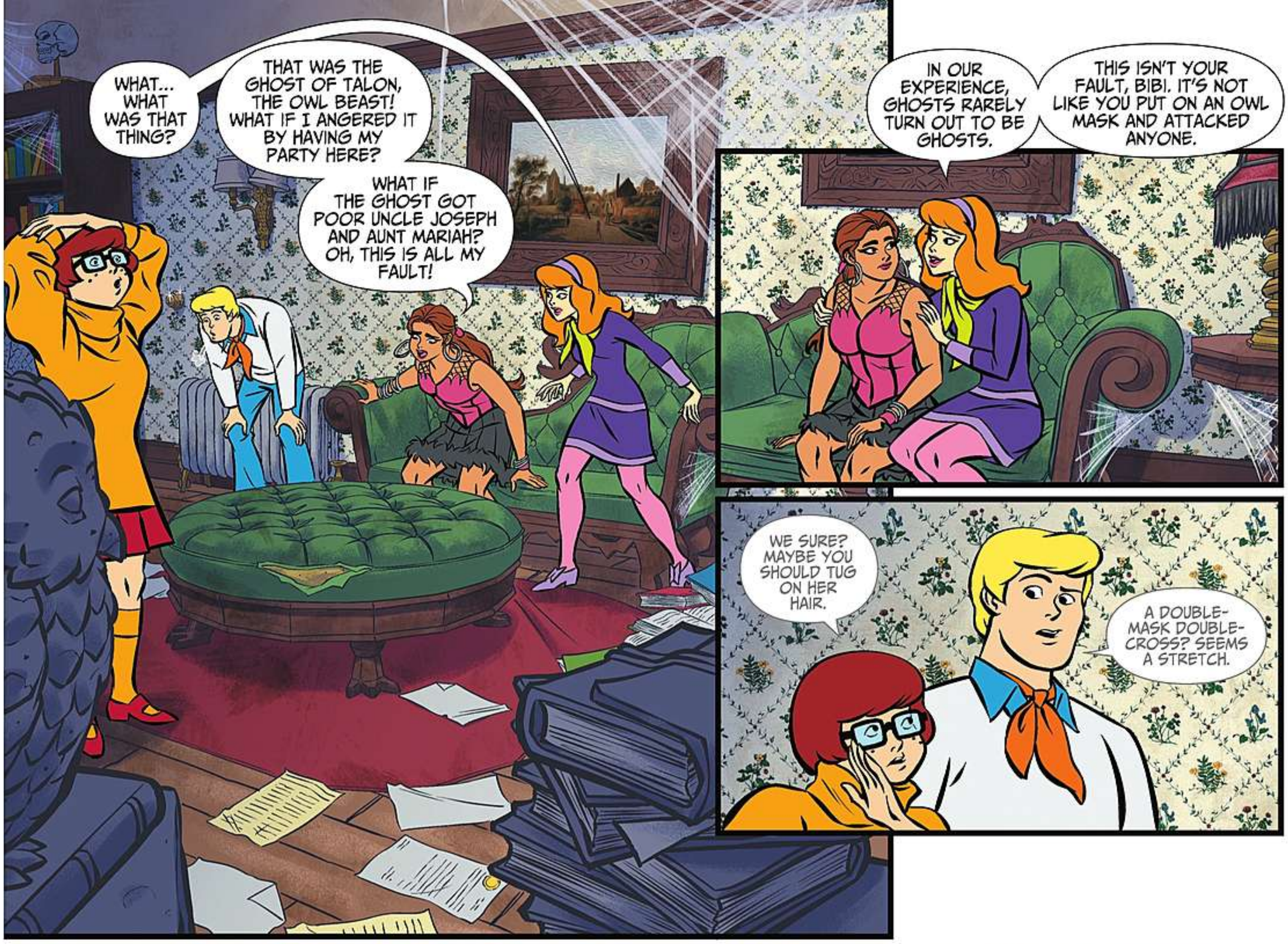
YOU HAVE BEEN JUDGED BY THE COURT OF OWLS... AND FOUND GUILTY!
SWIPE

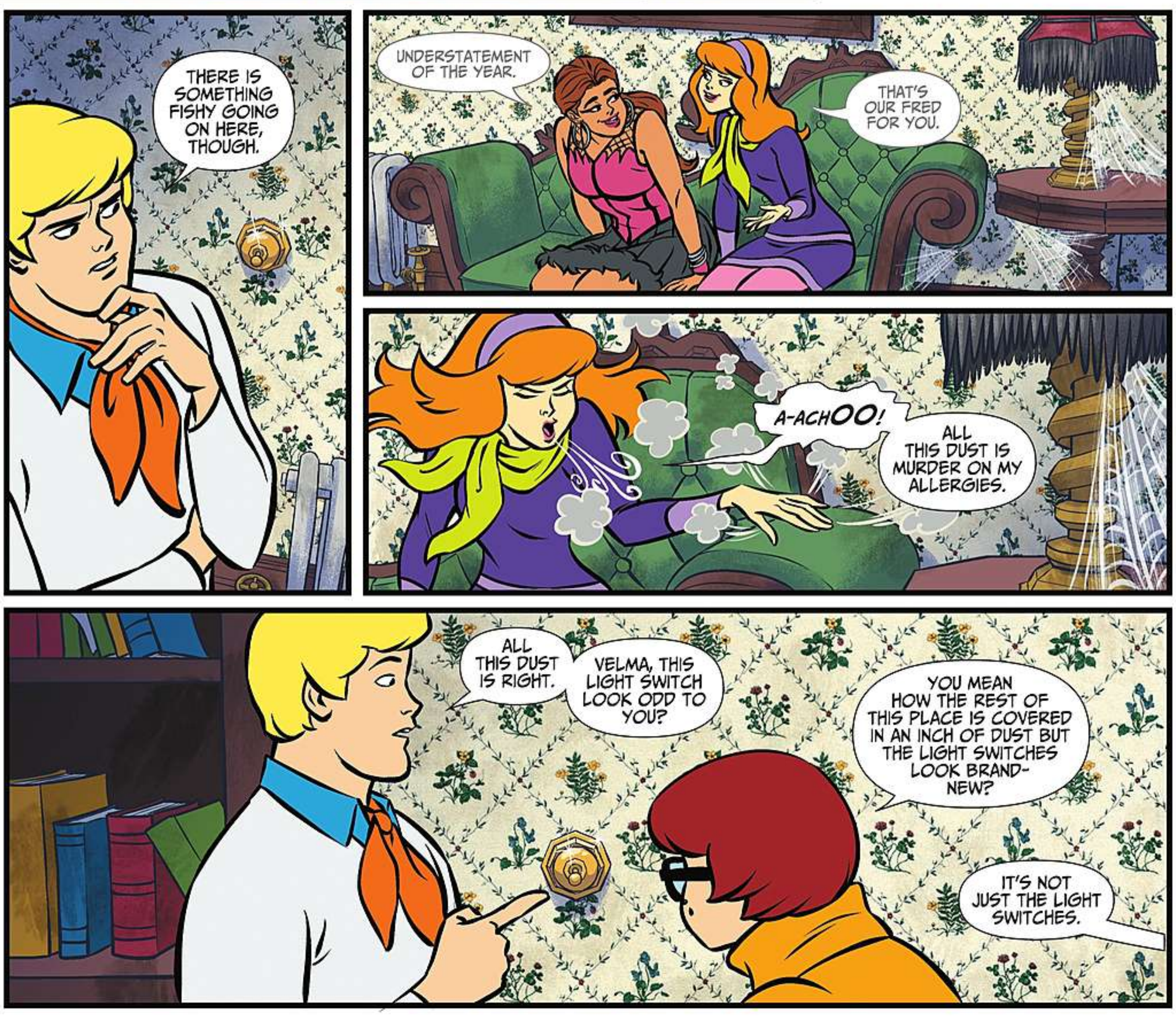
JINKIES!
EVERYONE, SCATTER!

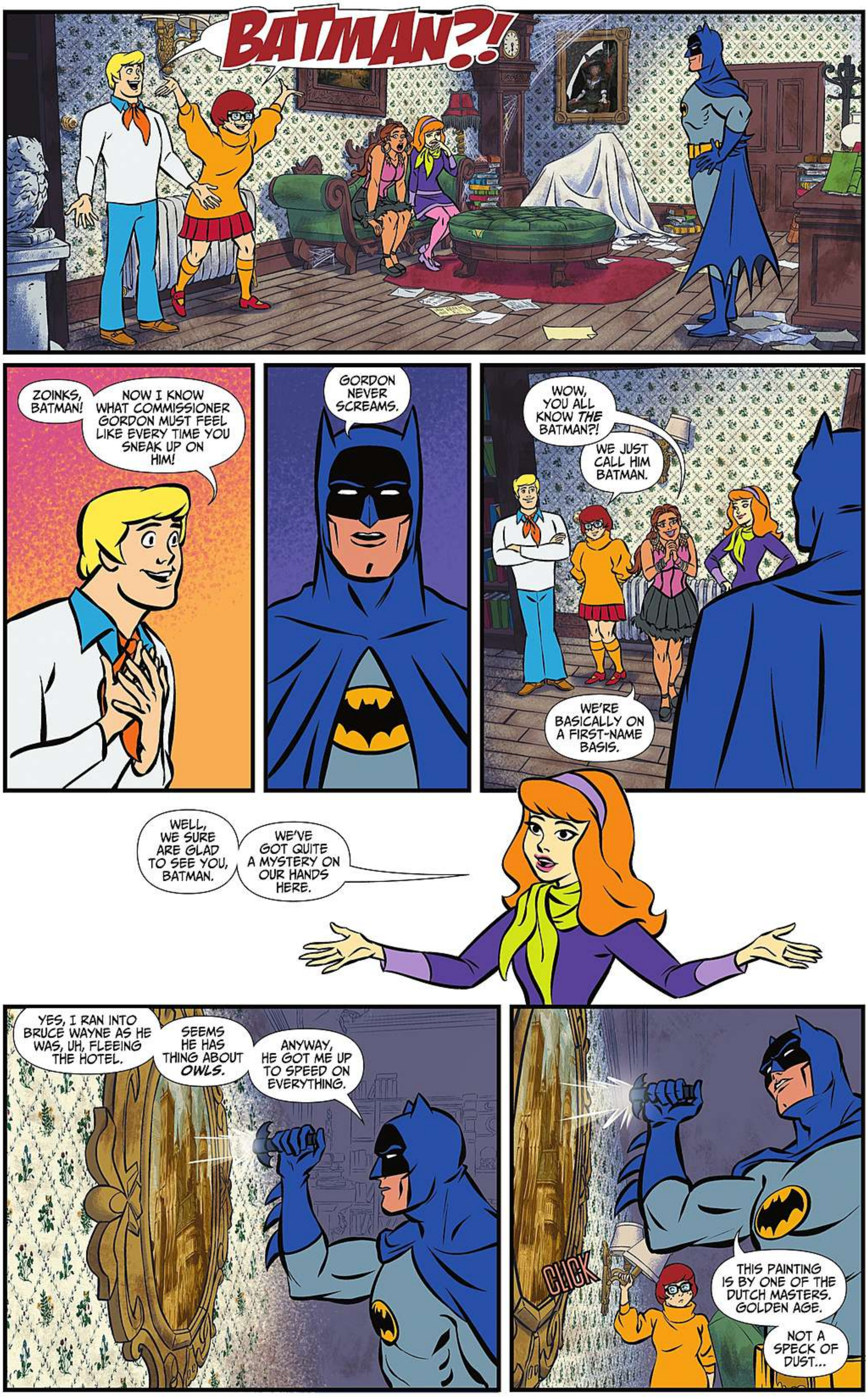
C'MON, SCOOB! RUN FOR IT!

HMM, ONE MORE RIMP?

LET IT GO, SCOOB!
YANK

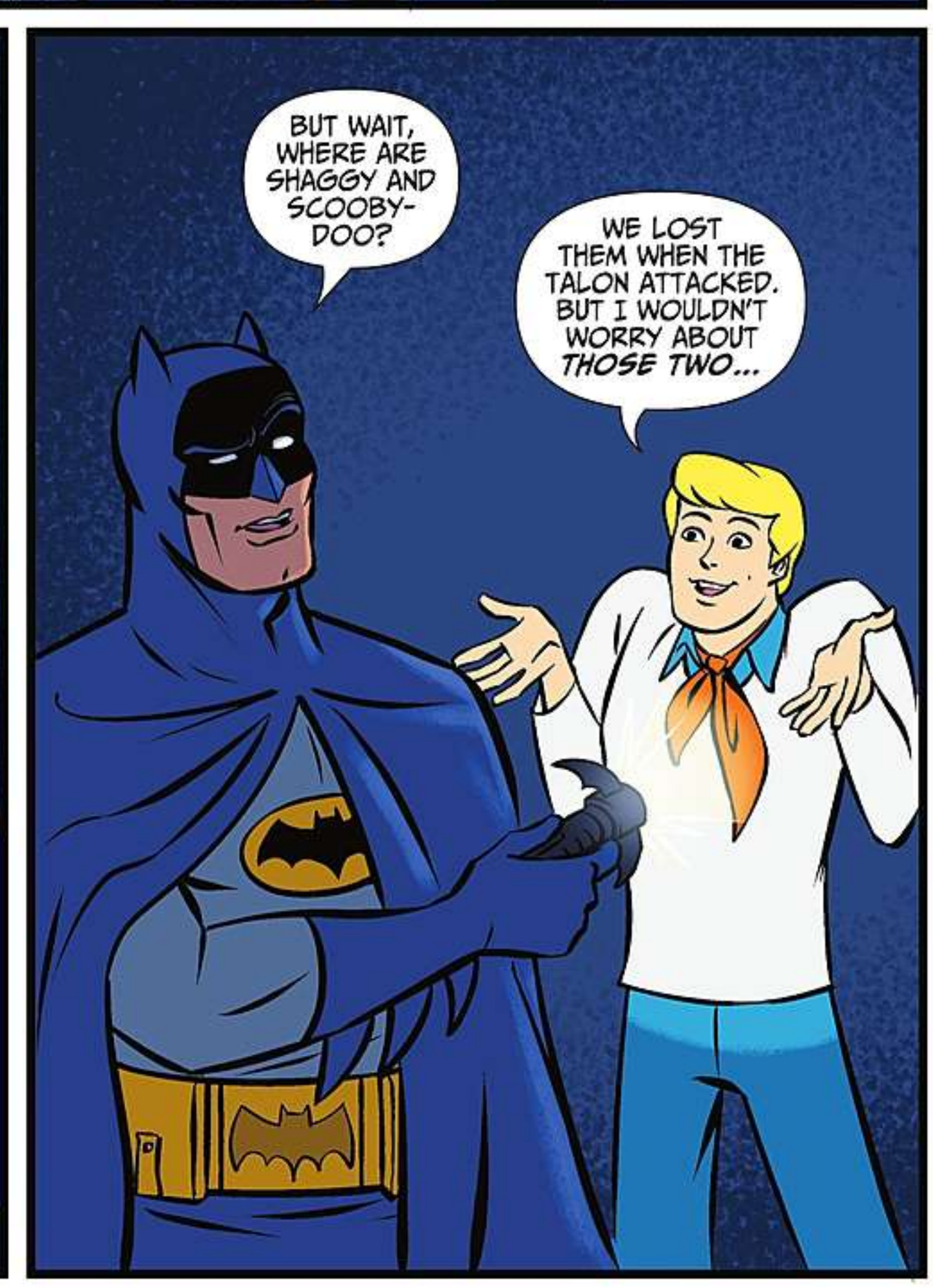

WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT THING?
THAT WAS THE GHOST OF TALON, THE OWL BEAST! WHAT IF I ANGERED IT BY HAVING MY PARTY HERE?
WHAT IF THE GHOST GOT POOR UNCLE JOSEPH AND AUNT MARIAH? OH, THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
IN OUR EXPERIENCE, GHOSTS RARELY TURN OUT TO BE GHOSTS.
THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT, BIBI. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU PUT ON AN OWL MASK AND ATTACKED ANYONE.
WE SURE? MAYBE YOU SHOULD TUG ON HER HAIR.
A DOUBLE-MASK DOUBLE-CROSS? SEEMS A STRETCH.


THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON HERE, THOUGH.
UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR.
THAT'S OUR FRED FOR YOU.
A-ACHOO!
ALL THIS DUST IS MURDER ON MY ALLERGIES.
ALL THIS DUST IS RIGHT.
VELMA, THIS LIGHT SWITCH LOOK ODD TO YOU?
YOU MEAN HOW THE REST OF THIS PLACE IS COVERED IN AN INCH OF DUST BUT THE LIGHT SWITCHES LOOK BRAND-NEW?
IT'S NOT JUST THE LIGHT SWITCHES.


BATMAN?!
ZOINKS, BATMAN!
NOW I KNOW WHAT COMMISSIONER GORDON MUST FEEL LIKE EVERY TIME YOU SNEAK UP ON HIM!
GORDON NEVER SCREAMS.
WOW, YOU ALL KNOW THE BATMAN?!
WE JUST CALL HIM BATMAN.
WE'RE BASICALLY ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS.
WELL, WE SURE ARE GLAD TO SEE YOU, BATMAN.
WE'VE GOT QUITE A MYSTERY ON OUR HANDS HERE.
YES, I RAN INTO BRUCE WAYNE AS HE WAS, UH, FLEEING THE HOTEL.
SEEMS HE HAS THING ABOUT OWLS.
ANYWAY, HE GOT ME UP TO SPEED ON EVERYTHING.
CLICK
THIS PAINTING IS BY ONE OF THE DUTCH MASTERS. GOLDEN AGE.
NOT A SPECK OF DUST...

WHOOSH
A SECRET ROOM!
AND NOT THE SORT YOU'D EXPECT TO FIND IN A HOTEL THAT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR A CENTURY.

I'VE LONG HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THE COURT OF OWLS, BUT I NEVER BELIEVED THEY EXISTED.
NOT HERE IN *MY* CITY.
INTERESTING...


BUT WAIT, WHERE ARE SHAGGY AND SCOOBY-DOO?
WE LOST THEM WHEN THE TALON ATTACKED. BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT *THOSE TWO...*

"...BECAUSE I'D BET MY BEST ASCOT THAT SCOOBY AND SHAGGY WILL BE FAR, FAR AWAY FROM ANY TROUBLE!"
THE COURT HAS PASSED ITS JUDGMENT...
THERE YOU ARE, MY GOOD SIR!
YOUR ROOM'S, LIKE, READY ALREADY.
ROU'RE RUGGAGE, RIR.
HE'S, LIKE, WAITING FOR A TIP.
AHEM
SORRY, SIR, BUT NO TIP, NO SPECIAL SERVICE!

RIGHT THIS WAY!

ALMOST THERE!

ROUR ROOM, RIR.

THE DELUXE SPOOK SUITE!

CRASH
TUMBLE
TUMBLE
YOW!

ENJOY YOUR STAY!
BASEMENT STAIRWELL
HEHEHEHE!
SLAM

OLD OWLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS GETTING INTO MESSING WITH SHAGGY AND SCOOBY-DOO!

BASEMENT STAIRWELL
WHEW!
YOU SAID IT, SCOOB.
THE COURT HAS JUDGED YOU...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
RAGGY...

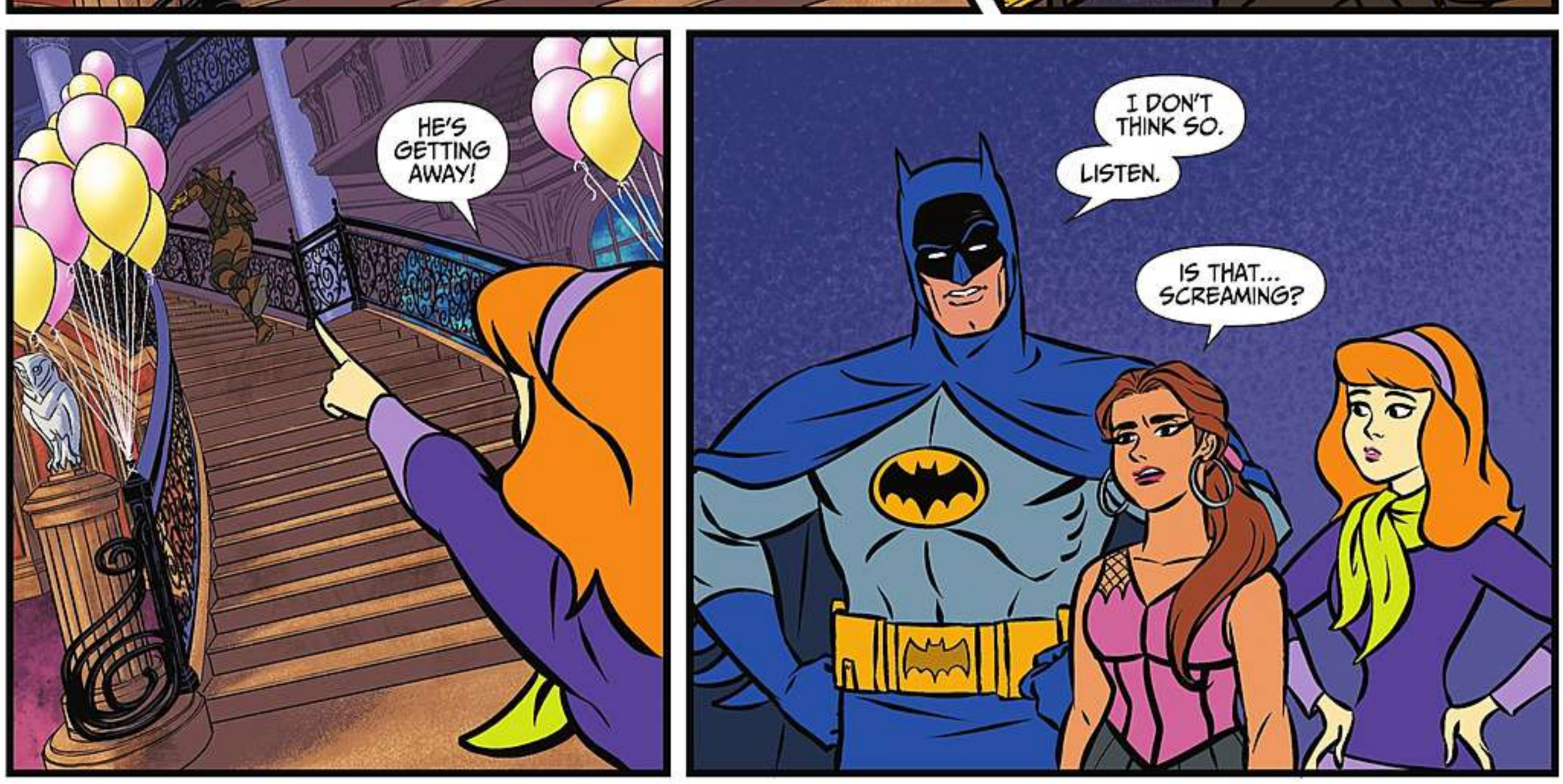
I KNOW, SCOOB. THAT SPOOK SHOULD BE LYING IN A PILE OF LUGGAGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BASEMENT STEPS!
BUT SINCE HE'S NOT...
...THIS IS FEELIN' FAMILIAR, SCOOBY!
REAH, RÉJÀ RU!

ELSEWHERE...
SURE HOPE BATMAN'S PLAN WORKS. I'VE GOT THE CREEPS.
YEAH, I LIKE IT BETTER WHEN SHAGGY AND SCOOBY ARE THE BAIT.

HERE GOES NOTHING! GOOD LUCK, BIBI!

OKAY, BIBI POWERS HERE FOR MY BIRTHDAY LIVESTREAM!
SINCE NO ONE CAME TO MY PARTY AT THE HAUNTED OWL COURT HOTEL, I'M BRINGING MY PARTY TO YOU, THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!
CLICK

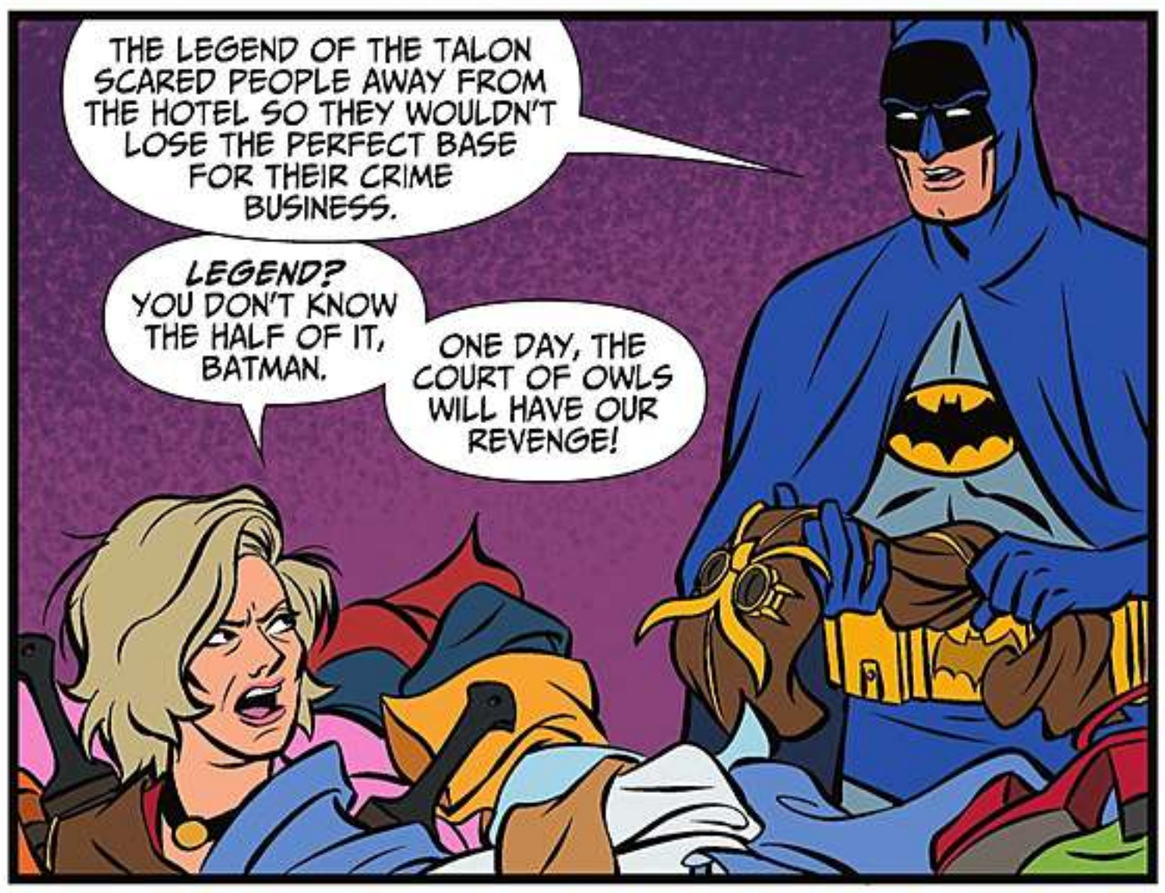
YOU REFUSED THE COURT'S COMMAND TO LEAVE THIS PLACE!
YOU HAVE BEEN JUDGED AND FOUND GUILTY!
I OBJECT!


HE'S GETTING AWAY!
I DON'T THINK SO.
LISTEN.
IS THAT... SCREAMING?

LIKE, LOOK OUT!
RUNAWAY LUGGAGE CART!
AAAAH!
CRASH
THERE ARE TWO OF THEM!
UNCLE JOSEPH!
SORRY, BIBI, BUT YOUR UNCLE'S BEEN RUNNING A CRIME RING OUT OF THIS VERY HOTEL FOR YEARS.
THEY'VE BEEN HIDING STOLEN ARTWORK AND ANTIQUES HERE IN PLAIN SIGHT.
UNCLE JOSEPH? BUT HE CAN BARELY GET AROUND.
THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS EVERYONE TO THINK. BUT WHEN I TRIED TO HELP HIM TO HIS SEAT EARLIER, I FELT HIS ARM.
MUSCLES LIKE A WEIGHTLIFTER! THAT WHOLE OLD AND FEEBLE ROUTINE WAS JUST AN ACT.

I GOTTA ADMIT, I WASN'T EXPECTING TWO OF THEM.
I WAS, VELMA-- THE TALON COSTUME IN THE SECRET ROOM WAS FITTED WITH PLATFORM SHOES TO MAKE THE WEARER SEEM TALLER.
OH, I GET IT!

"WHILE JOSEPH DISTRACTED US WITH HIS GHOST STORY, MARIAH MUST'VE SNUCK OFF TO CHANGE INTO THE TALON.
"IT TAKES TWO OF THEM TO SEEM LIKE THE TALON CAN BE ANYWHERE."


THE LEGEND OF THE TALON SCARED PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE HOTEL SO THEY WOULDN'T LOSE THE PERFECT BASE FOR THEIR CRIME BUSINESS.
LEGEND? YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT, BATMAN.
ONE DAY, THE COURT OF OWLS WILL HAVE OUR REVENGE!

MAYBE. BUT FIRST THE COURT OF OWLS IS GOING TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF A COURT OF LAW.

OOOH! MY HEAD!
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED?
REAH, OOOH.

YOU TWO WERE HEROES WHO TOOK DOWN THE COURT OF OWLS! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

I'M SO SORRY, BIBI.
YEAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. MY OWN AUNT AND UNCLE.
I KNOW I CAN'T HELP WITH MARIAH AND JOSEPH, BUT I KNOW SOMETHING THAT MIGHT CHEER YOU UP...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BiBi!!!
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, BIBI?
BEST BAT-DANCE PARTY EVER?
YOU BET IT IS!
SCOOBY-DOOBY-DOO!
THE END

One hour after fleeing from some bullies…Andy's lost in the Gotham City sewers.

SPLASH

ENJOY A SPECIAL SNEAK PEEK AT MY

BUDDY, KILLER CROC

BY SARA FARIZAN AND NICOLETTA BALDARI!

Get.
Out.

Waylon Jones! The best wrestler of all time!

You were so great against the Behemoth! And when you did the Lily Pad Flip! That was a classic!
Sorry, where are my manners! My name's Andy and I met you in Florida. My dad, Mike, brought me to see you.
I'm your biggest fan.
Those days are over, kid.

How's your old man doing, kid?
He's okay. He's, um—he's away for a while. I'm staying with my aunt for now.

Yeah. I've been away for a while, too.
Trying to keep that from happening again by hiding down here.
So keep it quiet. Understand?

Yeah. I understand.

My aunt raised me, too.

Really? That's so cool we have that in common.

Your aunt give you a hard time, too?
No. She's nice. I mean, I don't think she knows what she's doing in the guardian department, but she's cool.

My aunt used to drink a lot. Called me "lizard boy." Your aunt give you that scar?
No. I had an accident making myself mac and cheese when I was little. Boiling water and eight-year-olds don't mix.

My aunt gave me some scars. That's why I asked.

Still hurts, huh?
The Bat really went at me up there.

He needs a hobby!

You said it. You're my kind of people, Andy.

Since we're friends, I was wondering if you could bring me some more stuff? Until I get my bearings.
Absolutely!

You're a real pal, son. A real pal.
READ THE REST OF THE STORY IN THE
MY BUDDY, KILLER CROC
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BEING THE NEW KID IS TOUGH.
IN GOTHAM CITY, IT'S KILLER.

MY BUDDY KILLER CROC

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