

Gotham—
THEN-ISH.

HI, MOM.
YOU KNOW WHAT
TOMORROW IS?

MY
BIRTHDAY.
I'LL BE
NINE.

TAMMY AND DAVE
SAID YOU WOULDN'T CARE,
BECAUSE IF YOU DID, I
WOULDN'T HAVE THEM AS
FOSTER PARENTS. BUT I
KNOW YOU HAD TO LEAVE.
YOU HAD IMPORTANT
THINGS TO DO.

I JUST WISH
YOU'D COME HOME
NOW. YOU'RE GONNA
MISS MY BIRTHDAY...
AGAIN.

thump
thump
thump

GOTTA
GO. I'M UP
PAST BEDTIME.
GOODNIGHT.

OF COURSE
IT'S YOU. ALWAYS
THINKING YOU
CAN BREAK THE
RULES.

I JUST
WANTED
TO--

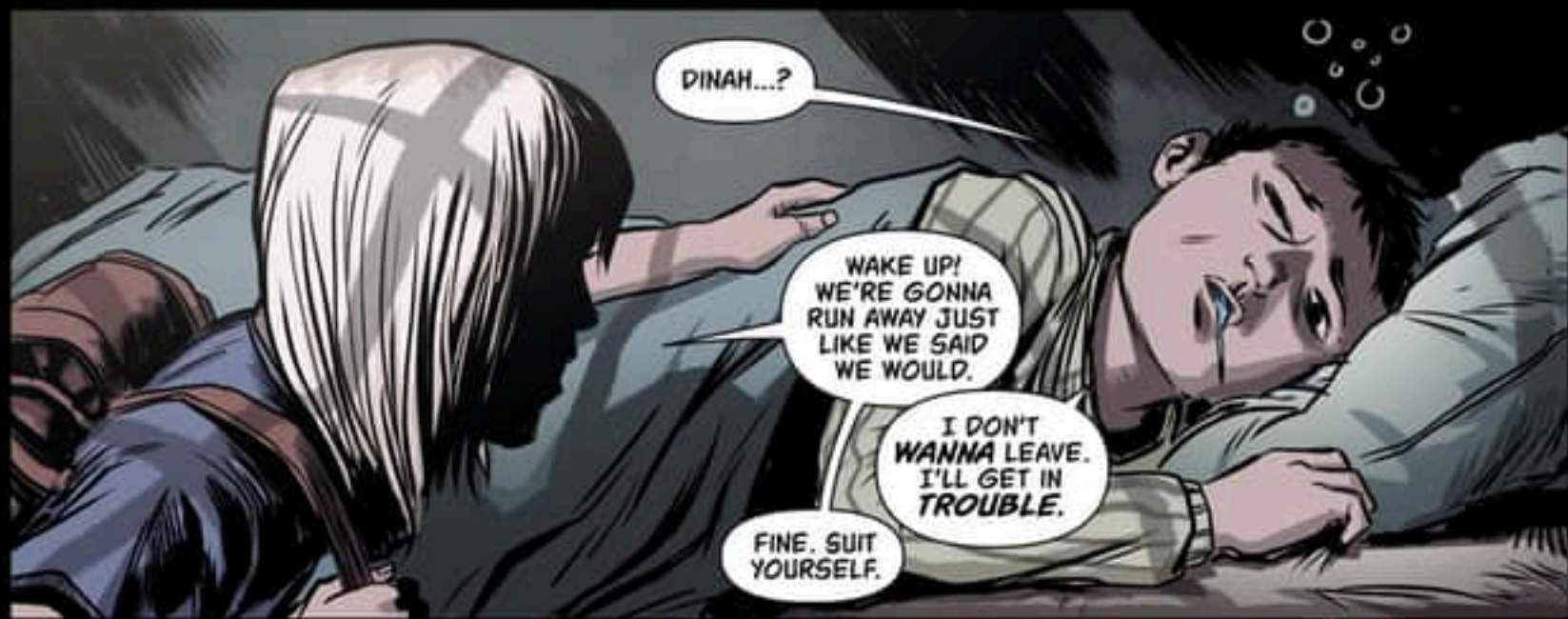
TO WHAT?
TALK TO YOUR
MOM? I'M NOT
STUPID, I HEARD
YOU.

YOUR MOM WAS
JUST A **LOSER** WHO
GOT KNOCKED UP BY
SOME DEADBEAT AND
DUMPED YOU TO FLOAT
AROUND IN THE FOSTER
SYSTEM.

THAT'S NOT
TRUE! MY MOM HAD
TO GO ON A **SECRET
MISSION** AND WHEN
SHE'S DONE, SHE'LL
COME BACK FOR ME
AND **KICK YOUR
ASS!**

I'D
LIKE TO SEE
HER TRY!

GET TO
BED, YOU
WEIRDO.



DINAH...?

WAKE UP!
WE'RE GONNA
RUN AWAY JUST
LIKE WE SAID
WE WOULD.

I DON'T
WANNA LEAVE.
I'LL GET IN
TROUBLE.

FINE. SUIT
YOURSELF.



DON'T TELL
DAVE YOU SAW
ME LEAVE OR
HE'LL BE
MAD.

DAVE ONLY GETS
MAD WHEN YOU ACT
OUT. JUST BEHAVE.
YOU DON'T NEED
TO LEAVE.

YES. I
DO.



WHY?

BECAUSE
I'LL KILL
DAVE IF I
STAY.

WHO IS ORACLE?

ALL YOUR LIFE

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Gotham Watchtower—

NOW-ISH.

THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, FRANKIE.

ARE YOU KIDDING, BABS? A CHANCE TO HELP REPAIR AND DECRYPT THE MOST CORRUPTED FILE I'VE EVER SEEN? ANYTIME.

LATER!

GOTHAM GAZZETTE ONLINE
GCPD DENIES MOB WAR
Mysterious "Fenice" Family
Linked to Murder of Gino Falcone

THE FALCONE FAMILY HAS LOST THREE OF THEIR HIGHEST-RANKING MEN. FENICE IS **SERIOUS** ABOUT WIPING OUT THE COMPETITION.

WHAT KINDA NAME IS "FENICE" ANYWAY?

FOR STARTERS, DINAH, IT'S ITALIAN FOR "PHOENIX."

WE'RE UP AGAINST A BIRD? ODDLY FITTING.

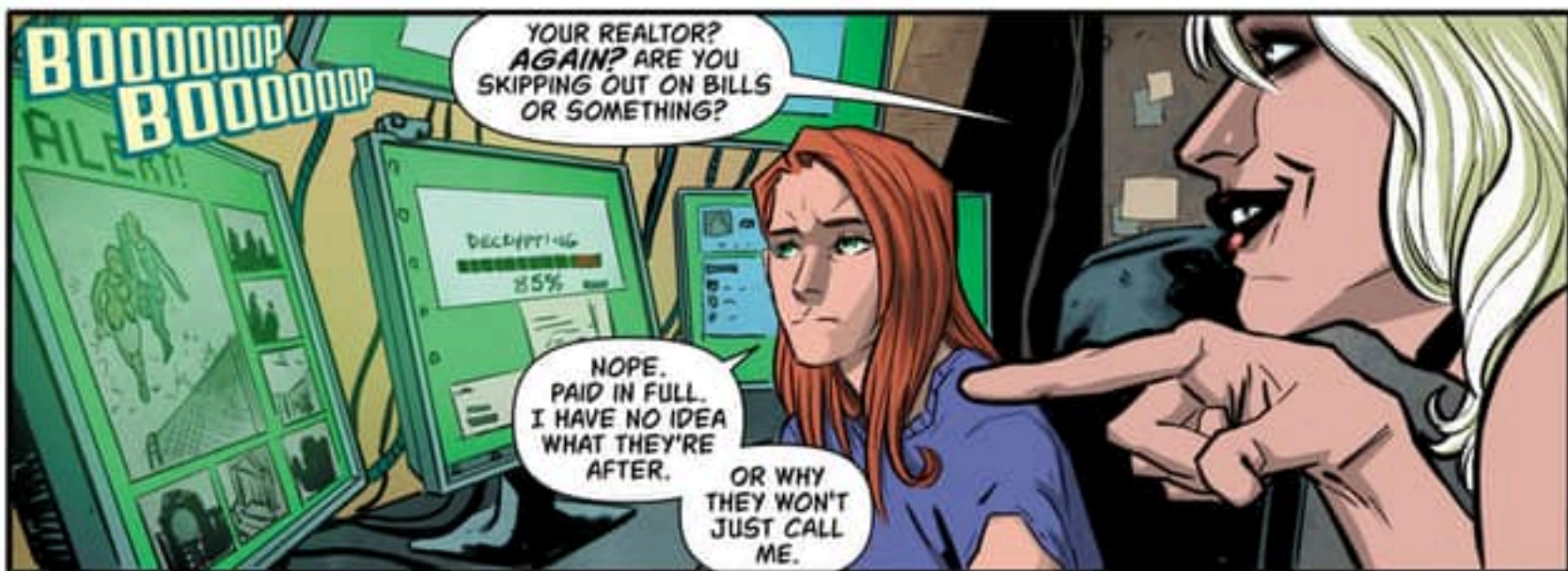
HUNTRESS, WHY NOT TAKE OFF YOUR MASK AND RELAX?

WHO SAYS I'M **NOT** RELAXED?

FINE.

THERE.

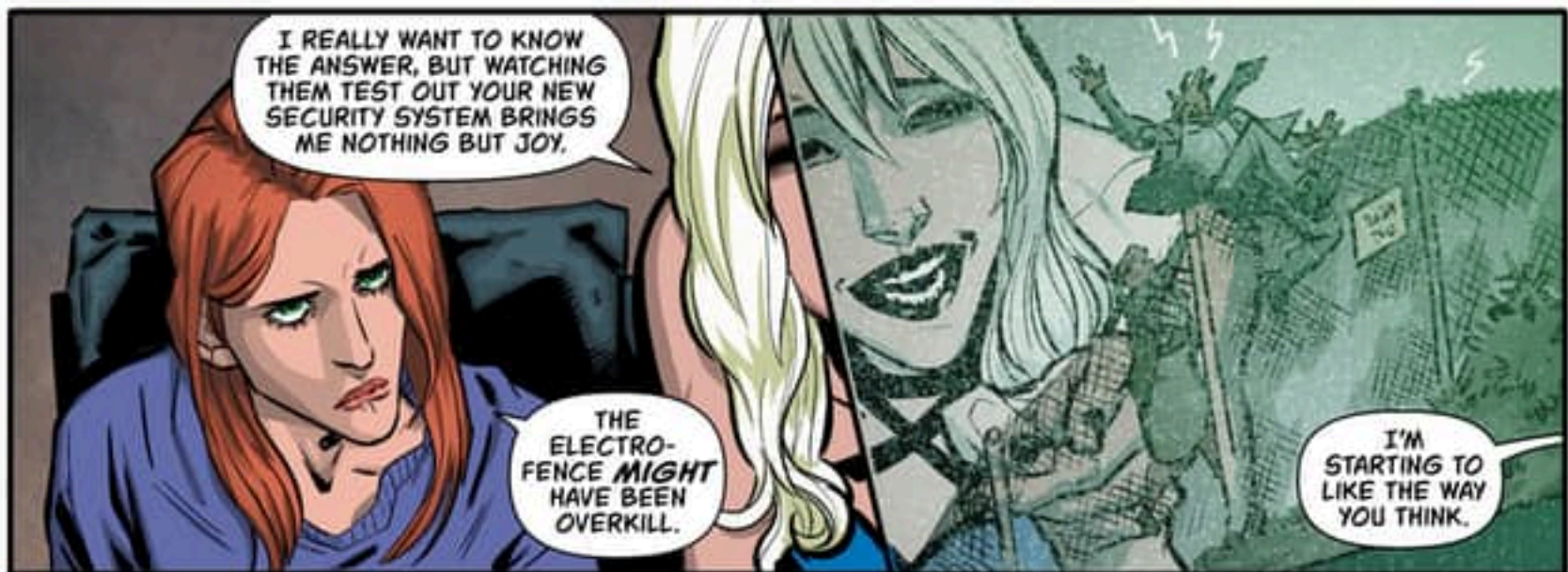
I'M RELAXED.



YOUR REALTOR?
AGAIN? ARE YOU
SKIPPING OUT ON BILLS
OR SOMETHING?

NOPE.
PAID IN FULL.
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT THEY'RE
AFTER.

OR WHY
THEY WON'T
JUST CALL
ME.



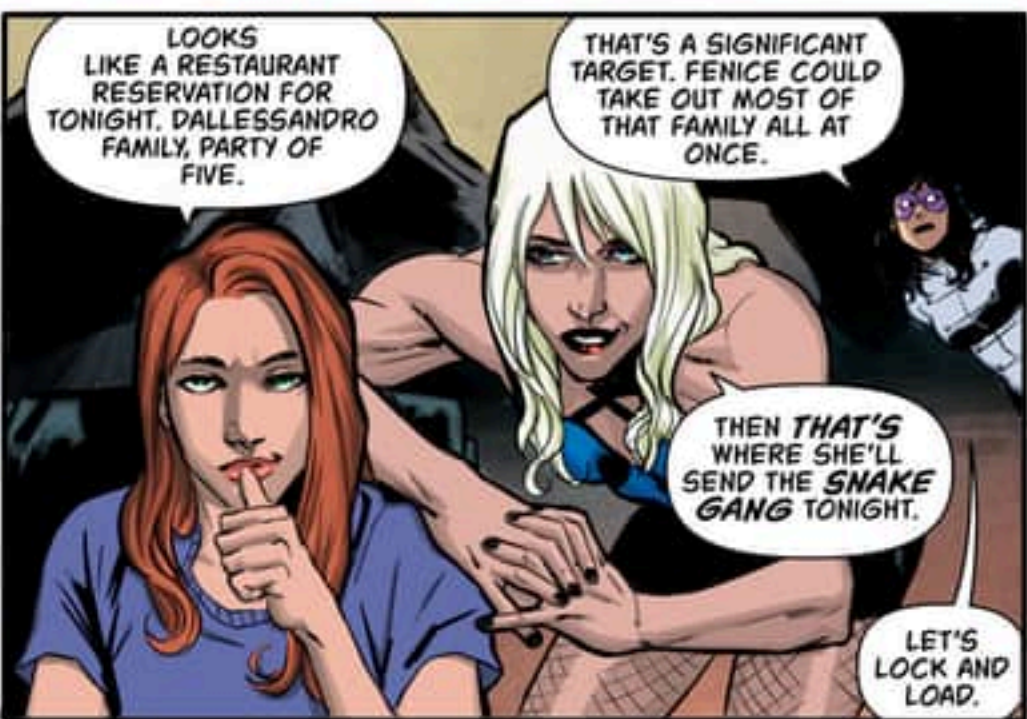
I REALLY WANT TO KNOW
THE ANSWER, BUT WATCHING
THEM TEST OUT YOUR NEW
SECURITY SYSTEM BRINGS
ME NOTHING BUT JOY.

THE
ELECTRO-
FENCE *MIGHT*
HAVE BEEN
OVERKILL.

I'M
STARTING TO
LIKE THE WAY
YOU THINK.



FILE'S
DECRYPTED!
LET'S SEE WHAT
ORACLE WAS
SELLING
FENICE.



LOOKS
LIKE A RESTAURANT
RESERVATION FOR
TONIGHT. DALLESSANDRO
FAMILY, PARTY OF
FIVE.

THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT
TARGET. FENICE COULD
TAKE OUT MOST OF
THAT FAMILY ALL AT
ONCE.

THEN *THAT'S*
WHERE SHE'LL
SEND THE *SNAKE*
GANG TONIGHT.

LET'S
LOCK AND
LOAD.



OR, WE AVOID THE
SNAKES AND **WARN**
THE FAMILY SO THEY
CAN LEAVE THE
RESTAURANT.

AND HOW
DOES THAT
GET US TO
ORACLE?

IT *DOESN'T*.
BUT IT SAVES
A DOZEN
LIVES.

THAT DON'T
DESERVE
SAVING.

TRUST ME, I
WANT TO FIND ORACLE
MORE THAN ANYBODY.
WE'LL FIND A WAY.