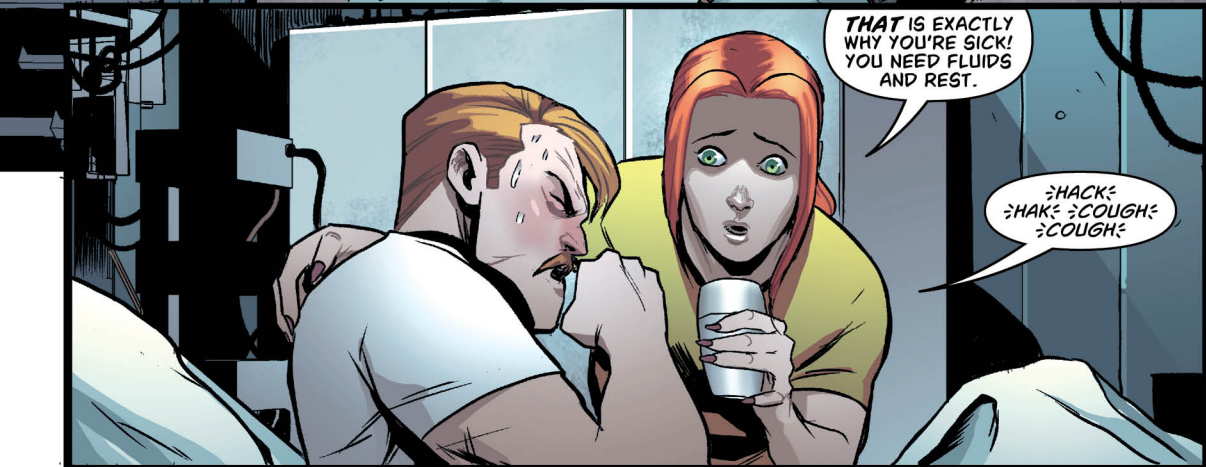




IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, DAD. YOU'VE BEEN BURNING YOUR CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS LATELY AND SHOULD HAVE TAKEN A VACATION.

I HAVEN'T TAKEN A VACA--
:COUGH: :COUGH:
--TION SINCE YOU WERE BORN.



THAT IS EXACTLY WHY YOU'RE SICK! YOU NEED FLUIDS AND REST.

:HACK:
:HAK: :COUGH:
:COUGH:



EXCUSE ME, BUT THE DOCTOR WAS GOING TO GO OVER DAD'S BLOOD WORK WITH US. DO YOU KNOW WHEN HE'LL BE BACK?

DR. BOYD'S BEEN PULLED AWAY TO LOOK AT THE CHIEF OF POLICE. I'LL CHECK.



DAMN IT, MAC WAS SUPPOSED TO BE :COUGH: COVERING FOR ME.

SEE?! THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO TO WORK SICK. YOU INFECT EVERYONE!

KNOCK, KNOCK...! DID I MISS VISITING HOURS?



LOIS LANE?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WELL, I HAPPENED TO BE IN GOTHAM WORKING ON A STORY FOR THE DAILY PLANET AND HEARD THAT COMMISSIONER "PERFECT ATTENDANCE" GORDON ACTUALLY TOOK A SICK DAY.

THOUGHT I'D DROP BY AND SEE FOR MYSELF.



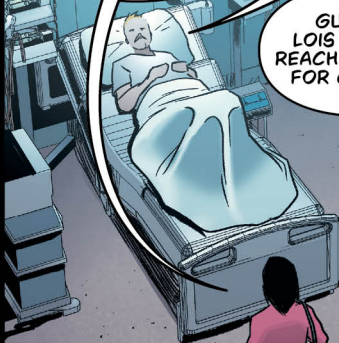
I MAY BE SICK, BUT I'M NOT STUPID.

LOIS LANE DOESN'T MAKE SOCIAL :COUGH: CALLS.

LISTEN, THIS FLU BUG NOT ONLY TOOK **YOU** OUT BUT THE MAYOR AND MOST OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TOO. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD ENOUGH LEAD FOR A **GREAT** STORY.

DAMN. THE MAYOR, TOO?

I'M GUESSING LOIS COULDN'T REACH THE MAYOR FOR COMMENT, SO...



...SHE'S HERE TO INTERVIEW YOU, DAD.



I JUST NEED A COUPLE QUOTES.

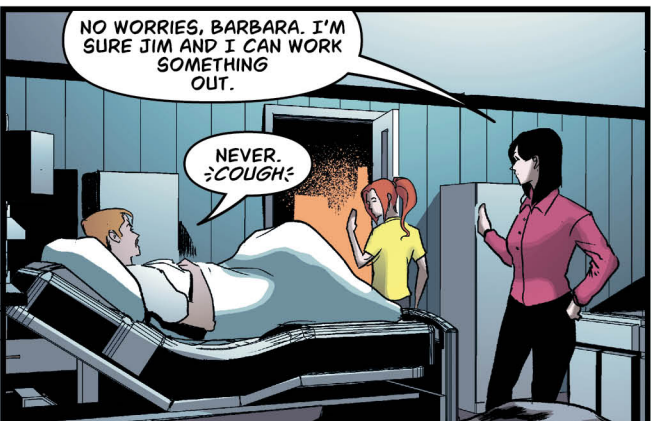
NO :COUGH COUGH: COMMENT. QUOTE ME ON THAT.

UH-OH...



SORRY I CAN'T BE MORE HELP, BUT I'VE GOTTA RUN OUT FOR A BIT.

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO ME. YOU HEARD LOIS, I'M PROBABLY CONTAGIOUS.



NO WORRIES, BARBARA. I'M SURE JIM AND I CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT.

NEVER. :COUGH:



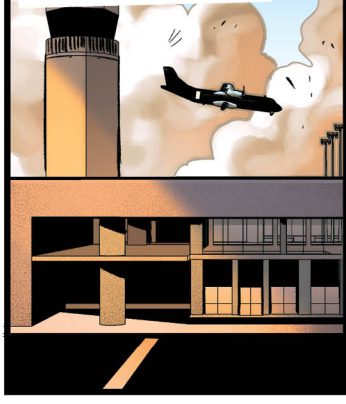
JELL-O?

I'D RATHER GIVE YOU AN INTERVIEW THAN EAT ANYTHING THAT WIGGLES.

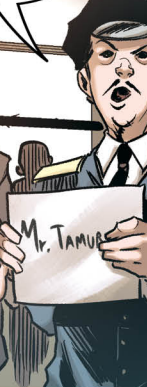


DEAL.

GOTHAM CITY AIRPORT.



THIS SEATTLE FLIGHT'S ALWAYS LATE. THEY BLAME THE RAIN.



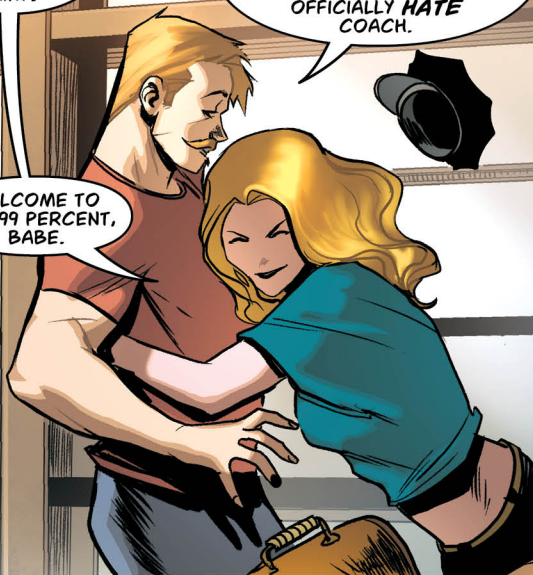
MY GUY BETTER TIP ME WELL FOR WAITING, IF HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM.



OLLIE! HOW WAS YOUR FLIGHT, BESIDES RAINY?

WELL, THERE WAS A KID KICKING THE BACK OF MY MIDDLE SEAT THE WHOLE WAY AND I DIDN'T EVEN GET A SNACK. I OFFICIALLY HATE COACH.

WELCOME TO THE 99 PERCENT, BABE.

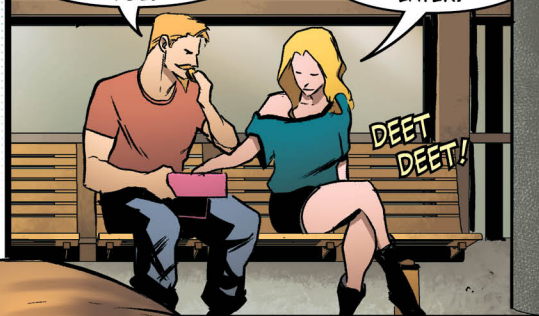


I KNEW YOU'D BE GRUMPY, SO I GOT YOU SURPRISE AIRPORT CINNA-BUN-BUNS!



YOU WEALLY KNOW HOW TO SHOW A GUY A GEWD TIME. I WUV YOU.

I KNOW. WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT I HAVE PLANNED FOR LATER.



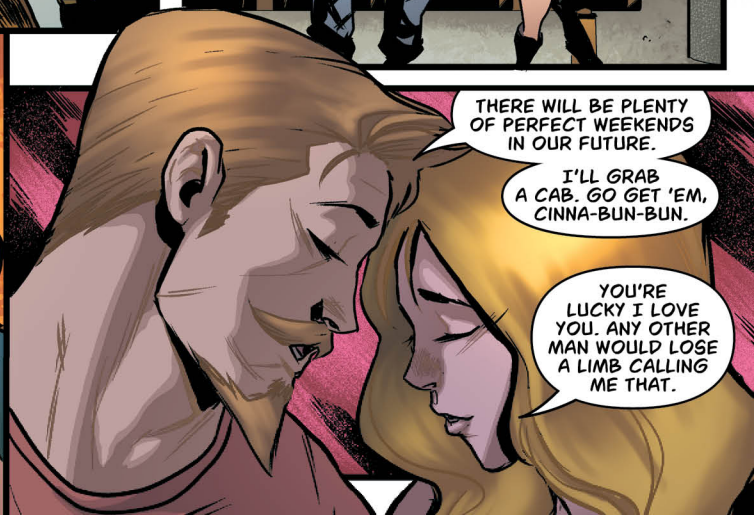
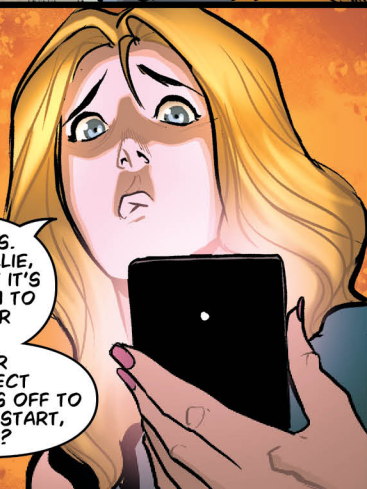
DEET DEET!

THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF PERFECT WEEKENDS IN OUR FUTURE.

I'LL GRAB A CAB. GO GET 'EM, CINNA-BUN-BUN.

IT'S BABS. SORRY, OLLIE, LOOKS LIKE IT'S YOUR TURN TO WAIT FOR ME.

OUR PERFECT WEEKEND IS OFF TO A GREAT START, HUH?



YOU'RE LUCKY I LOVE YOU. ANY OTHER MAN WOULD LOSE A LIMB CALLING ME THAT.

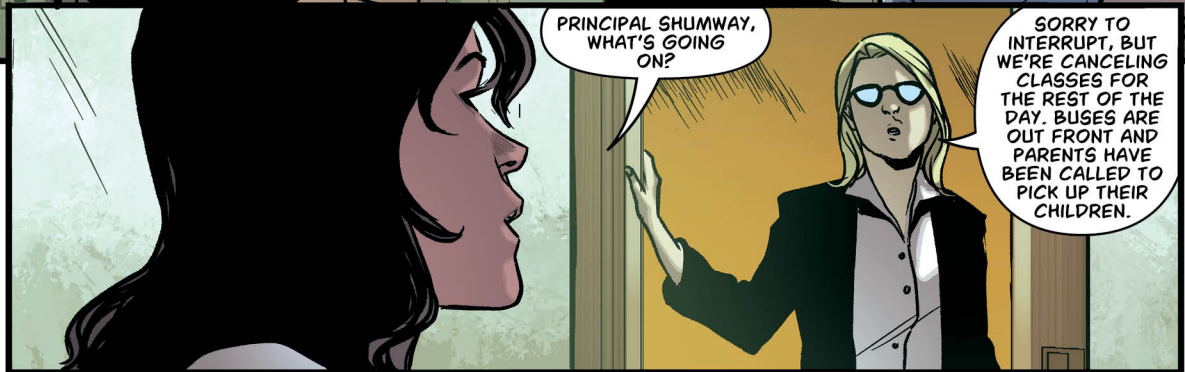


WHERE IS EVERYONE?

MY BROTHER STAYED HOME SICK, BUT I THINK HE'S FAKING IT.

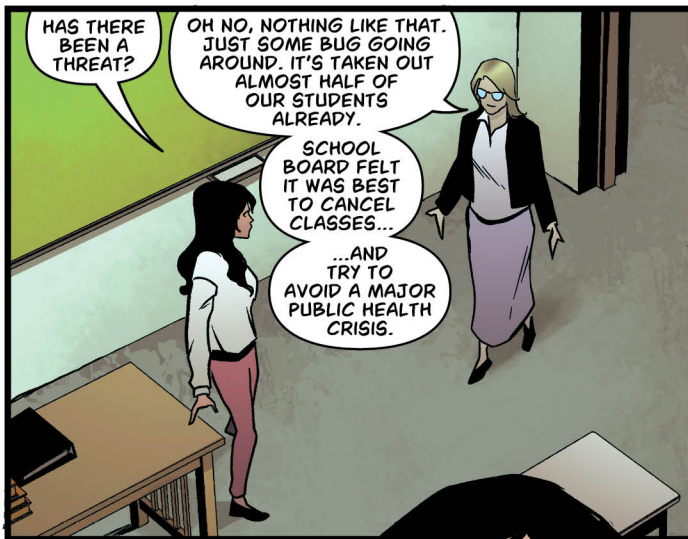
AVOIDING YOUR HISTORY TEST?

MS. BERTINELLI?



PRINCIPAL SHUMWAY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WE'RE CANCELING CLASSES FOR THE REST OF THE DAY. BUSES ARE OUT FRONT AND PARENTS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN.

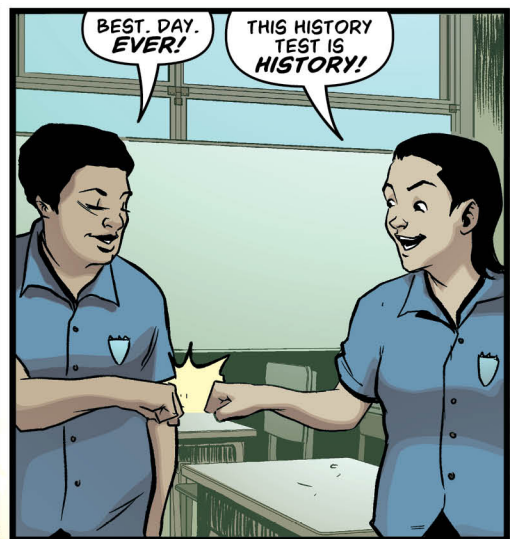


HAS THERE BEEN A THREAT?

OH NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT. JUST SOME BUG GOING AROUND. IT'S TAKEN OUT ALMOST HALF OF OUR STUDENTS ALREADY.

SCHOOL BOARD FELT IT WAS BEST TO CANCEL CLASSES...

...AND TRY TO AVOID A MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

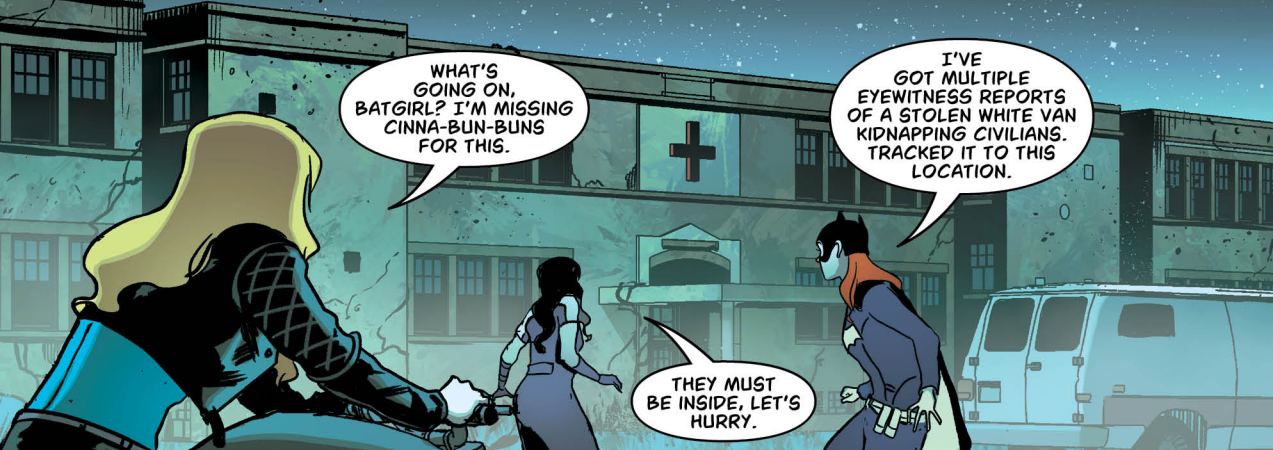


BEST. DAY. EVER!

THIS HISTORY TEST IS HISTORY!



I'M GLAD **SOMEBODY** HAS THE DAY OFF. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M STILL ON THE CLOCK...



WHAT'S GOING ON, BATGIRL? I'M MISSING CINNA-BUN-BUNS FOR THIS.

I'VE GOT MULTIPLE EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF A STOLEN WHITE VAN KIDNAPPING CIVILIANS. TRACKED IT TO THIS LOCATION.

THEY MUST BE INSIDE, LET'S HURRY.



UHH, WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL WOULD WANT TO HIDE IN HERE WITH THE RATS?



THE KIND THAT LIKES A PIG STY.



DON'T SCREAM, LITTLE ONE. PAIN IS THE BEGINNING OF PERFECTION.

AHHHH!



MY OTHER DOLLOTRONS ARE SICK AND WEAK, BUT YOU...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG, BUT...



...YOU'LL ALL BE PERFECT!!

SHHHH...



HANDS OFF, YOU PIG!

WHEENK!



CANARY, GET THE GIRL!

UNGHH!



DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE SAFE NOW.



PROFESSOR PYG USED TO WORK FOR SPYRAL. HE'S GOT TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE.

NICE TRY, PYG, BUT YOU'RE NOT FOOLING US. GET UP!

COUGH COUGH



I DIDN'T THINK I HIT HIM THAT HARD.

I THINK HE'S SICK.

WHADDYA KNOW, EVEN BAD GUYS AREN'T IMMUNE TO THE FLU.

HACK WHEENK



PLEASE. WHEENK TAKE ME TO A HOSPITAL. A REAL ONE. HACK COUGH

I'M SURE THE PRISON MEDIC WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE A LOOK AT YOU.



I'M STARTING TO THINK THIS IS BIGGER THAN JUST A NORMAL FLU SEASON.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE DEALING WITH?

LET'S FIND OUT BEFORE EVERYONE IN GOTHAM GETS SICK!