

"I WAS NOT REBORN  
IN THE LAZARUS PIT.

"I WAS  
**TRANSFORMED**  
BY IT.

"ITS WATERS  
AND MY BLOOD...  
MADE **ONE**.

"THIS WAS THE  
**GIFT OF THE**  
**DEMON.**



"I AM A SON OF  
HIS **VISION**. HE HAS  
COME TO RESCUE  
THIS WORLD.

"HE IS A  
**MESSIAH**.



"THEY CALL US  
**METAHUMANS**,  
BUT WE ARE **NOT**  
HUMAN AT ALL. WE  
ARE **MORE**.

"I WAS BORN  
WITH THE POWER  
TO TAKE FROM  
THOSE LIKE US."



"RA'S AL GHUL GAVE ME  
THE POWER TO **CHANGE**  
US. **EVOLVE** US.



AND I HAVE  
EVOLVED YOU, DUKE  
THOMAS.

I HAVE  
TOLD YOU. I  
AM NOT YOUR  
ENEMY.



YOU'RE LOST.  
WEARING THAT RICH MAN'S  
CLOWN SUIT.

YELLOW  
FOR A *COWARD*? IT  
DOESN'T MATTER. YOU ARE  
*CHANGED* NOW, AND BATMAN  
HAS ALREADY LOST  
*EVERYTHING*.

"THE  
SIGNAL."

YOU HAVE  
BEFRIENDED THE  
LIGHT. NOW YOU ARE  
A BROTHER TO  
THE *DARK*.

THE DEMON  
HAS A PLACE FOR  
YOU. BY HIS SIDE. ON  
YOUR KNEES. THIS PAIN  
YOU FEEL WILL  
SOON FADE.

AND IN ITS  
PLACE, YOU WILL HAVE  
*PURPOSE*.

RA'S AL  
GHUL WILL SAVE  
THE WORLD.

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# CALL ME ISHMAEL

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SO, I'M  
YOUR PRISONER  
NOW?

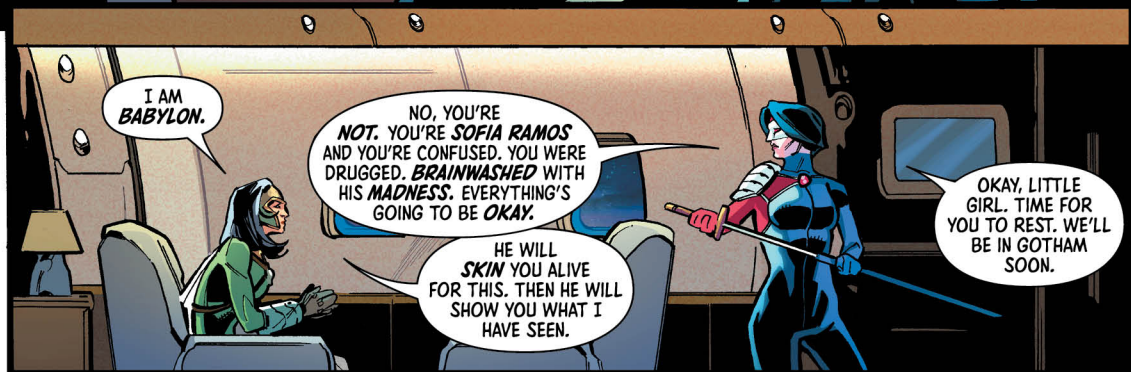


RA'S AL  
GHUL NEVER  
PUT ME IN  
SHACKLES.

NONE THAT  
YOU COULD SEE,  
SOFIA.

I WANT  
**NOTHING** MORE  
THAN TO SET YOU FREE,  
BUT YOU WERE CLOSE  
TO **HIM**. WE CANNOT  
TRUST YOU.

BUT YOU  
**CAN** TRUST BATMAN,  
SOFIA.



I AM  
**BABYLON**.

NO, YOU'RE  
**NOT**. YOU'RE **SOFIA RAMOS**  
AND YOU'RE CONFUSED. YOU WERE  
DRUGGED. **BRAINWASHED** WITH  
HIS **MADNESS**. EVERYTHING'S  
GOING TO BE **OKAY**.

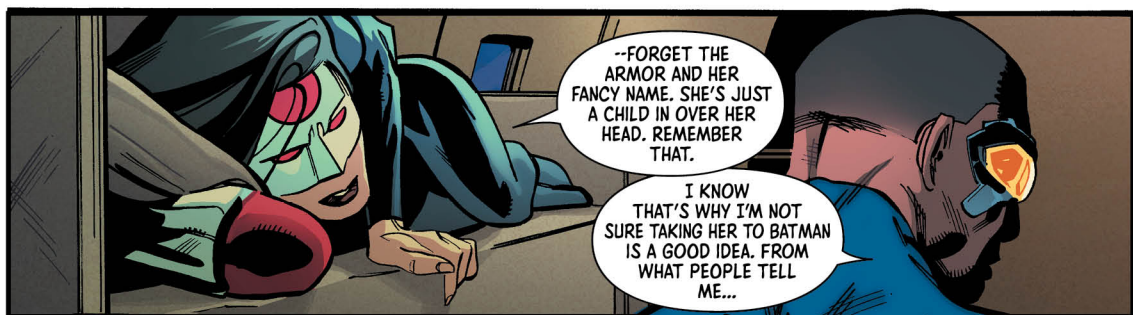
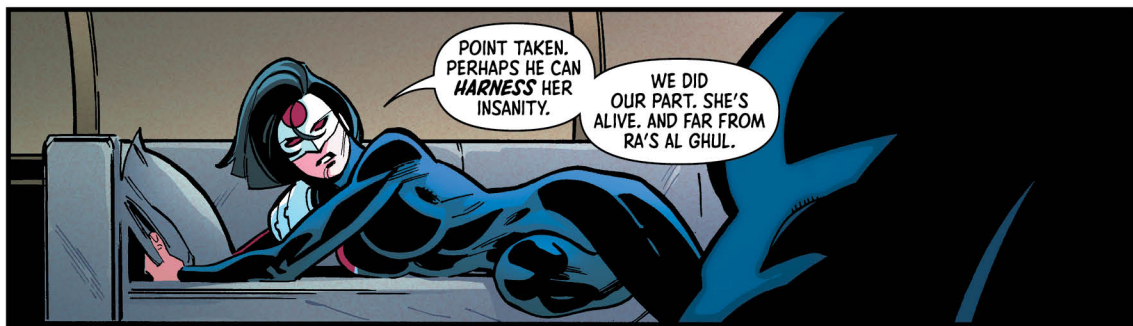
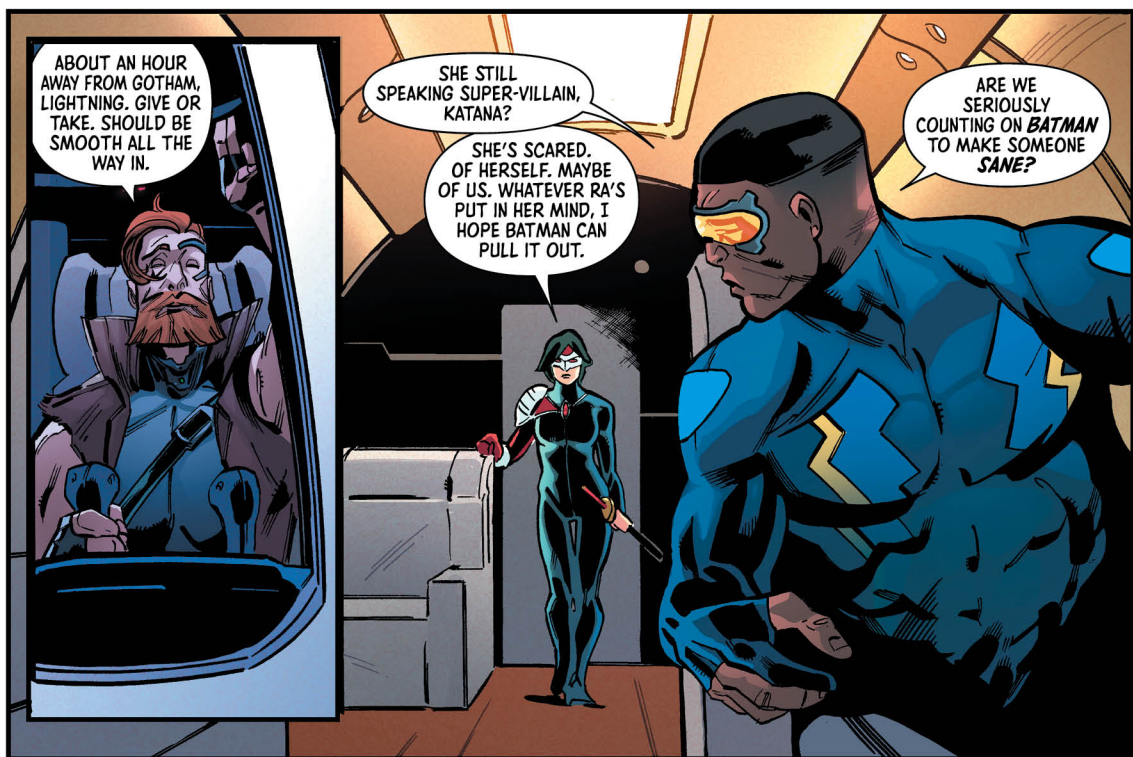
HE WILL  
**SKIN** YOU ALIVE  
FOR THIS. THEN HE WILL  
SHOW YOU WHAT I  
HAVE SEEN.

OKAY, LITTLE  
GIRL. TIME FOR  
YOU TO REST. WE'LL  
BE IN GOTHAM  
SOON.



TRY TO  
SLEEP. YOU'LL HAVE  
PLENTY OF TIME TO SAY  
**INSANE** THINGS AFTER  
WE LAND.







"...HE GETS  
KIDS KILLED."

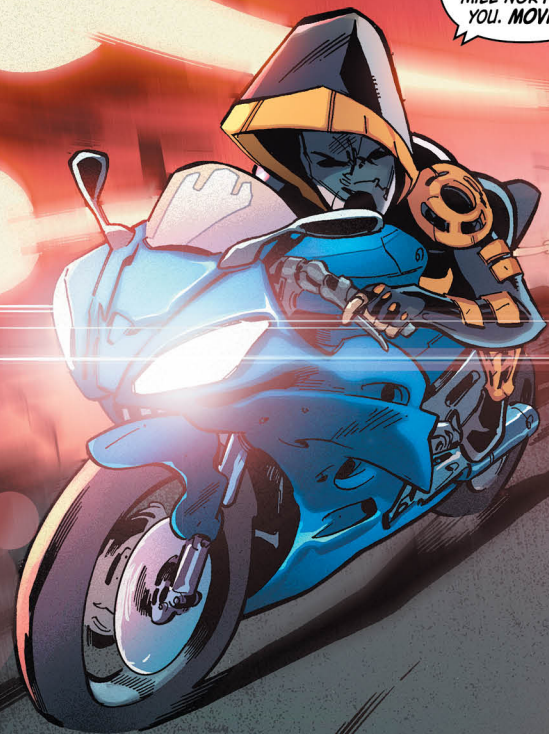
BATMAN...  
NEED...  
LOCATION!

I'VE GOT  
DUKE'S HOMING  
BEACON A HALF  
MILE NORTH OF  
YOU. MOVING.

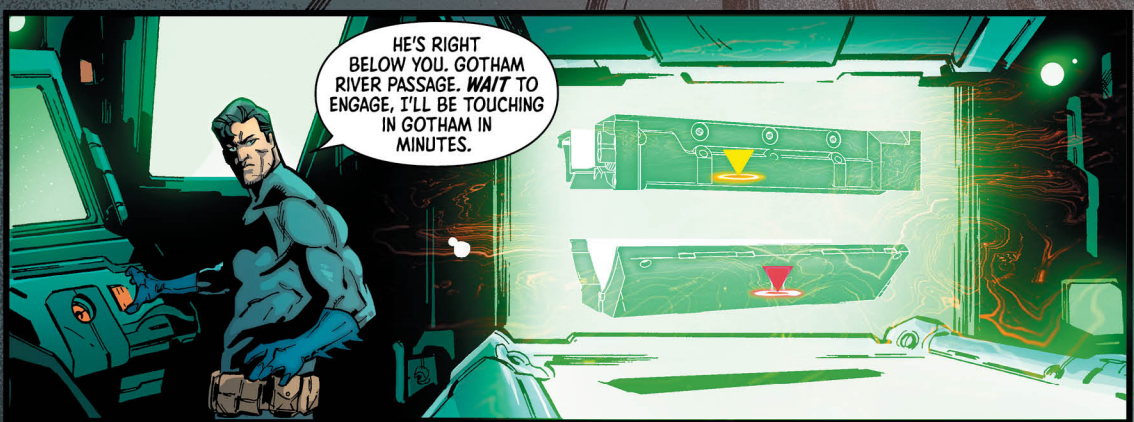
BASED ON THE  
INTERFERENCE HE'S  
INSIDE A VEHICLE. LOOK  
FOR SOMETHIN GOING  
TOO FAST.

HIS VITALS  
ARE ERRATIC.  
BLOOD PRESSURE  
TOO HIGH. HIS HEART  
RATE IS ELEVATED.  
GET THERE AS FAST  
AS YOU CAN.

WAIT--



HE'S RIGHT  
BELOW YOU. GOTHAM  
RIVER PASSAGE. WAIT TO  
ENGAGE, I'LL BE TOUCHING  
IN GOTHAM IN  
MINUTES.



ORPHAN.  
ACKNOWLEDGE.

