



THIS IS WHAT I THINK:

YOU START OUT ALL BRAVE AND BALLSY AND YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE HECK YOU'RE DOING, BUT YOU GO FULL THROTTLE, AND SOMEHOW IT WORKS.

THEN YOU START TO GET A CLUE. YOU MEET THE COMPETITION, AND SHE'S BETTER THAN YOU.



STRONGER. FASTER. SHARPER. THREE MOVES AHEAD NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY.

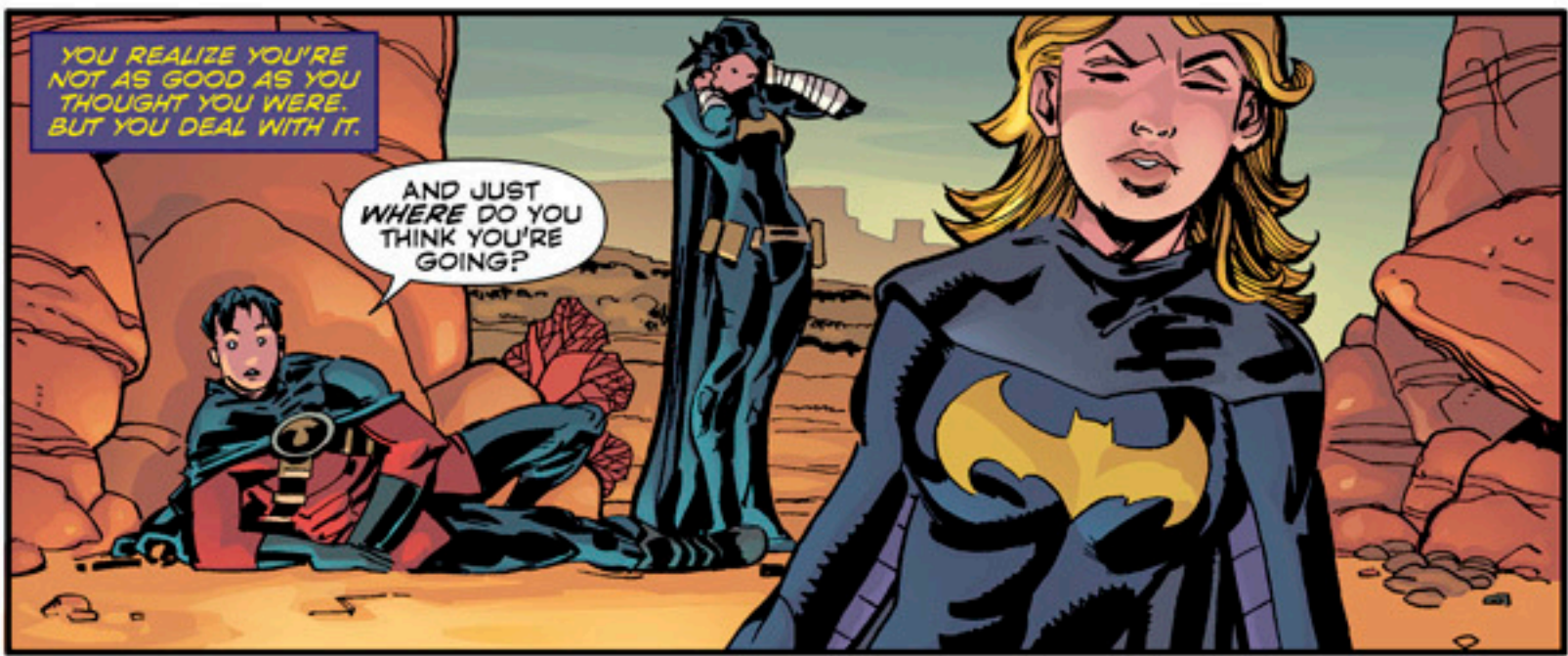


CASSANDRA. CAN YOU TAKE OVER SENTRY DUTY FOR ME?

IS IT TIME? HAS AN OPPONENT ARRIVED?



NO. NOT YET. I JUST HAVE TO GO.



YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE, BUT YOU DEAL WITH IT.

AND JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?



BEHIND A BUSH, IF I CAN FIND ONE.

OH.



WHERE DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING?

TO HIDE UNDER A ROCK SOMEWHERE? NOT REALLY A CHOICE.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE, OR HOW TO GET BACK TO GOTHAM.



AND EVEN IF I COULD GET BACK, WHAT'S THE POINT? IF I DON'T FIGHT, MY OPPONENT WINS, AND GOTHAM LOSES.

OF COURSE, MY OPPONENT WILL PROBABLY WIN EVEN IF I DO FIGHT.



IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE I LAST PUT ON MY BATGIRL SUIT. I'M OUT OF PRACTICE.

STEPH, WAIT! I DIDN'T MEAN...

JUST FORGET IT.



WHY ARE YOU ANGRY WITH HER?

I'M NOT ANGRY AT HER, CASS. I'M ANGRY AT THE SITUATION.



I MEAN WHY HER, CASS? WHY WAS SHE CHOSEN TO BE ONE OF GOTHAM'S CHAMPIONS?

SHE'S TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGE.

WHY WEREN'T YOU CHOSEN? OR ME?



BECAUSE SHE IS NOT PREDICTABLE?

IF ONLY THE ZIPPER WASN'T SO HARD TO FIND IN THIS THING...

I WONDER IF THIS EVER HAPPENS TO BATMAN, OR IF HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF SPECIAL BAT-GADGET ON HIS UTILITY BELT.

HE TRAINED ME TO DEAL WITH DEADLY ACID FLOWERS, HIGH-CALIBER UMBRELLAS AND URBAN HYENA ATTACKS, BUT WE NEVER COVERED PRE-BATTLE BATHROOM PROTOCOL.

HOWZIT GOING, CUPCAKE?

GAH!

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CATCH YOU AT A BAD TIME?



