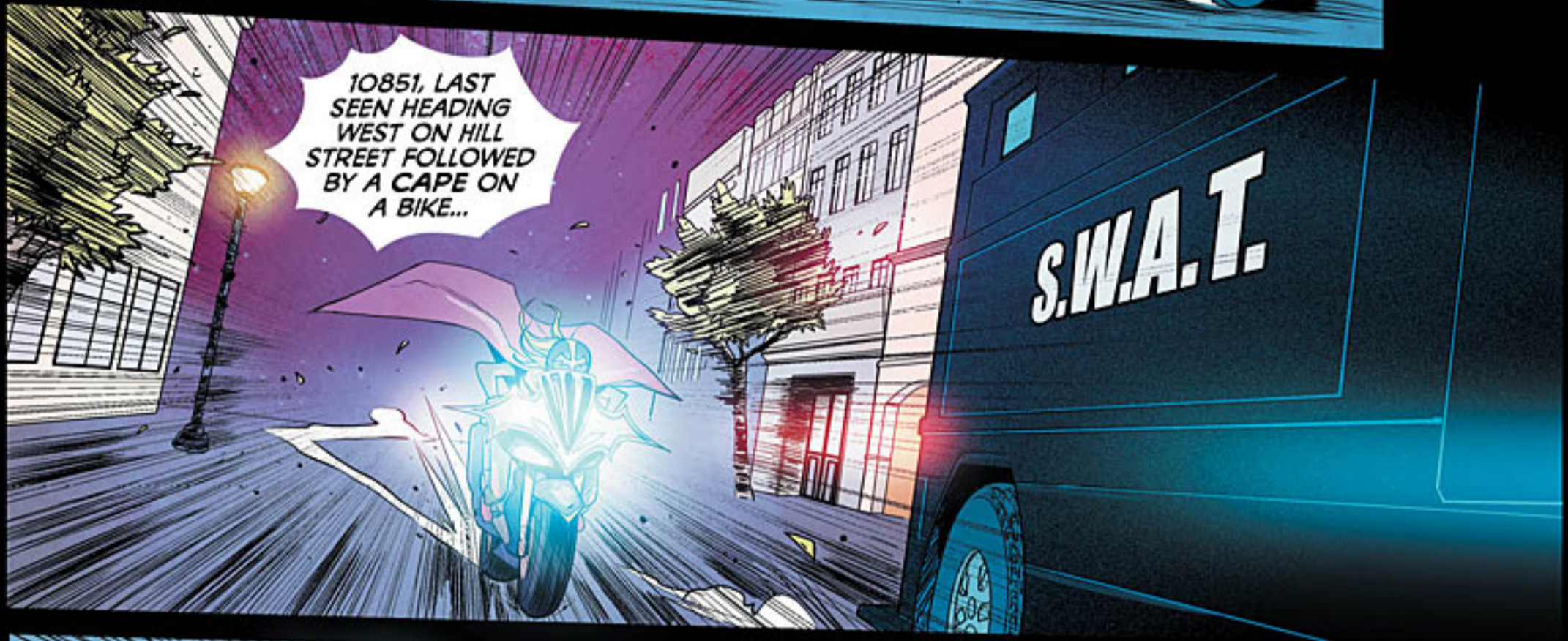




REPEAT, 11-41
OFFICER DOWN, OFFICER
DOWN! THEY TOOK OUT
JONESY AND STOLE OUR RIDE.
APB, SWAT VEHICLE CARRYING
HEAVY. REPEAT, STOLEN VEHICLE
IS STOCKED FULL OF
WEAPONS.

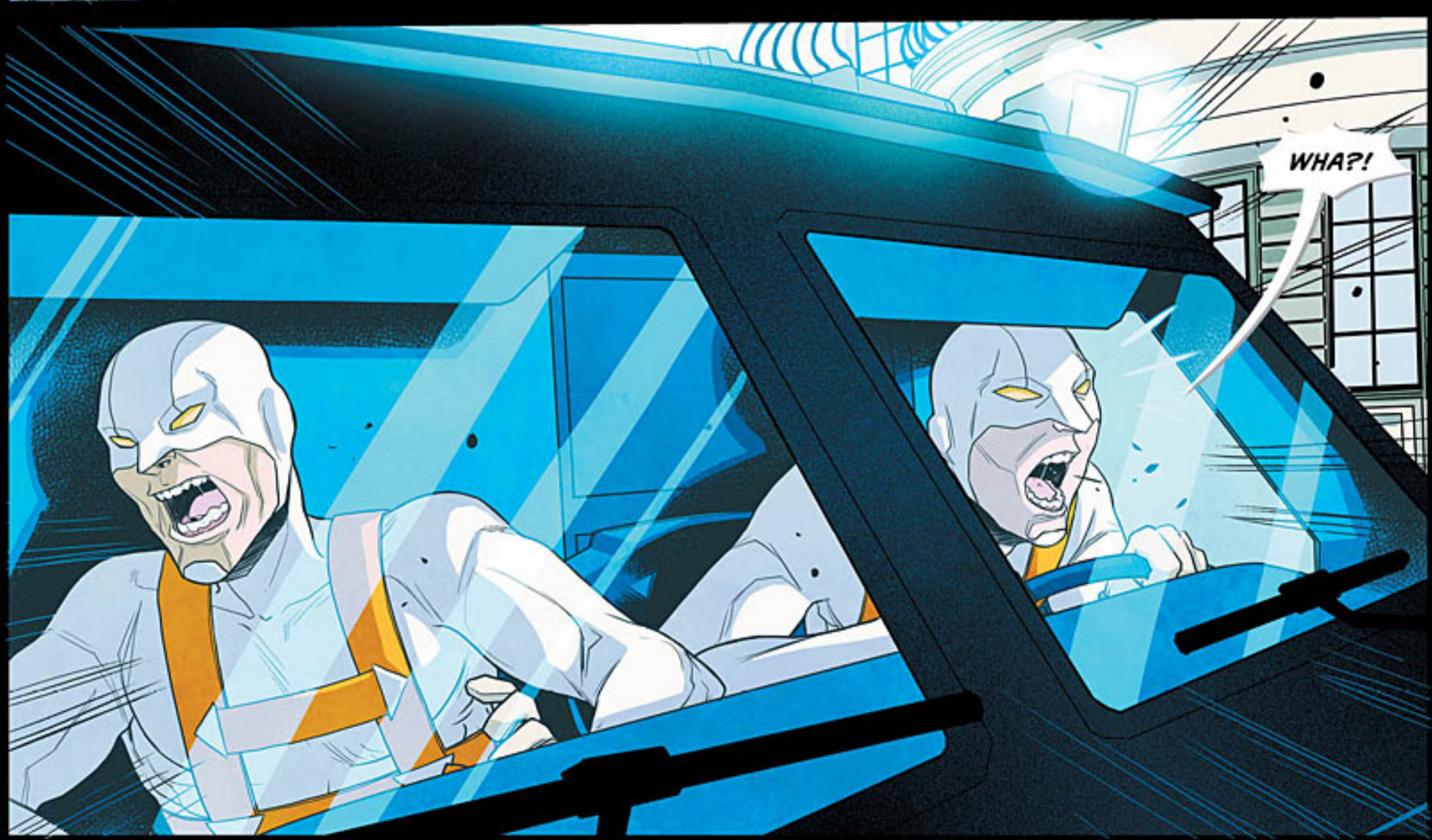


10851, LAST
SEEN HEADING
WEST ON HILL
STREET FOLLOWED
BY A CAPE ON
A BIKE...



YES, I'M *SURE*
IT WAS BATGIRL! SHE
WAS WEARING A *CAPE*.
COMING UP FAST
BEHIND US ON A
MOTORCYCLE.

THERE'S
NOTHING BEHIND
US. CALL THE
CELL OFFICER
AND--



WHA?!

THE GLADIUS OFFENSIVE PART 1

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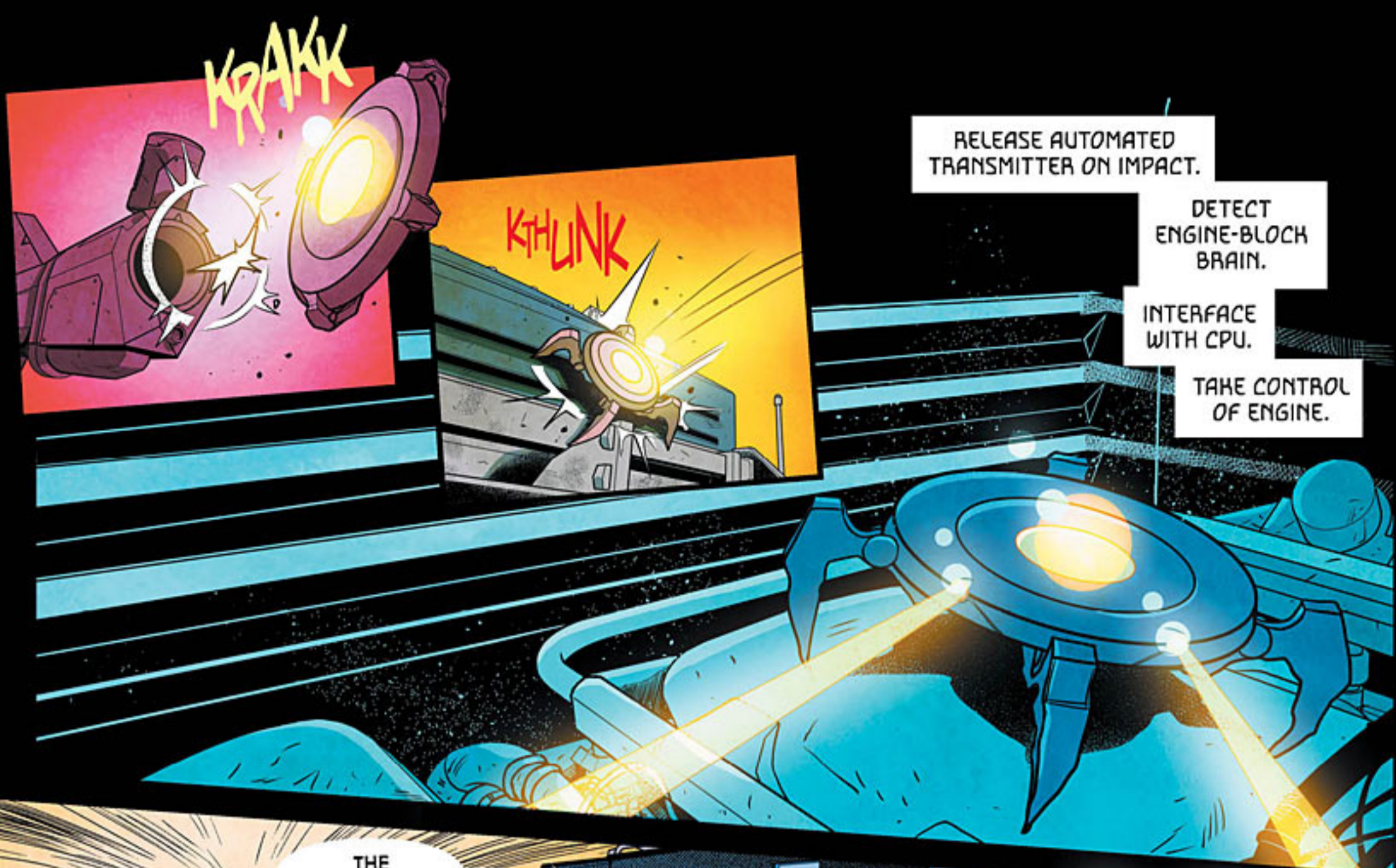
BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE WITH BILL FINGER



I DIDN'T
TRAIN TO HANDLE
THIS KIND OF
HARDWARE,
OPERATOR!



DON'T WORRY, GIRL,
YOU JUST POINT THAT
THING IN THE GENERAL
DIRECTION OF THE BAD
GUYS AND I'LL HANDLE
THE REST.



RELEASE AUTOMATED TRANSMITTER ON IMPACT.

DETECT ENGINE-BLOCK BRAIN.

INTERFACE WITH CPU.

TAKE CONTROL OF ENGINE.



THE WHEEL'S NOT RESPONDING!

PICKING UP OUTSIDE SIGNAL FROM THE ENGINE BLOCK. THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN HACKED!



PREPARE TO EXECUTE PROTOCOL 514, IN CASE OF CAPTURE--



--WAIT. WHERE'D SHE GO?



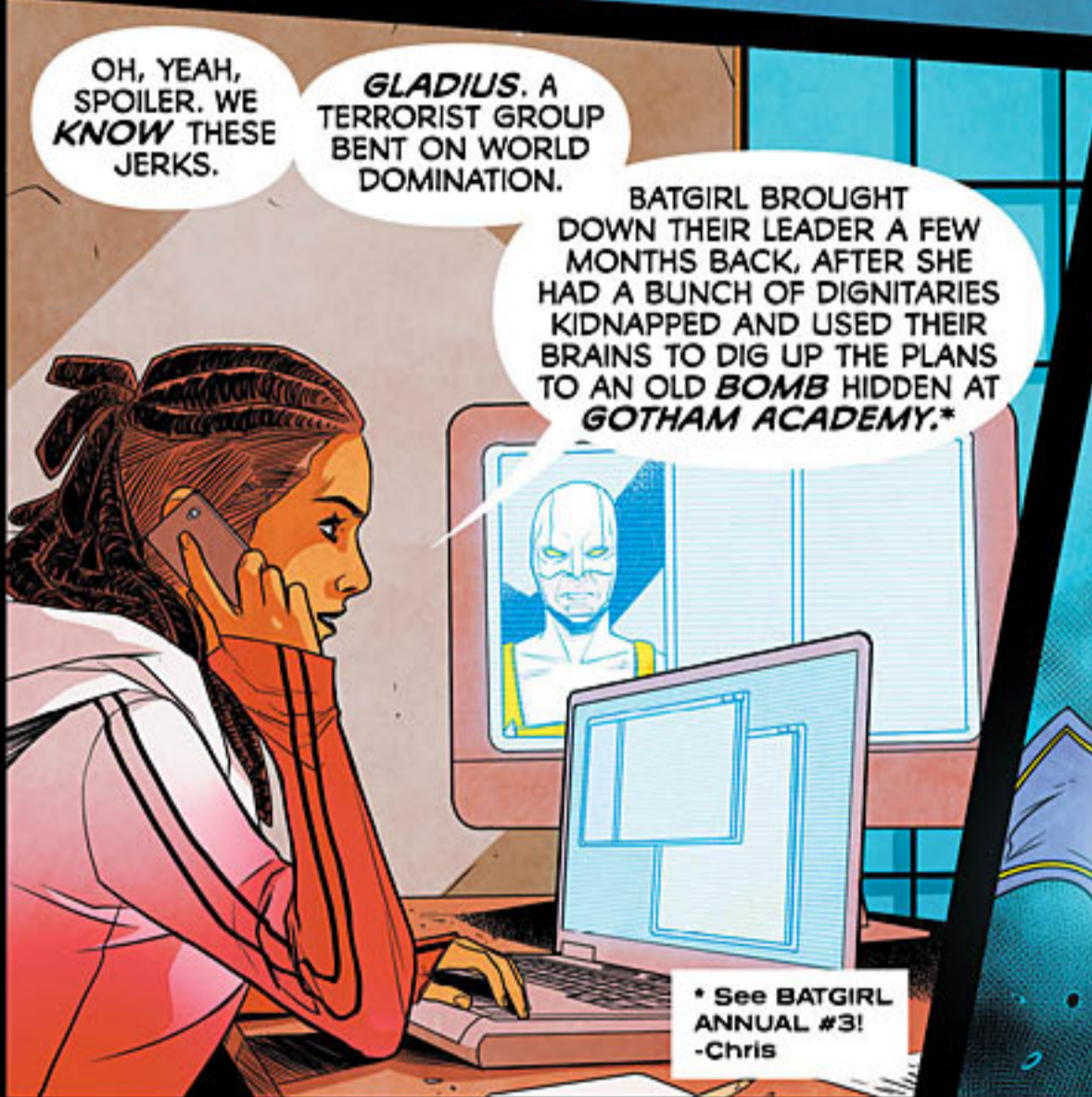
DON'T WORRY, FELLAS. I'M STILL HERE!



"I DON'T LEAVE A VILLAIN PARTY 'TIL I 'SPOIL' IT!"

...THEY WERE SOOOOOO NICE TO ME, OPERATOR, ALLOWING ME TO PRACTICE MY *JUDO THROWS* ON THEM LIKE THAT.

DID YOU GET THOSE PARTY PICS I SENT YOU? I LIKE THE ONE WHERE I'M POSING WITH BOTH OF THEM.

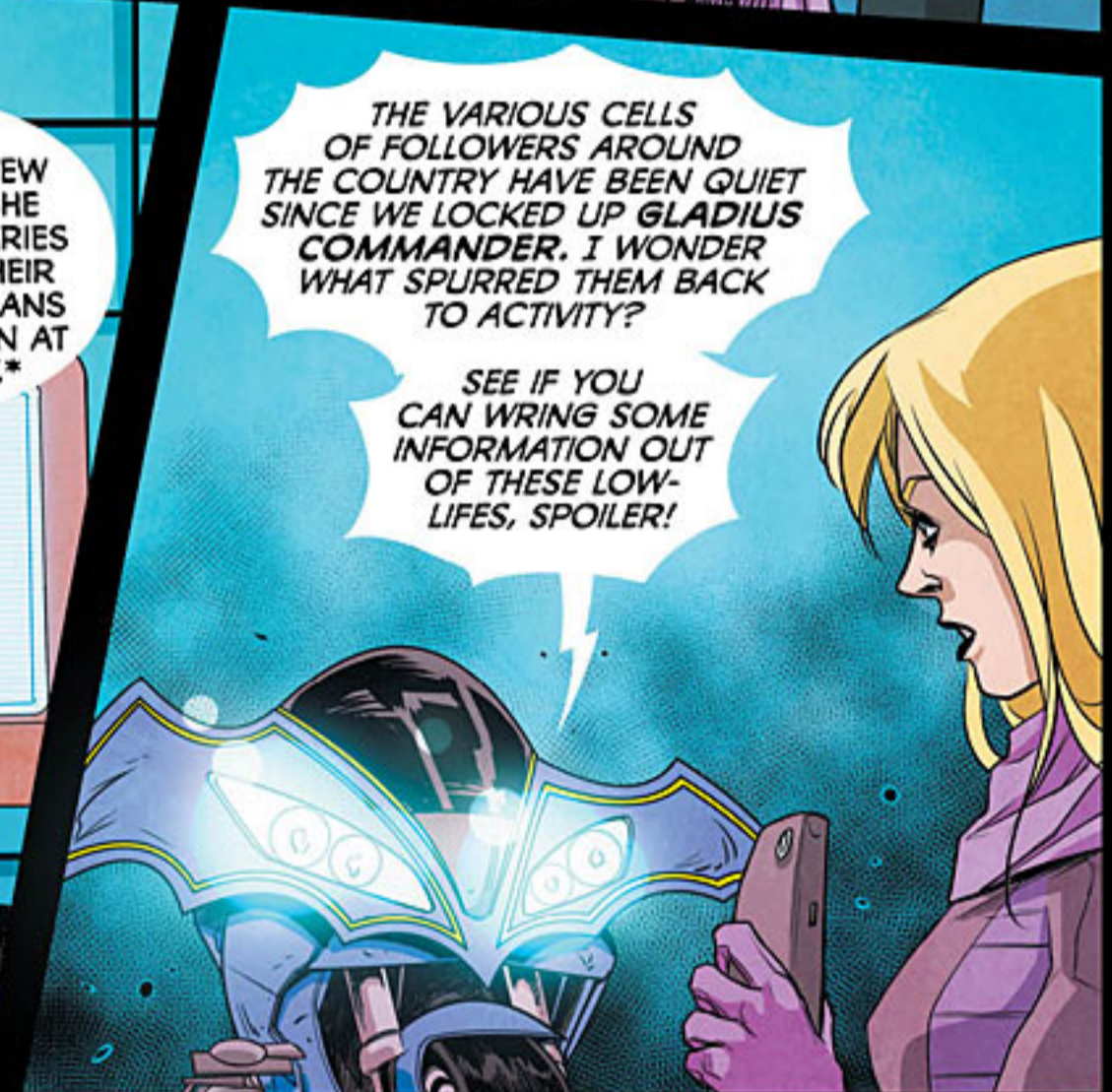


OH, YEAH, SPOILER. WE *KNOW* THESE JERKS.

GLADIUS. A TERRORIST GROUP BENT ON WORLD DOMINATION.

BATGIRL BROUGHT DOWN THEIR LEADER A FEW MONTHS BACK, AFTER SHE HAD A BUNCH OF DIGNITARIES KIDNAPPED AND USED THEIR BRAINS TO DIG UP THE PLANS TO AN OLD *BOMB* HIDDEN AT *GOTHAM ACADEMY*.*

* See *BATGIRL ANNUAL #3!*
-Chris



THE VARIOUS CELLS OF FOLLOWERS AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN QUIET SINCE WE LOCKED UP *GLADIUS COMMANDER*. I WONDER WHAT SPURRED THEM BACK TO ACTIVITY?

SEE IF YOU CAN WRING SOME INFORMATION OUT OF THESE LOW-LIFES, SPOILER!



HEY, JERKBALL, I'M ONLY GONNA ASK THIS ONCE: WHY DID YOU GUYS STEAL THIS--

FOR MY COMMANDER, I DIE BY THE SWORD!

BITE



CRUNCH



UHHHHH... WHAT'S MY NAME?

WHERE AM I?

OPERATOR, I DON'T THINK WE'RE GETTING ANYTHING OUT OF THESE GUYS. WHAT'S NEXT? I'M ALMOST OUTTA GEAR.

BLUEBIRD IS STILL PATROLLING THE EAST SIDE. I NEED TO KEEP YOU OUT WEST FOR A FEW MORE HOURS UNTIL BATGIRL IS FREE.



"I'LL SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND OUR *GEAR GURU*."



ONE NEW GRAPPLE GUN, SIX SMART-PUTTIES, A SMALL CASE OF SMOKE PELLETS. THAT SHOULD GET YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT.

CAN I CALL YOU IF I NEED MORE? I MEAN, DO I ALWAYS NEED TO GO THROUGH OPERATOR IF I NEED A RESTOCK?

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO CALL ME. I AM A MYSTERY. I REMAIN IN THE SHADOWS. MY NAME IS KNOWN ONLY TO--



BLEEP BLEEP

UHHHHH...



HEH. OKAY, THIS IS AWKWARD.

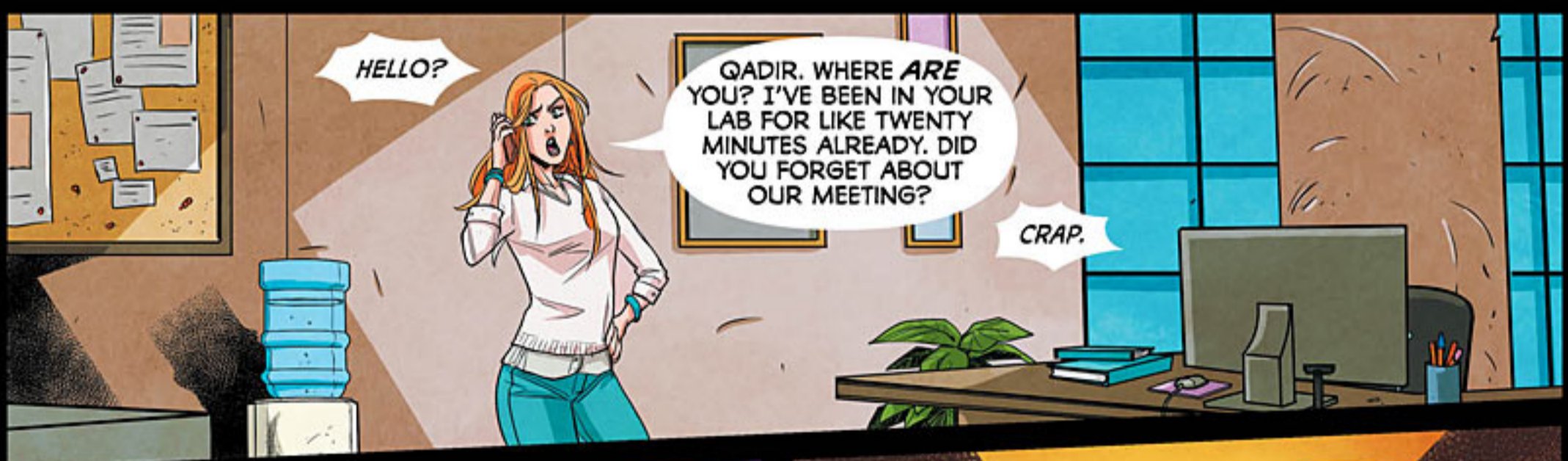


OH HELLOOOOO, CUTE GADGET GUY! WHAT'S YOUR NAME!

HAHA! HI, UM, SPOILER. I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU BUT I'M--

BLEEP BLEEP

UH, HOLD ON A SEC.



HELLO?

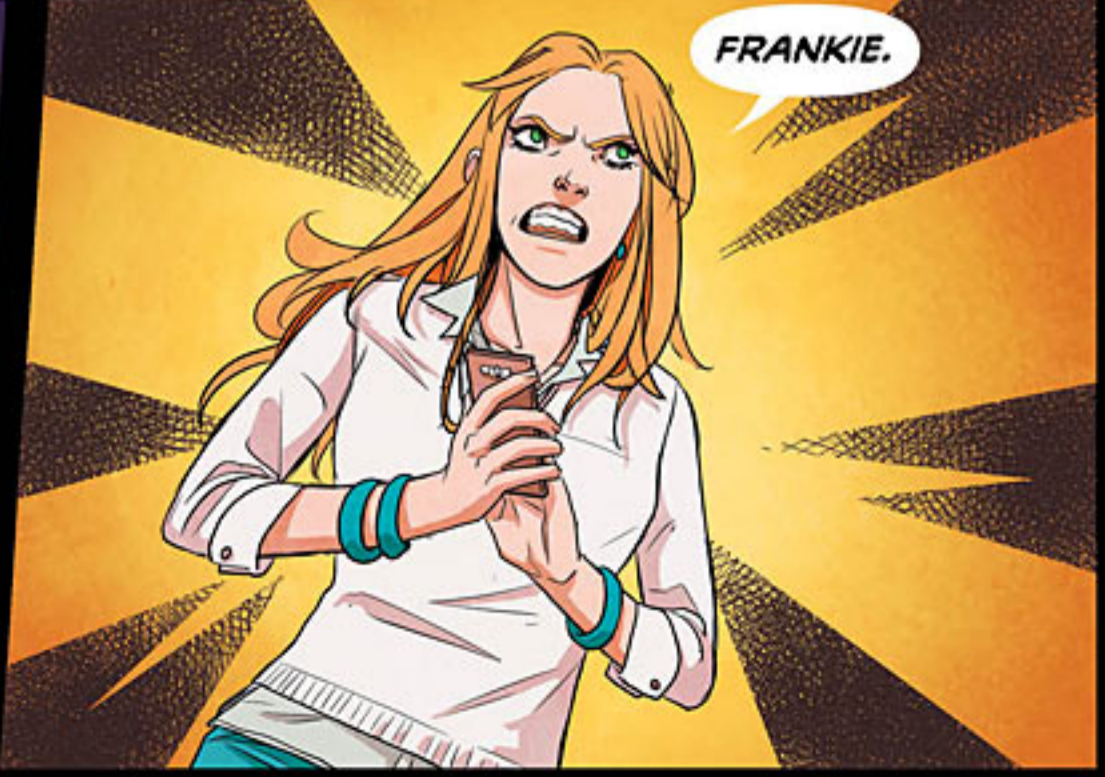
QADIR. WHERE ARE YOU? I'VE BEEN IN YOUR LAB FOR LIKE TWENTY MINUTES ALREADY. DID YOU FORGET ABOUT OUR MEETING?

CRAP.



OH MAN, I'M REALLY SORRY. I HAD TO, UH, RUN AN ERRAND FOR A FRIEND.

BUT YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHO I JUST MET! ONE OF THE BATGIRL CREW! SHE'S CALLED SPOILER!



FRANKIE.