

A dynamic comic book illustration of Nightwing riding a motorcycle through a city at night. The scene is viewed from a low angle, looking up at the rider. The motorcycle's headlight is glowing brightly, illuminating the surrounding area. In the background, tall city buildings are visible against a dark sky with a full moon. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greys, and the warm orange of the headlight.

TURN LEFT,
NIGHTWING.

WHO'RE YOU
AGAIN? YOU'RE
NO "ORACLE"
I KNOW.

PUT
HER BACK
ON.

I'M HERE.
YOU WANT OUR
HELP TRACKING
GEMINI DOWN
OR NOT?

SORRY, BATGIRL.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M IN YOUR NECK
OF THE WOODS
NOW. TELL ME
WHICH WAY.

THANKS
AGAIN
FOR THE
ASSIST.

SHE TURNED
LEFT DOWN
FRANKLIN.

BLACKBIRD

PART 1: BLACKBIRD SINGS

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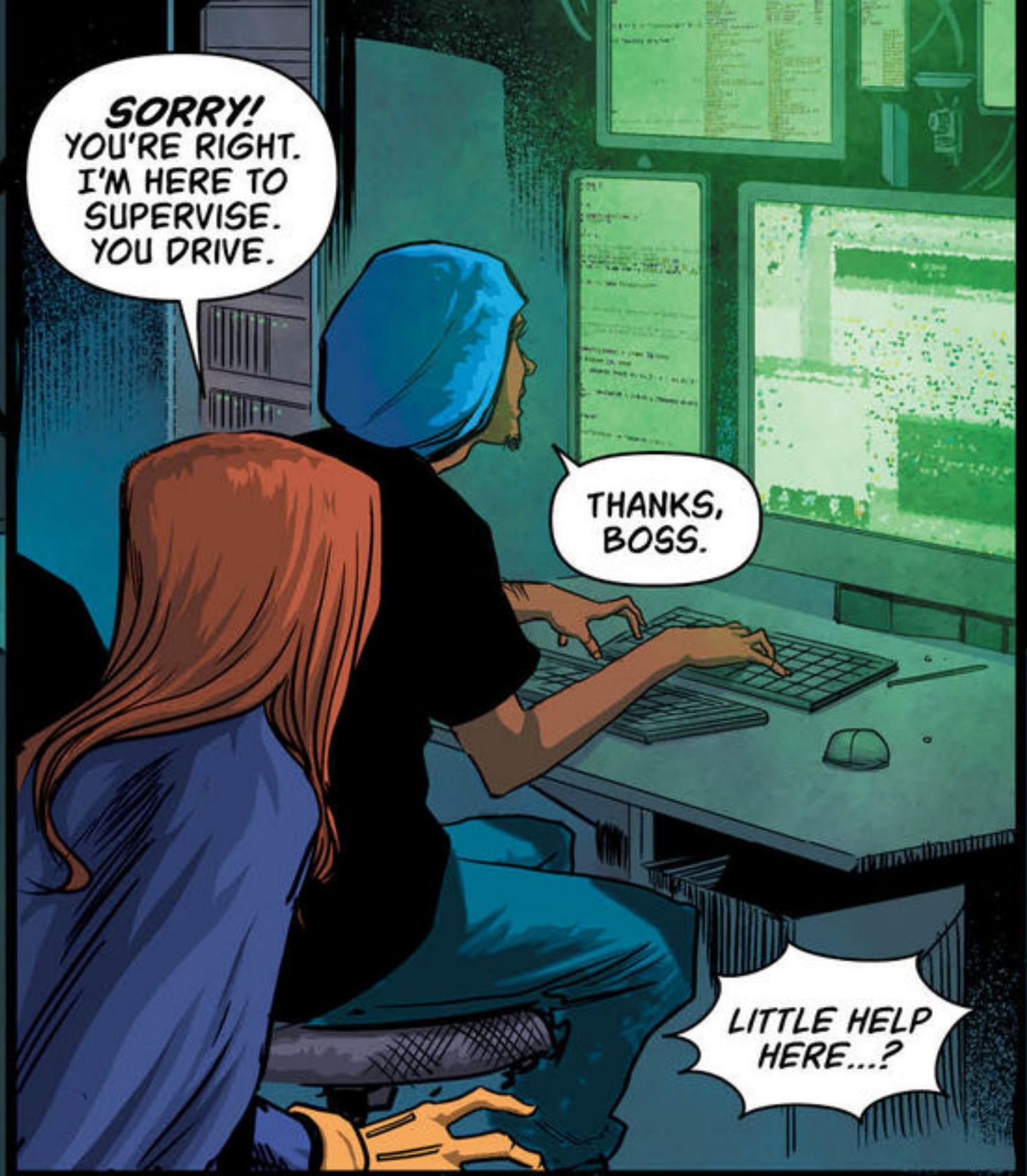
BATMAN CREATED BY **BOB KANE** WITH **BILL FINGER**



THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR. GO RIGHT.

OKAY, I GIVE UP. WHY DON'T **YOU** JUST DRIVE?

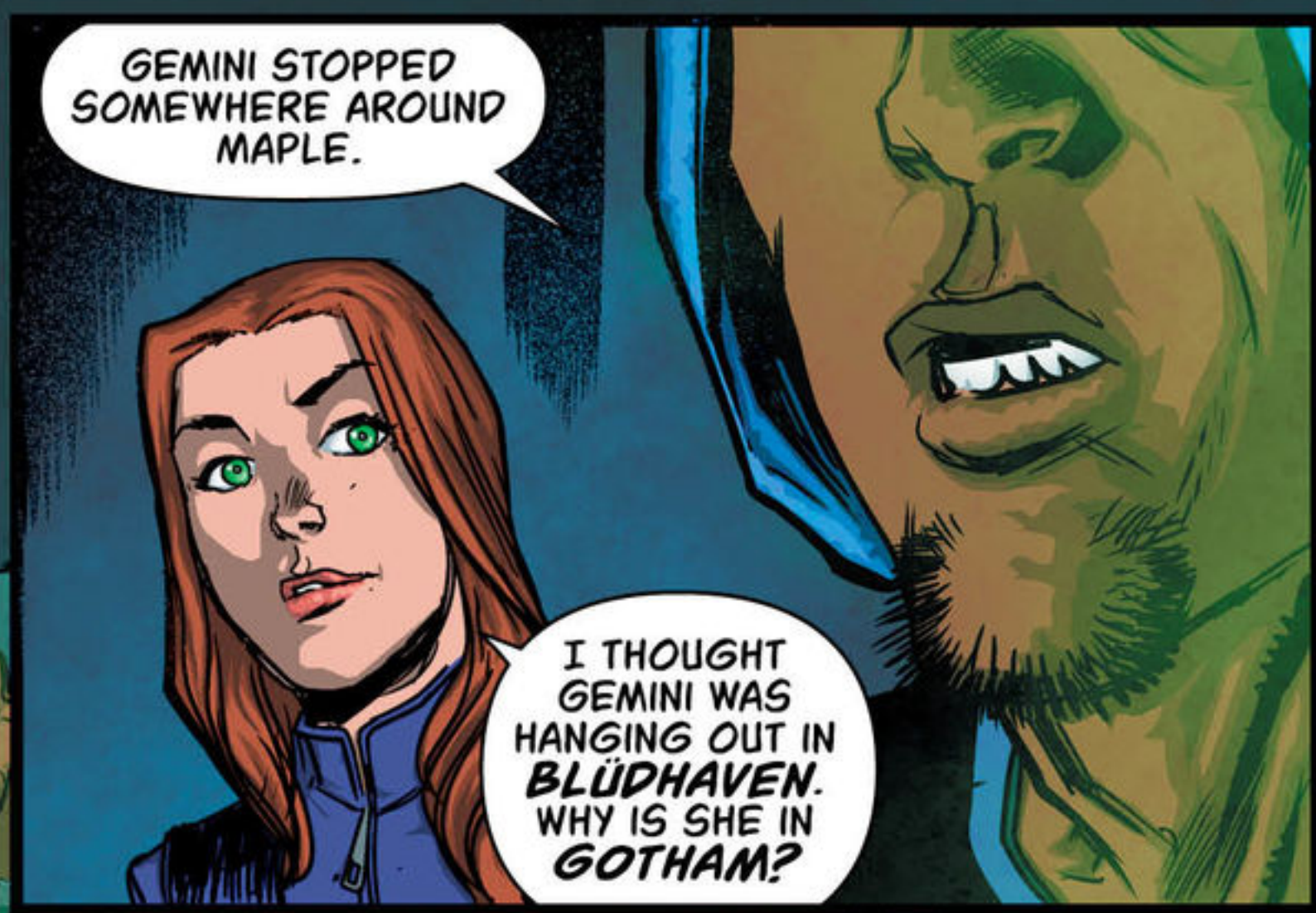
WHAT? I AM DRIVING.



SORRY! YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M HERE TO SUPERVISE. YOU DRIVE.

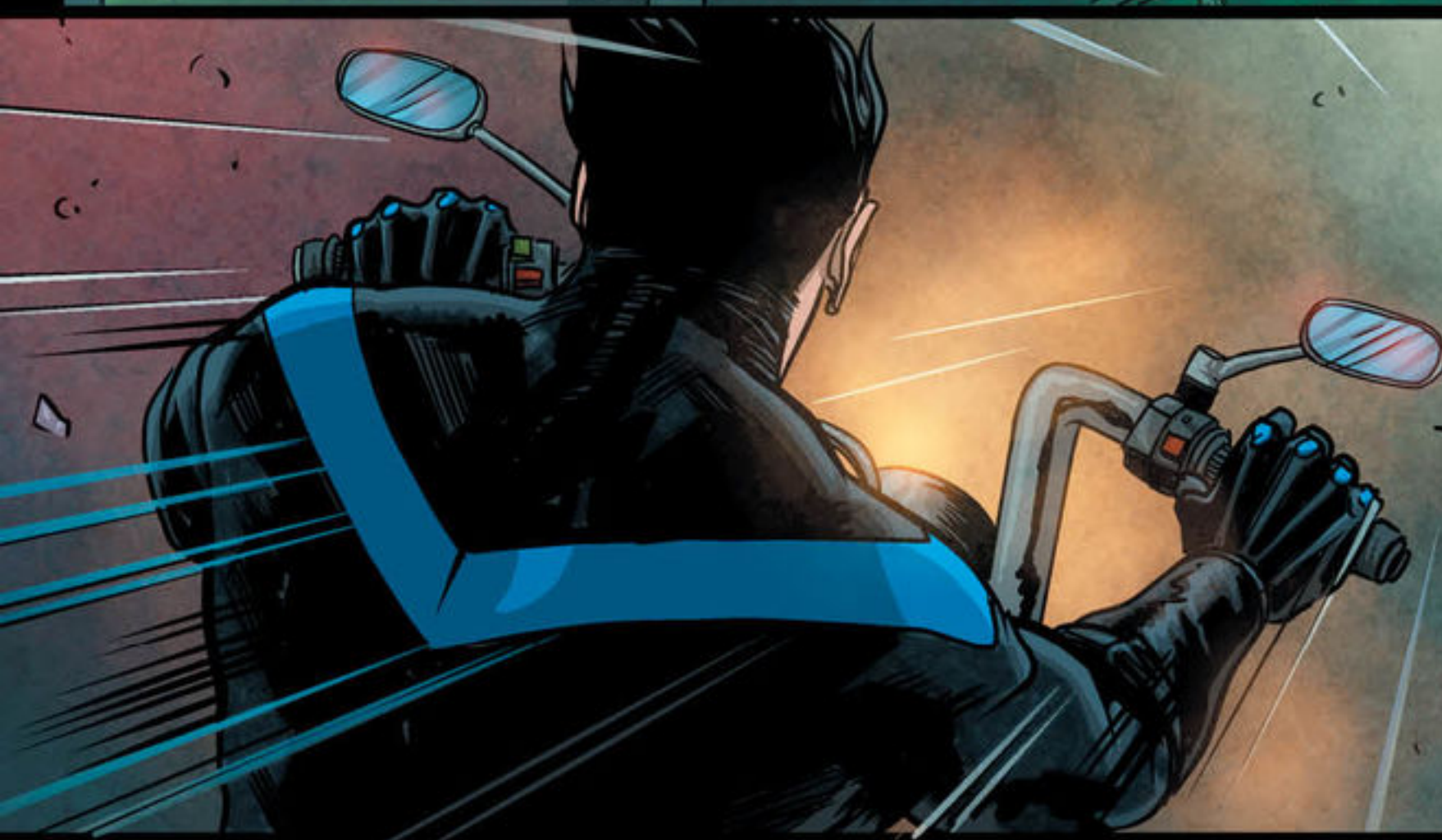
THANKS, BOSS.

LITTLE HELP HERE...?



GEMINI STOPPED SOMEWHERE AROUND MAPLE.

I THOUGHT GEMINI WAS HANGING OUT IN **BLÜDHAVEN**. WHY IS SHE IN **GOTHAM**?



BECAUSE SHE ALREADY **KILLED** EVERYONE SHE KNEW IN **BLÜDHAVEN** BEFORE RACING HERE.

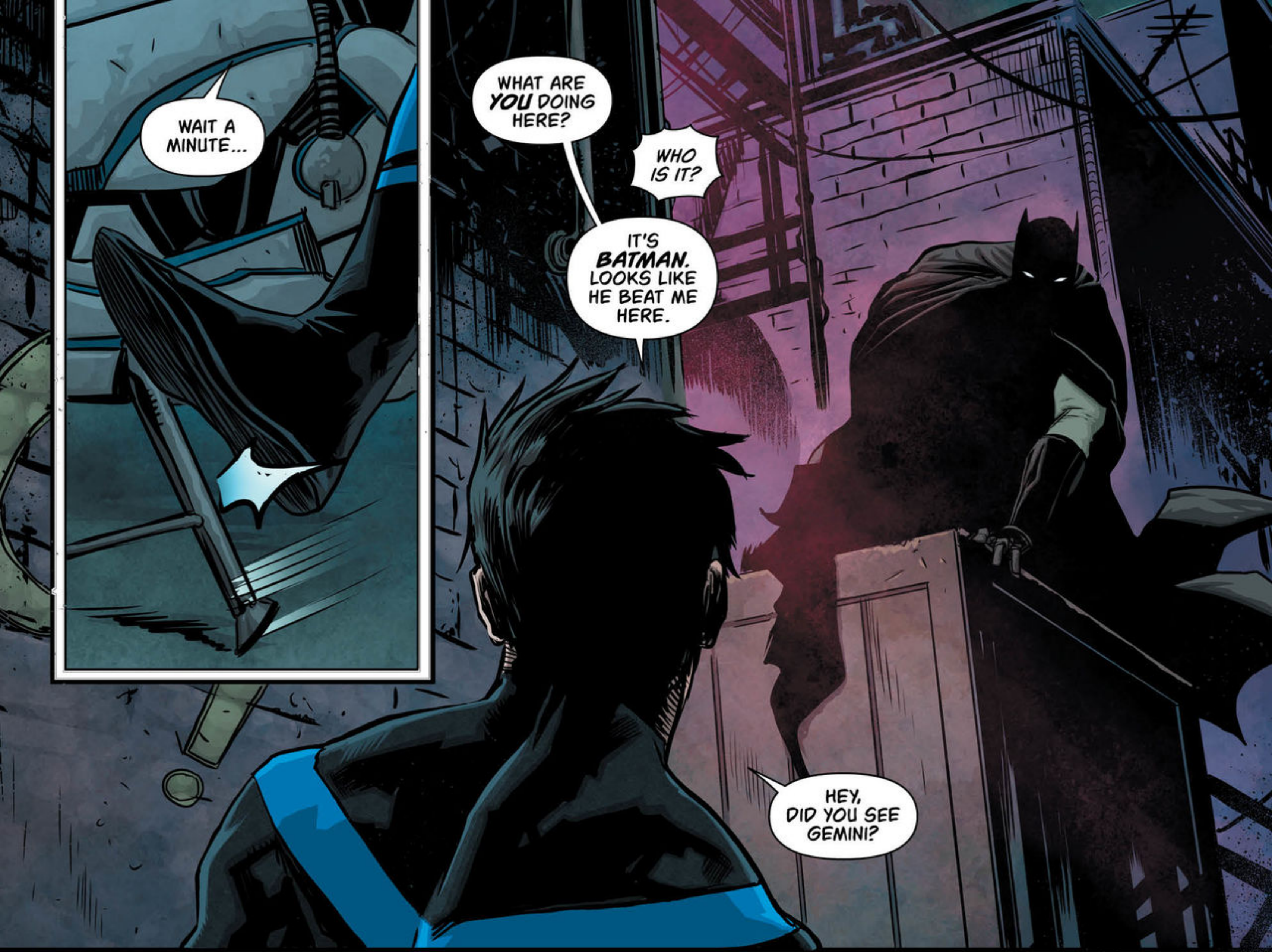
I PLAN TO FIND OUT **WHY**.



NAH, I THINK I ALREADY HAVE EYES ON MS. SPAGHETTI ARMS...



YOU **SURE** YOU DON'T NEED BACKUP?



WAIT A MINUTE...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHO IS IT?

IT'S **BATMAN**. LOOKS LIKE HE BEAT ME HERE.

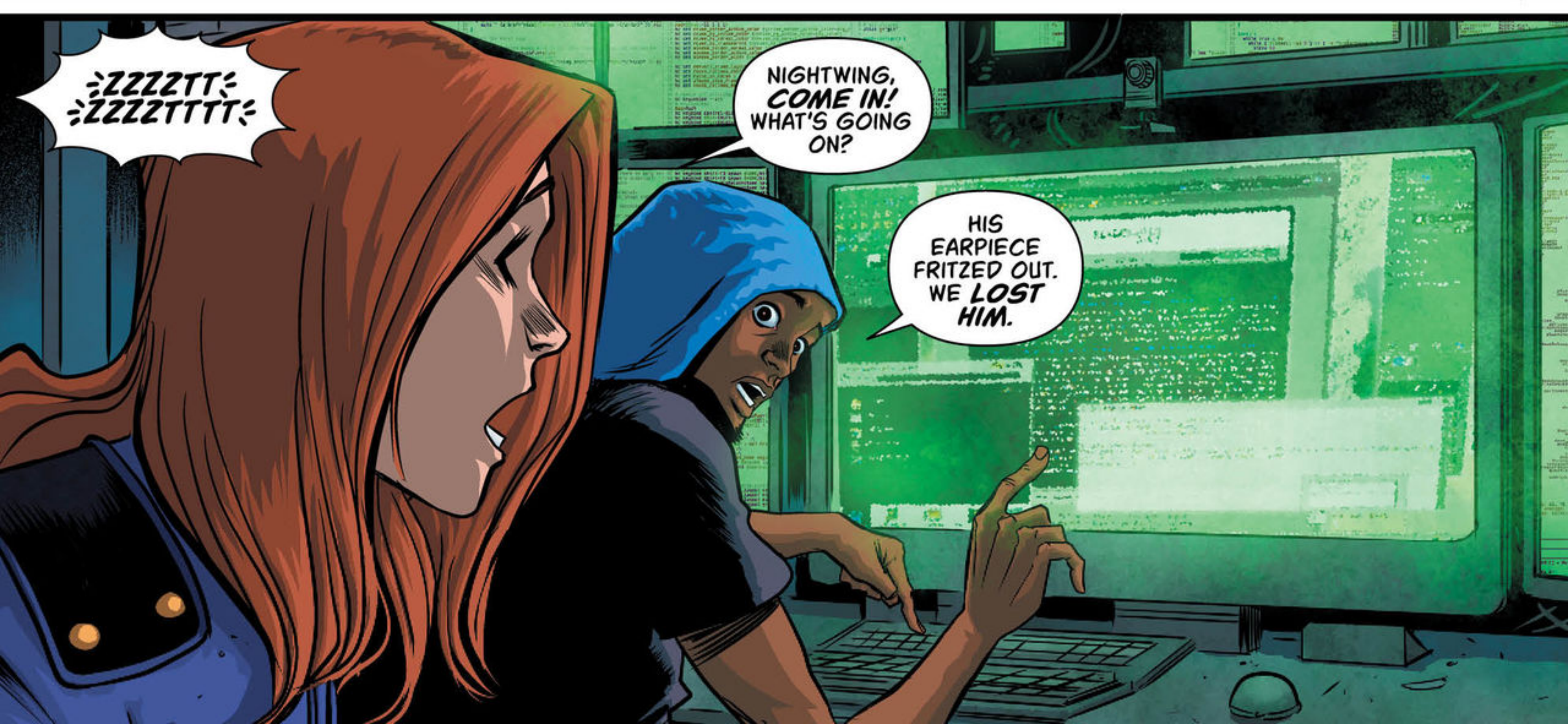
HEY, DID YOU SEE GEMINI?



WHUM-
MM-MM-
MM

HOW... YOU'RE NOT...

I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD DO THAT--



ZZZZTT!
ZZZZTTTT!

NIGHTWING, COME IN! WHAT'S GOING ON?

HIS EARPIECE FRITZED OUT. WE LOST HIM.



UNGH!



YOU **SHOULDN'T** HAVE FOLLOWED ME, NIGHTWING.

THOSE PEOPLE YOU KILLED...THEY WERE YOUR **FRIENDS**.



WHICH IS **EXACTLY** WHY THEY HAD TO DIE.

OOOF!:



I...DON'T... UNDERSTAND...

ALL PART OF MY TRAINING.



CUTTING TIES THAT BIND AND HINDER ME FROM DISCOVERING MY TRUE STRENGTH. NOW I CAN **ASCEND** TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



"NEXT LEVEL?!" THIS ISN'T A **GAME**, GEMINI!



0000...!



HUNGH...!



I MUST RID MYSELF OF ALL ATTACHMENTS, ENEMIES **AND** FRIENDS. SO LET'S BE FRIENDS--

HEY! YOU'RE NO FRIEND OF HIS...

