




"YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT
WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T
LISTEN TO ME?"

"LET ME PAINT
YOU A PICTURE."

"THE FRAGILE ORDER
CREATED BY THE BALANCE
OF POWER BETWEEN YOU
WILL CEASE TO EXIST..."



"...AND A CHAOS UNLIKE
ANYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE WILL
SPREAD ACROSS THE CITY."



"YOU THINK YOU
UNDERSTAND FEAR."

"YOU'RE WRONG."

"WHETHER YOU CARE TO ADMIT IT OR NOT, YOU RELY ON EACH OTHER TO HELP FORM A BULWARK AGAINST FORCES THAT COULD OTHERWISE TREAT THIS REALM OF EXISTENCE AS A HUNTING GROUND."



"SURE, THE HUMAN AUTHORITIES WILL TRY AND FIGHT BACK..."

"...BUT THEY'LL QUICKLY DISCOVER THAT THE WEAPONS THEY BUILT TO FIGHT CONVENTIONAL WARS ARE USELESS AGAINST DENIZENS OF THE NEVEREVER."



"AND THE WORST PART WILL BE...IT WILL ALL HAVE BEEN SET IN MOTION TO AMUSE A SINGLE BEING."



DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
YOU, BUT I CAN'T
ABIDE THAT.



WHICH IS
NOT TO SAY
THIS WILL BE
EASY.

AS A
MATTER OF
FACT, THE ODDS
ARE STACKED
AGAINST US.



IS
THIS LITTLE
SOLILOQUY
MEANT TO BE
INSPIRATIONAL?

I THINK WHAT
MY COUNTERPART IS
TRYING TO SAY IS GET
TO THE POINT, MISTER
DRESDEN.

OKAY,
THEN.

ARE
YOU WITH
ME?



I HAD TO ADMIT, I FELT
A LITTLE LIKE PATTON.

ENOUGH
TALK.

AGREED.

LET'S
DO THIS.

THE FORCE ARRAYED
BEFORE ME REPRESENTED
AN UNPRECEDENTED ALLIANCE
BETWEEN THE MOST BITTER
OF FOES.

THERE WAS A TENSION
IN THE AIR, A SURGE OF
ENERGY THAT I
COULD ONLY HOPE
TO HARNESS...



...BEFORE IT EXPLODED IN MY FACE.

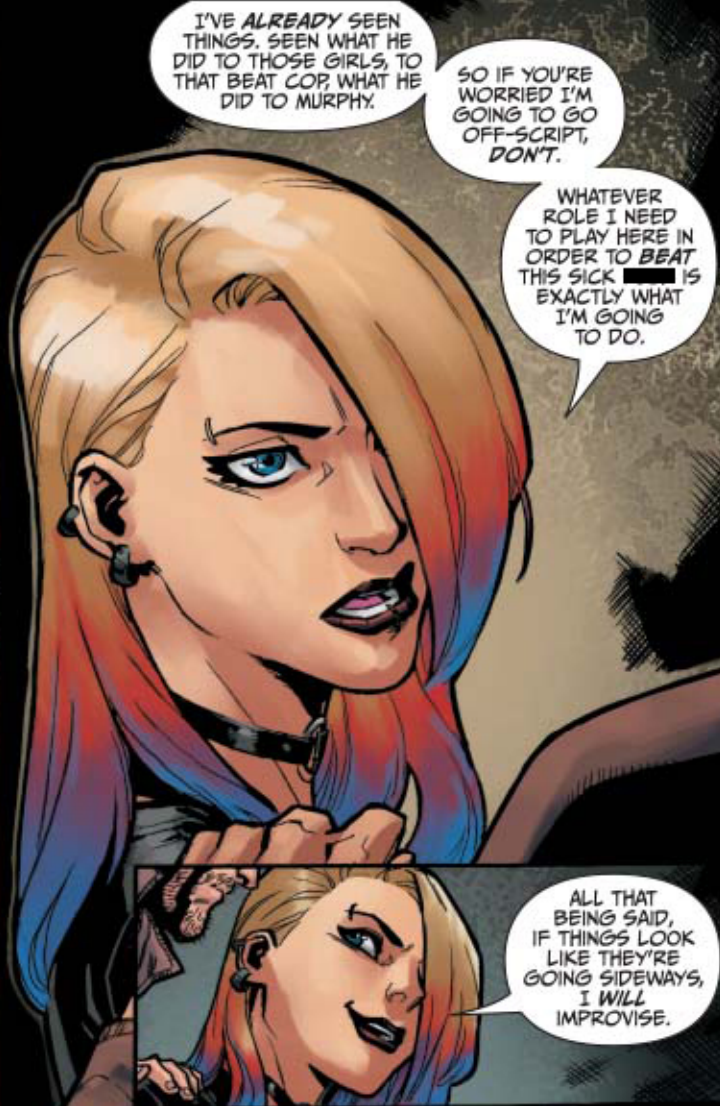


YOU'RE CLEAR ON WHAT WE DISCUSSED?

CRYSTAL.

THIS GUY'S DANGEROUS, MOLLY. PHYSICALLY, HE'S PROBABLY THE MOST DANGEROUS THREAT WE'VE EVER FACED.

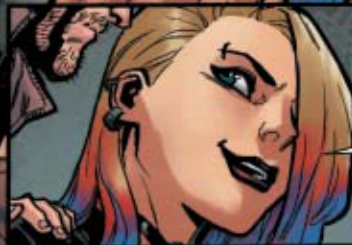
YOU'LL SEE SOME THINGS--



I'VE ALREADY SEEN THINGS. SEEN WHAT HE DID TO THOSE GIRLS, TO THAT BEAT COP, WHAT HE DID TO MURPHY.

SO IF YOU'RE WORRIED I'M GOING TO GO OFF-SCRIPT, DON'T.

WHATEVER ROLE I NEED TO PLAY HERE IN ORDER TO BEAT THIS SICK [REDACTED] IS EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.



ALL THAT BEING SAID, IF THINGS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING SIDeways, I WILL IMPROVISE.



MARCONE. LARA.

AS MUCH AS I COULDN'T HELP BUT WORRY FOR HER SAFETY, MOLLY WAS THE LEAST OF MY CONCERNS. I KNEW I COULD TRUST HER TO KEEP IT TOGETHER.

IT WAS EVERYONE ELSE THERE WHO MIGHT TURN THIS INTO A BLOODBATH.