

Gotham City. Rush Hour.
JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHER HOURS.

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE I WAS ON THAT TRAIN, AND I CAN STILL SMELL THE STENCH OF URINE MIXED WITH IMPATIENCE TO THIS DAY.

IT'S UNCLEAR. JUST CHATTER OF A THREAT ON THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.

THAT WAS ORACLE TO A T. MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE.

BUT BACK THEN, I WAS THE "CUT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU NEED" TYPE.

BABS, WHAT EXACTLY AM I LOOKING FOR AGAIN?

YEAH, YEAH. YOU SAID THE SAME THING WHEN I WAS STUCK ON THE BUS ALL AFTERNOON FROM GREENWOOD TO SECOND STREET.

JUST KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED. I HOPE I'M WRONG.

TROUBLE WAS, BABS WAS RARELY WRONG AND WE BOTH KNEW IT.

I'VE GOT EYES ON A CAGEY COMMUTER.

GOOD. I DON'T HAVE VISUALS OF THE SECURITY CAMERA GRID UNTIL YOU COME OUT OF THOSE TUNNELS.

ORACLE WAS USUALLY MY EYES AND EARS. BUT ON THIS MISSION, I WAS ON MY OWN.

CONFIRMATION. HE'S ENTERED THE CONDUCTOR'S BOOTH.

YOU'VE GOT OVER TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE ON THAT TRAIN, GIVE OR TAKE.

YOU'RE TWO MINUTES OUT FROM THE NEXT STOP.

NINETY SECONDS MORE THAN I NEED.

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE, LADY.

I HATE THE "DUMB BLONDE" ROUTINE, BUT IT PROVED MORE EFFECTIVE THAN I LIKED TO ADMIT.

OH MY GAWD, I AM SO SORRY.

I WAS LOOKING FOR THE BATHROOM. THERE IS NO BATHROOM HERE? I AM SO STUPID.

OOH, IS THAT THE SPECIAL TRAIN DRIVER BATHROOM?

WHOOOPS. GUESS HE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, HUH?

DINAH, THE TRAIN IS SPEEDING UP!

YOU'RE GONNA BE SORRY YOU EVER CAME IN HERE.

OH, HONEY.

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO'S GONNA BE SORRY TODAY.



BORING CONVERSATION ANYWAY.

I CALLED GCPD, THEY'RE ON THE WAY. NOW PULL THAT TRAIN TO A STOP.

YEAH ABOUT THAT...

THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN A COUPLE TIMES I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR. THIS WAS ONE OF THEM.

YOUR CRY FRIED THE ELECTRONICS. CRAP.

THE ONLY WAY THIS TRAIN IS STOPPING IS WHEN IT HITS THE ONE AHEAD OF US AT THE NEXT STATION.

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT.

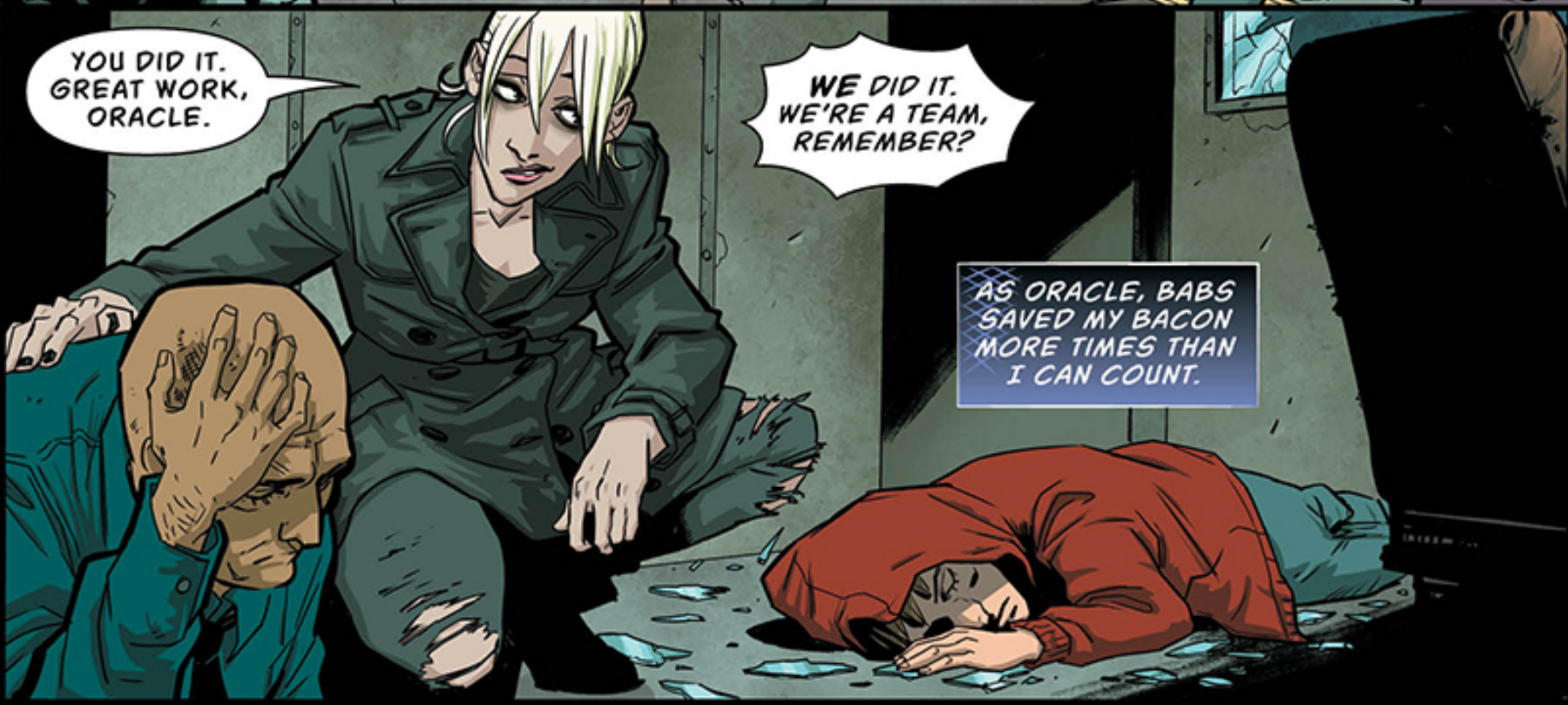


MIGHT WANT TO HOLD ON TO SOMETHING.

WHA...?

UNGH!

CHUUUUUUUUUU



YOU DID IT. GREAT WORK, ORACLE.

WE DID IT. WE'RE A TEAM, REMEMBER?

AS ORACLE, BABS SAVED MY BACON MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT.

I USED TO LOOK BACK ON THOSE DAYS FONDLY, SOMEHOW FORGETTING ALL THE NEAR MISSES AND POTENTIAL DEATH I BARELY AVOIDED.

SO WHEN BARBARA ASKED ME TO HELP HER TRACK DOWN SOME JERK PROFITING OFF OF HER ORACLE NAME, I DIDN'T THINK TWICE.

BUT NOW...AS BABS AND I ARE CHASING AFTER A CRAZY, CROSSBOW-WIELDING, MAGENTA MURDERER WHO IS TRYING TO KILL A MAFIA GOON WHO'S OUR ONLY LINK TO "ORACLE," I'M STARTING TO QUESTION MY LOYALTY.

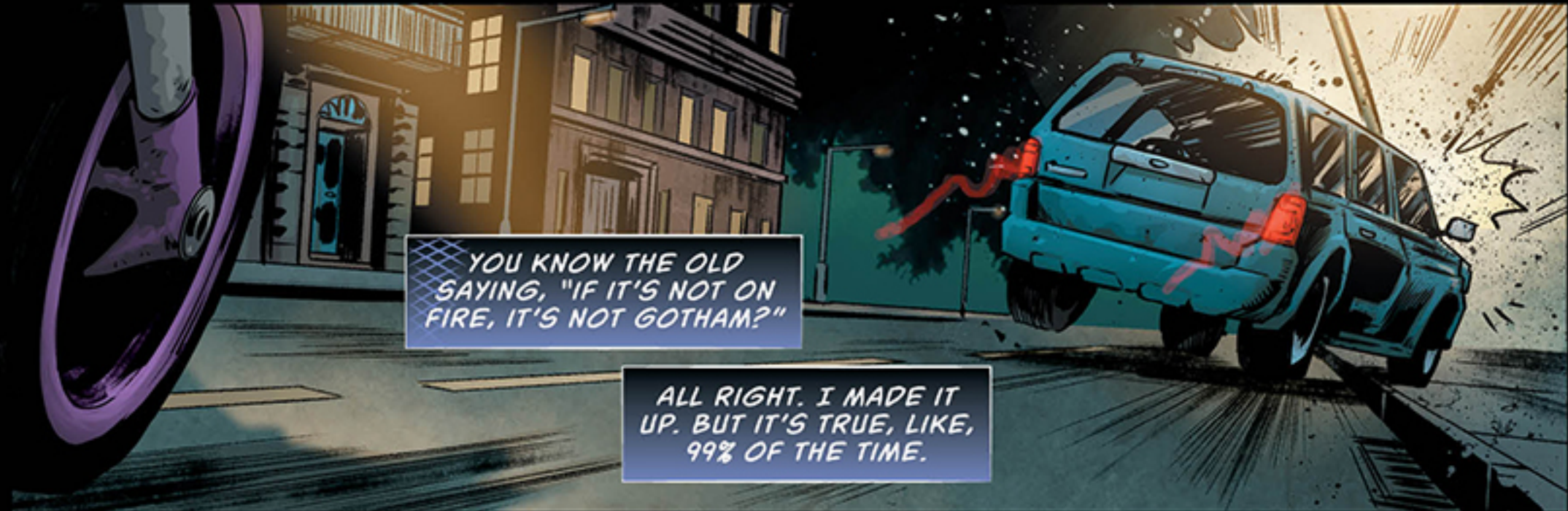
BACK OFF! TERRONI'S MINE.

SPEED UP, BLACK CANARY!

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YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING, "IF IT'S NOT ON FIRE, IT'S NOT GOTHAM?"

ALL RIGHT. I MADE IT UP. BUT IT'S TRUE, LIKE, 99% OF THE TIME.



WOW, EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WAS A COOL MOVE.



I NEED HIM ALIVE!

AND I WANT HIM DEAD!



THE HELL...?