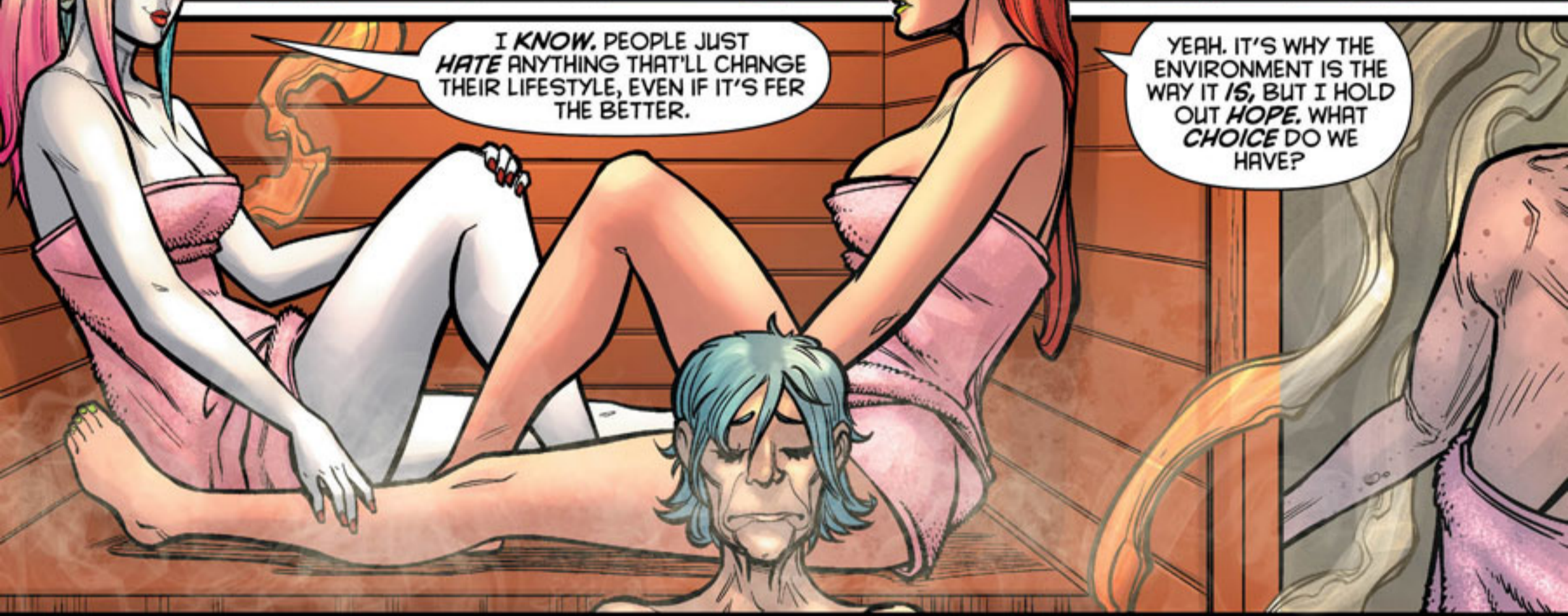


SO WHAT'S NEW, IVY?

OH, HARLEY, YOU KNOW... THE *USUAL* MADNESS...

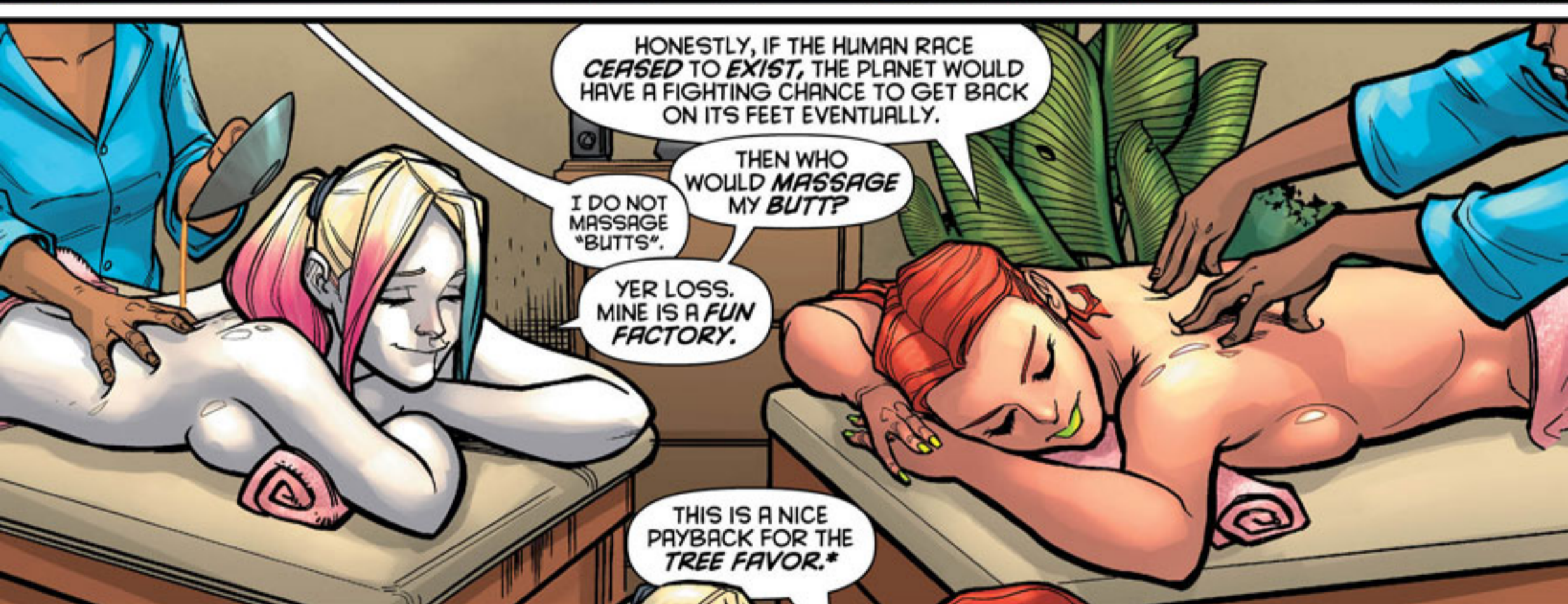
JUST TRYING TO GET MORE MONEY FOR *RESEARCH*...

...AND DEALING WITH THE FACT THAT EVEN IF YOU *HAVE* ACTUAL EVIDENCE, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BELIEVE WHATEVER THEY *WANT* TO.



I *KNOW*. PEOPLE JUST *HATE* ANYTHING THAT'LL CHANGE THEIR LIFESTYLE, EVEN IF IT'S FER THE BETTER.

YEAH. IT'S WHY THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE WAY IT *IS*, BUT I HOLD OUT *HOPE*. WHAT *CHOICE* DO WE HAVE?



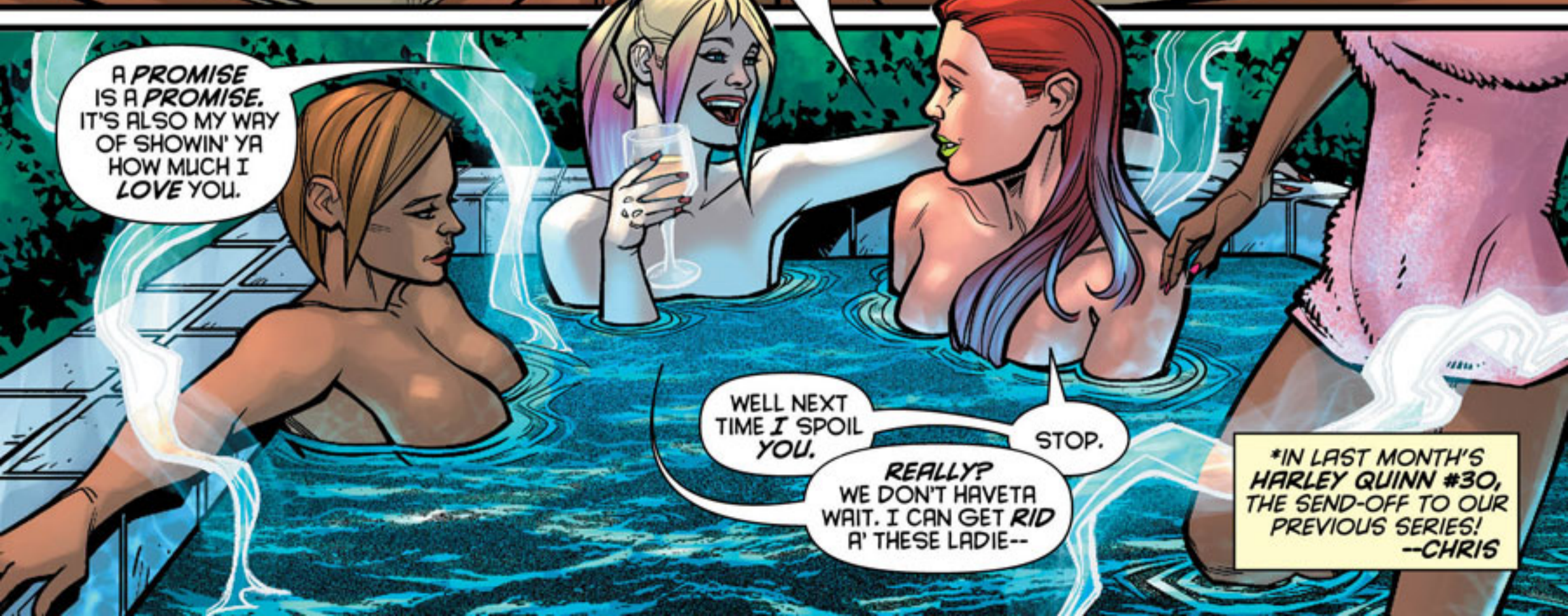
HONESTLY, IF THE HUMAN RACE *CEASED* TO *EXIST*, THE PLANET WOULD HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO GET BACK ON ITS FEET EVENTUALLY.

THEN WHO WOULD *MASSAGE* MY *BUTT*?

I DO NOT MASSAGE "BUTTS".

YER LOSS. MINE IS A *FUN FACTORY*.

THIS IS A NICE PAYBACK FOR THE *TREE FAVOR*.*



A *PROMISE* IS A *PROMISE*. IT'S ALSO MY WAY OF SHOWIN' YA HOW MUCH I *LOVE* YOU.

WELL NEXT TIME I *SPOIL* YOU.

STOP.

REALLY? WE DON'T HAVETA WAIT. I CAN GET *RID* A' THESE LADIE--

*IN LAST MONTH'S HARLEY QUINN #30, THE SEND-OFF TO OUR PREVIOUS SERIES! --CHRIS



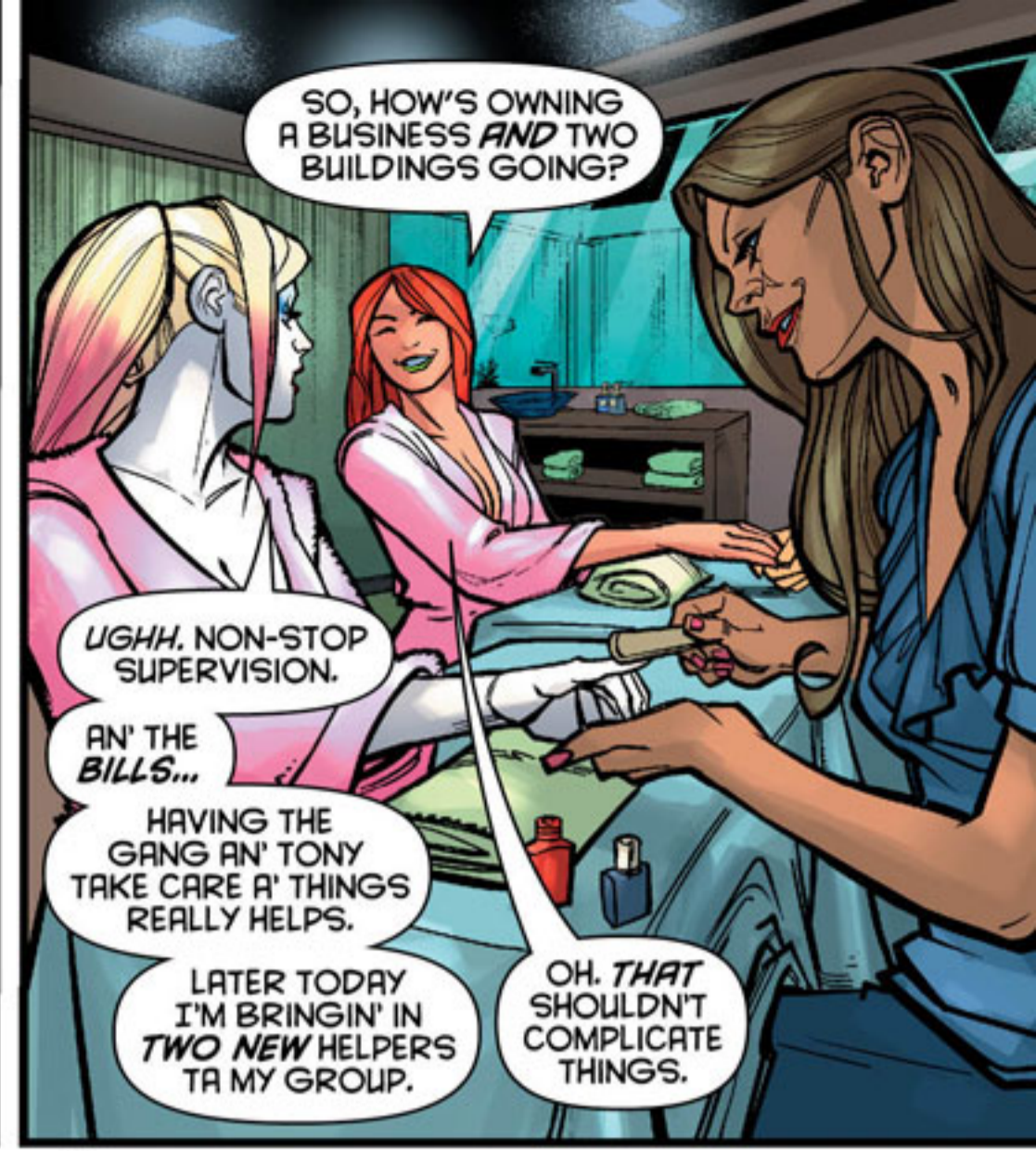
HOT PEPPER FACIAL, HUH?

YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT.

OUCH.

STOP BEING SUCH A BABY.

OUCH!



SO, HOW'S OWNING A BUSINESS AND TWO BUILDINGS GOING?

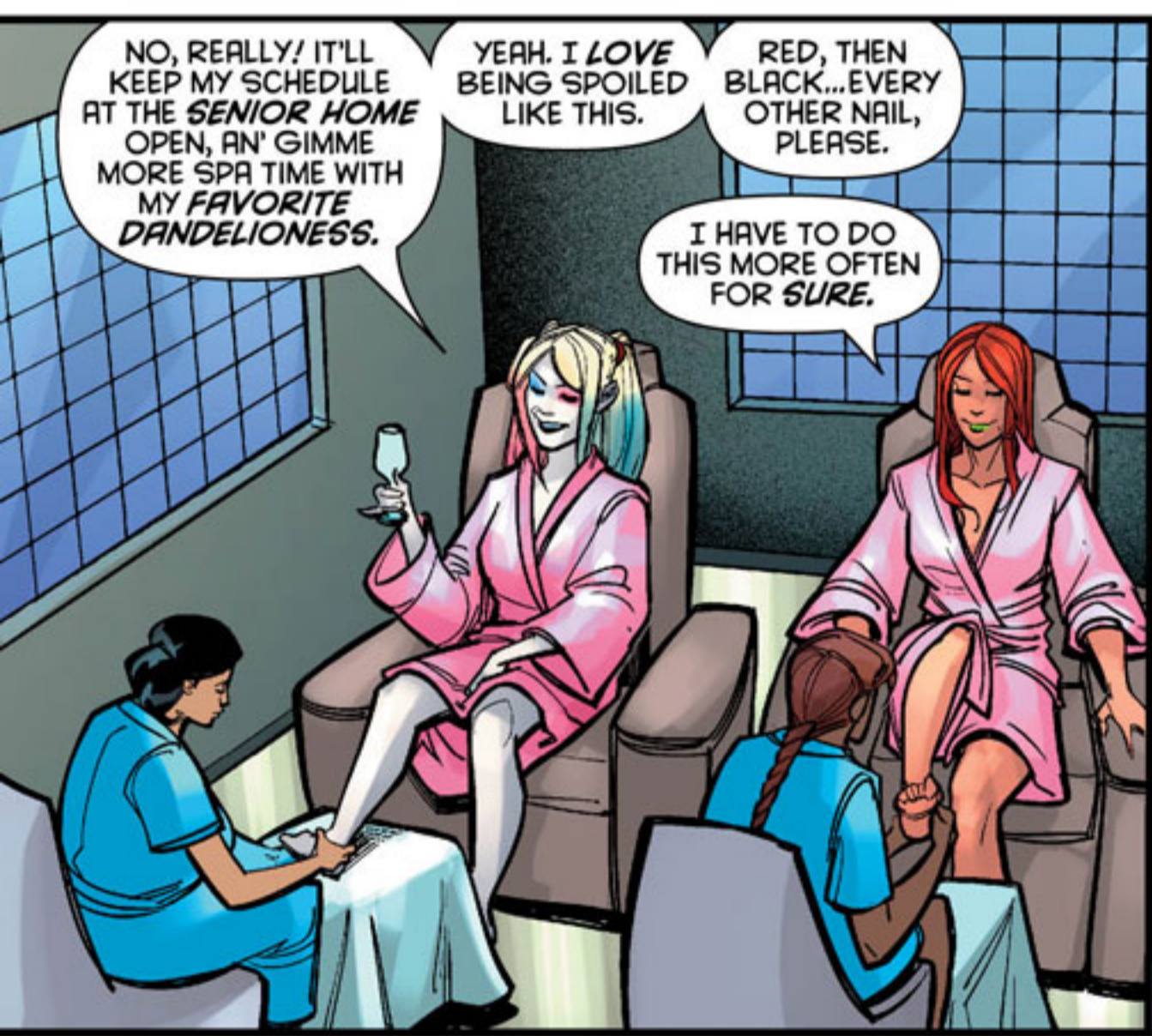
UGHH. NON-STOP SUPERVISION.

AN' THE BILLS...

HAVING THE GANG AN' TONY TAKE CARE A' THINGS REALLY HELPS.

LATER TODAY I'M BRINGIN' IN TWO NEW HELPERS TA MY GROUP.

OH. THAT SHOULDN'T COMPLICATE THINGS.



NO, REALLY! IT'LL KEEP MY SCHEDULE AT THE SENIOR HOME OPEN, AN' GIMME MORE SPA TIME WITH MY FAVORITE DANDELIONESS.

YEAH. I LOVE BEING SPOILED LIKE THIS.

RED, THEN BLACK... EVERY OTHER NAIL, PLEASE.

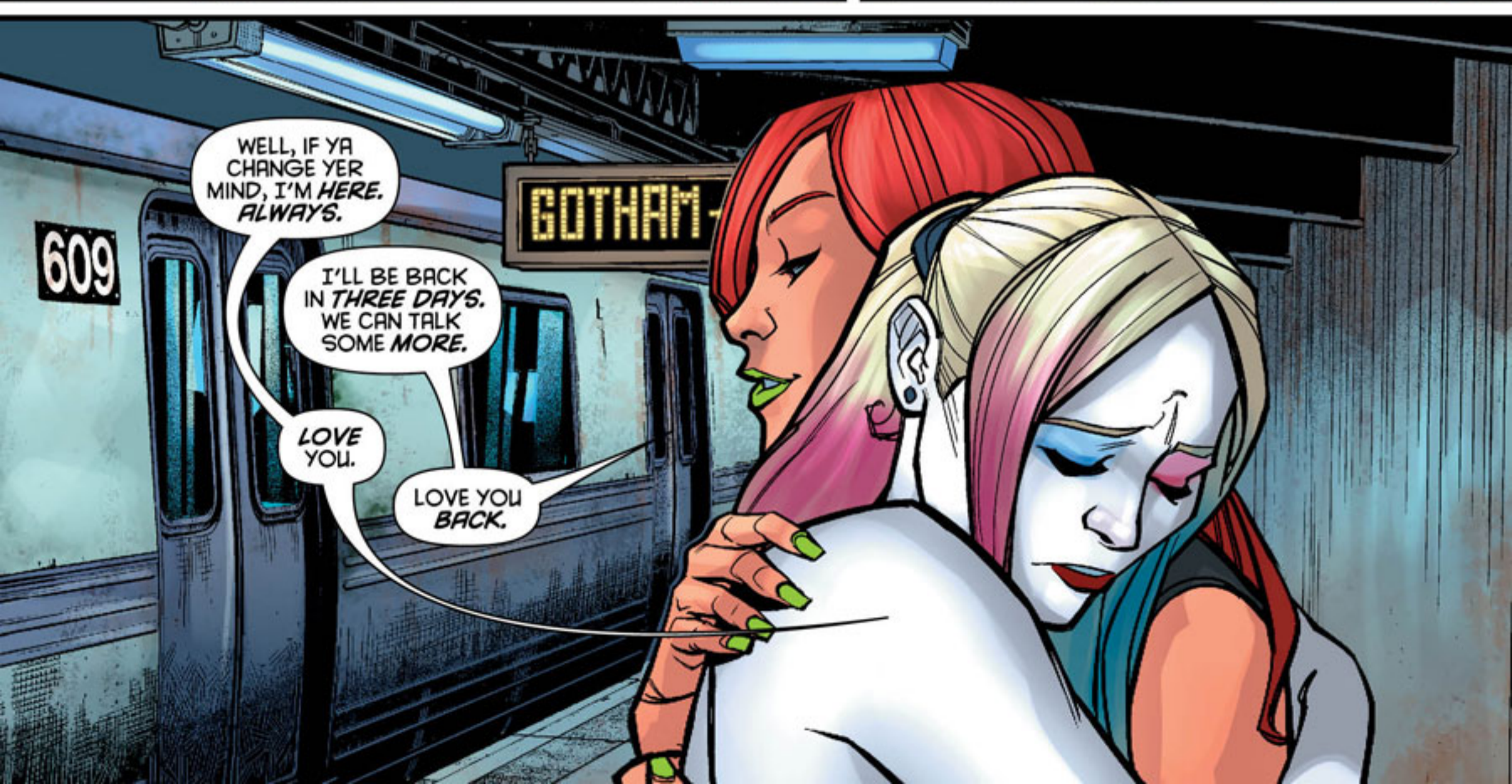
I HAVE TO DO THIS MORE OFTEN FOR SURE.



IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH WONDERFUL PEOPLE. WE ALL NEED THAT IN THIS LIFE.

THEN WHY NOT MOVE IN? SERIOUSLY! I GOT A BIG BED AN' PLENTY A' ROOM, AN' PLENTY A' CUTE PETS AN'...

OH, SWEETHEART, THAT WILL COMPLICATE YOUR LIFE EVEN MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS.



WELL, IF YA CHANGE YER MIND, I'M HERE. ALWAYS.

I'LL BE BACK IN THREE DAYS. WE CAN TALK SOME MORE.

LOVE YOU.

LOVE YOU BACK.

WELCOME,
EVERYBODY, TA THE
GREATEST SHOW IN
THE WHOLE WIDE
WORLD!

MY BIRTH NAME
IS HARLEEN QUINZEL,
BUT MY FRIENDS AN'
ENEMIES KNOW ME
SIMPLY AS HARLEY
QUINN!

I WILL BE
YOUR HOST-EST
WITH THE MOST-EST
THIS EVENING.

FIRST, A
LITTLE ABOUT
MOI...



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I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN BROOKLYN. I HAVE THREE BROTHERS AN' A PAIR A' RETIRED PARENTS THAT LIVE IN FLORIDA, ALONG WITH ALL THE REST A' THE RETIRED NEW YORKERS.

I WAS QUITE THE LI'L HANDFUL IN SCHOOL, AN' GOT A SCHOLARSHIP TA GOTHAM UNIVERSITY, WHERE I GRADUATED TOP A' MY CLASS. I QUICKLY FOUND WORK IN A PROMINENT HOSPITAL IN GOTHAM CITY.



"MY DEEP FASCINATION WITH THE CRIMINAL MIND LED ME TO A CAREER A' STUDYIN' INMATES AN' PATIENTS AT ARKHAM ASYLUM. THIS IS A PROFESSION THAT DEFINITELY HAS ITS UPS AN' DOWNS.



"I STARTED SEEIN' A PATTERN AMONG THE INMATES.

"WOT BEIN' AN INMATE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TA GAIN THEIR COMPLETE TRUST, SO I CONDUCTED AN EXPERIMENT THAT ONLY THE WARDEN KNEW ABOUT.

"I CHANGED MY LOOK TA BECOME ONE A' THEM.

HELLO, DOCTOR.

"I HAD ONE MAN AT THE TOP A' MY LIST.

"HE WAS IMPOSSIBLE TA GET THROUGH TO, BUT DISGUISIN' MYSELF AS AN INMATE CAUGHT HIS EYE QUICKLY.

"BUT HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME... AN' HIS POWER OVER ME... WELL, IT WAS LIKE HE KNEW ME MY WHOLE LIFE."



"ONE DAY THE WARDEN WAS KILLED BY AN INMATE. MY COVER WAS OFFICIALLY BLOWN.

"THE NEW WARDEN WROTE ME UP, CALLIN' ME CRIMINALLY INSANE. I WAS ESCORTED OUTTA THE BUILDING, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS GONNA LEAVE BEHIND THE CONNECTION I MADE.



"I DID SOMETHIN' ABOUT IT AN' WE ESCAPED TOGETHER.

"I GAVE MYSELF UP TA HIM... BUT AT A PRICE."



"HE THREW ME INTO A VAT A' CHEMICALS, AN' IT BLEACHED MY SKIN, JUST LIKE HIS.

"HE SHOWED ME THAT IN ORDER TA REALLY BE FREE, I HAD TO BECOME SOMEONE NEW AND DO AWAY WITH THE OLD ME.

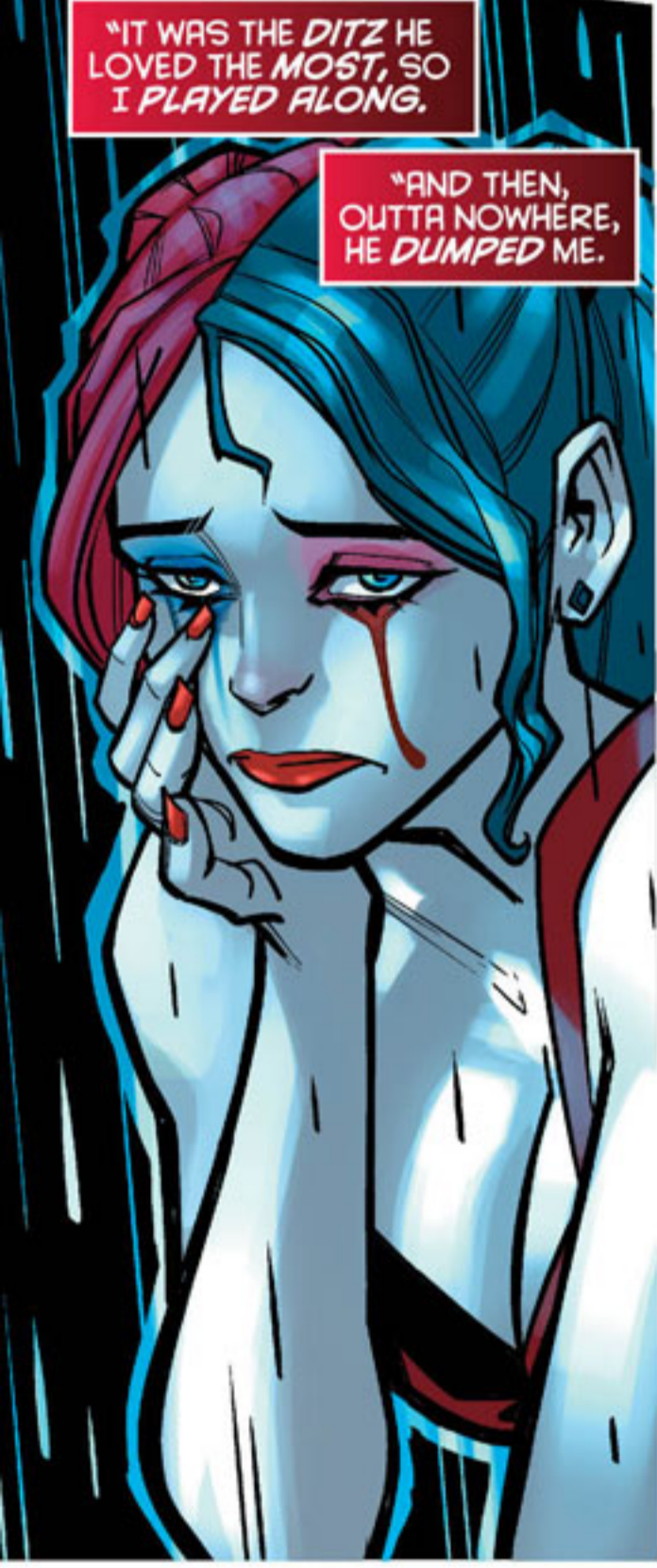


"SOMEONE THAT COULD BE THE SEX KITTEN, THE SEDUCTRESS..."

"THE INNOCENT, THE AGGRESSOR..."

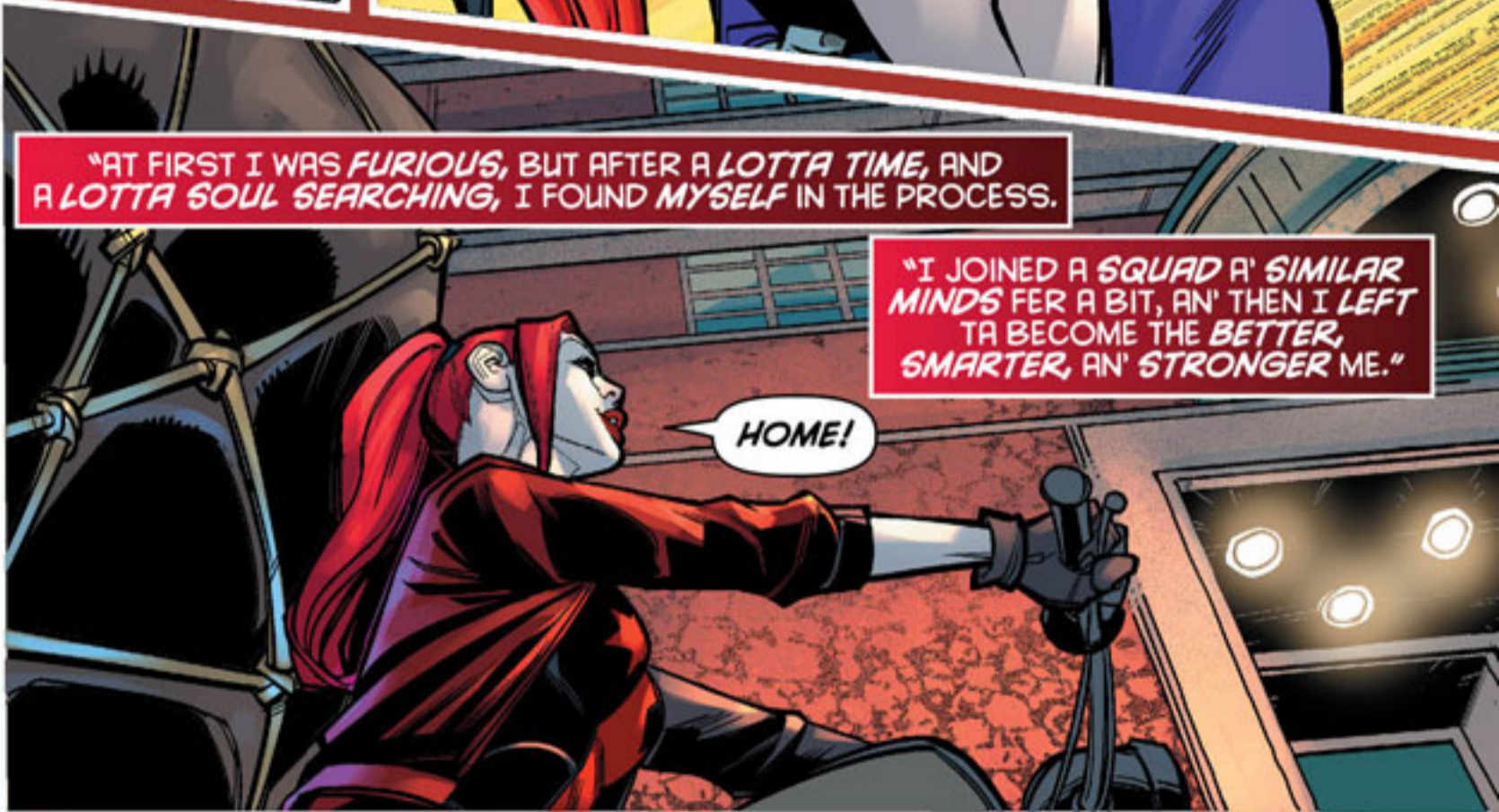
"THE ANTAGONIST, THE VICTIM..."

"THE DITZ..."



"IT WAS THE DITZ HE LOVED THE MOST, SO I PLAYED ALONG.

"AND THEN, OUTTA NOWHERE, HE DUMPED ME.



"AT FIRST I WAS FURIOUS, BUT AFTER A LOTTA TIME, AND A LOTTA SOUL SEARCHING, I FOUND MYSELF IN THE PROCESS.

"I JOINED A SQUAD A' SIMILAR MINDS FER A BIT, AN' THEN I LEFT TA BECOME THE BETTER, SMARTER, AN' STRONGER ME."



AN' HERE I AM TODAY, STANDIN' IN FRONT A' YOU, QUITE PREEMINENTLY PLEASED WITH HOW I TURNED OUT!

NOW I WANNA INTRODUCE THE BEST FRIENDS THAT A HARLEY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE!

FIRST UP, MY CLOSEST BUDDY, WHO RIGHT NOW HAS HIS HANDS ALL OVER MY BEAVER...

BIG TONY DELFINI!

THE CRISPY CRITTER HE'S HOLDIN' IS **BERNIE!**

AND THE LITTLE PECKER BEHIND HIM IS **MIKE**, MY PET ROOSTER. I GOT HIM IN LIEU A' PAYMENT FER A JOB. ADORABLE, RIGHT? BEHIND HIM IS **NATHAN**, WHO CURRENTLY IS THE ONLY WIENER I LET ON MY BED!

KILL ME.

ME TOO.

AGAIN.

AREN'T THEY ALL SO DAMN CUTE?!