

# GOTHAM CITY. YEARS AGO.

I WAS LOST BEFORE  
I SAW IT--THE POWER  
OF IT, THE DREAD,  
THE AWE.

I WAS DROWNING  
AND ADRIPT, UNABLE  
TO BREATHE.

THE BAT WAS  
AN ANCHOR.

A SHIELD.



IT'S BEEN A  
WARNING AND  
A WEAPON.

IT'S BEEN A  
PROMISE AND  
A PRAYER...

I WANTED  
TO WIELD IT  
MYSELF.

FOR  
MYSELF.

I REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING IT'S  
MEANT, FOR ME...

FOR  
GOTHAM...

FOR  
EVERYONE.



COLONY BATTLESHIP *SEQUOIA*.  
GOTHAM CITY.  
YEAR FIVE IN THE REIGN OF THE BAT.

...UNTIL NOW.

NOW...IT'S  
ALL GONE  
WRONG.

MY FAULT.

MY  
FAILURE.

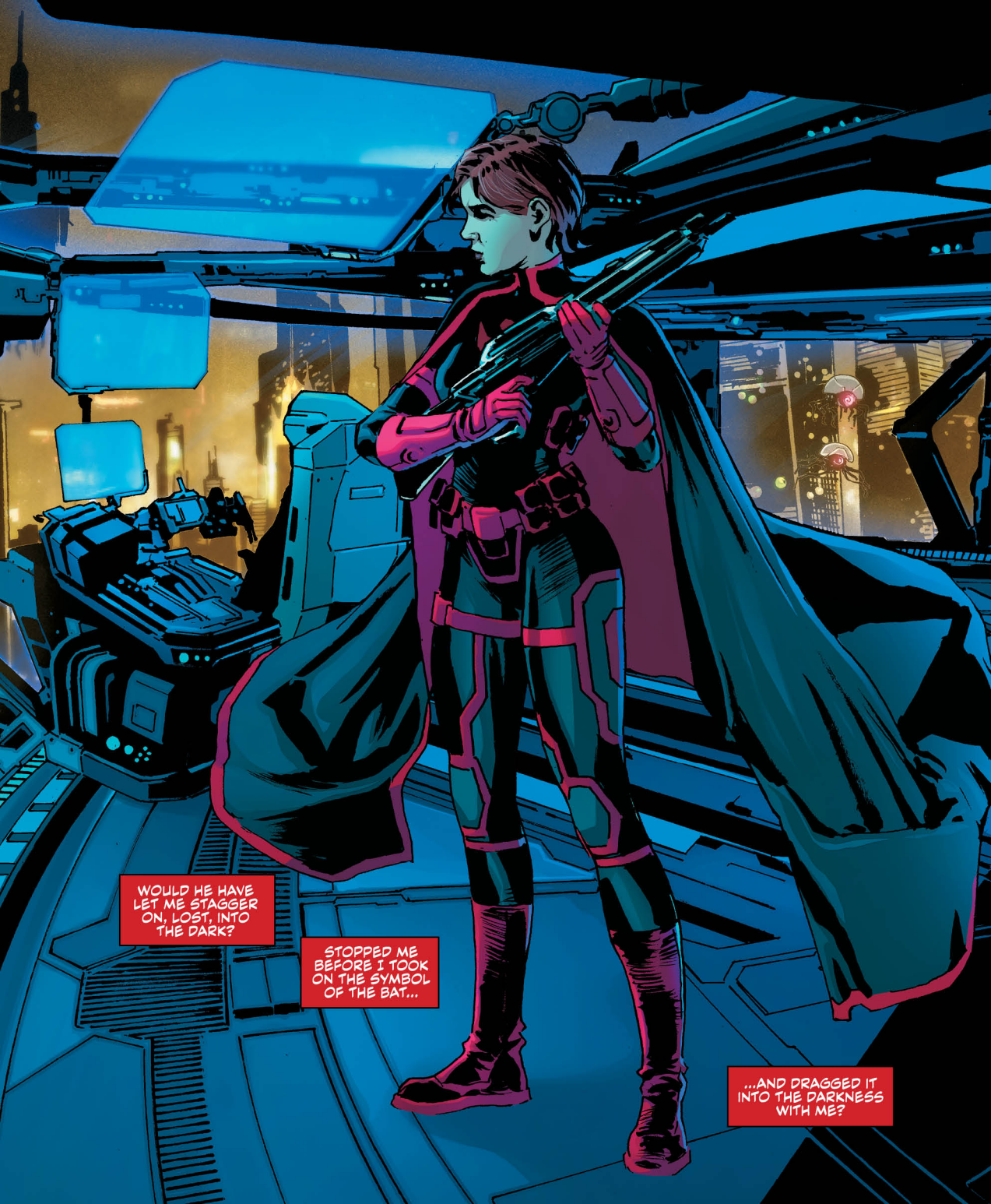
IF BRUCE COULD  
SEE WHAT THE  
SYMBOL MEANT  
NOW...

WOULD HE HAVE  
GONE BACK INTO THE  
ALLEY THAT NIGHT,  
WHEN I WAS BLIND  
AND STUMBLING IN  
THE RAIN?



# PAX BATMANA

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WOULD HE HAVE  
LET ME STAGGER  
ON, LOST, INTO  
THE DARK?

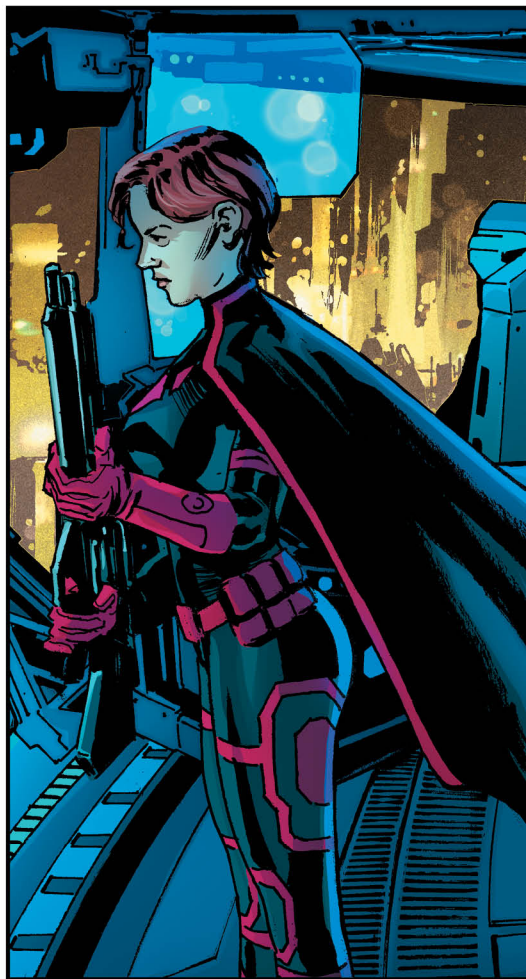
STOPPED ME  
BEFORE I TOOK  
ON THE SYMBOL  
OF THE BAT...

...AND DRAGGED IT  
INTO THE DARKNESS  
WITH ME?



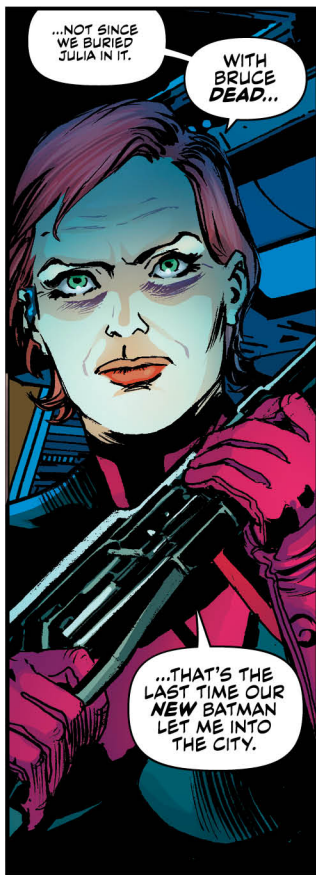
THERE'S NO MOVEMENT FROM THE CITY.

BATMAN HASN'T RESPONDED TO OUR WARNING SHOTS...



HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU SET FOOT ON GOTHAM SOIL?

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...NOT SINCE WE BURIED JULIA IN IT.

WITH BRUCE DEAD...

...THAT'S THE LAST TIME OUR NEW BATMAN LET ME INTO THE CITY.



"I'LL NEVER...I'LL NEVER FULLY BELIEVE IT'S HIM, KATE."

"THAT THIS IS WHERE HIS VISION FOR THE FUTURE LED HIM."

"I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM."