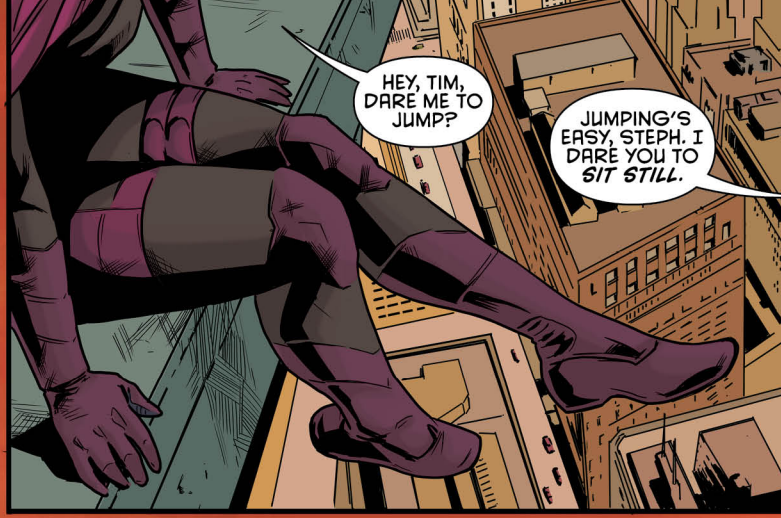


THEN.



HEY, TIM, DARE ME TO JUMP??

JUMPING'S EASY, STEPH. I DARE YOU TO SIT STILL.

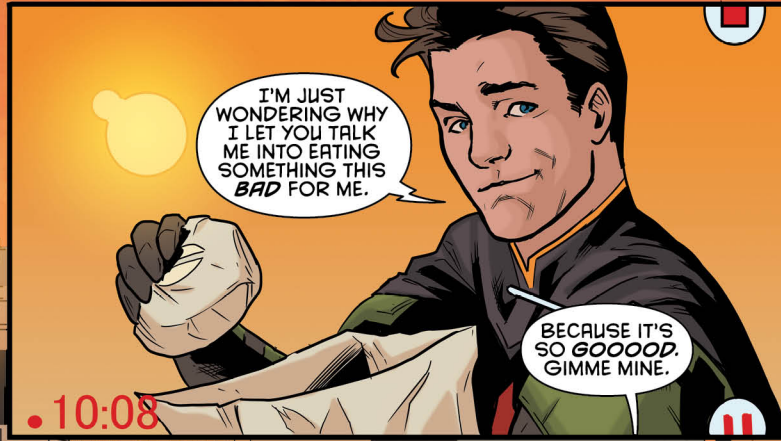


AW, YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU BROOD.

I'M *NOT* BROODING.

YOU COULDN'T BE BROODIER IF YOU HAD A COWL ON.

THOUGH IT MAKES YOUR BUTT LOOK CUTE.



I'M JUST WONDERING WHY I LET YOU TALK ME INTO EATING SOMETHING THIS *BAD* FOR ME.

BECAUSE IT'S SO *GOODD*. GIMME MINE.



WHY *IS* THAT? THE BEST STUFF IS THE WORST FOR US?

YOU'RE THE GENIUS COLLEGE BOY, MR. IVY UNIVERSITY. YOU TELL *ME*.



YOU SHOULDN'T BE FILMING US IN **COSTUME**.

STOP BEING A BUZZKILL, THIS IS FOR MY PERSONAL FILES. WE WROTE THIS ENCRYPTION TOGETHER.

ENCRYPTION CAN BE **HACKED**.

AND THE **SUN** COULD EXPLODE IN THE NEXT MINUTE, AND THIS FOOD COULD START A CLOG IN OUR ARTERIES THAT KILLS US FORTY YEARS FROM NOW.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULDN'T HAVE FUN.

YOU'D **REALIZE** THAT IF YOU WEREN'T STUCK THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK THE NEWS TO **BATMAN**.



I'M SORRY...IT'S HARD, STEPH. WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THE BELFRY FEELS SO RIGHT, LIKE THE LOGICAL STEP BATMAN SHOULD HAVE TAKEN YEARS AGO. PART OF ME **DOES** WANT TO STAY, TO MAKE IT ALL RUN CORRECTLY.



BUT IF THERE'S A CHANCE THAT WITH MORE KNOWLEDGE UNDER MY BELT, I COULD COME UP WITH AN EVEN BETTER WAY TO HELP PEOPLE... I HAVE TO TAKE IT.

SAVING THE WORLD IS A COMPLEX THOUGHT PROBLEM. I'M DOING MY BEST, BUT IT FEELS LIKE MY BEST COULD BE SO MUCH BETTER.

YOU TOLD ME THAT IT WAS ABOUT HELPING ONE PERSON AT A TIME. I ALWAYS LIKED THAT.



YEAH, BUT THAT'LL TAKE **FOREVER**.

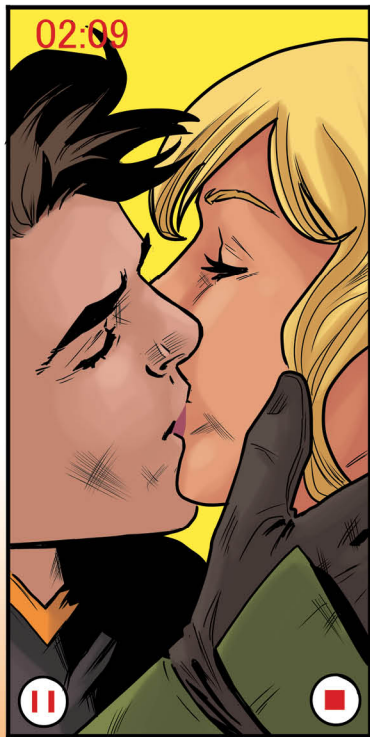
NOBODY SAID SAVING THE WORLD WAS GOING TO BE **EASY**, KID.



SO... WHERE EXACTLY DO I FIT INTO THIS PLAN? OR IS THIS ONE OF THOSE ONE-MAN CRUSADES?



STEPH... THAT'S NOT AN ANSWER...



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THE PLAN DOESN'T EXIST WITHOUT YOU. I'M TRYING TO GET THIS WORLD ONE TINY STEP CLOSER TO UTOPIA. AND I'M PRETTY GOOD ON MY OWN, BUT YOU AND ME TOGETHER?



WE'RE UNSTOPPABLE. SO STOP WORRYING. WHATEVER HAPPENS...

"... I WANT YOU RIGHT THERE NEXT TO ME."

NOW.

THIS AREA QUARANTINED
UNDER ORDER OF ARGUS

NO MORE
WELCOME TO
MONSTER TOWN!

LUTOPIA



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IS IT WEIRD I'M KINDA HOPIN' A PACK O' MONSTERS WANDERS BY?

YOU AN' ME BOTH. I JUST WANT SOMETHING TO--

GRRAAR

WHAT THE-- CATS...?

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

