

CHARLESTON,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

SHOOT
HER! SHOOT
THE ASSASSIN!
DON'T LET
HER--

I
GOT HER,
DADDY!

GOOD ONE,
JELLYBEAN!

YOU BOYS
HAVING FUN
THERE?

THE
DISHES
WON'T WASH
THEMSEL--

OH,
RELAX,
HONOR.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE. YOUR
ORDINARY LIFE. IT'S ALL
YOU EVER WANTED AND EVERY
PART OF IT IS PRECIOUS.

HOME. FAMILY. LAUGHTER.
EVEN THE DISHES. ALL
THE MUNDANE MOMENTS.

YOU HAVE TO
CHERISH IT.

AND PROTECT IT
FROM A PAST THAT
HAUNTS EVERY
SECOND OF--

I'LL
DO THAT,
HON.

HEY, I WAS JUST TELLING BEN
WHAT **GOTHAM** WAS LIKE
WHEN I WAS GROWING UP
THERE.

HE
DIDN'T KNOW
HIS DADDY WAS
FROM **GOTHAM**.
HE HAD SO MANY
QUESTIONS.

HOW COME WE
NEVER GO TO
GOTHAM
ANYMORE?



Family Business

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HI-FI COLORS TOM NAPOLITANO LETTERS

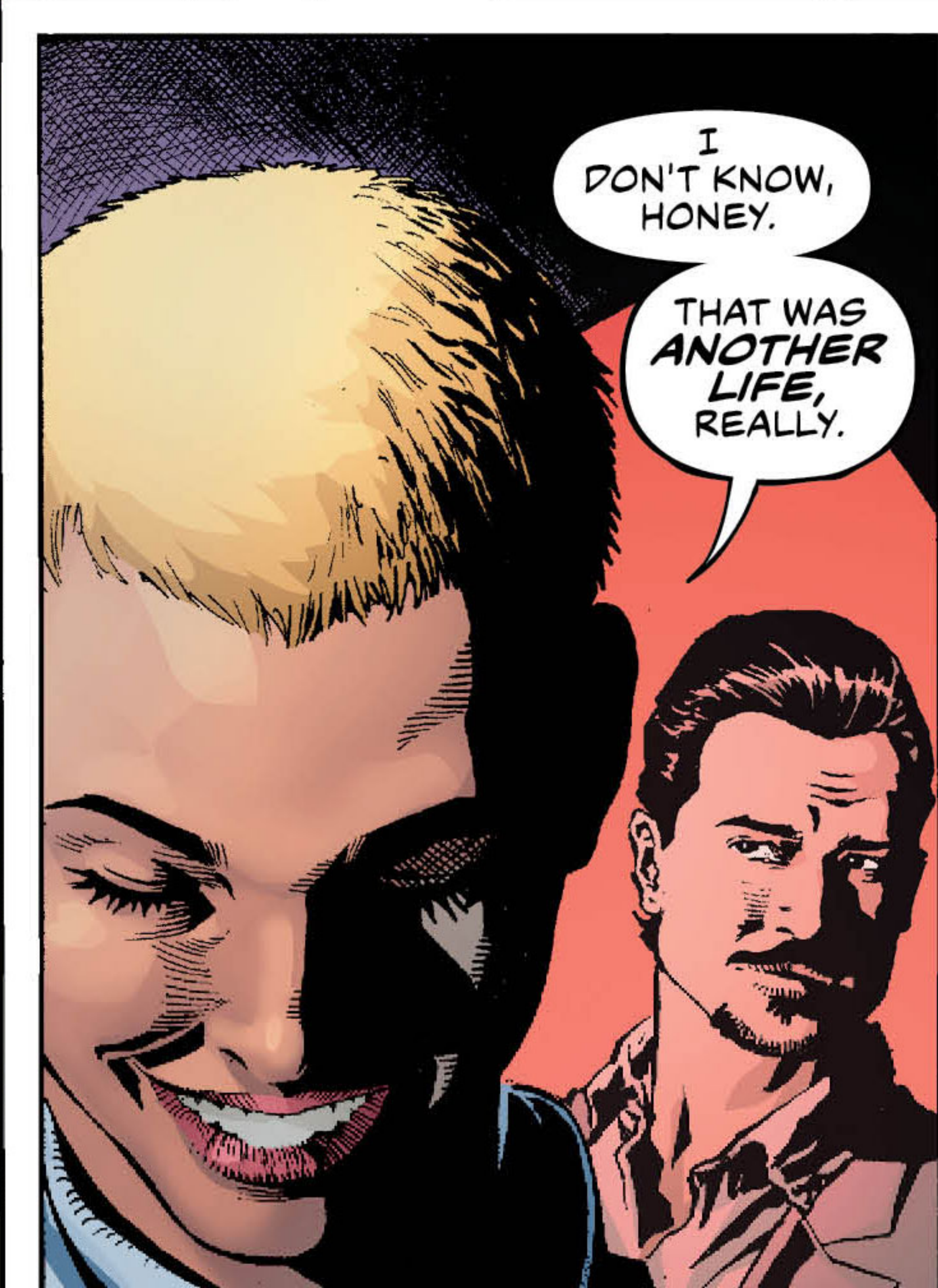
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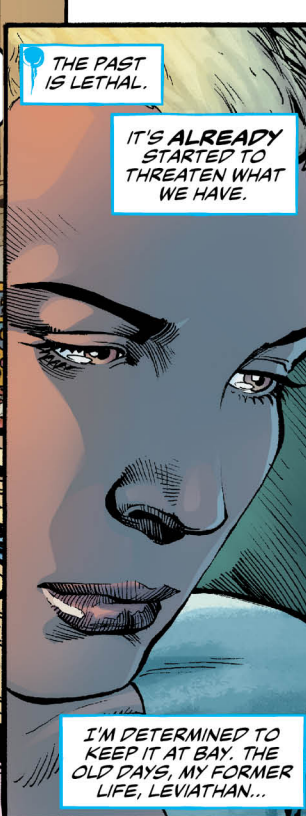
BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE WITH BILL FINGER





IT MIGHT BE FUN TO SHOW BEN AROUND THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD ONE DAY.

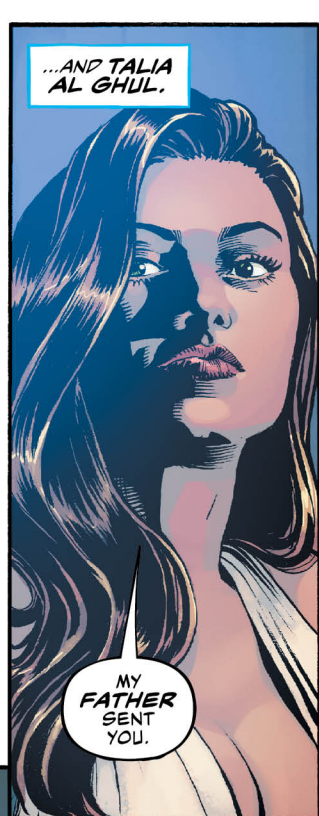
SURE...



THE PAST IS LETHAL.

IT'S ALREADY STARTED TO THREATEN WHAT WE HAVE.

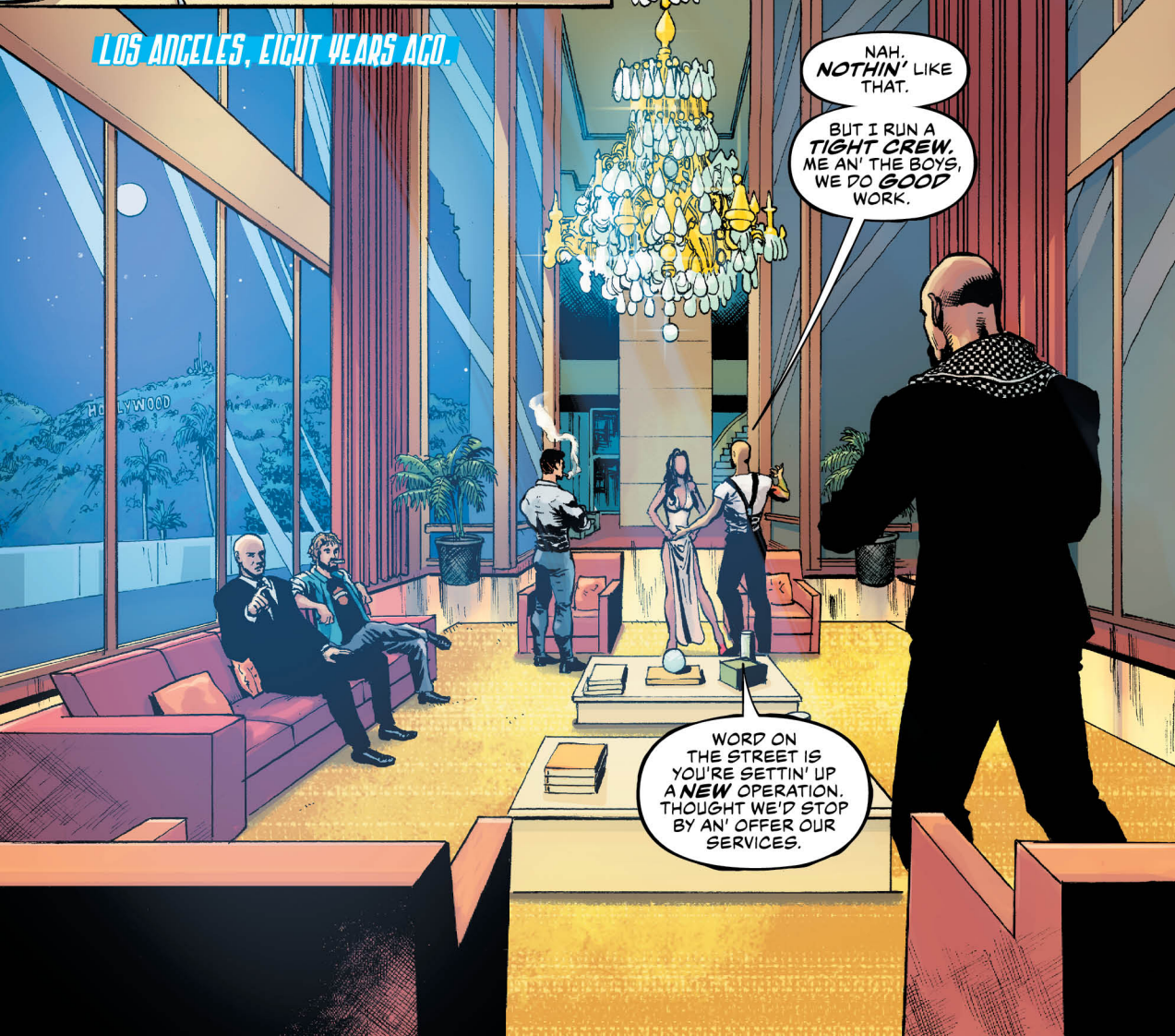
I'M DETERMINED TO KEEP IT AT BAY. THE OLD DAYS, MY FORMER LIFE, LEVIATHAN...



...AND TALIA AL GHUL.

MY FATHER SENT YOU.

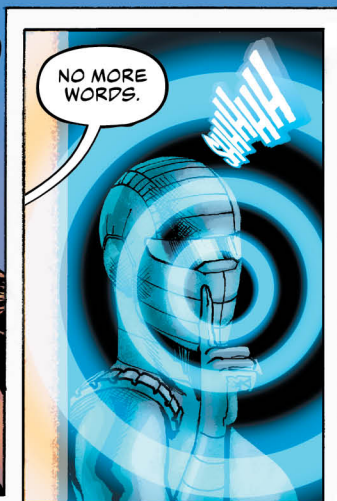
LOS ANGELES, EIGHT YEARS AGO.



NAH, **NOTHIN'** LIKE THAT.

BUT I RUN A **TIGHT CREW**. ME AN' THE BOYS, WE DO **GOOD** WORK.

WORD ON THE STREET IS YOU'RE SETTIN' UP A **NEW** OPERATION. THOUGHT WE'D STOP BY AN' OFFER OUR SERVICES.







I SAID--
THANK YOU,
HONOR.

IT'S CLEAR
MY FATHER WILL
NOT **PERMIT** MY
AMBITIONS.

HE SEEKS
TO ELIMINATE
ALL THREATS
TO HIMSELF
AND THE
LEAGUE...

...INCLUDING
HIS **DISLOYAL**
DAUGHTER, HER
SCHEMES...
EVERYTHING
SHE HOLDS
DEAR.

NOW, I HAVE
AN **ERRAND**
FOR YOU. I AM
SENDING YOU
TO GOTHAM.

WHAT
AM I TO DO
THERE?

JUST
GO.

AWAIT MY
INSTRUCTIONS.

