

# THE GLADIUS OBJECTIVE

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I'VE GOT  
YOU!

ONE WAY

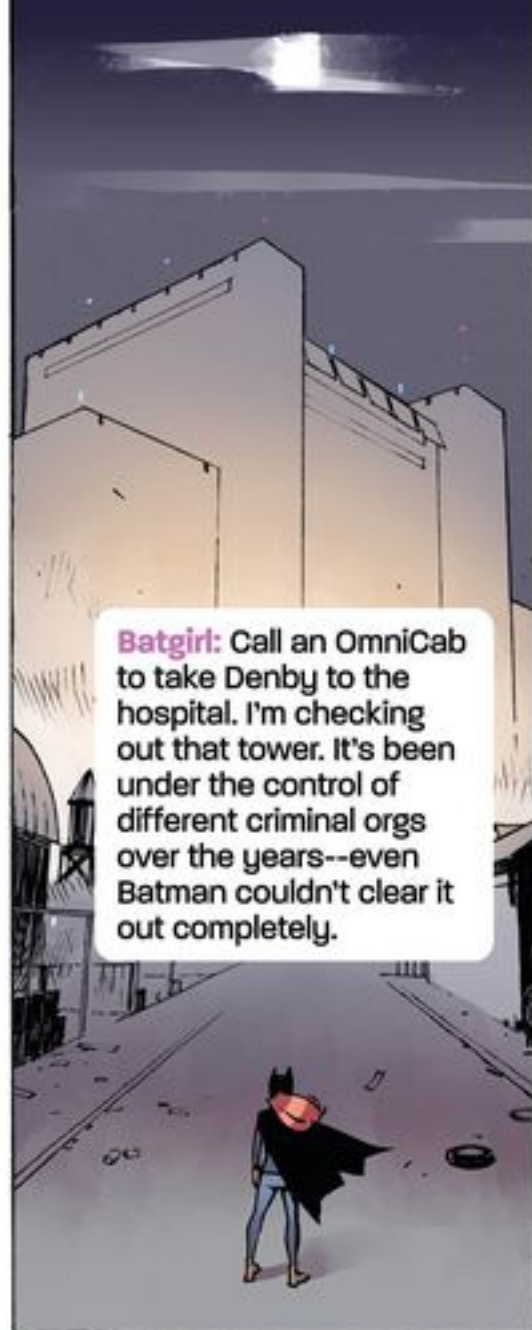
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**Batgirl:** Call an OmniCab to take Denby to the hospital. I'm checking out that tower. It's been under the control of different criminal orgs over the years--even Batman couldn't clear it out completely.



**Frankie:** He should have just blown it up :-D



AH!



ANOTHER STEP AND I AIM SIX INCHES TO THE LEFT.



WHY ARE YOU *THIS* SIDE OF THE RIVER, BATGIRL? THOUGHT YOU WERE THE QUEEN OF HIPSTERVILLE.

I LOOK OUT FOR *ALL* OF GOTHAM, NOT JUST BURNSIDE.



I'M FOLLOWING A *LEAD*. FOUR DIPLOMATS ARE MISSING AND I'M NOT GIVING UP UNTIL I'VE FOUND THEM.

WHO ARE YOU?



CALL ME *DIRECTOR*. I'M TRACKING A *DEVICE* STOLEN FROM OUR AGENCY BY TERRORISTS. IT REQUIRES MULTIPLE PEOPLE TO OPERATE...MAYBE OUR CASES ARE *RELATED*.



WE CAN GO IN TOGETHER. SHARE THE *WORKLOAD*...

"AGENCY." SO YOU'RE *GOVERNMENT*?

...SURE.

WELL, IF YOU PROMISE NOT TO *SHOOT* AT ME AGAIN.



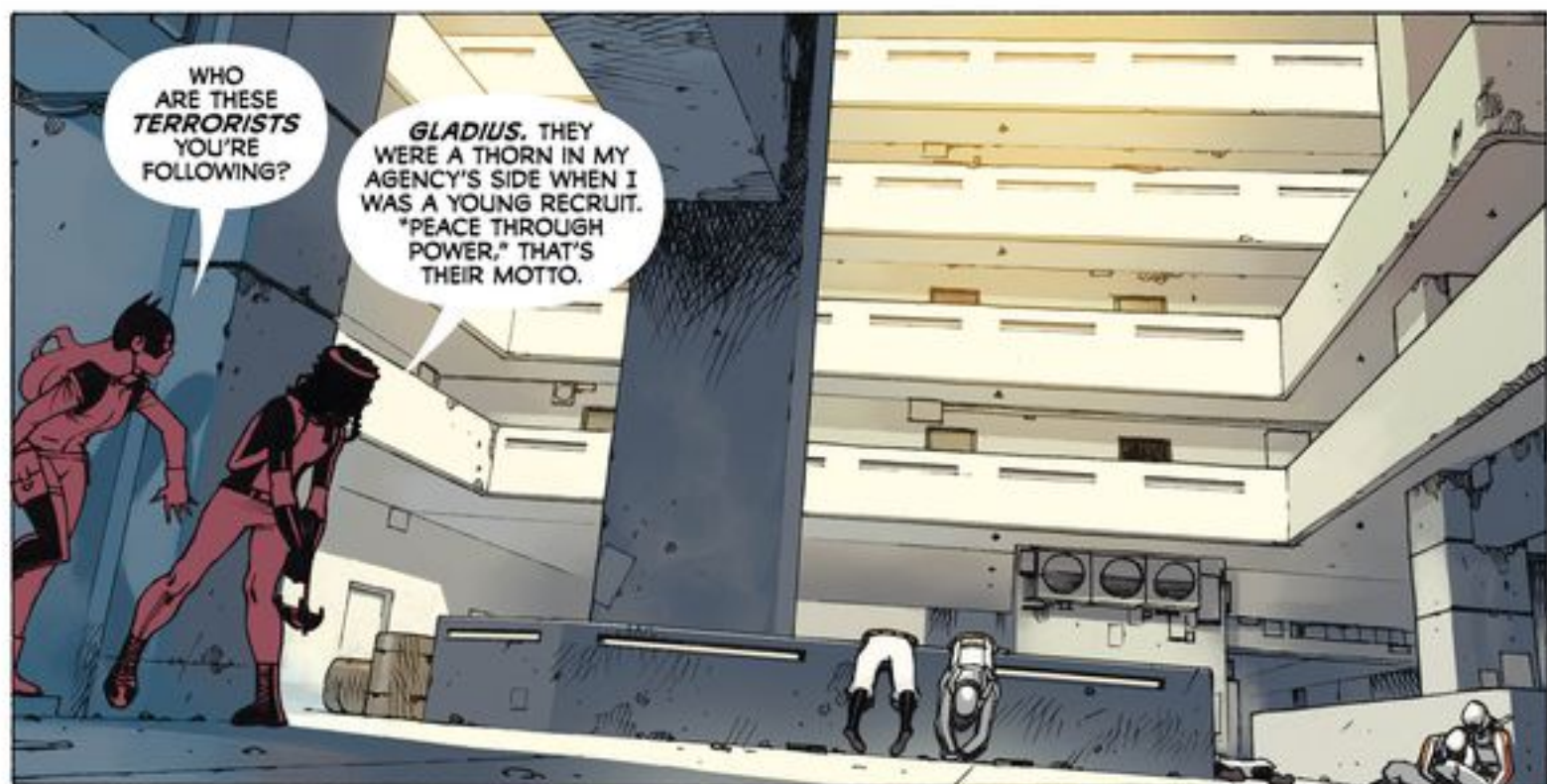
DEAL.





\*SEE **FOREVER EVIL** AND **GRAYSON** VOL. 1. NOW IN STORES! -CHRIS





WHO ARE THESE TERRORISTS YOU'RE FOLLOWING?

GLADIUS. THEY WERE A THORN IN MY AGENCY'S SIDE WHEN I WAS A YOUNG RECRUIT. "PEACE THROUGH POWER," THAT'S THEIR MOTTO.



WE THOUGHT WE'D WIPED THEM OUT YEARS AGO. AND THEN THE DEVICE WAS STOLEN.

THEY LEFT A SHORT SWORD IN ITS PLACE. THEIR OLD CALLING CARD.



WHY ARE THESE MEN ALREADY UNCONSCIOUS? WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?



ARE WE NOT ALONE HERE? ARE YOU WORKING WITH SOMEONE?

HEY! ANSWER ME! IF THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IN HERE I NEED TO KNOW YOUR PLAN--

IT'S JUST US.



OKAY, MAYBE I BROUGHT BACKUP.



