

NAHA, OKINAWA, JAPAN.



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LEAVE THE DUDE ALONE! HE'S JUST A TOURIST.



WHO'RE YOU?!

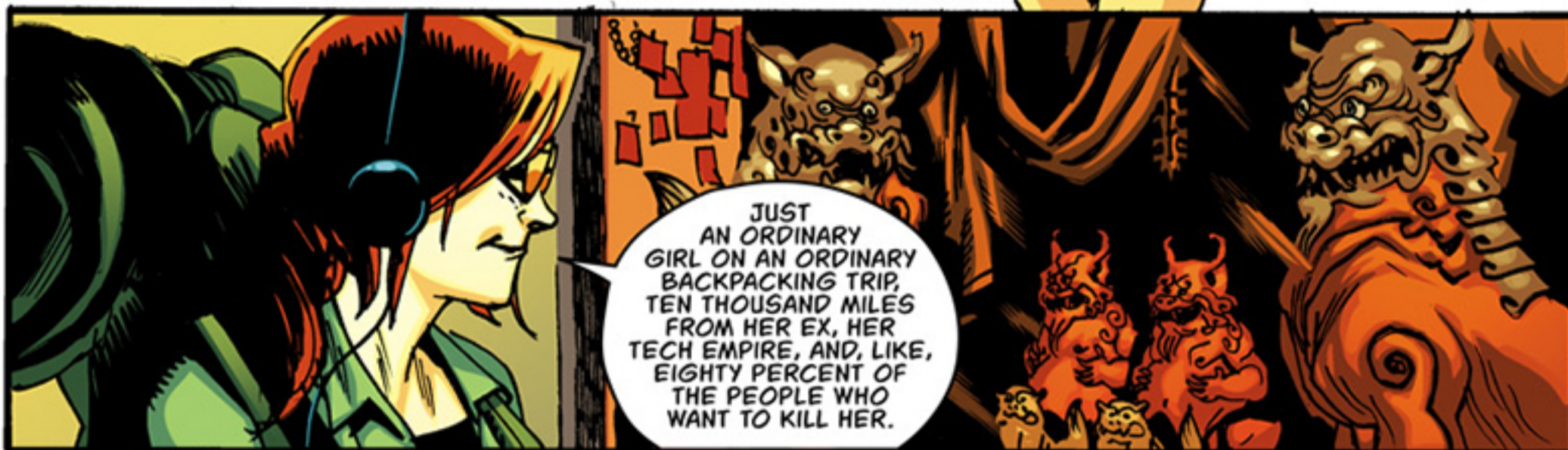


I'M
BATGIRL

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS EARLIER.

GORDON
CLEAN ENERGY.
FRANKIE
CHARLES
SPEAKING.

HEY!
I MADE
IT! I'M IN
JAPAN!



DRUM
HOUSE

BABS, COME ON. YOU JUST LEFT. WE CAN HANDLE THINGS HERE.

CAN YOU HANDLE US HANDLING THINGS?

POINT TAKEN. I'LL TRY.



WELCOME TO DRUM HOUSE, MISS GORDON.
日本語

THE WASHROOM'S DOWN THE HALL, AND YOU'RE IN ROOM SIX. YOUR ROOMMATE IS THERE ALREADY.

OH, OKAY. THANK YOU!



HOSTELS. ROOMIES. SUCCESS HAS NOT CHANGED BARBARA GORDON. BARBARA GORDON IS KEEPING IT REAL.



UNGH. HEY.



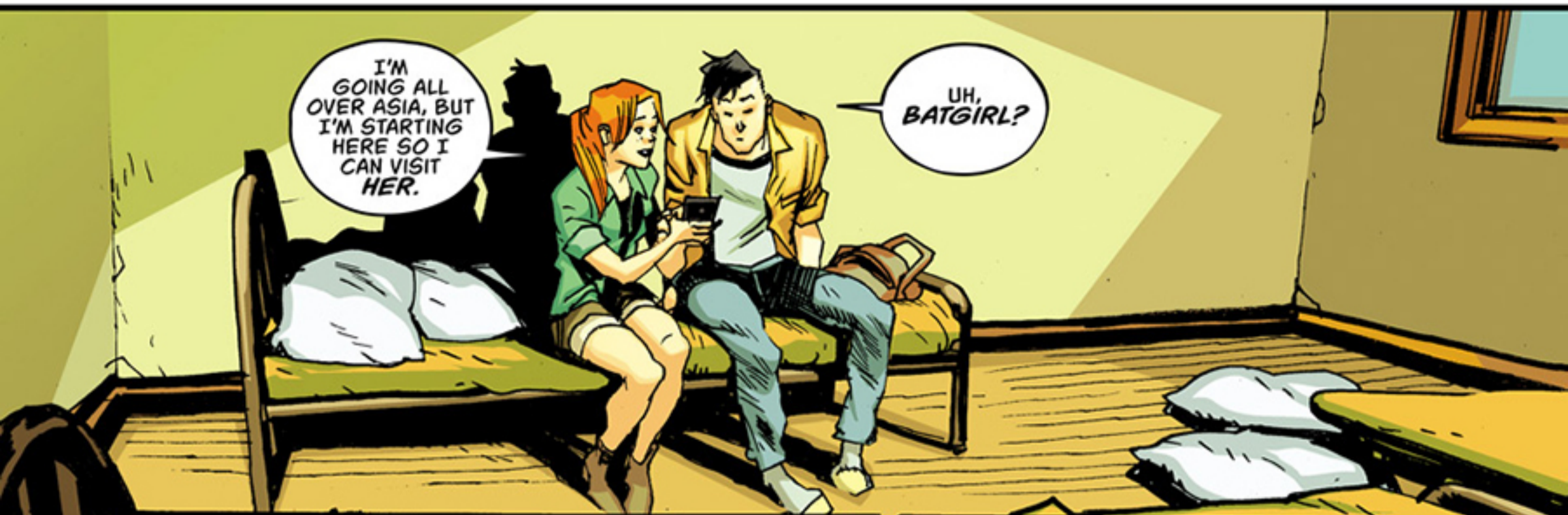
HEY, SORRY IF I WOKE YOU. JUST GONNA CHANGE AND THEN I'LL GET OUTTA YOUR--

BABS?

KAI?! IT'S BEEN, LIKE, YEARS!

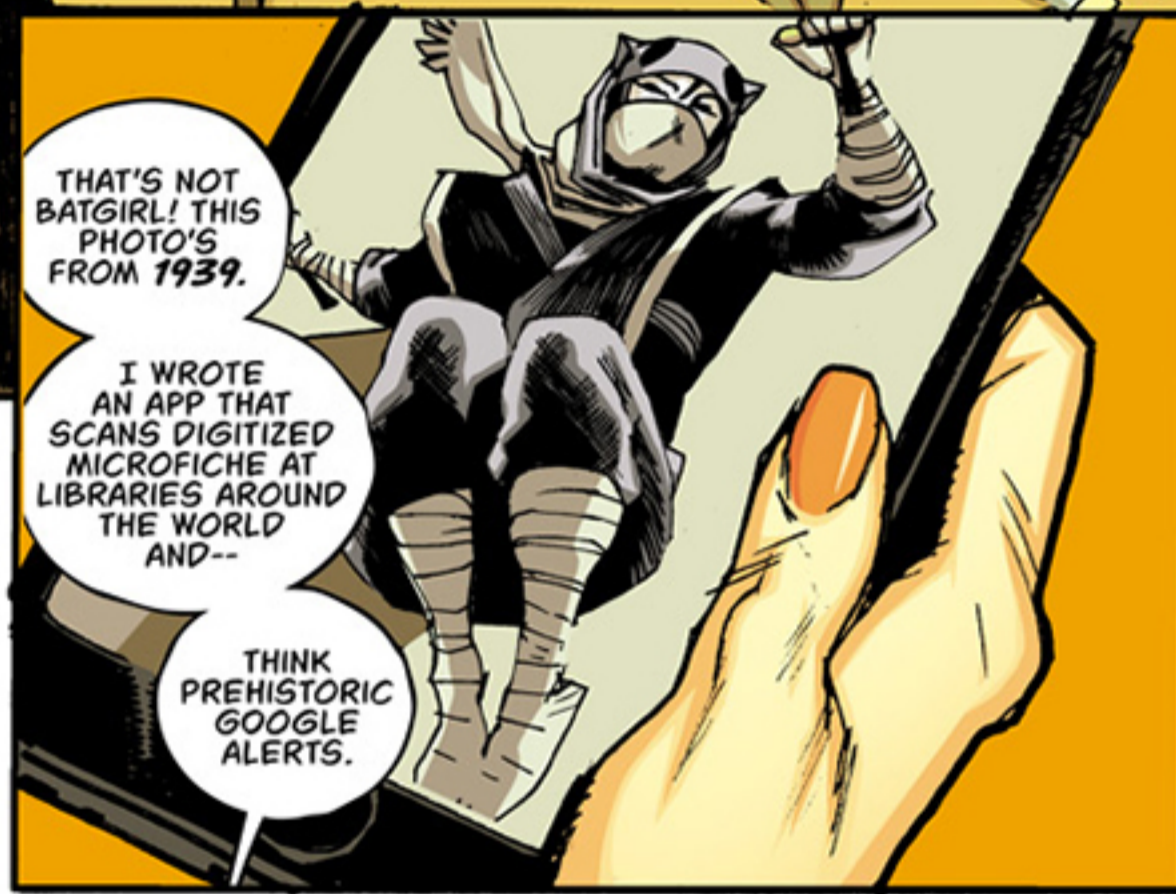


COINCIDENCE OF THE CENTURY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN JAPAN?! ARE YOU HERE FOR THE 10,000 EISA DANCE PARADE?



I'M GOING ALL OVER ASIA, BUT I'M STARTING HERE SO I CAN VISIT HER.

UH, BATGIRL?



THAT'S NOT BATGIRL! THIS PHOTO'S FROM 1939.

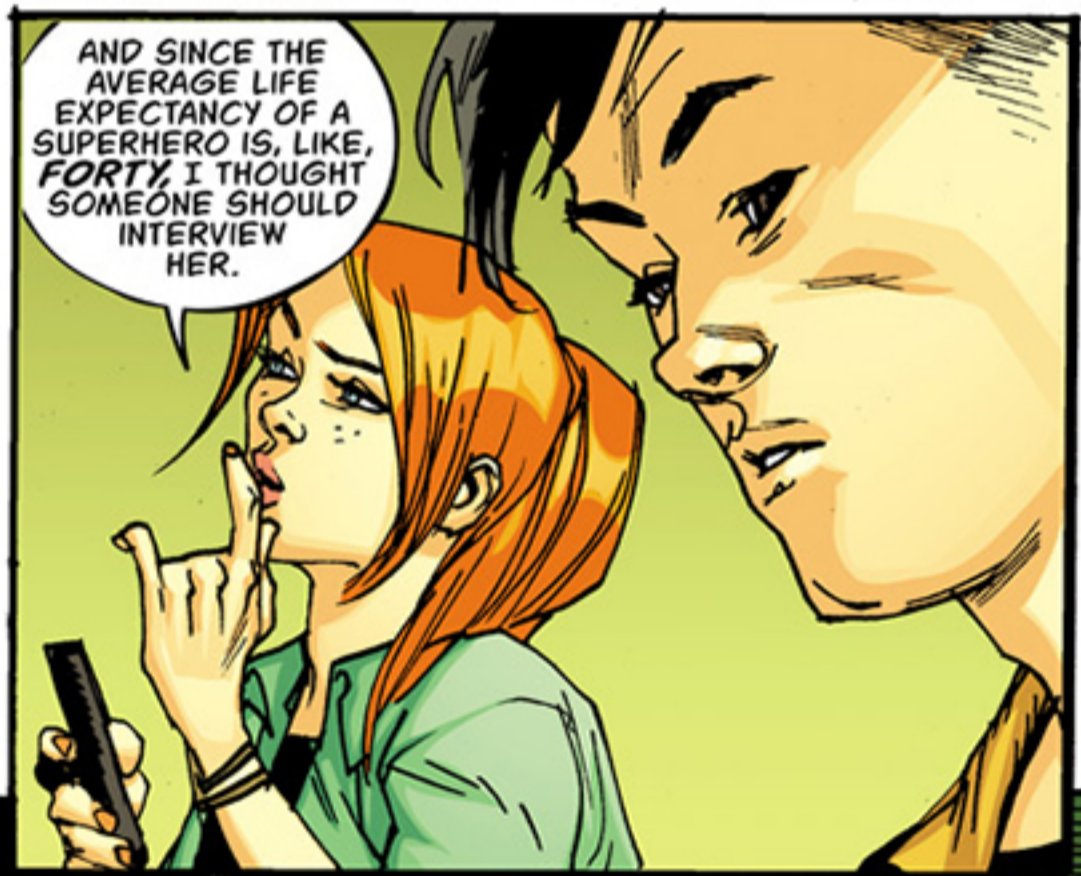
I WROTE AN APP THAT SCANS DIGITIZED MICROFICHE AT LIBRARIES AROUND THE WORLD AND--

THINK PREHISTORIC GOOGLE ALERTS.



OKAY...

SO THAT'S HOW I HEARD ABOUT FRUIT BAT, A.K.A. CHIYO YAMASHIRO. SHE FOUGHT CRIME IN THE '40s, UNMASKED IN THE '80s, AND STILL LIVES IN NAHA WITH HER SON AT AGE A HUNDRED AND FOUR.



AND SINCE THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF A SUPERHERO IS, LIKE, FORTY, I THOUGHT SOMEONE SHOULD INTERVIEW HER.



YOU WERE ALWAYS DOING WEIRD LITTLE PROJECTS, EVEN WHEN WE WERE KIDS.

AND YOU WERE ALWAYS GETTING US IN TROUBLE! REMEMBER THOSE LECTURES MY DAD GAVE US BACK IN CHICAGO?



COPS' KIDS END UP AS COPS OR CRIMINALS. WHICH ARE YOU GOING TO BE?

THINK ABOUT IT.