

**CIMITIRUL CENTRAL.
CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA.**

UNCLEAN,
THEY CALL ME.
PERVERSE AND
SICK. I HEAR THEM
WHISPERING.

THAT'S WHY
DOCTOR LEVITICUS
PREFERS GRAVEYARDS.
SO MUCH QUIETER,
YES, YES.

HAVE
YOU FOUND IT,
PADURAR?

HRM.
GLLRGH.

YES,
YES. LET ME SEE,
MY LOVELY DEAD
FRIEND.

WHEN THE
DEAD SEEK TO
CROSS THE RIVER
STYX, THEY MUST
PAY A COIN TO
THE BOATMAN
CHARON,
YES?

BUT
WHERE DOES
THE BOATMAN
KEEP ALL THOSE
COINS?

THE
PARLIAMENT
WILL PAY
HANDSOMELY.



LNGHK!

FNT

EEEIGHK!

WHRR-TIK



I CALL THIS SUYOLAK. AS A FELLOW TINKERER, I'M SURE YOU'RE IMPRESSED.

WHO--?



AS I READ YOU, SUYOLAK READS ME, AND FINDS THE MOST PERFECT CURE FOR WHAT AILS YOU...

WHRR-TIK



...EVEN IF WHAT AILS YOU IS CONTINUED EXISTENCE.

PLEASE, I CAN PAY. DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

OH, I'M ALREADY GETTING PAID.

WHAT I WANT IS TO DIG UP THE PAST. AND IF I DON'T GET IT...

PLEASE... NO.

...IT'S YOU WHO'LL GET BURIED.

TEATRO REGIO DI TORINO.
TURIN, ITALY.

I grew up in a circus.
Before I learned anything, I learned how to put on a show.

As part of the "Flying Graysons," my parents taught me that the appeal of trapeze artists was their proximity to death.

The ability to smile in the face of danger.

This was my childhood.

I guess it makes sense that my adolescence would be spent partnered with Batman...

...solving mysteries and fighting evil kooks in animal costumes as Robin.

It's probably no surprise that as a young adult I decided to swing out on my own...

...making some questionable wardrobe choices on the way to becoming the sleek and sexy blue-black bird of darkness lovingly known as...

DIE FOR KOBRA!
DIE FOR KALI
YUGA!

...NIGHTWING.

While other people my age are looking for their "career path job," and worrying about paying off student loans...

...I'm doing my best to pay off my own debt.

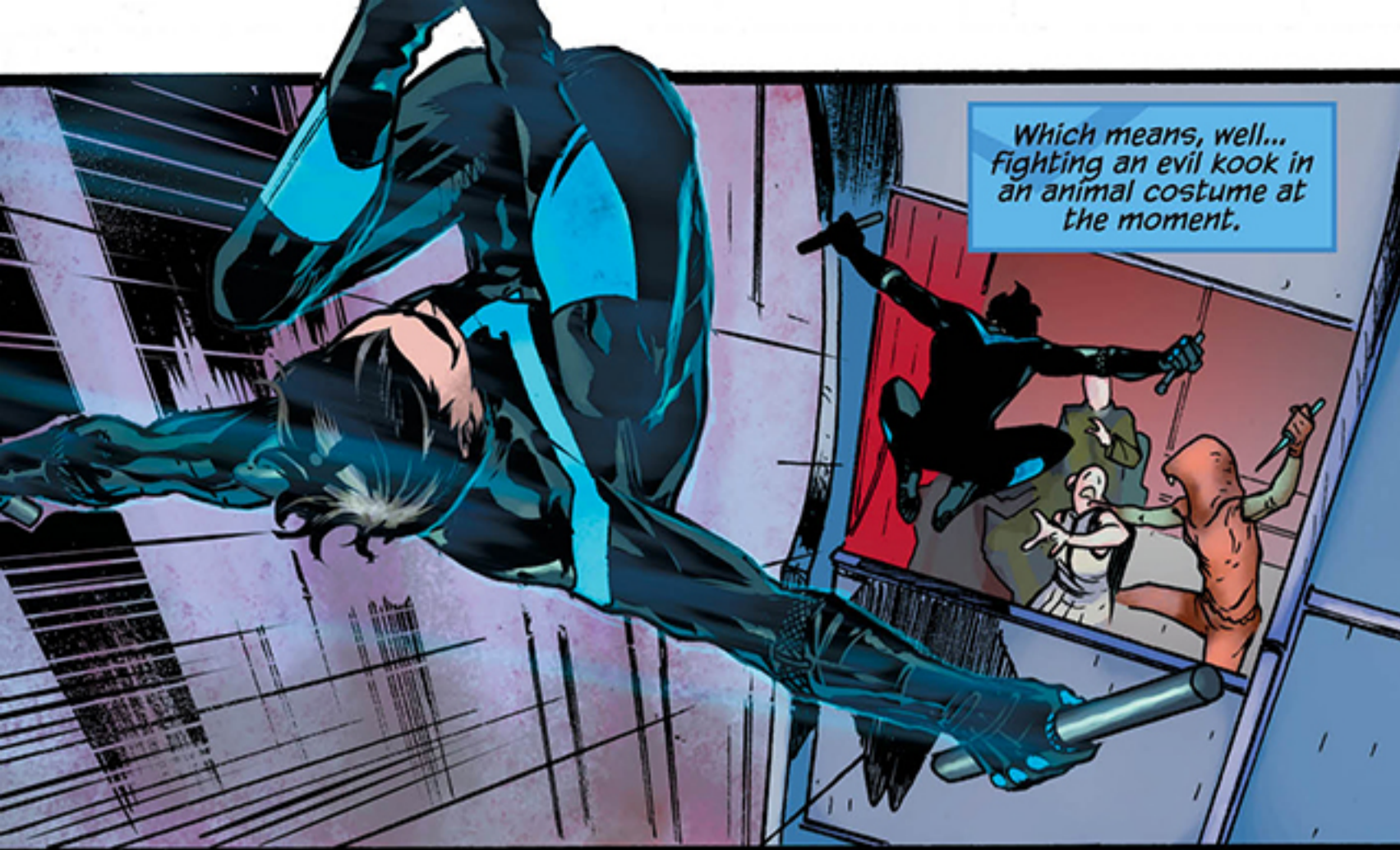
Better Than BATMAN

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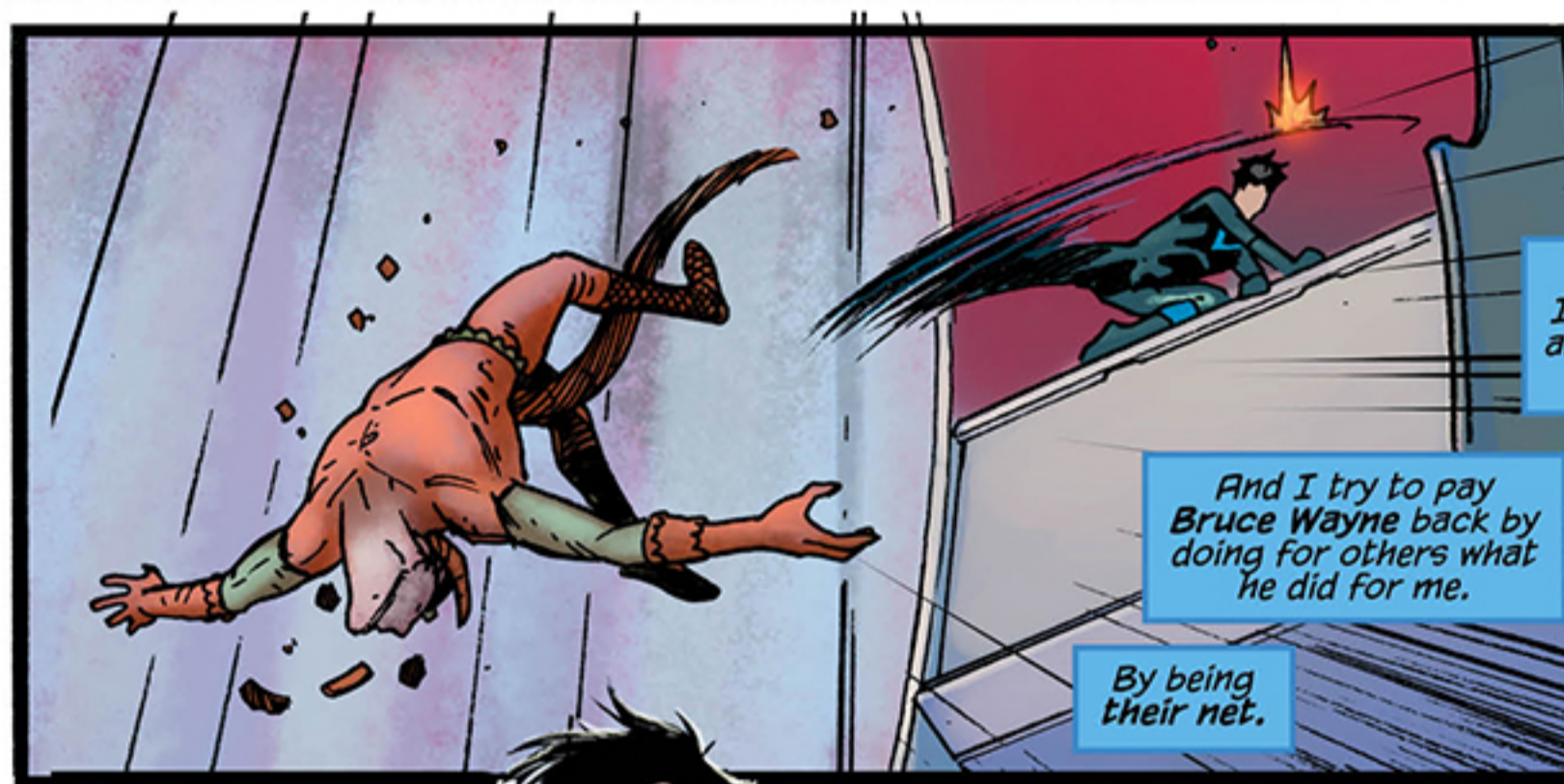
NIGHTWING CREATED BY MARY WOLFMAN & GEORGE PERÉZ BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE WITH BILL FINGER



Which means, well... fighting an evil kook in an animal costume at the moment.

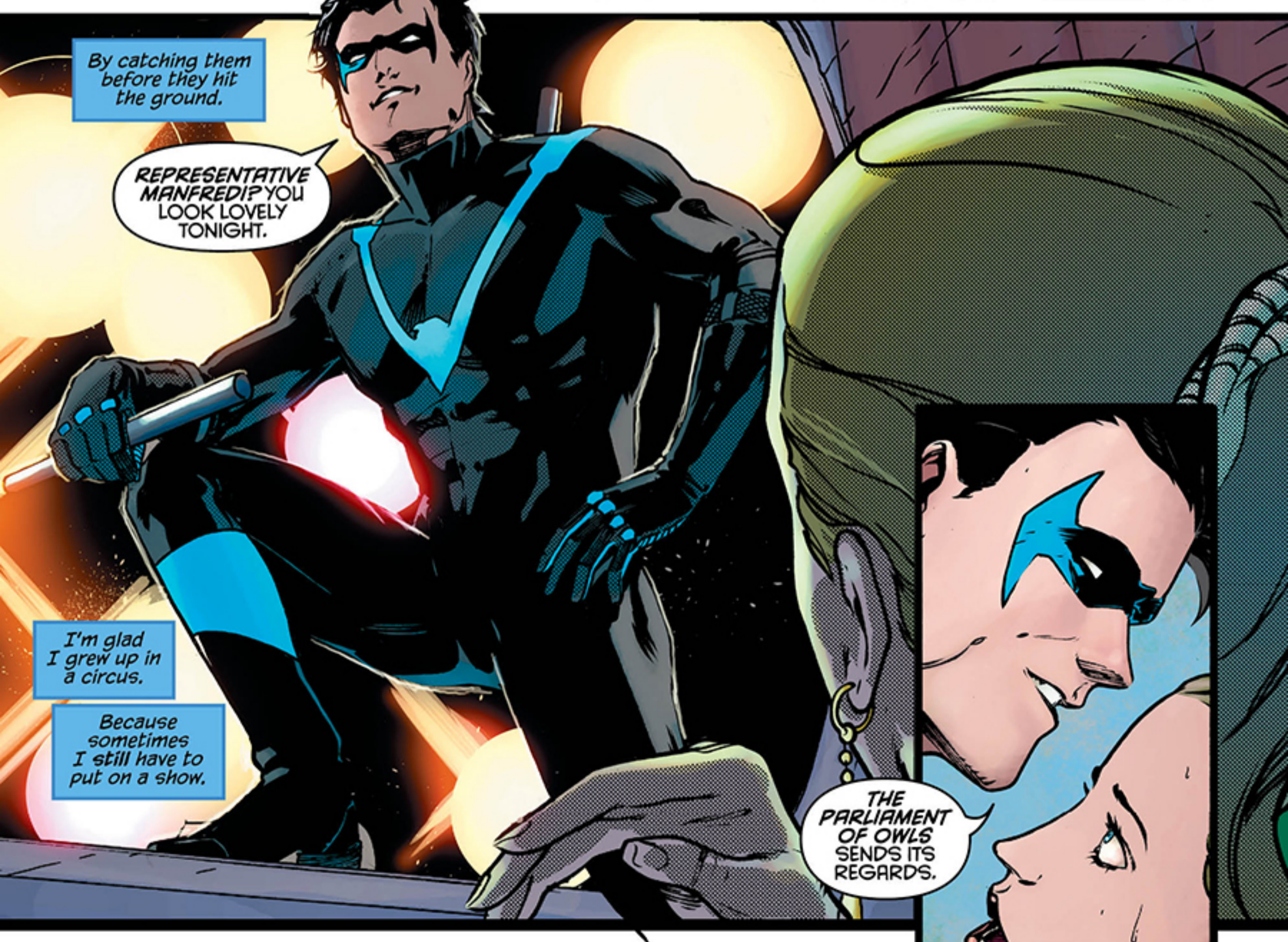


But that's cool. I owe it to my mom and dad to face fear with a grin.



And I try to pay Bruce Wayne back by doing for others what he did for me.

By being their net.



By catching them before they hit the ground.

REPRESENTATIVE MANFREDI? YOU LOOK LOVELY TONIGHT.

I'm glad I grew up in a circus.

Because sometimes I still have to put on a show.

THE PARLIAMENT OF OWLS SENDS ITS REGARDS.