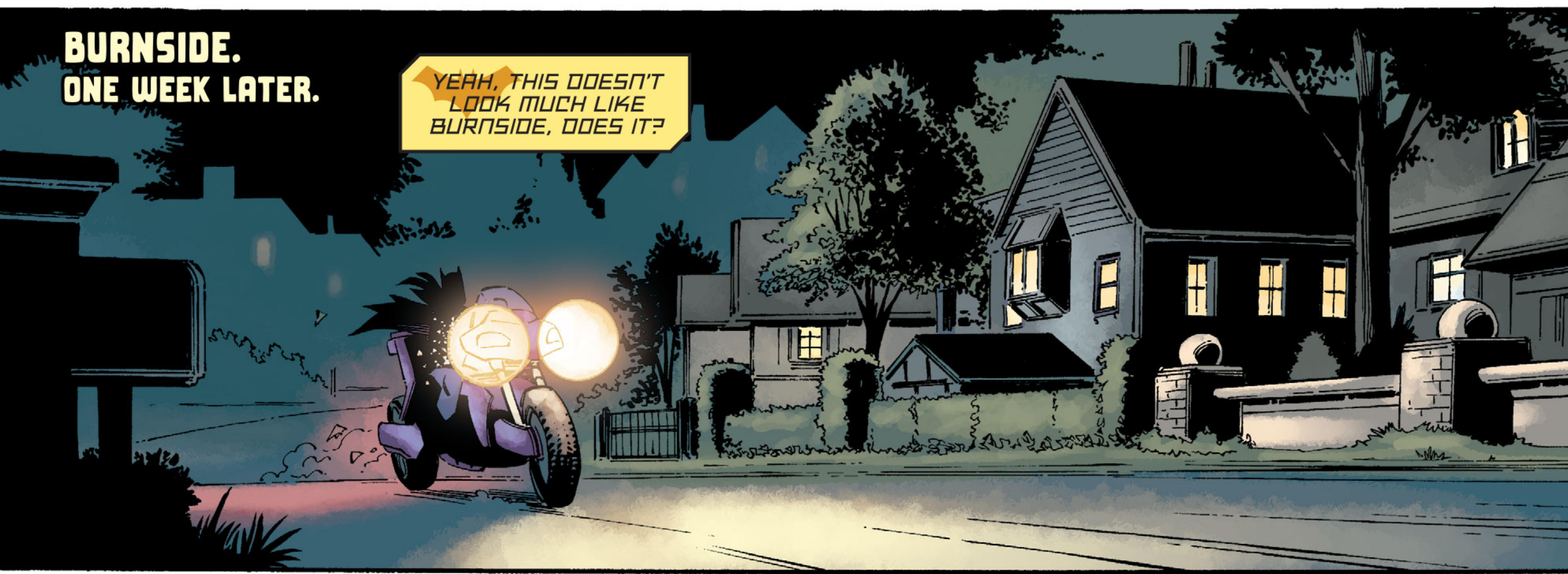
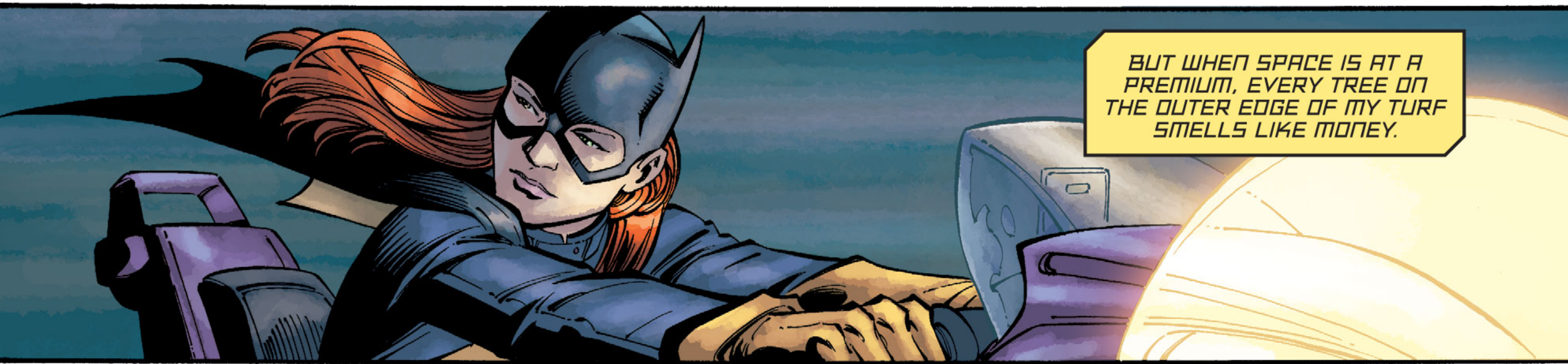


**BURNSIDE.
ONE WEEK LATER.**

*YEAH, THIS DOESN'T
LOOK MUCH LIKE
BURNSIDE, DOES IT?*



*BUT WHEN SPACE IS AT A
PREMIUM, EVERY TREE ON
THE OUTER EDGE OF MY TURF
SMELLS LIKE MONEY.*



*PEOPLE HERE CAN AFFORD A LOT
MORE THAN LAWNS, TOO, AND THEY
PROTECT THEIR ASSETS AS MUCH AS
ANY STREET DRUG KINGPIN WOULD.*

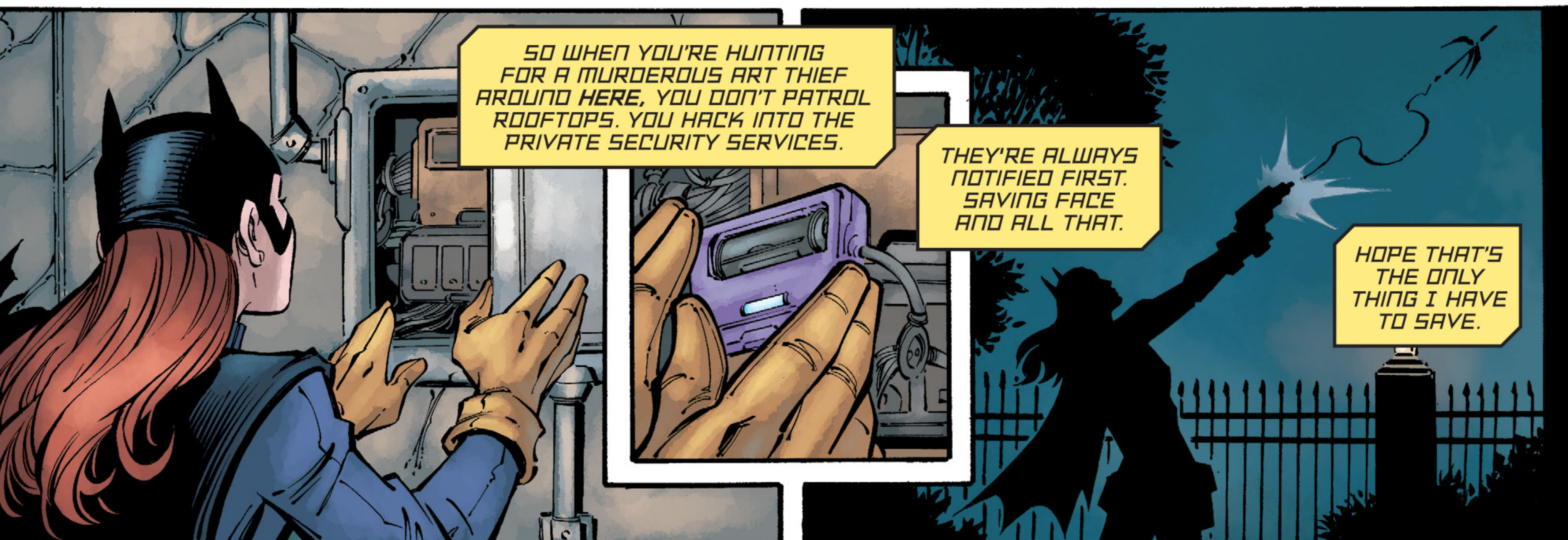


*THEY JUST HIDE
THE BARS.*

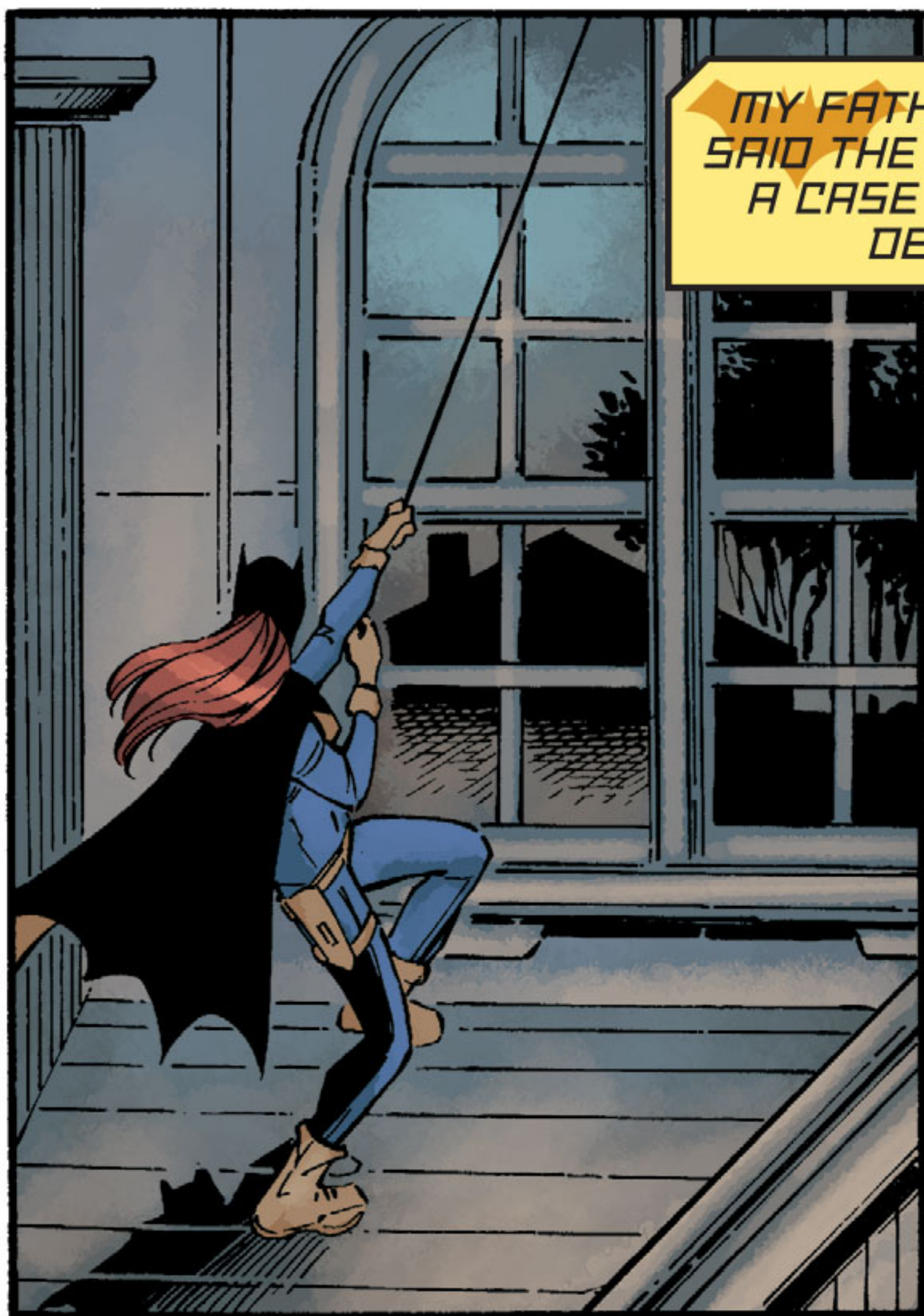


*SO WHEN YOU'RE HUNTING
FOR A MURDEROUS ART THIEF
AROUND HERE, YOU DON'T PATROL
ROOFTOPS. YOU HACK INTO THE
PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES.*

*THEY'RE ALWAYS
NOTIFIED FIRST.
SAVING FACE
AND ALL THAT.*



*HOPING THAT'S
THE ONLY
THING I HAVE
TO SAVE.*



MY FATHER ALWAYS SAID THE ANSWERS TO A CASE ARE IN THE DETAILS.



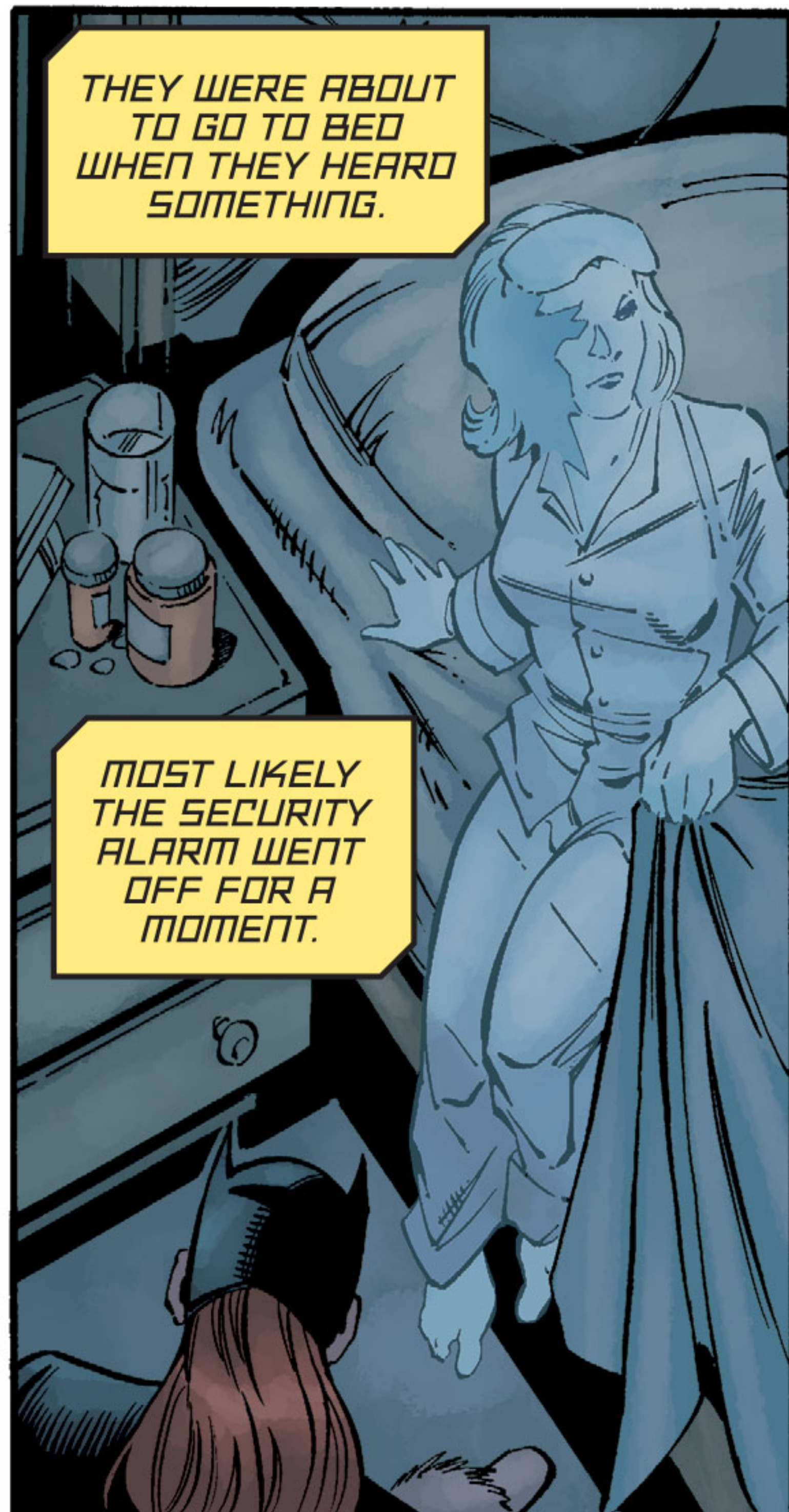
THANKS TO MY EIDETIC MEMORY, DETAILS ALWAYS JUMP OUT AT ME.



AND THEY BRING THEIR STORIES WITH THEM.

Meds on nightstand—probably older, don't have young kids.

Slippers still here—left unexpectedly?



THEY WERE ABOUT TO GO TO BED WHEN THEY HEARD SOMETHING.

MOST LIKELY THE SECURITY ALARM WENT OFF FOR A MOMENT.

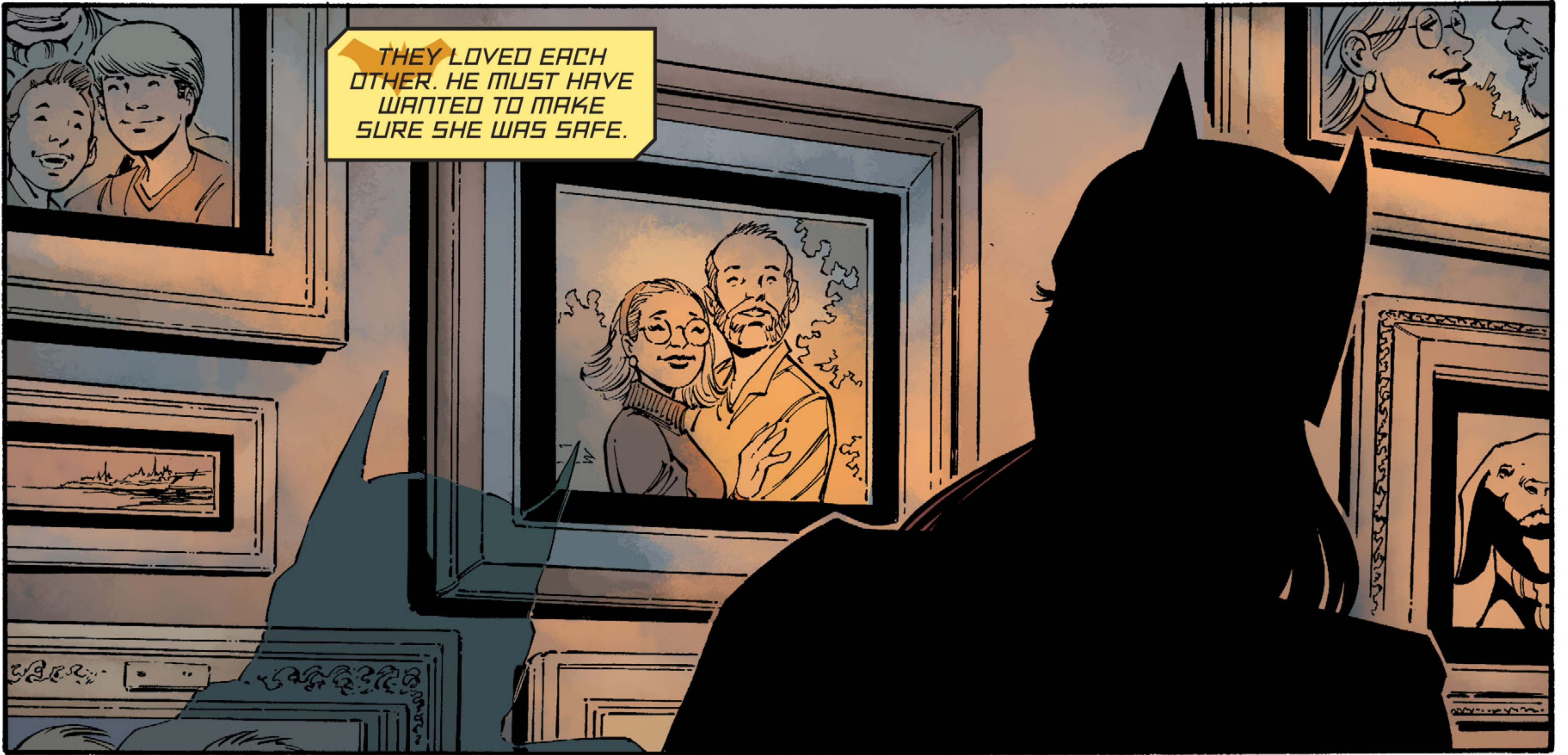


BUT IT MUST HAVE CUT OUT.

THEY WEREN'T AFRAID--SHE MOVED TOWARD THE DOOR.



HE HELD HER BACK, WANTED TO GO FIRST.



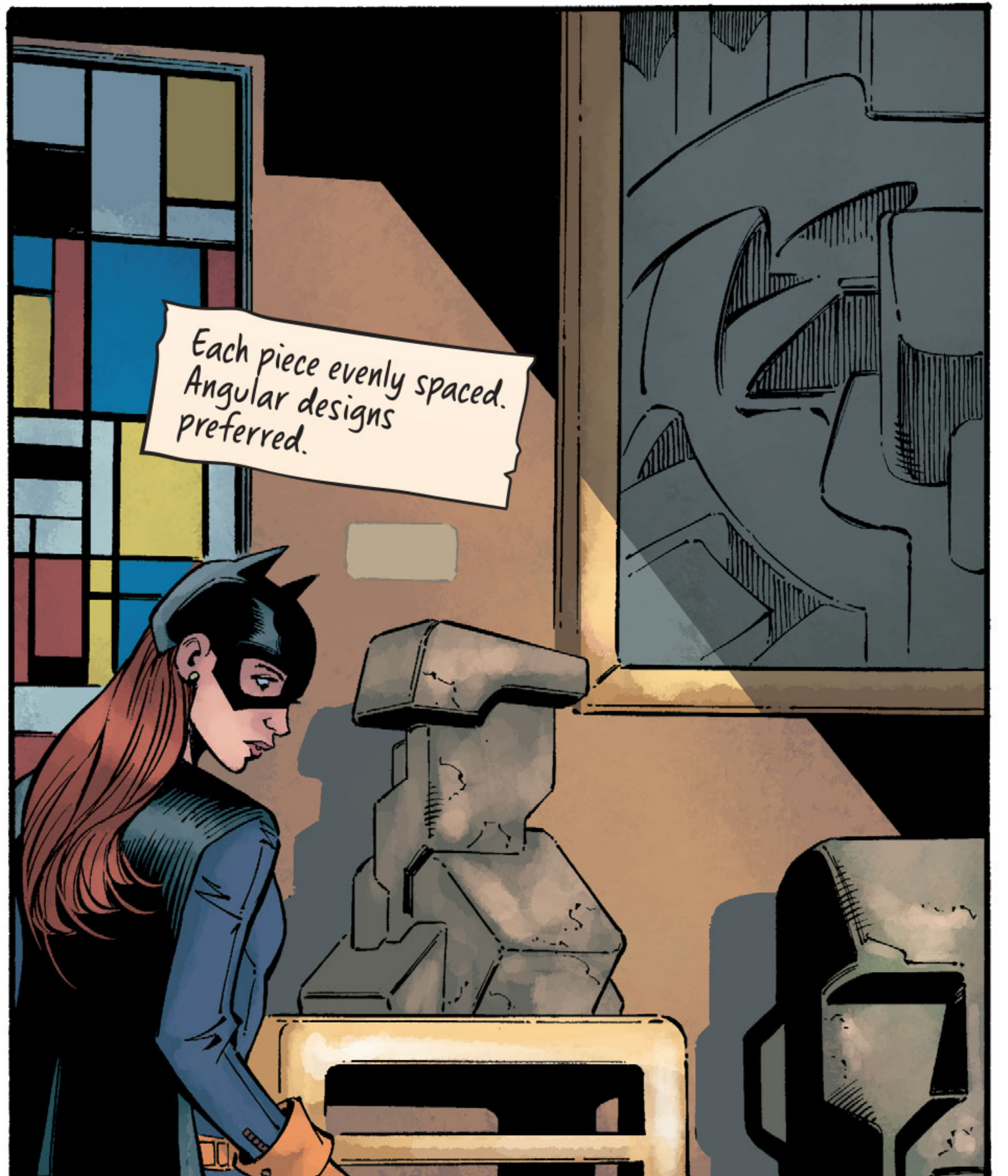
THEY LOVED EACH OTHER. HE MUST HAVE WANTED TO MAKE SURE SHE WAS SAFE.



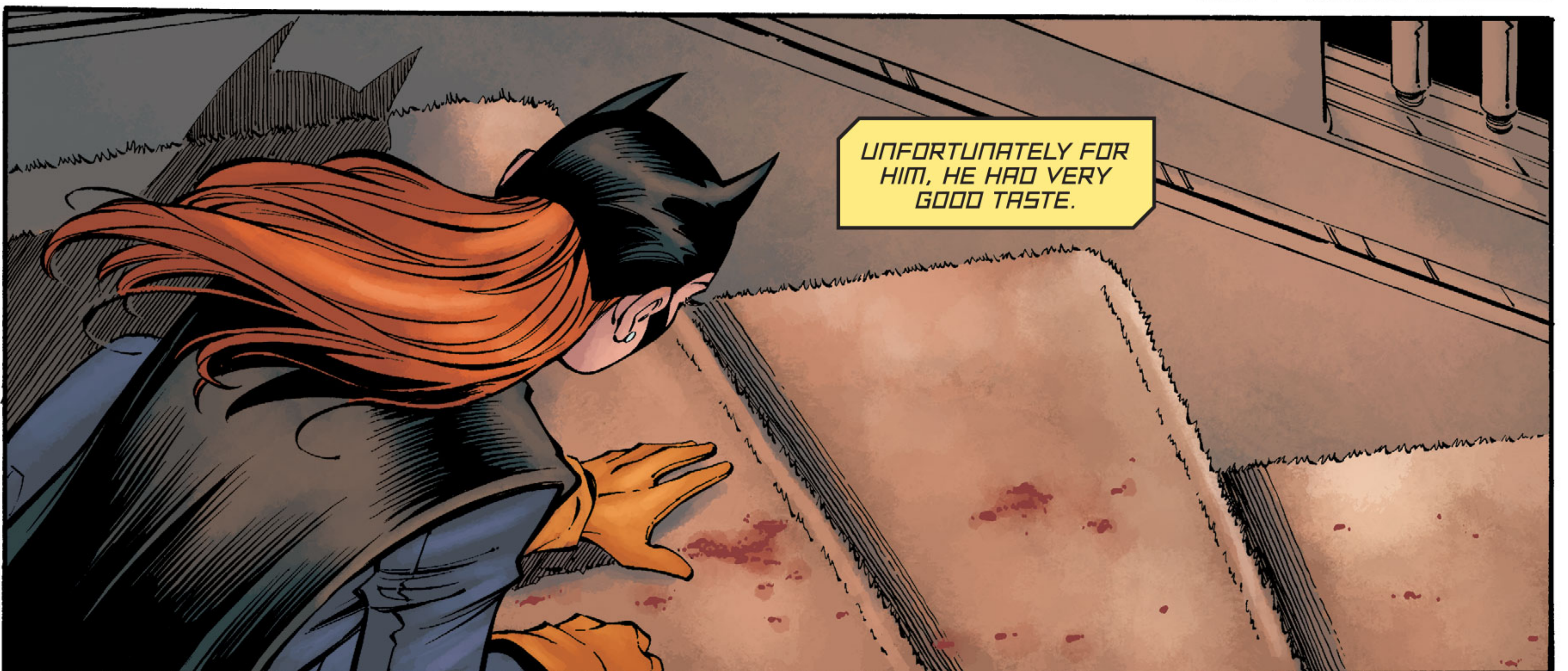
THE DOG'S A SURPRISE, PROBABLY HER IDEA.



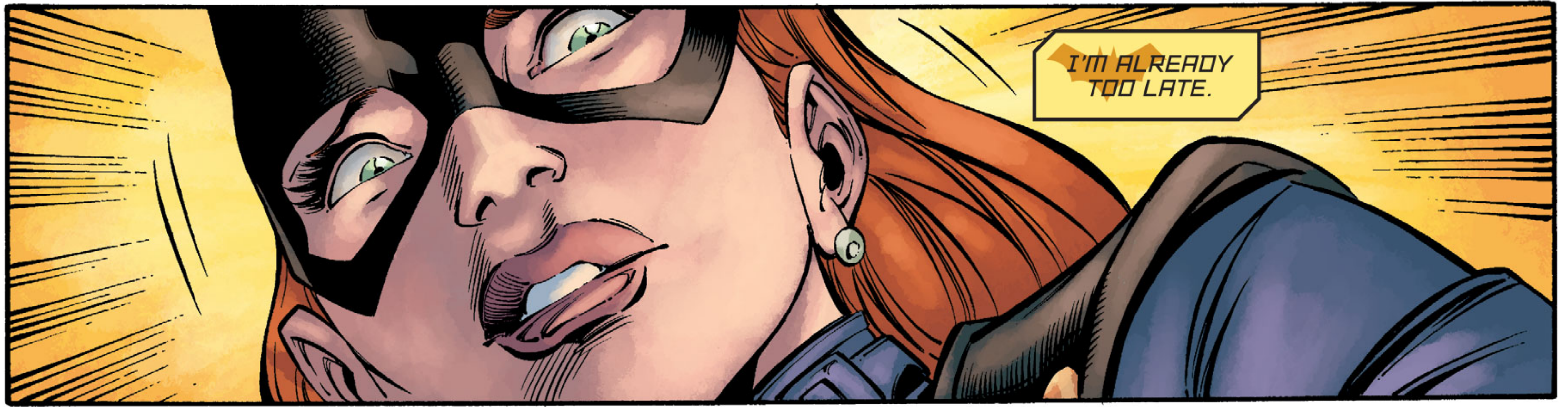
HIS ART POINTS TO A METICULOUS PERSON.



Each piece evenly spaced. Angular designs preferred.



UNFORTUNATELY FOR HIM, HE HAD VERY GOOD TASTE.



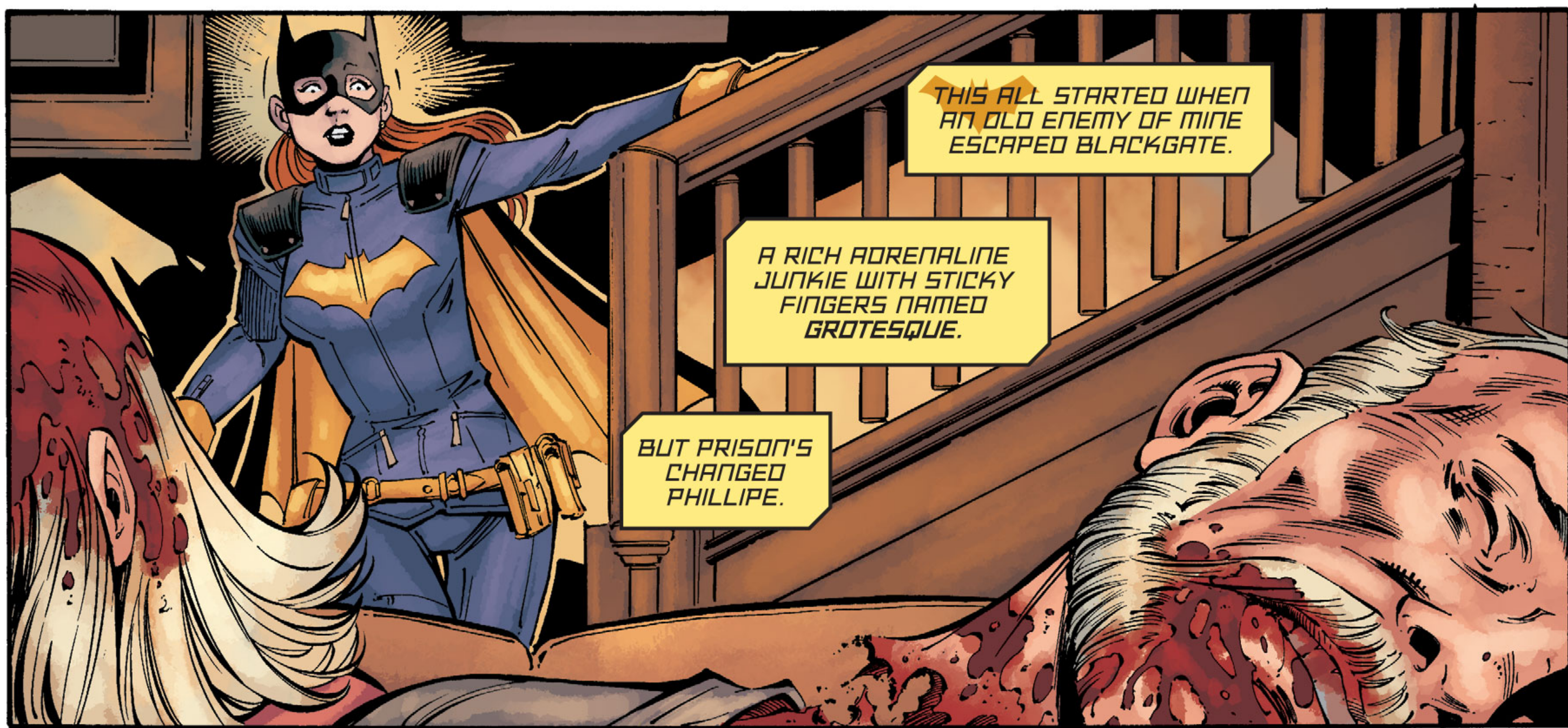
I'M ALREADY TOO LATE.



DAMN IT.

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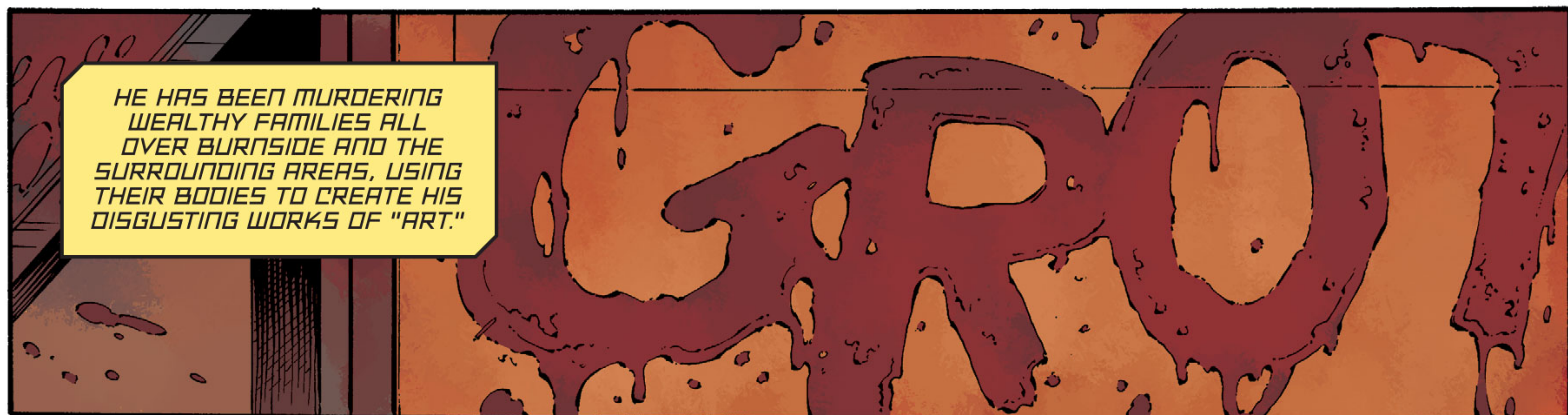
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THIS ALL STARTED WHEN AN OLD ENEMY OF MINE ESCAPED BLACKGATE.

A RICH ADRENALINE JUNKIE WITH STICKY FINGERS NAMED GROTESQUE.

BUT PRISON'S CHANGED PHILLIPE.

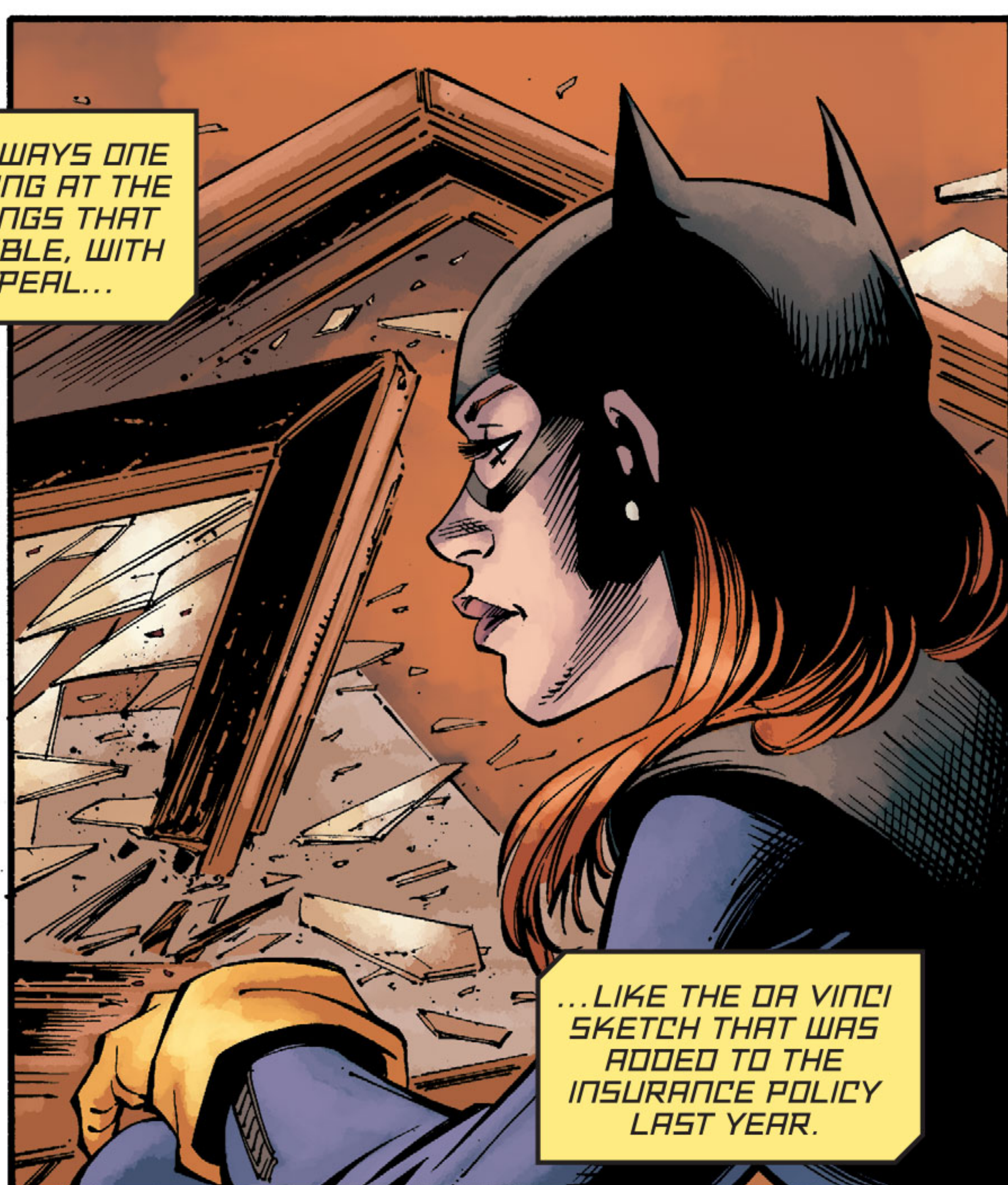


HE HAS BEEN MURDERING WEALTHY FAMILIES ALL OVER BURNSIDE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, USING THEIR BODIES TO CREATE HIS DISGUSTING WORKS OF "ART."



BUT HIS NEW PATHOLOGY HASN'T SUPPLANTED HIS OLD GREED.

THERE'S ALWAYS ONE PIECE MISSING AT THE SCENE. THINGS THAT ARE PORTABLE, WITH WIDE APPEAL...



...LIKE THE DA VINCI SKETCH THAT WAS ADDED TO THE INSURANCE POLICY LAST YEAR.



BRK-
BRRRR

HE'S STILL HERE.