

"...AND WHAT THEY'RE AFTER."

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, GOTHAM CITY.

...LAST THING MY FATHER WOULD HAVE WANTED IS HIS SWEET LITTLE VIOLET PUNISHED FOR WHAT WAS CLEARLY A TRAGIC ACCIDENT.

HELPS TO HAVE A BRILLIANT LAWYER IN THE FAMILY, HUH?

YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE COMFORTING LATER...

...GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER OF TIME OFF, BUT I THINK KEEPING BUSY WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME.

YOU'RE A CREDIT TO BOTH YOUR FATHER AND OUR FIRM, VICTOR. I KNOW HE WAS AS PROUD OF YOU AS I AM.

...SICK WIFE AND A TEENAGE DAUGHTER? I DON'T KNOW HOW FATHER MANAGED IT.

DON'T WORRY, VIOLET. AS SOON AS YOUR FATHER GETS BACK FROM HIS TRIP, HE'LL SET THIS ALL RIGHT-SIDE UP.

TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT SURE I'M REALLY UP FOR THE CHALLENGE.

WE DO HAVE PROFESSIONALS FOR THESE THINGS. I KNOW OF A HOME YOUR MOTHER WILL JUST LOVE.


GATHER HOUSE? I DON'T THINK I'VE HEARD OF IT.

IT'S A BOARDING SCHOOL, JUST OUTSIDE OF GOTHAM...

NEED TO HURRY.



SHOULD HAVE KILLED
HEMSLEY. WANTED TO.



SO WHY COULDN'T
I DO IT?



ALL I DID WAS
LET HIM KNOW
I'M COMING.

TAKING AWAY HIS
TOYS WILL HAVE TO
DO FOR NOW.



THERE YOU ARE. THE MYSTERY FIGURE IN WHITE.



MOVE.

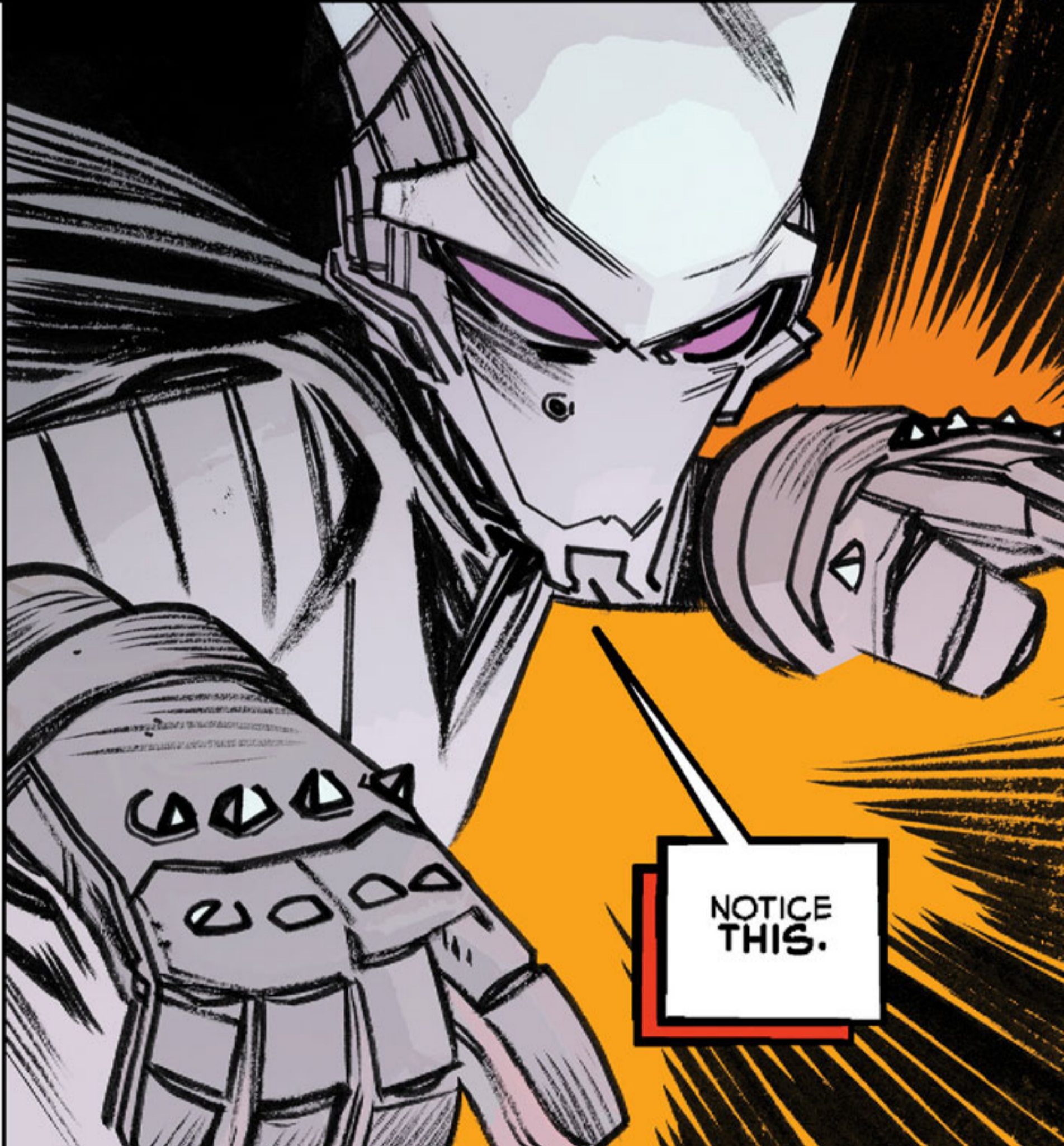


WE NEED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION.

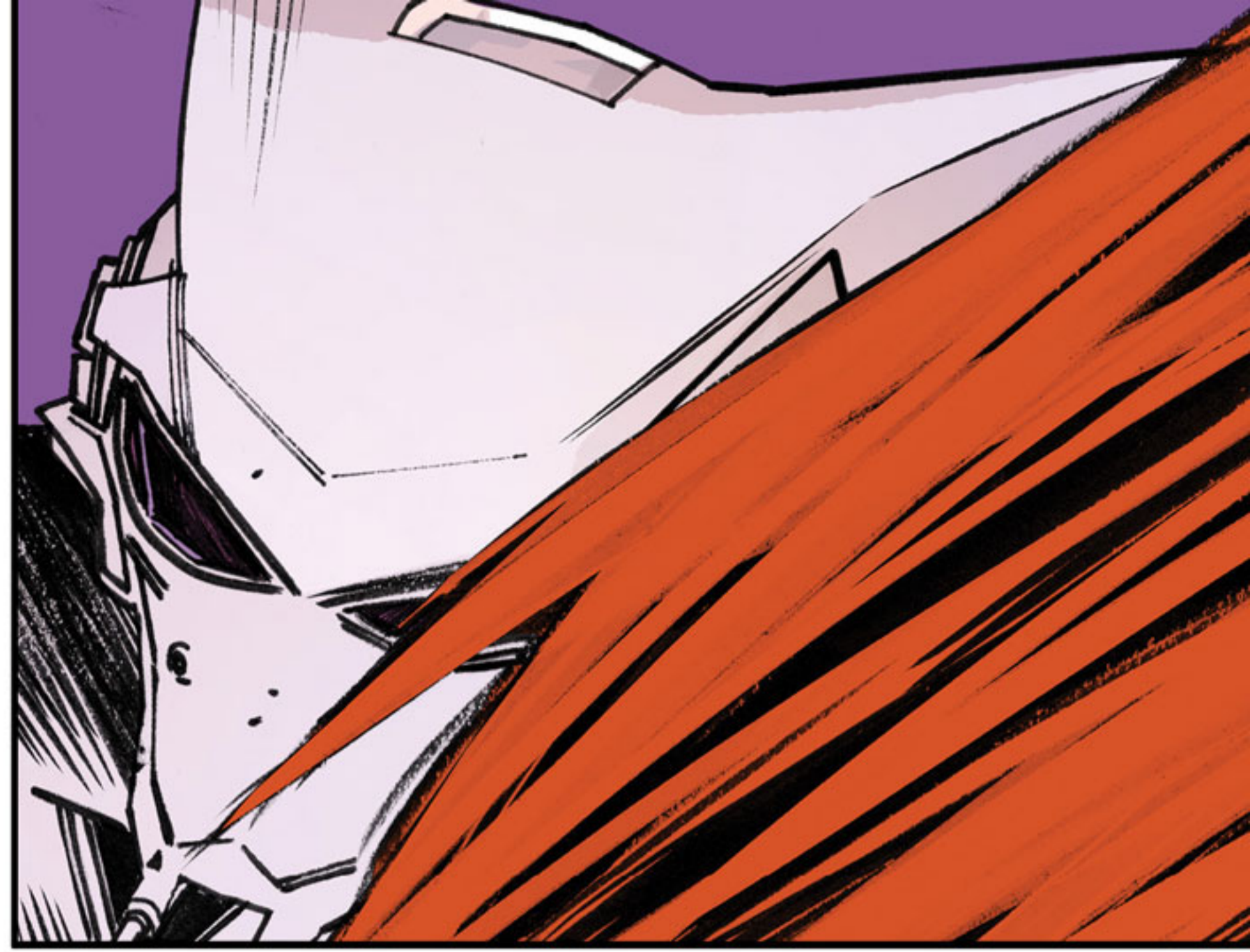
BUSY.



YOU RUN AROUND IN A COSTUME IN THIS TOWN, PEOPLE TAKE NOTICE. YOU CAN'T EXPECT--



NOTICE THIS.





I'M HERE TO FIRST GIVE YOU A TOUR OF *WBMN*. I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE TO START RATHER QUICKLY SINCE...

...BATMAN FAILED TO KEEP YOUR BOSS FROM BEING KILLED?

THIS IS THE MAILROOM. MR. TRATTNER RUNS THE ROOM. WE STILL GET A LOT OF SNAIL MAIL, ESPECIALLY FOR THE LATE NIGHT SHOW.

I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOUR **PODCAST**, MR. EDGARS. NOT SURE I AGREE WITH YOUR...

I'M SURPRISED YOU KNOW WHAT A **PODCAST** IS, OLD MAN.

MR. TRATTNER'S A GOOD GUY. THAT REALLY WASN'T THE WAY TO--

WHAT IS YOUR JOB AGAIN? OH RIGHT, YOU'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN HEARS *MY* VOICE.

DO I NEED TO HEAR YOURS?

HERE'S THE **MARKETING STAFF**. THEY'RE PRETTY EXCITED TO HAVE YOU HERE.

YES...**MR. EDGARS**... WE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN THE OBVIOUS "CORY ON THE STORY."

YEAH... AND WE UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO WAR WITH BATMAN. HOW ABOUT "GOOD NIGHT, DARK KNIGHT"?

MAYBE IF I HAD KIDS... AND I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO WAKE UP AGAIN.

WE'LL COME BACK TO MR. CHECKWIT'S OFFICE AFTER WE'VE FINISHED THE TOUR.

GOOD. HE PROMISED ME A DRINK AND THIS TOUR IS MAKING ME **THIRSTY**.

GOTHAM RADIO

SCENE THREE: SCHEME-ADICT

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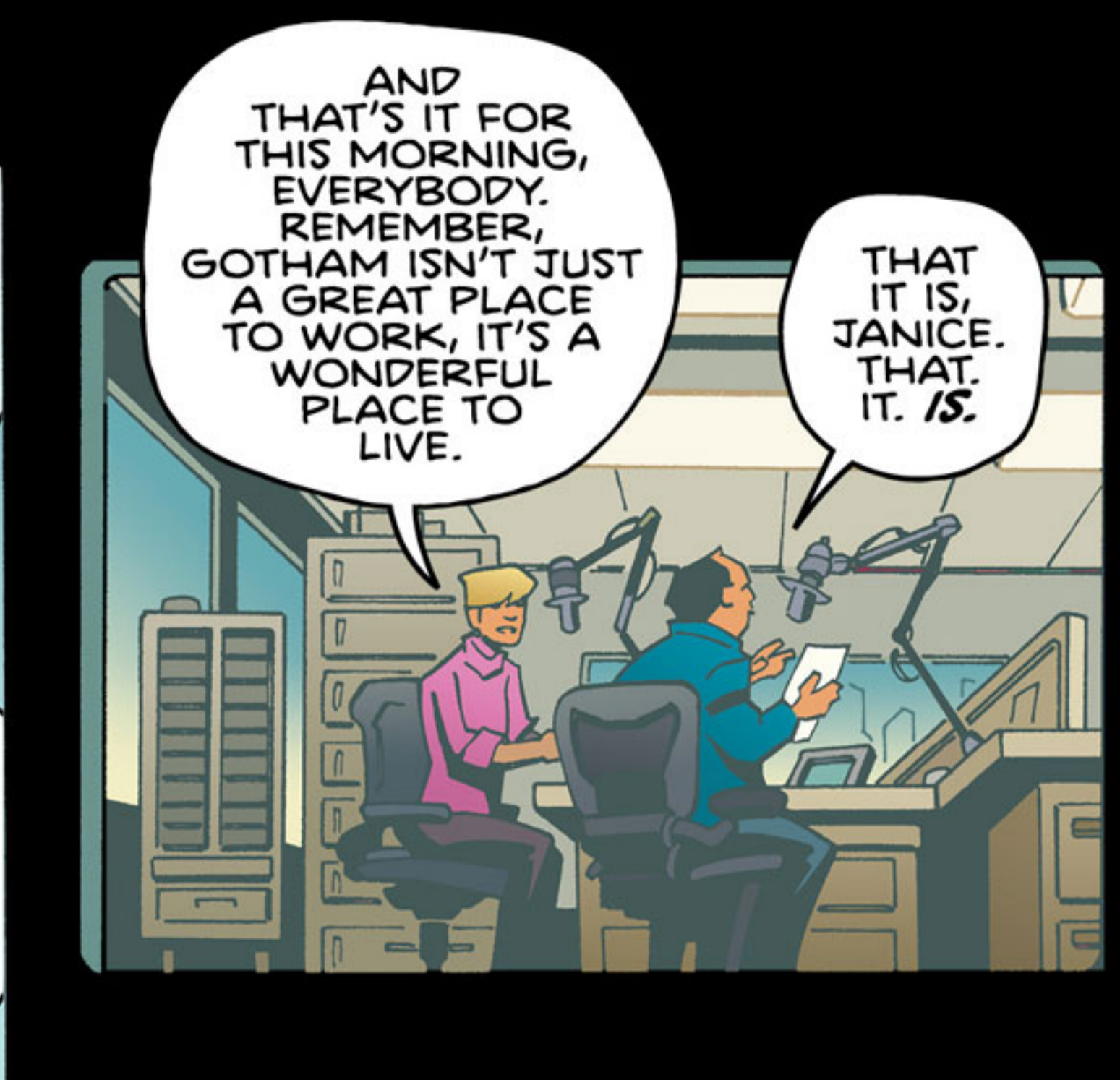
WE'RE STILL IN TIME FOR THE MORNING SHOW.

THIS IS CORY EDGARS, OUR NEW LATE NIGHT TALK SHOW HOST.

AND THIS IS TEDDY FRANKS.

HE'S YOUR INTERN. THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO GET YOU YOUR COFFEE.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU MAKE BETTER INSTANT COFFEE.



AND THAT'S IT FOR THIS MORNING, EVERYBODY. REMEMBER, GOTHAM ISN'T JUST A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE.

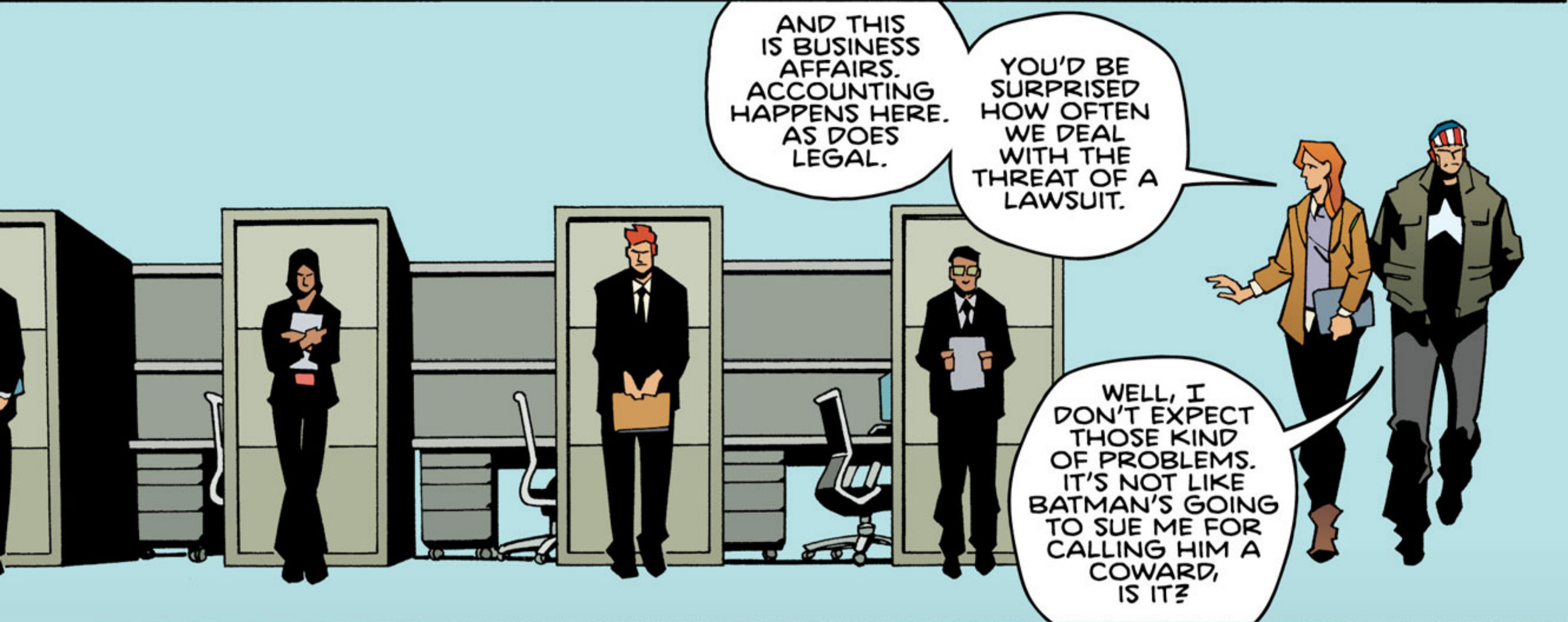
THAT IT IS, JANICE. THAT. IT. IS.



CONRAD AND JANICE ACT LIKE THE SUN IS OUT REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER. THE MORNING SHOW FOLLOWS YOURS.

SO I'LL SEE THEM EVERY MORNING?

THIS JOB MIGHT NOT BE PAYING ENOUGH.



AND THIS IS BUSINESS AFFAIRS. ACCOUNTING HAPPENS HERE. AS DOES LEGAL.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW OFTEN WE DEAL WITH THE THREAT OF A LAWSUIT.

WELL, I DON'T EXPECT THOSE KIND OF PROBLEMS. IT'S NOT LIKE BATMAN'S GOING TO SUE ME FOR CALLING HIM A COWARD, IS IT?



I SUPPOSE NOT, BUT THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM MAY BE UPSET. AFTER ALL, BATMAN HAS *SAVED* MANY OF THEM.

I'M CONVINCED THAT BEING "SAVED BY BATMAN" OFFERS A CELEBRITY STANDING FOR SELF-PROCLAIMED VICTIMS EVERYWHERE.

SHOOT A COUPLE HOLES IN THE CAPED CRUSADER'S REP, AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY *WILL* TURN ON HIM.