



I MISS YOU.

EVERY DAY, I THINK ABOUT YOU BOTH, AND I WONDER...

...I WONDER WHAT YOU WOULD SAY IF YOU COULD SEE ME NOW.

MOM, DAD...

...WOULD YOU STILL BE PROUD OF YOUR SON IF YOU COULD SEE WHAT I'VE BECOME?

WOULD YOU CHEER ME ON?

YAAAAAHHH!

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OR WOULD IT SCARE YOU TO DEATH TO KNOW THAT YOUR SON IS A VIGILANTE?

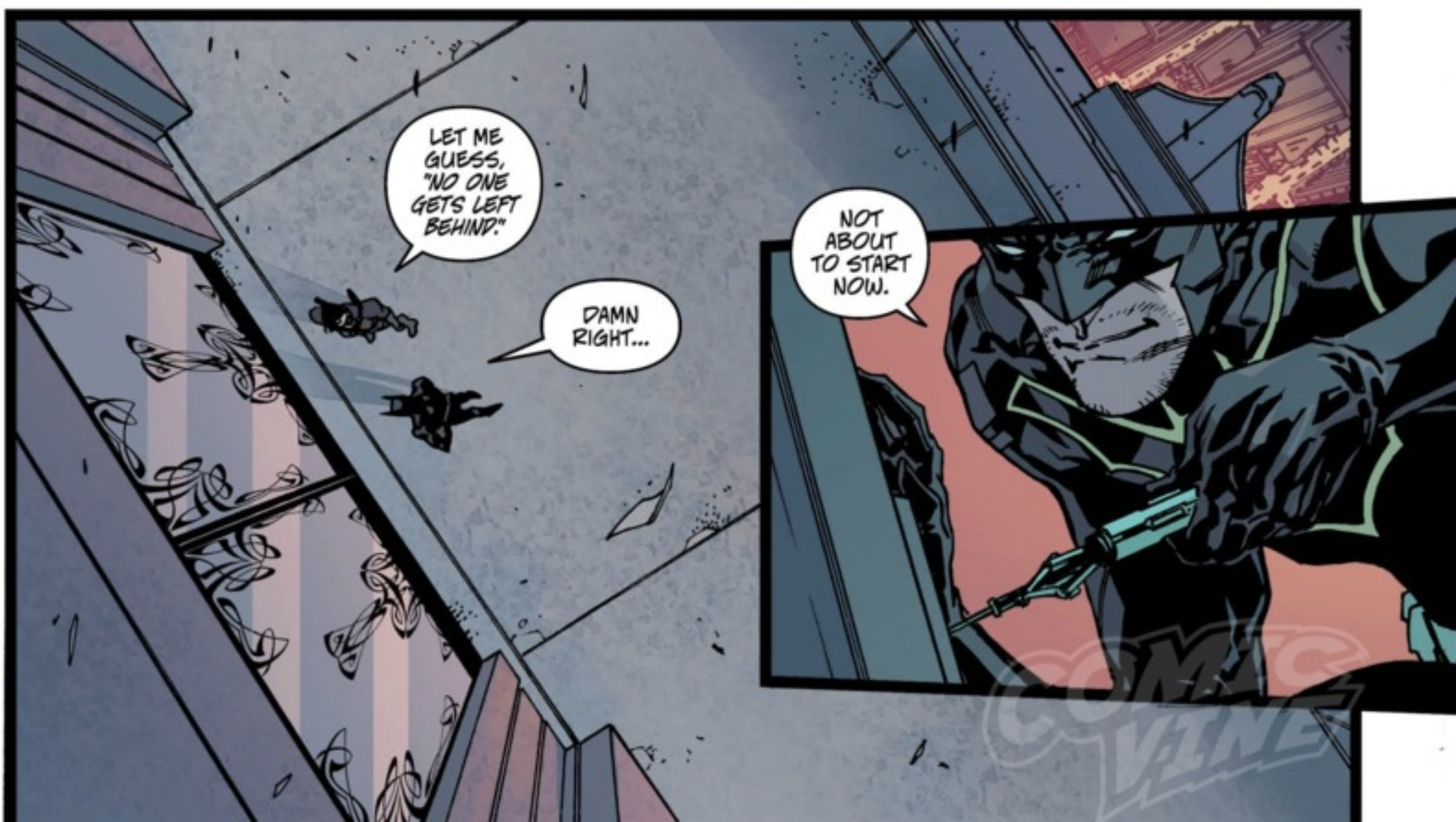
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HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH, KID?



DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE WINDED AFTER A FIFTY-STORY CLIMB, GORDON?! GOTTEN TOO USED TO THAT MECHANICAL SUIT DOING THE HEAVY LIFTING FOR YOU?

BITE YOUR TONGUE. IN THE CORPS, WE HAD TO CLIMB WITH A MAN ON OUR BACK.



LET ME GUESS, "NO ONE GETS LEFT BEHIND."

DAMN RIGHT...

NOT ABOUT TO START NOW.



GIVEN THAT WE'RE SNOOPING AROUND NOCTUA'S OFFICE, I GATHER YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT THE KIDS.

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WOULDN'T SAY "CHANGED," DICK. I'M ADAPTING.



HAD TO DO A LOT OF ADAPTATION OVER THE YEARS. THIS CITY WILL DO THAT TO YOU.

ACCORDING TO THE LAW, VIGILANTISM IS ILLEGAL. A BROKEN LAW I LEARNED TO SEE AS BENT...

I USED TO THINK THAT IF IT WERE UP TO YOU, I WOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED IN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES.



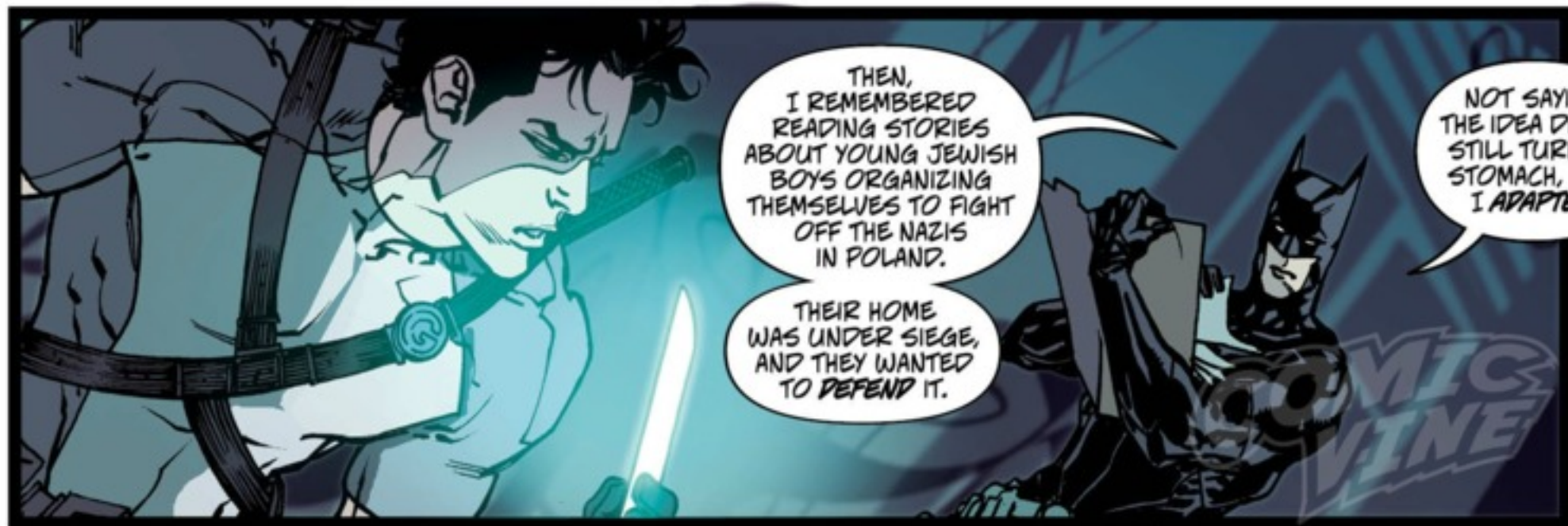
UP ON THE GCPD ROOFTOP, YOU WOULD NEVER ADDRESS ME, ONLY BATMAN.

LIKE IF YOU DIDN'T LOOK AT ME, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO FACE THE FACT THAT HE HAD A TEENAGE PARTNER.



THE LINE WAS ALREADY SO BLURRY. I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU AT HIS SIDE, I THOUGHT THAT MANKIND AS A WHOLE HAD TAKEN A NOSEDIVE. HOW COULD HE ENDANGER A MINOR?!

I THOUGHT ABOUT THE CHILD SOLDIERS I SAW OVERSEAS.



THEN, I REMEMBERED READING STORIES ABOUT YOUNG JEWISH BOYS ORGANIZING THEMSELVES TO FIGHT OFF THE NAZIS IN POLAND.

THEIR HOME WAS UNDER SIEGE, AND THEY WANTED TO DEFEND IT.

NOT SAYING THE IDEA DIDN'T STILL TURN MY STOMACH, BUT I ADAPTED.



YEAH, WELL... PROBABLY EASIER TO JUSTIFY ONE TEENAGE VIGILANTE THAN HUNDREDS.

MY JOB...MY LIFE IS DEDICATED TO KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE, DICK.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE ROBINS, IT'S ABOUT ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE THEY PUT IN DANGER BESIDES THEMSELVES.

THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH ADAPTATION, THOUGH...

...YOU CAN'T PUT THE TOOTHPASTE BACK IN THE TUBE.

NO. YOU USE IT. PAY DIRT.

PLAYING THE DETECTIVE ALL THESE YEARS, YOU ALWAYS EXPECT THINGS TO BE DIFFICULT.

SECRET ROOMS BEHIND BOOKSHELVES, HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS, MESSAGES IN CODE...

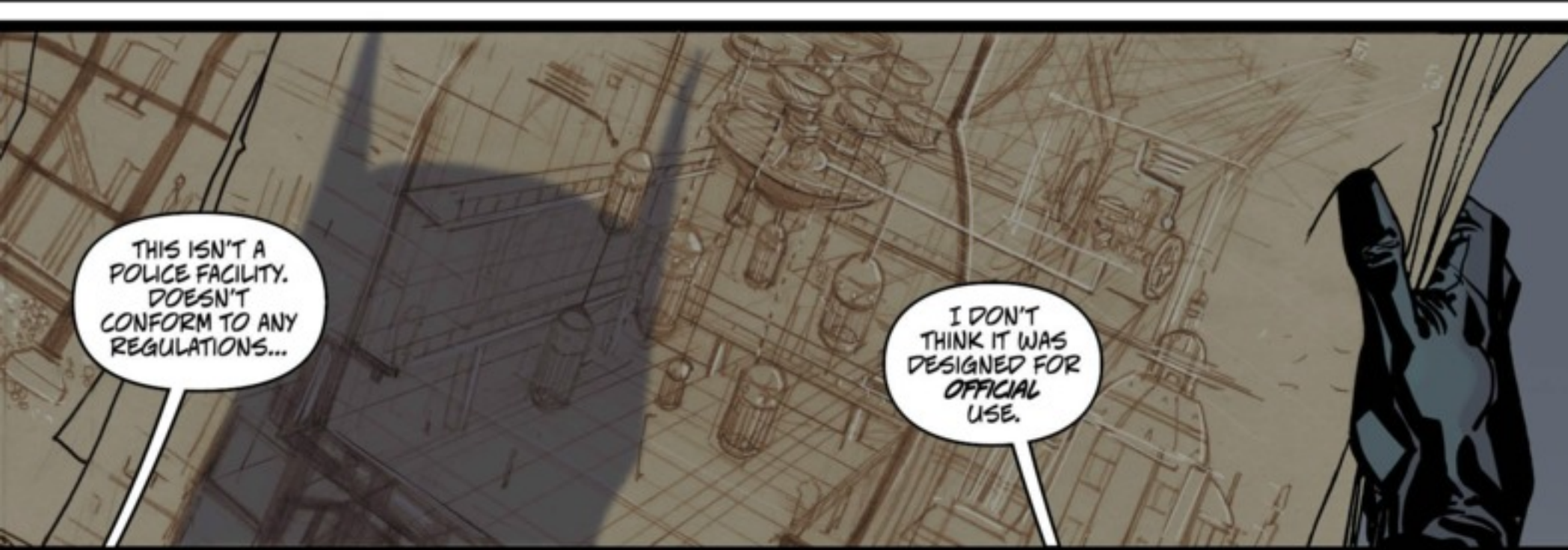


...SOMETIMES IT'S JUST SITTING ON THE TABLE.

SMALL MERCIES...



MY GOD... SO NOCTUA IS BEHIND THE CAGE, NOT JUST MAKING SURE ALL THE ROBINS GOT PUT THERE. OUR COUNCILWOMAN GETS CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER.



THIS ISN'T A POLICE FACILITY. DOESN'T CONFORM TO ANY REGULATIONS...

I DON'T THINK IT WAS DESIGNED FOR OFFICIAL USE.



HOW THE HELL DID THIS PRISON GET THE GREEN LIGHT, LET ALONE CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE?!

THE SAME WAY EVERYTHING IS DONE IN THIS CITY...

