

-55 DEGREES CELSIUS.

450 KNOTS.

SOMEWHERE OVER THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

THIS IS ABOVE MY PAY  
GRADE. LIKE, 35,000  
FEET ABOVE IT.

# BEYOND BURNSIDE

## EPILOGUE

HOPE LARSON WRITER RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE ART  
DAVE MCGAIG COLORS DERON BENNETT LETTERS  
RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE COVER FRANCIS MANAPUL VARIANT COVER  
REBECCA TAYLOR ASSOCIATE EDITOR MARK DOYLE EDITOR  
BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE WITH BILL FINGER

10 HOURS EARLIER. JUST EAST OF JAPAN.

TAKKA  
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...and while I understand that the deadline has passed, I implore you to make an exception. I've been traveling in China, where your website is blocked by the Great Firewall, and I'm able to upload my application only now that my flight has entered international airspace.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Gordon.

GULP.

SEND.

AAAEIII!

WHOA!

≡GASPI!≡

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RATTA

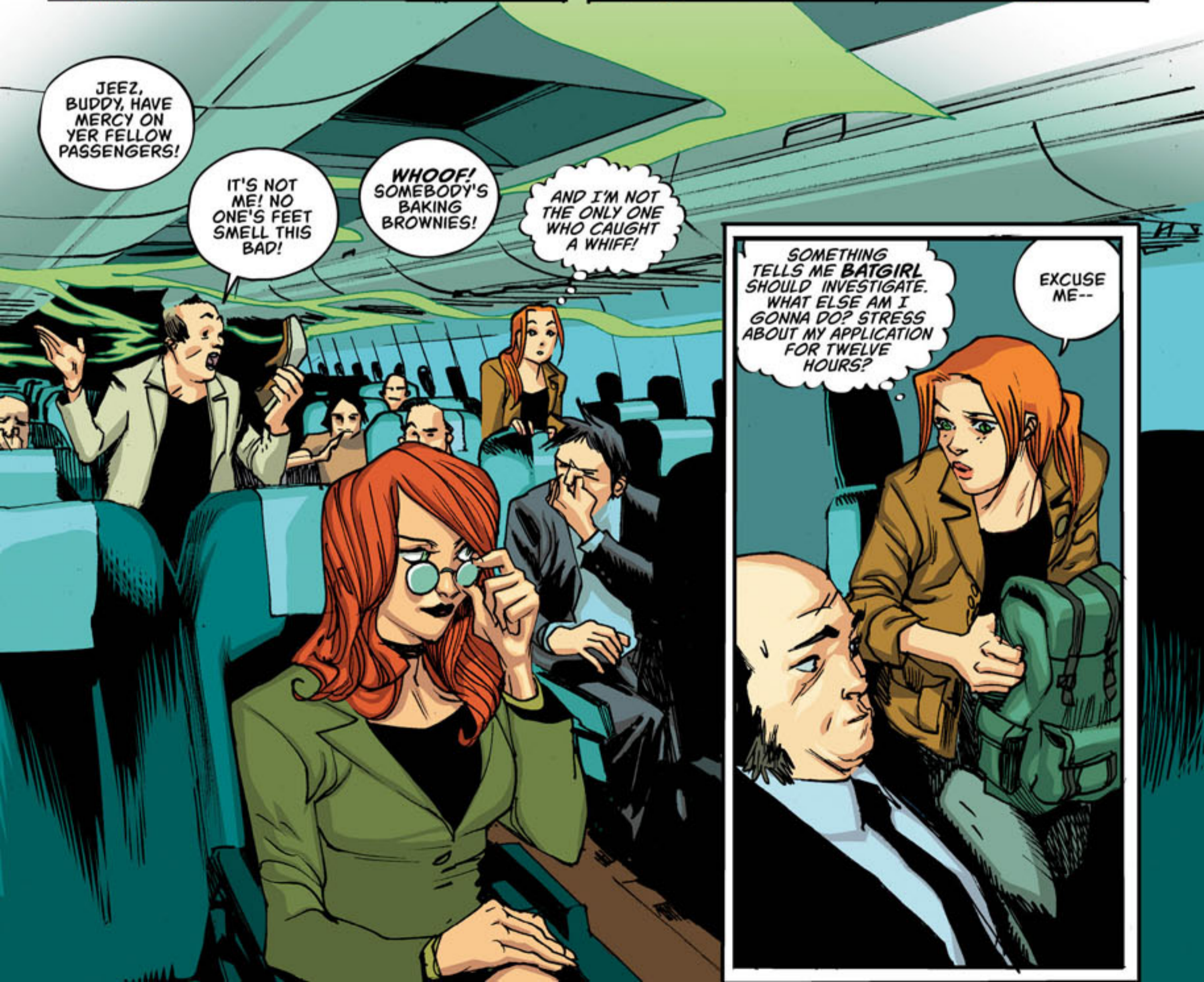
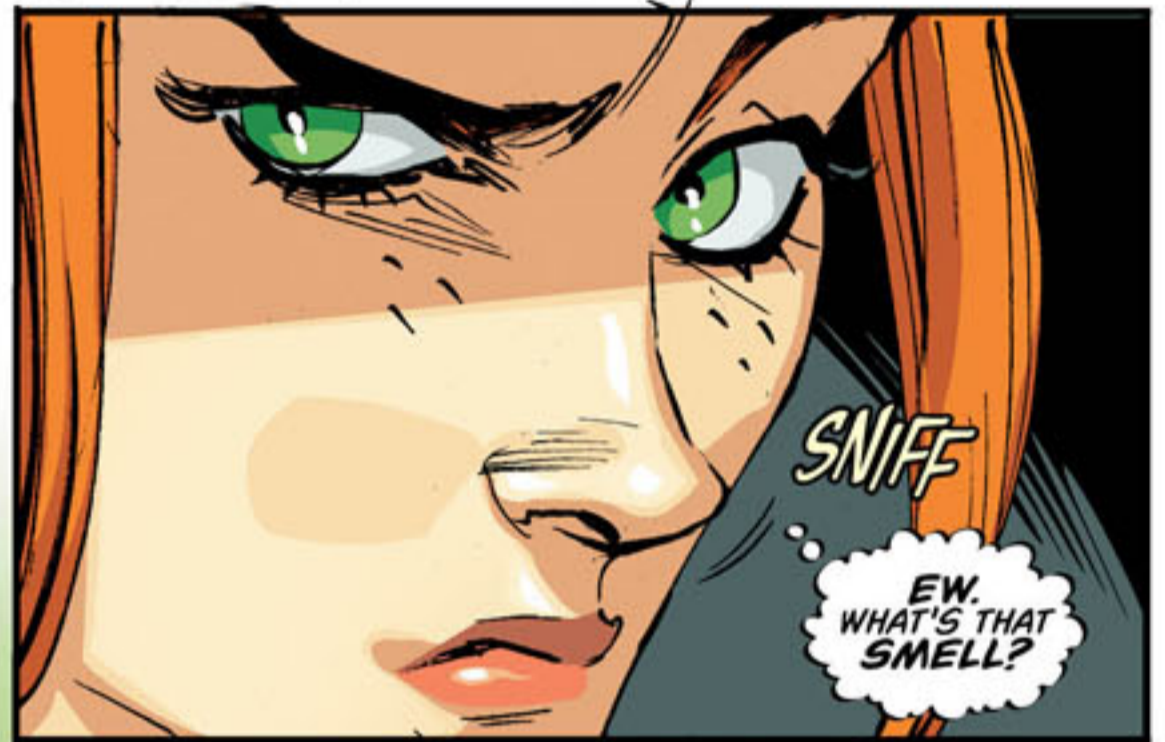
PLANES  
CAN'T TIP OVER.  
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TIP OVER.  
PLANES CAN'T  
TIP--

DEAR  
GOD, I  
DON'T WANT  
TO DIE!

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WHOOF. IT STINKS EVEN WORSE UP IN BUSINESS CLASS.

SO SORRY, SIR! I ASSURE YOU, THE SMELL WILL DISSIPATE MOMENTARILY. MORE CHAMPAGNE?



IT'S COMING FROM THE CARGO HOLD.



WHAT ON EARTH--?!

HOLD IT, BATGIRL!



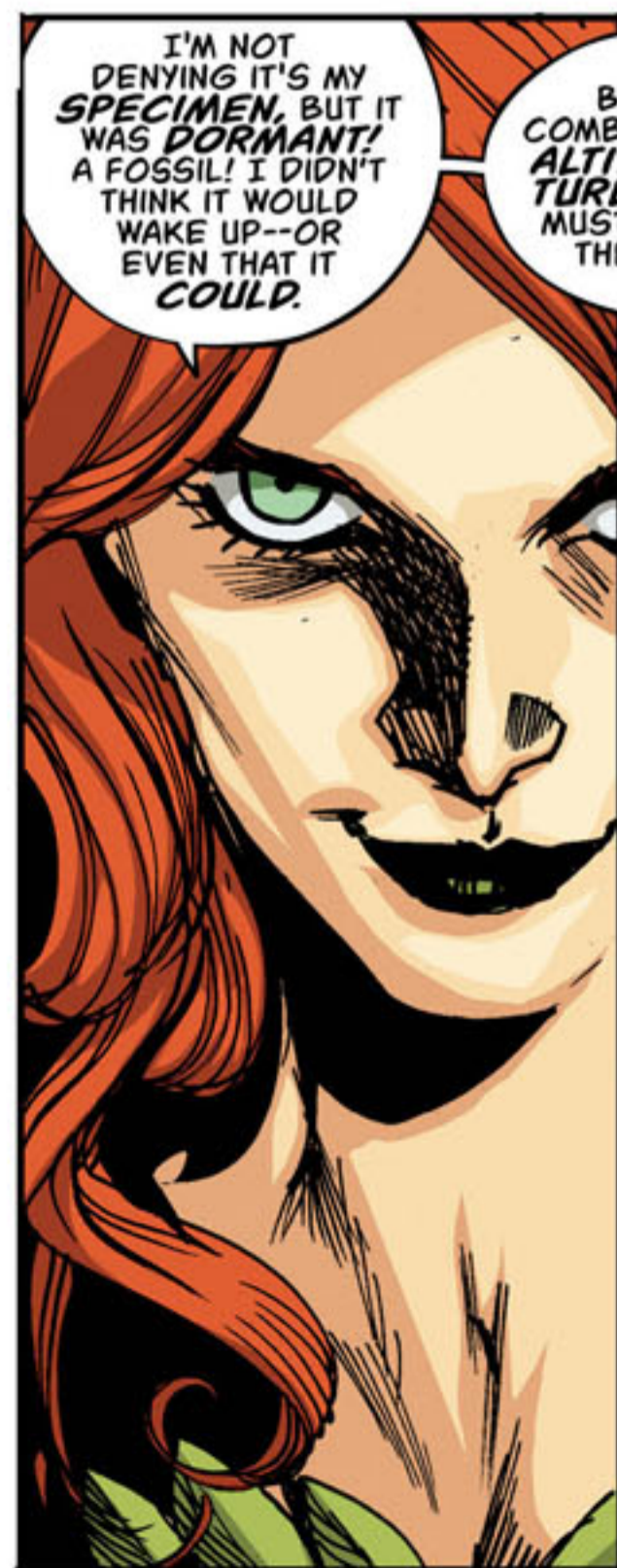
ARISTOLOCHIA PUGNACULI. A PREHISTORIC MAGNOLIID.

ITS FLOWERS SMELL LIKE ROTTING FLESH.

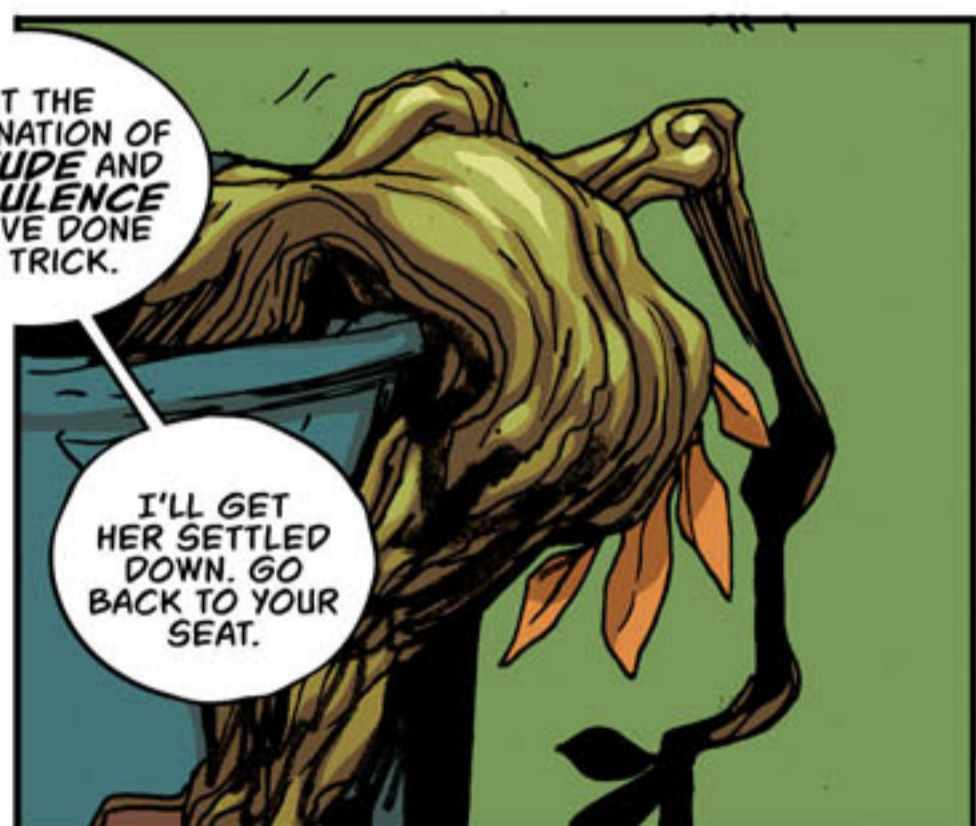
UH-OH. THAT SULTRY VOICE--THAT BOTANICAL JARGON--



POISON IVY! OF COURSE YOU'RE BEHIND THIS!



I'M NOT DENYING IT'S MY SPECIMEN, BUT IT WAS DORMANT! A FOSSIL! I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD WAKE UP--OR EVEN THAT IT COULD.



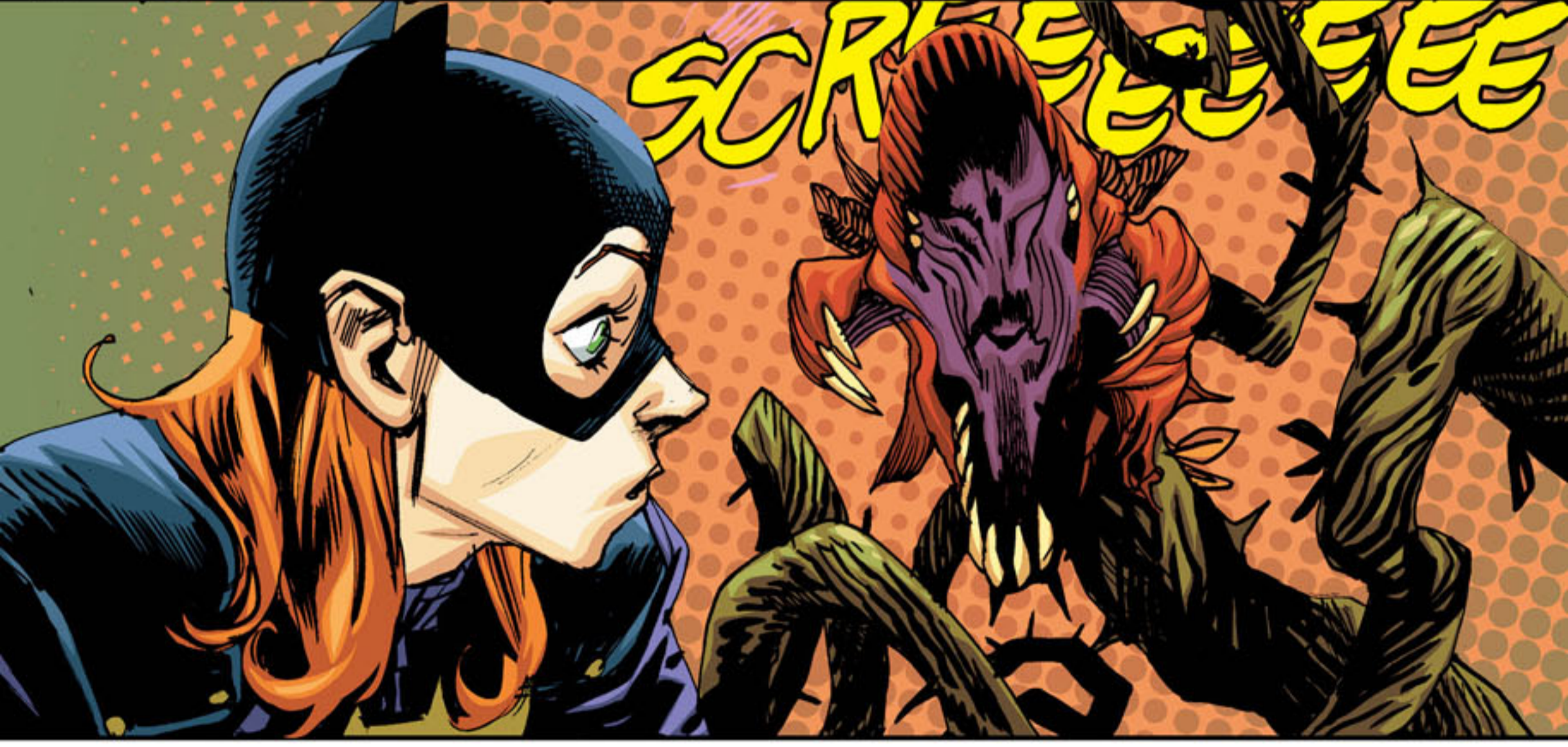
BUT THE COMBINATION OF ALTITUDE AND TURBULENCE MUST'VE DONE THE TRICK.

I'LL GET HER SETTLED DOWN. GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT.



IF YOU THINK I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE--

EEP!



I...I NEVER HEARD A PLANT SCREAM BEFORE. DID YOU KNOW IT COULD DO THAT?

NO. BUT PUGNACULI EVOLVED TO FEND OFF DINOSAURS...

