

# UNDER THE SKIN

## PART 2

OLD FACES IN STRANGE PLACES. SHOULD BE USED TO THIS.

GATHER HOUSE WAS AN UTTER NIGHTMARE. BUT I HARDLY NEED TO TELL YOU THAT, DO I?

SHE KNOWS THE RIGHT WORDS TO SAY. PLAYING ALL THE NOTES.

THE THINGS THAT THEY DID TO YOU... TO ALL OF US...

KEEP WAITING FOR THE DAGGER.

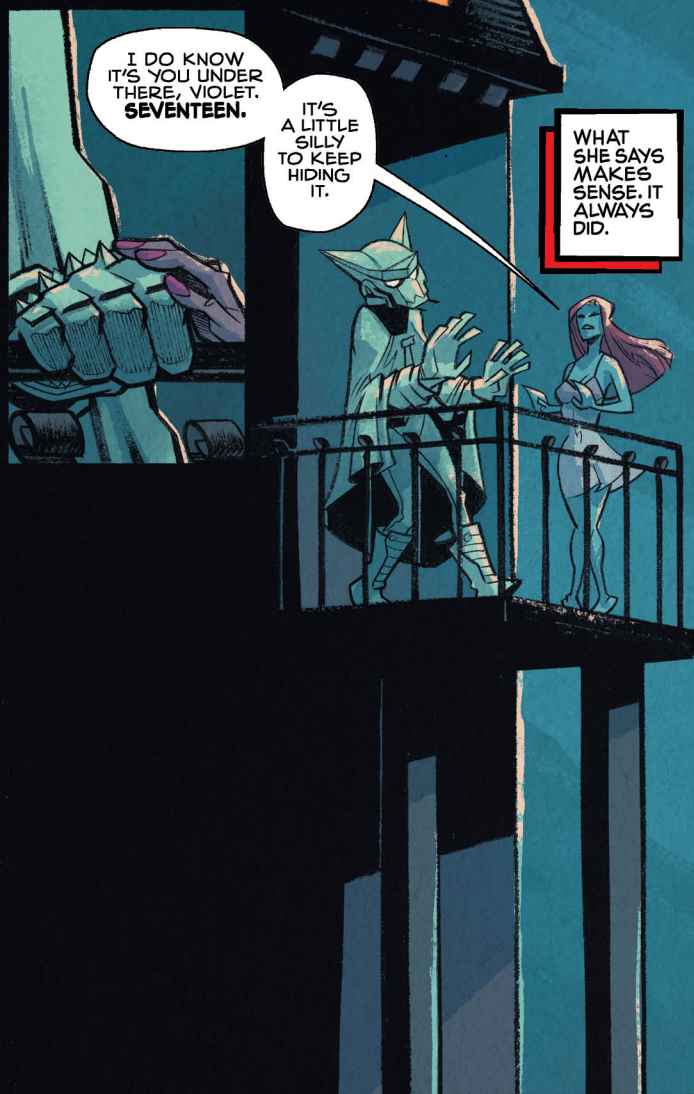
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD MAYBE...

I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST... IT'S WEIRD TALKING TO YOU WHILE YOU'RE WEARING THAT CREEPY MASK.

AND THERE'S THE SHARP EDGE.

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ART BY  
SHAWN CRYSTAL  
COLORS BY  
JEAN-FRANÇOIS  
BEAULIEU  
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AND SHAWN CRYSTAL  
COVER BY  
TOMMY LEE EDWARDS  
MONDO VARIANT COVER BY  
JAY SHAW  
EDITED BY  
MOLLY MAHAN  
CURATED FOR  
DC'S YOUNG ANIMAL BY  
GERARD WAY  
MOTHER PANIC  
CREATED BY  
GERARD WAY,  
JODY HOUSER,  
AND TOMMY LEE  
EDWARDS





I DO KNOW  
IT'S YOU UNDER  
THERE, VIOLET.  
**SEVENTEEN.**

IT'S  
A LITTLE  
SILLY  
TO KEEP  
HIDING  
IT.

WHAT  
SHE SAYS  
MAKES  
SENSE. IT  
ALWAYS  
DID.



THAT'S THE  
PROBLEM.



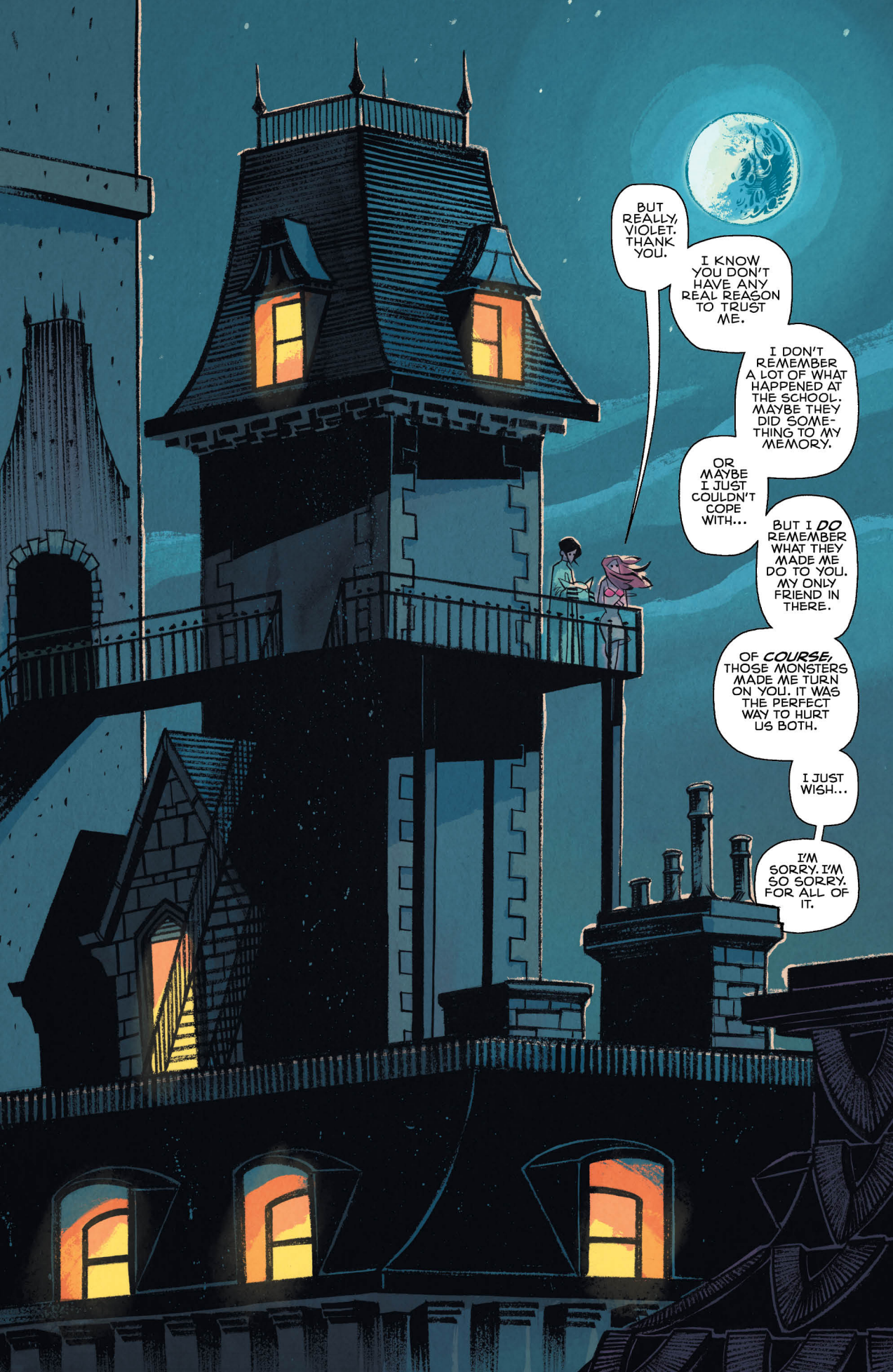
THERE.  
BETTER?



MUCH.

*Feeling naked.  
Not in the  
good way.*





BUT  
REALLY,  
VIOLET.  
THANK  
YOU.

I KNOW  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
REAL REASON  
TO TRUST  
ME.

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
A LOT OF WHAT  
HAPPENED AT  
THE SCHOOL.  
MAYBE THEY  
DID SOME-  
THING TO MY  
MEMORY.

OR  
MAYBE  
I JUST  
COULDN'T  
COPE  
WITH...


BUT I *DO*  
REMEMBER  
WHAT THEY  
MADE ME  
DO TO YOU.  
MY ONLY  
FRIEND IN  
THERE.

OF *COURSE*,  
THOSE MONSTERS  
MADE ME TURN  
ON YOU. IT WAS  
THE PERFECT  
WAY TO HURT  
US BOTH.

I JUST  
WISH...

I'M  
SORRY. I'M  
SO SORRY.  
FOR ALL OF  
IT.





No reason to trust her.  
I've seen how their  
broken toys bite.



THE PEOPLE WHO BUILT  
GATHER HOUSE. I'M GOING  
TO MAKE THEM PAY.

FOR  
ALL OF  
IT.



*Doesn't mean she  
can't be of use.*




DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
**ANYTHING**  
ABOUT  
THEM?

NAMES?  
FACES?

*Won't tell her anything she  
couldn't get on her own.*



I WISH I DID.  
I WISH I COULD TAKE  
YOU RIGHT TO THEIR  
DOORSTEP AND WATCH  
YOU TEAR THEM  
APART.



IT WAS YOU,  
WASN'T IT?  
THE FIRE THAT  
BURNED GATHER  
HOUSE TO THE  
GROUND?



BUT IF I COULD,  
THAT WOULD MEAN THEY WON  
SOMEHOW, WOULDN'T IT?

THAT I HADN'T  
REALLY BEEN ABLE  
TO CUT THEM OUT  
OF MY LIFE.



"Yeah. It was me."

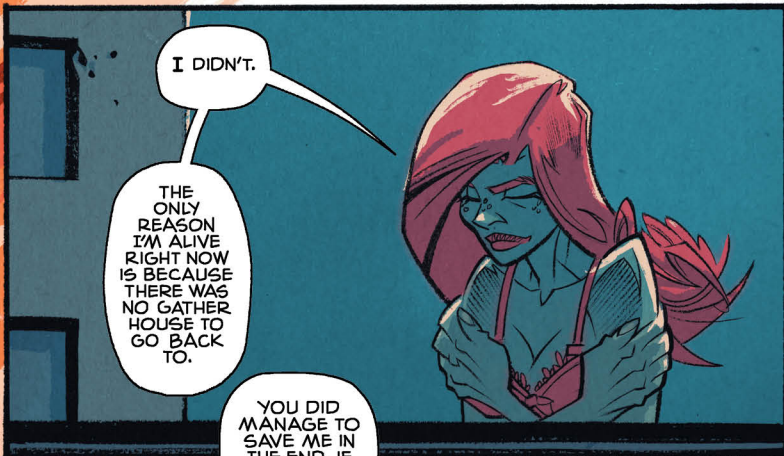


THANK YOU, I--



NO. DON'T THANK ME FOR THAT.

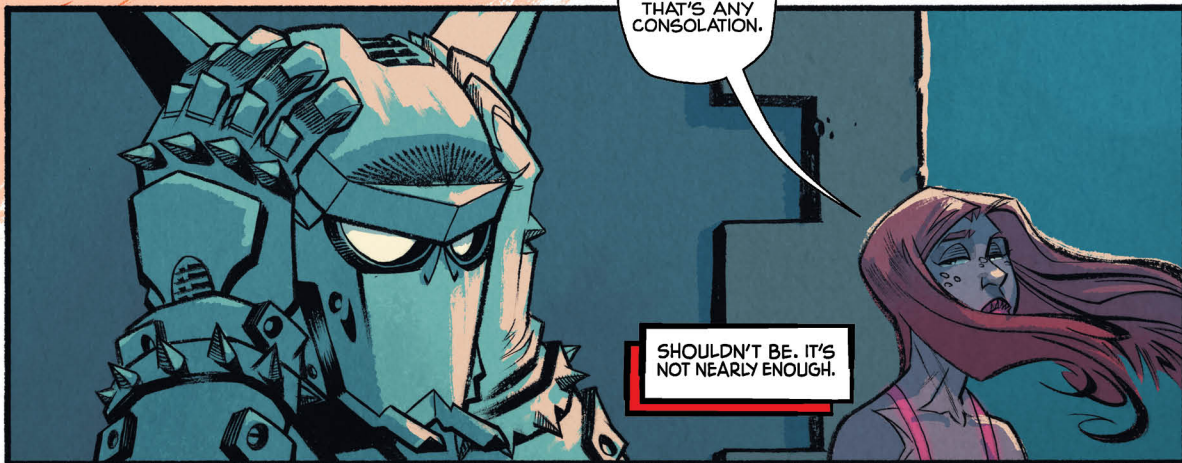
THEY DIED. ALL OF THEM.



I DIDN'T.

THE ONLY REASON I'M ALIVE RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO GATHER HOUSE TO GO BACK TO.

YOU DID MANAGE TO SAVE ME IN THE END. IF THAT'S ANY CONSOLATION.



SHOULDN'T BE. IT'S NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.





DAMN.

"THERE'S A FILE ON JOHN CURRY AS WELL."

"DEBBIE, YOU DO YOUR FATHER PROUD."

JOHN CURRY

"YOUR BOSS, MR. CHECKWIT, DID INDEED FIND THE MESSAGE YOU LEFT FOR HIM ON HIS DESK, AND IT DID HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT."

CURRY, J

"WE DIDN'T KNOW TO LOOK FOR IT. HOW COULD WE? IT WAS THERE ALL THE TIME."

"HE DESTROYED THE FILE. I DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT HE WAS AFRAID OF BEING CAUGHT WITH THIS INFORMATION."

"LIKE YOUR DAD SAID, HE HAD EXTENSIVE FILES ON EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING. WHATEVER WAS IN THAT FILE IS A KEY TO ALL OF THIS."

"THIS IS NOT THE PUZZLE I WAS EXPECTING TO SOLVE."

WHAT IS IT?

"FORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW WHERE THEY DUMP THE TRASH."

MY BOSS DANNY RUBY WAS NOT JOHN CURRY."

DANNY RUBY, WHATEVER HIS NAME WAS THEN, CAUSED THE DEATH OF A BOY NAMED JOHN CURRY."

CURRY WAS ONE OF DANNY'S STUDENTS?

WHEN WAS HE A TEACHER?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WHY WAS CHECKWIT NERVOUS ABOUT BEING CAUGHT WITH THIS FILE?

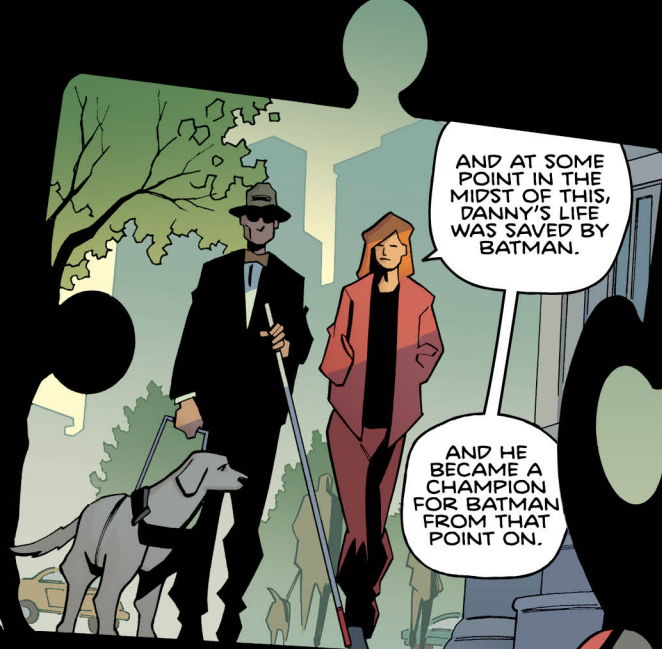
I THINK CHECKWIT WAS BLACKMAILING DANNY RUBY. THERE WOULD BE TIMES WHEN DANNY WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE WHAT HE WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT ON THE SHOW."

DANNY NEVER LIKED IT. BUT HE ALSO NEVER FOUGHT IT."

## GOTHAM RADIO

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AND AT SOME POINT IN THE MIDST OF THIS, DANNY'S LIFE WAS SAVED BY BATMAN.

AND HE BECAME A CHAMPION FOR BATMAN FROM THAT POINT ON.



BUT WHY CHANGE HIS NAME TO DANNY RUBY?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT JOHN CURRY'S PARENTS LIVE AROUND THE CORNER. MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US WHAT HAPPENED.



WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS. WE'LL BE BRINGING UP SOMETHING VERY PAINFUL. SOMETHING FROM A LONG TIME AGO.



THEY'RE NOT ANSWERING.



EXCUSE ME, DO YOU KNOW WHERE MR. AND MRS. CURRY MIGHT BE?



THEY VISIT THE GRAVE OF THEIR SON EVERY WEDNESDAY... THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE.