

I'M ESME. I'M SEVEN YEARS OLD. I'M ON A MISSION.

WHERE'S ROOKIE? YOU'VE GOT 'IM, DON'T YOU?

ROOKIE? STUPID NAME FOR A BIKE.

HE'S NOT A BIKE! HE'S--

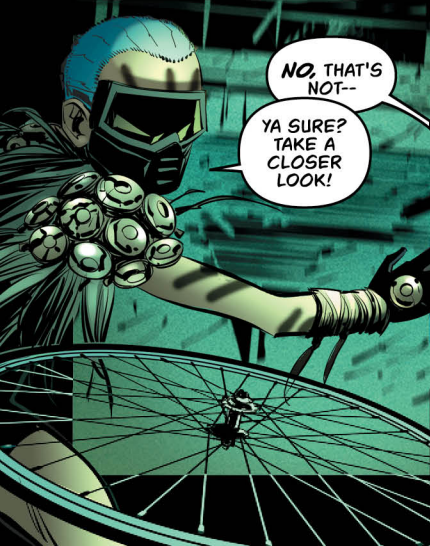
# THE TRUTH ABOUT BATS AND DOGS

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A TRICYCLE THAT SEEMS MORE YOUR SPEED.

HEY, KID, RECOGNIZE THIS?



NO, THAT'S NOT--  
YA SURE? TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!



BRINGGGG



catch  
OUT!





NOW  
RUN ON  
HOME.



**GASP!**  
**BATGIRL!**



C'MON,  
DING-DING!  
LET'S **SHIFT**  
OUTTA HERE!



YOU ALL  
RIGHT, KIDDO?  
ANYTHING  
**BROKEN?**

YOU DIDN'T  
HAVE TO SAVE  
ME. I WAS  
DOING FINE!



NOW YOU SCARED  
THEM ALL OFF AND  
I'LL NEVER FIND  
OUT WHERE  
ROOKIE IS!

OKAY, FIRST  
OF ALL, WHAT'S  
YOUR NAME?



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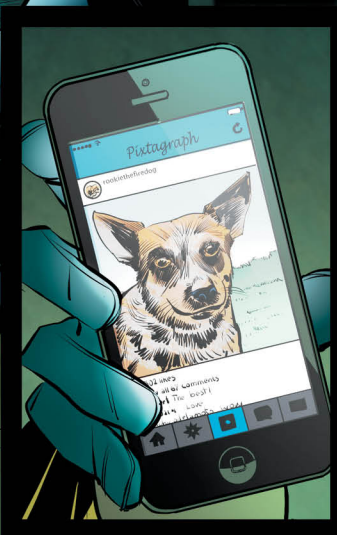
ESME.

SO,  
ESME, WHO'S  
ROOKIE?





THIS IS  
ROOKIE.



AWWWWW IF I  
HAD A DOG THAT  
CUTE, I'D BE  
OUT LOOKING,  
TOO.



OH, HE'S NOT  
MY DOG. DON'T  
YOU EVER LOOK  
AT PIXTAGRAPH?

HUH?



ROOKIE LIVES AT THE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE  
FIREMEN SAVED HIM FROM  
A BURNING BUILDING AN'  
HE'S BEEN FAMOUS  
EVER SINCE.

I FOLLOW  
LOTS OF  
CELEBRITY DOGS,  
AND HE'S THE  
**BEST**. BUT NOW  
HE'S MISSING.





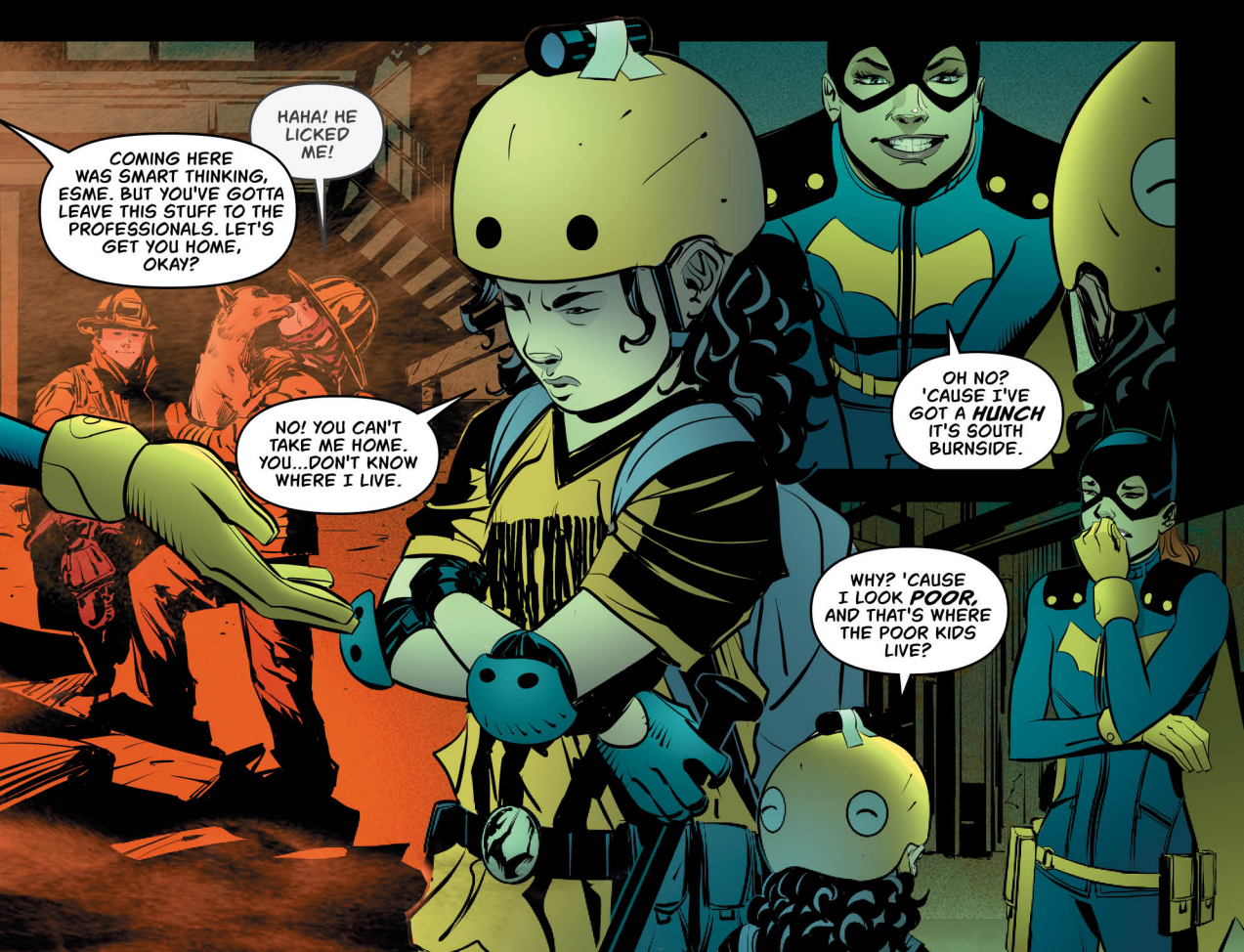
OKAY, GOT IT. BUT YOU'RE BARKING UP THE WRONG **DESERTED WAREHOUSE**. THE **SHIFTIES** DON'T WORK THE PUPPY CIRCUIT.

THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE!

I DID ALL THIS RESEARCH AN' I FIGURED OUT **THIS** IS THE BUILDING WHERE HE CAME FROM.

AND I THOUGHT, MAYBE IF HE GOT LOST, HE'D COME BACK **HERE**.

LOOK, JAMES! IT'S A PUPPY!



HAHA! HE LICKED ME!

COMING HERE WAS SMART THINKING, ESME. BUT YOU'VE GOTTA LEAVE THIS STUFF TO THE PROFESSIONALS. LET'S GET YOU HOME, OKAY?

NO! YOU CAN'T TAKE ME HOME. YOU...DON'T KNOW WHERE I LIVE.

OH NO? 'CAUSE I'VE GOT A **HUNCH** IT'S SOUTH BURNSIDE.

WHY? 'CAUSE I LOOK **POOR**, AND THAT'S WHERE THE POOR KIDS LIVE?



NOOO, 'CAUSE MY GOOD FRIEND **BARBARA GORDON** TEACHES A CODING CLASS IN SOUTH BURNSIDE, AND SHE KNOWS A GIRL NAMED ESME WHO'S A **BIG FAN OF THE DOGGO APP**.

HUH? YOU KNOW MS. GORDON? SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT ME?

OH MY **GOSH**. NO WAY, SHE'S SO COOL!

SHE THINKS YOU'RE PRETTY COOL, TOO. AND SHE'D BE SAD IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU OUT HERE. SO LET'S GET YOU HOME SAFE, OKAY?

**SIGH** FINE.  
AND--AND PLEASE DON'T TELL HER ABOUT THIS.

I WON'T PROMISE.

HUH?!