

**GOTHAM CENTRAL PARK.
NOW.**

STAY CALM. I'M COMING TO HELP YOU.

A woman can picture all kinds of horrors when walking through a park at night.

And if she is a big reader, imagination sparks.

We all have our strategies for walking alone.

THIS IS MARGARET LEW.

HER? LOVE TRULY IS BLIND.

YOU?! GHOSTS FROM MY PAST? THEY SAID THE DRUGS WOULD CAUSE HALLUCINATIONS.

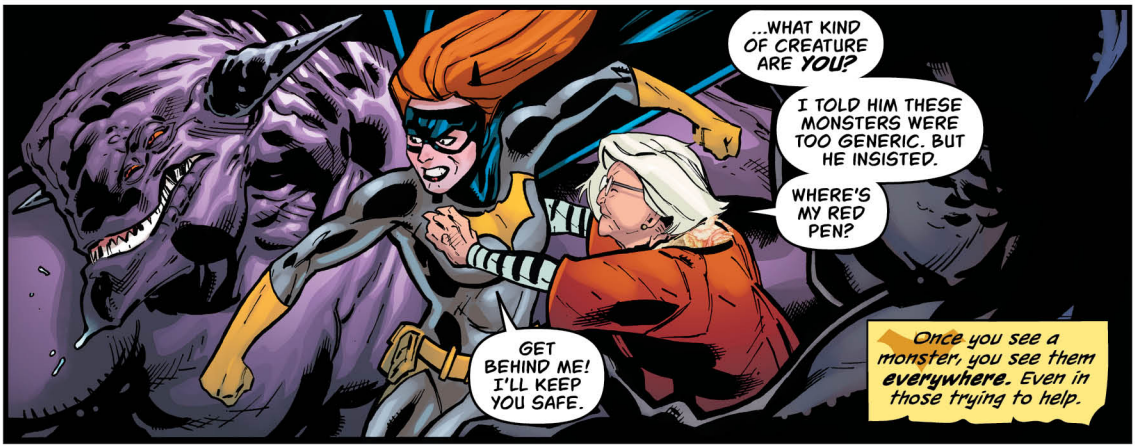
BUT THIS... IT CAN'T BE REAL!

GRAVEYARDS OF WORDS AND BONES Part 1

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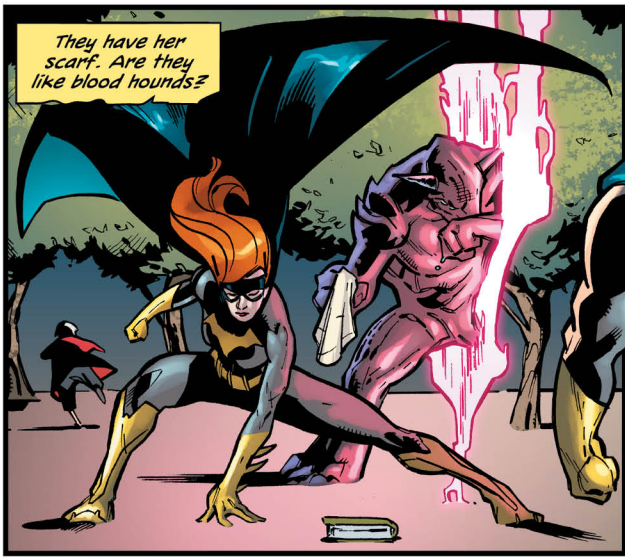




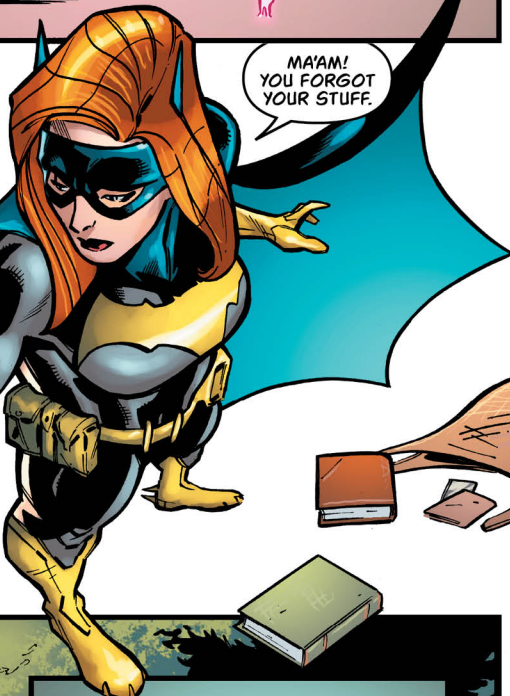
Don't recall meeting them before...

Their form is unsteady, they're not as physical as they seem.

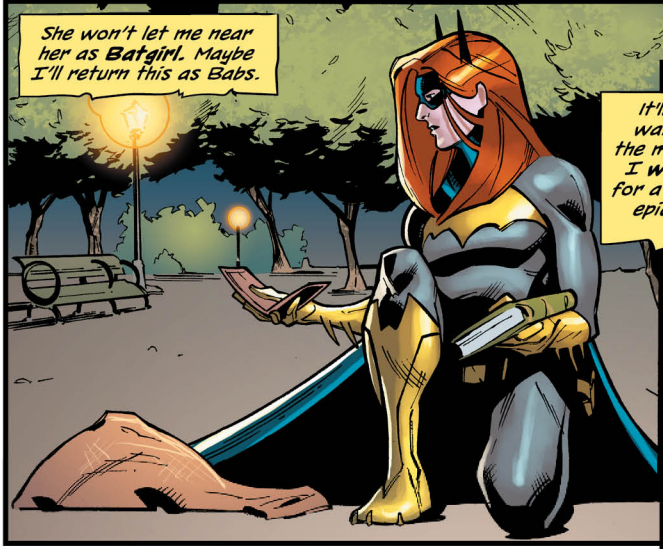
WHY DID I CHECK OUT THAT NO-GOOD BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY?



They have her scarf. Are they like blood hounds?



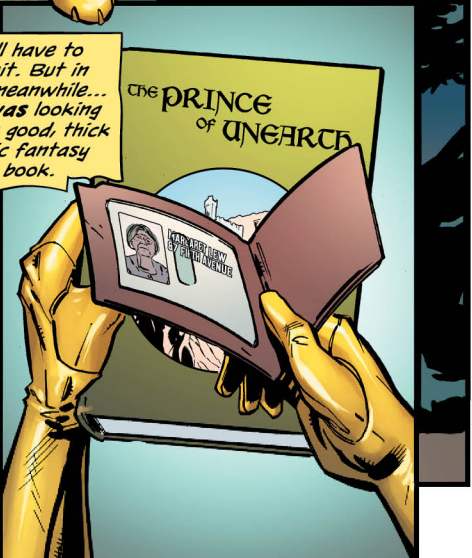
MA'AM! YOU FORGOT YOUR STUFF.



She won't let me near her as Batgirl. Maybe I'll return this as Babs.

It'll have to wait. But in the meanwhile... I was looking for a good, thick epic fantasy book.

THE PRINCE OF UNGARTH



**UNEARTH.
HOURS
EARLIER.**

AT LAST IT'S DONE. BOOK FIVE. THE HIGH CASTLE OF UNEARTH.

BEHOLD, MY DEAR LEW, THE BIRD CASTLE OF SHALOCK.

WHAT IS IT AGAIN? IT JUST LOOKS LIKE SOME MOUNTAINS.

I BELIEVE THIS LAND--AND ITS STORY--IS ONE OF MY FINEST CREATIONS.

BESIDES YOU, MY LOVE.

COME, LET US GO EXPLORE OUR NEW ABODE.

I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY. IT'S ONE I'VE LONG WANTED TO TELL.

ANOTHER STORY?

I CREATED THIS FROM MY IMAGINATION, AS I DID YOU.

ARE THERE NEW KINDS OF GEMS HERE? I WANT A NEW COLOR SO I CAN GLITTER LIKE A RAINBOW.

IT'S THE STORY OF A MAN WHO OVERCOMES A WICKED CURSE TO FIND THE LOVE THAT ALWAYS ELUDED HIM IN A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN NAMED LEW.

THAT'S MY NAME. LEW!

AM I IN THE STORY? AM I QUEEN? OH GOODY!

GUARDS. TAKE CARE OF THIS DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, WON'T YOU?



MAKER!
HELP ME!

BACK TO
THE DRAWING
BOARD.

LOOKS
LIKE I HAVE
TO START
OVER.



THIS STORY TAKES
PLACE A THOUSAND
YEARS BEFORE BOOK
ONE. IT GETS THE WHOLE
TONE FOR THE SERIES.
BUT IT'S MORE THAN
A PREQUEL.

MAYBE WE
SHOULD PLAY
A GAME.



SHALOCK
IS A LAND WHERE
THERE ARE FEW LIVE
BIRTHS. SO THE FACT
THAT THE PRINCE
HAS SURVIVED IS
MIRACULOUS.

I'M
HUNGRY. CAN
THOSE BIRD
THINGS BRING
FOOD?



BUT
WHAT I WANT YOU
TO TELL ME IS WHAT
YOU THINK OF THE
STORY. DO YOU SEE
ANYWHERE IT CAN
BE IMPROVED?

WHATEVER
YOU THINK IS
GOOD IS WHAT
I THINK IS
GOOD.



WHAT
AILS YOU, MY
MAKER?

I HAVE
THIS WHOLE
WORLD I'VE
CREATED AND
NO ONE TO
SHARE IT
WITH.

THE WHOLE
POPULATION IS WITH
YOU. REMEMBER, YOU
HELPED THE TITANS
DEFEAT THE BLOOD
WITCH.*

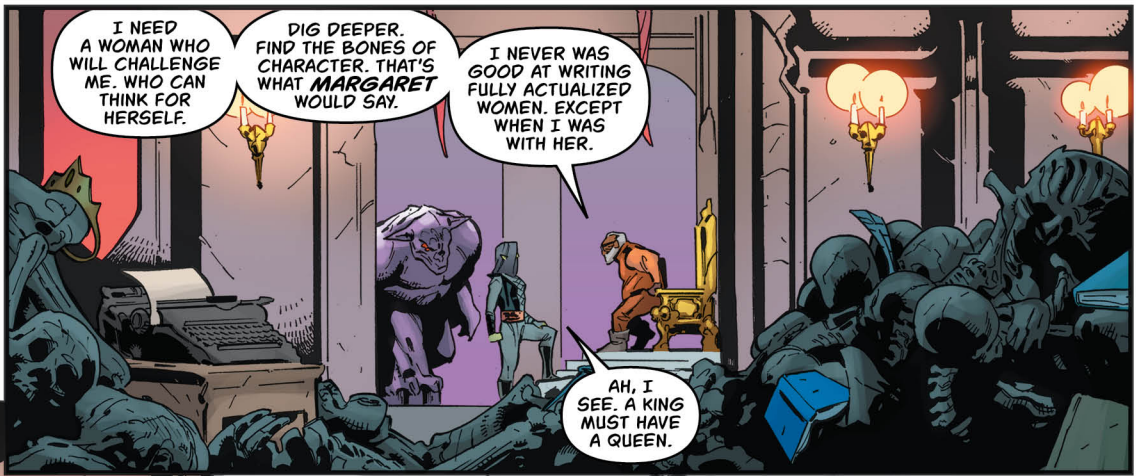
HEY, I
THOUGHT I
WAS YOUR
QUEEN!



AND I'VE
SEEN YOU WITH A
SCORE OF WOMEN.
ONE OF THEM MUST
HAVE CAUGHT
YOUR HEART.

THEY
ARE ALL TWO-
DIMENSIONAL.

*SEE TITANS VOL. 6:
INTO THE BLEED!
--BRITTANY



I NEED A WOMAN WHO WILL CHALLENGE ME. WHO CAN THINK FOR HERSELF.

DIG DEEPER. FIND THE BONES OF CHARACTER. THAT'S WHAT MARGARET WOULD SAY.

I NEVER WAS GOOD AT WRITING FULLY ACTUALIZED WOMEN. EXCEPT WHEN I WAS WITH HER.

AH, I SEE. A KING MUST HAVE A QUEEN.



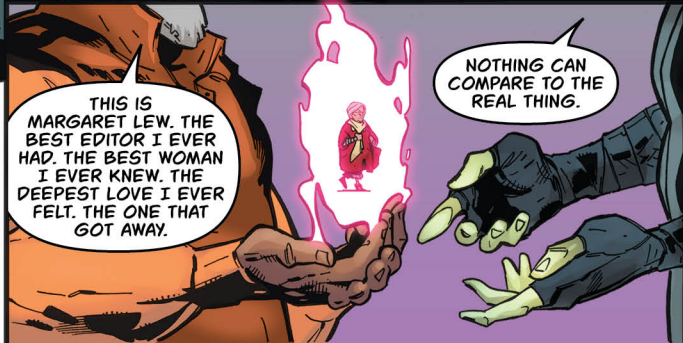
IF YOU STITCH A FEW OF THESE FAILED ONES TOGETHER, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A SATISFYING COMPANION.



SHE ALWAYS PUSHED ME IN MY WRITING AND IN MY LIFE.

SHE'D MARVEL AT THE WORLD I'VE BUILT HERE.

AND EXACTLY WHO IS THIS MARGARET?



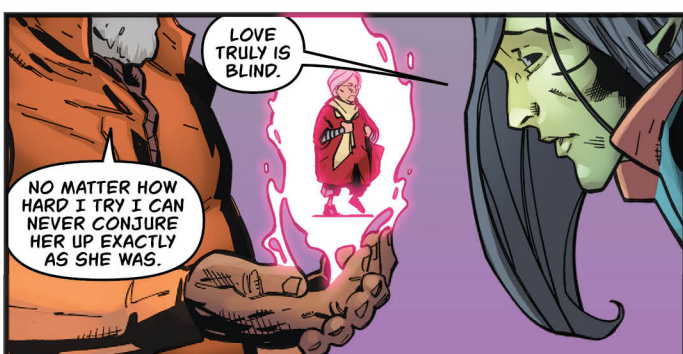
THIS IS MARGARET LEW. THE BEST EDITOR I EVER HAD. THE BEST WOMAN I EVER KNEW. THE DEEPEST LOVE I EVER FELT. THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY.

NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO THE REAL THING.



ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS OPEN THE PORTAL THE TITANS LEFT A LITTLE WIDER AND WE COULD GO GET HER.

WITH YOUR LOVE YOU CAN DO THAT. IT'S THE STRONGEST MAGIC THERE IS.



LOVE TRULY IS BLIND.

NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY I CAN NEVER CONJURE HER UP EXACTLY AS SHE WAS.