

"Find some evidence"

As referenced in the companion to CATFIGHT, the famous "Find some evidence" Batman-Catwoman encounter on the roof of a mall occurred in Photo Finish in The Batman Chronicles #9. It is referenced several times in the Tales, both for the telling nature of Batman's behavior (see Catfight companion) and also because it marks the first meeting of Dick and Barbara and the first Robin/Batgirl teamup.



Nocturna and Thief of the Night



I didn't invent them, honest. Anton was introduced in Detective Comics #529, Nocturna was revealed as the brains behind him in Batman #363. Most of Natasha's purple prose I took verbatim. Anton's operatic outbursts of temper are also well-grounded in the originals.

At one point Doug Moench had Batman reflect that he couldn't seem to stay away from Nocturna, and I believe that statement was taken straight from Doug's own heart because he certainly kept going back to her over and over again, issue after issue, couldn't seem to resist despite fans tiring of her incessant appearances. Well think about it, how often does a writer get a chance to put together phrases like "humming a tune never meant for the sun, she goes forth to ride the breath of midnight" (translation: she got in her balloon)

Natasha (sometimes called Natalie or Natalia) and Anton were certainly a couple, and were clearly intended to be a married couple. But presumably somebody at DC had a problem with Batman's love interest being someone else's wife, so we have the somewhat oddball revelation that they are half-brother and sister, explaining the same last name. Whatever.

Nocturna finally perished at Anton's hands in Batman 391, in a show of histrionics that well justifies his characterization in Cat-Tales as having outbursts of temper seldom seen outside of grand opera.

AzBat's Finest Hour

Or "How Pheromones got his name" - I didn't make that up either.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THE REAL BATMAN WOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF MY APPROACH.

FEAR DOESN'T ENTER IT.



...AND THE REAL BATMAN WOULD NEVER SUSPECT ME OF ANY TERRORISM, NOT EVEN BLUFFED BLACKMAIL! IT'S NOT MY STYLE.

PROFIT IS YOUR STYLE.

NOT FROM SOMETHING LIKE NERVE GAS! THE BATMAN WOULD KNOW THAT.



I AM THE BATMAN.

MAYBE A BATMAN, BUT YOU'RE NOT HIM... WHICH MEANS HE WAS BADLY HURT BY BANE.



I OVERCAME THAT--I BEAT BANE.

CALL IT HEAT... PHEROMONES.

THAT STILL DOESN'T MAKE YOU HIM-- AND THERE'S OTHER EVIDENCE.

WHAT OTHER?



FEAR OF--?

BIOCHEMICAL ATTRACTANTS-- THE REAL BATMAN REEKS OF THEM.

YOU'RE ALMOST... STERILE.



THAT'S ENOUGH! PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACK.

I'M GOING TO TIE YOU UP.



Yep, and *this* as Selina pointed out thought he could be Batman.