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BATMAN



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They say when you kill a man,
you not only take away what he was...

...but everything he will ever be.

YOU'VE
MURDERED
HIM.



WE SHOULD
BEHAVE TO OUR
FRIENDS AS WE WOULD
WISH OUR FRIENDS
TO BEHAVE
TO US.

I AM
NOT YOUR
FRIEND.

Aristotle.

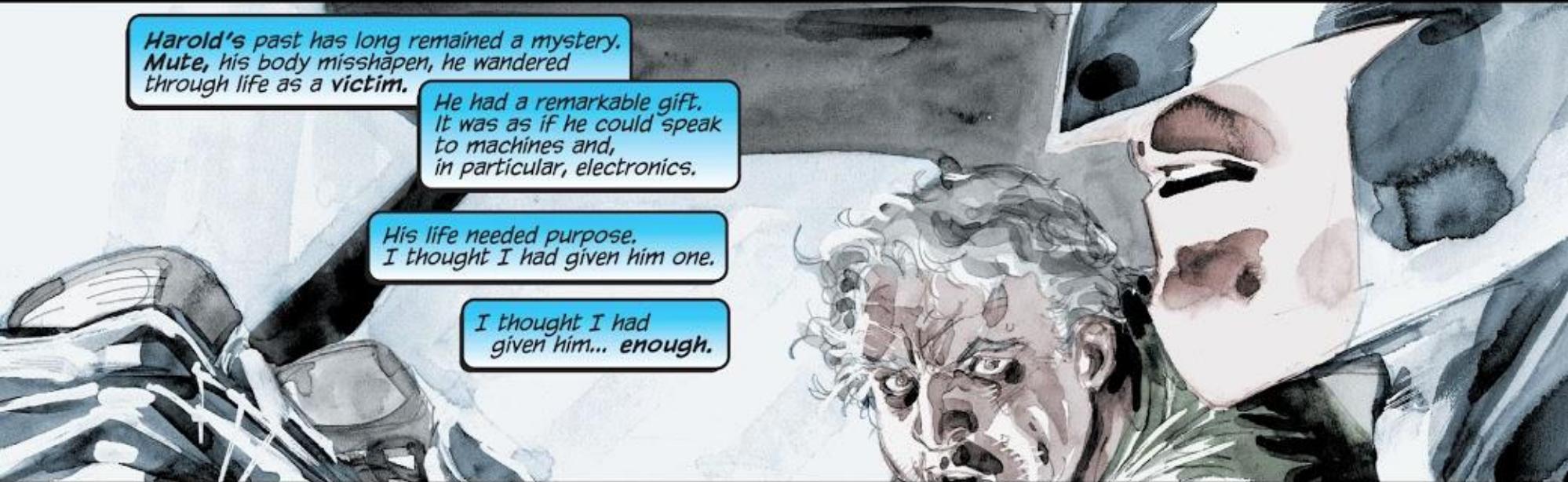
The killer quotes Aristotle.

Harold's past has long remained a mystery.
Mute, his body misshapen, he wandered
through life as a victim.

He had a remarkable gift.
It was as if he could speak
to machines and,
in particular, electronics.

His life needed purpose.
I thought I had given him one.

I thought I had
given him... enough.



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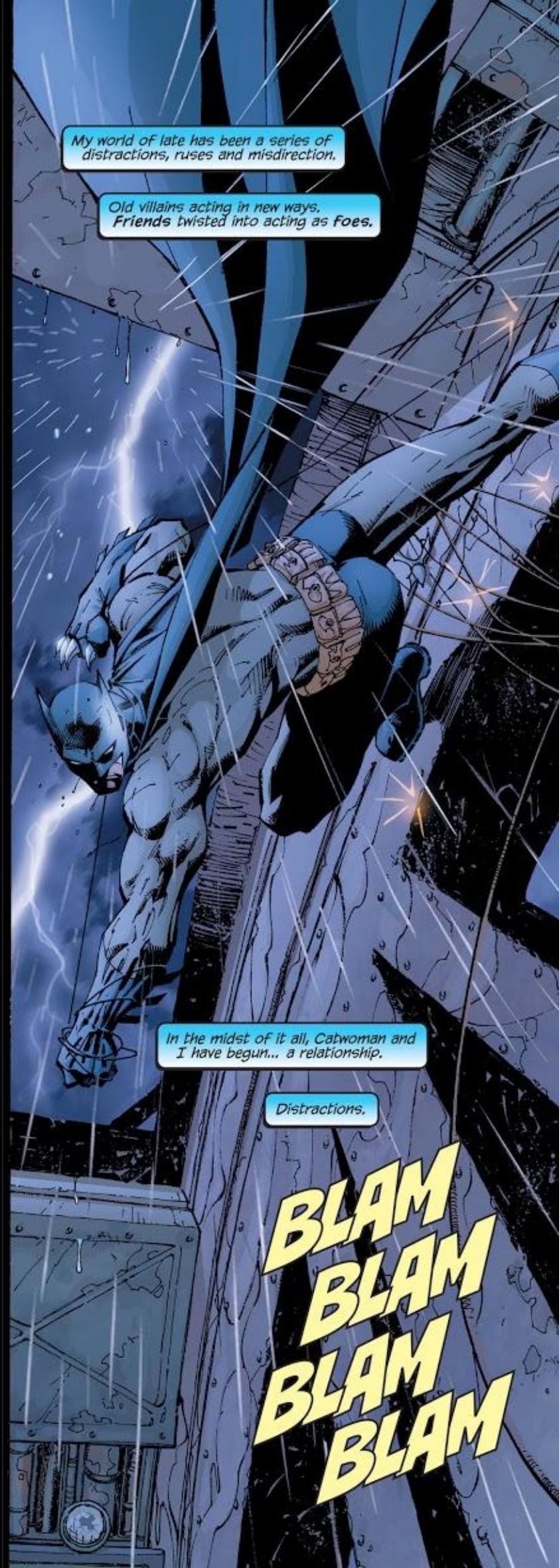
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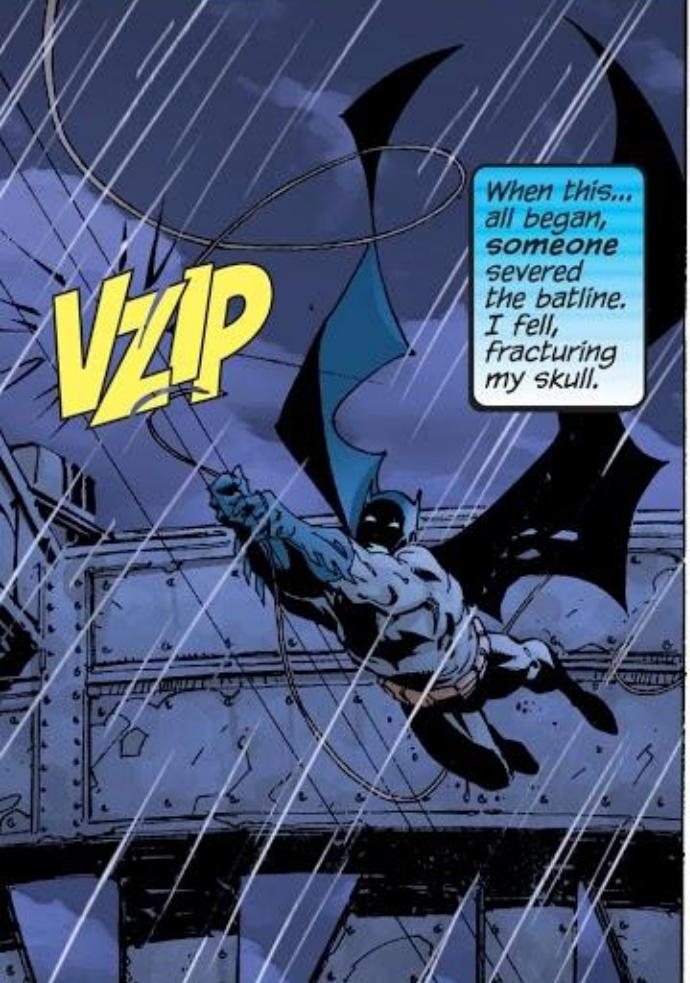
EVILS
DRAW MEN
TOGETHER.

More Aristotle.

Maxie Zeus?
Which enemy do I have
who quotes Aristotle?







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I have found my opponent.

THE
GAME ENDS
TONIGHT!

Chapter Twelve
THE END

BLAM

I made a promise on the grave of my parents to rid this city of the evil that took their lives. By day, I am Bruce Wayne, billionaire philanthropist. At night, criminals, a cowardly and superstitious lot, call me...

BATMAN

CREATED
BY

BOB
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BAD-A-BOOY





Harvey's Face has been repaired.

His sudden appearance here is... unexpected.

GIVE ME THE GUN.

YOU CAN HAVE IT.
IT'S YOURS, ANYWAY.

WHAT?!

IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU, JIMBO. YOUR OLD POLICE WEAPON WAS USED TO "KILL" TOMMY ELLIOT.

Under those bandages --

-- I have to know.

Have I lost in Tommy a friendship...

...only to regain in Harvey one I'd lost?

LOOK, I SHOT "ELLIO" IN THAT ALLEY. IT'S HOW I KNEW THE JOKER WAS INNOCENT.

Nightvision Engaged.

YOU SHOT DOCTOR THOMAS ELLIOT?

YEAH, WELL, THERE'S NOT A LOT OF VITAL ORGANS YOU CAN HIT WHEN THEY'RE MADE OUT OF CLAY.



Gotham City.
Two weeks later.

WHEN YOU
DON'T WANT TO
BE FOUND, YOU
DON'T WANT TO
BE FOUND.

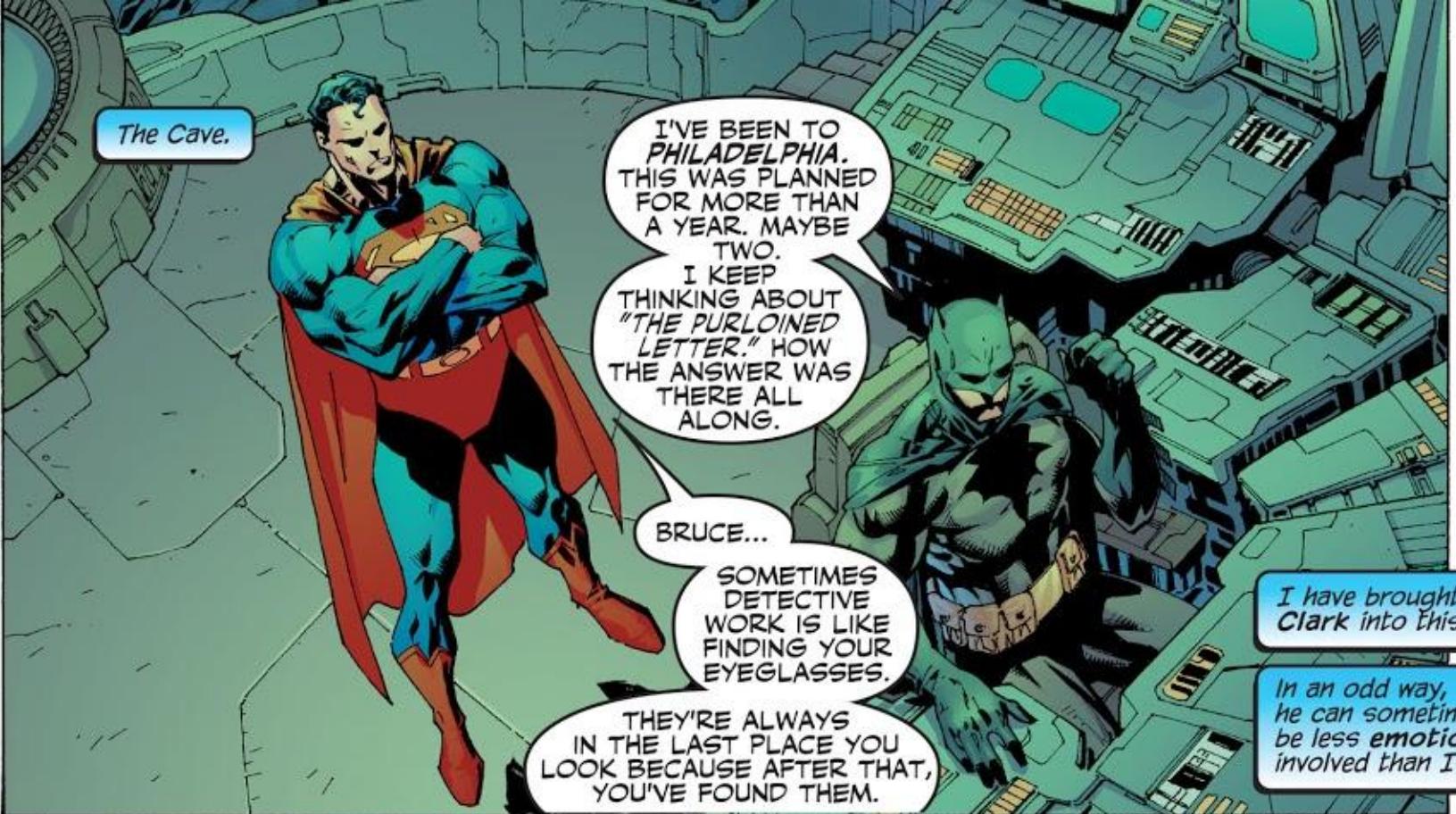
THAT'S
RIGHT.

LET ME GUESS.
YOU SCREWED UP.
YOU'RE TRYING TO
FIGURE IT ALL
OUT.

YOU'RE ANGRY
WITH ME, BATMAN,
EVERYONE...

...BUT MOSTLY
YOU'RE MAD AT
YOURSELF.







Arkham Asylum.

THIS WILL NOT BE RECORDED. NO ONE IS LISTENING IN. I THINK YOU KNOW WHY.

I HONESTLY DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE CAPABLE OF IT.

"CRIMINAL MASTERMIND" AND YOU DON'T COME TOGETHER IMMEDIATELY.

THAT WAS SORT OF THE POINT, WASN'T IT?

WAS IT?

YOU STILL DON'T HAVE ALL THE PIECES. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.

THIS IS FUN.

PRESUMABLY, IT ALL BEGAN WITH KILLER CROC KIDNAPPING THE BOY.

YOU DIDN'T NEED THE RANSOM, DID YOU? ELLIOT'S WEALTH FINANCED ALL OF IT.

ESSENTIALLY, BUT, YOU CAN NEVER REALLY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY, RIGHT?

YOU'D KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.

WHERE DID YOU GET THE KRYPTONITE FOR IVY'S LIPSTICK?

WHERE DID YOU GET IT FOR THAT RING? YOU HAVE ENEMIES IN VERY HIGH PLACES.

BUT, YOU DIDN'T HEAR THAT FROM ME.

SO, YOU PROMISED CROC YOU COULD SURGICALLY CURE HIS MUTATION FOR A PRICE.

YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH A BRAIN-TRUST THERE.

CROC NEVER QUITE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE INFECTED HIM WITH A VIRUS.

HE WAS DESPERATE FOR A CURE AND WE'D HAVE PROVIDED IT "DURING SURGERY."

THE ANTIDOTE ISN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT. I IMAGINE WHEREVER THE FEDS HAVE HIM, HE'S BEEN RESTORED.

SCARECROW DID THE EVALUATIONS.

EVERYBODY WANTS SOMETHING.

MONEY. AND SHE'S GOT A THING ABOUT CATWOMAN.

LOVE. GETTING TO WORK WITH THE JOKER.

AT FIRST, WHEN HE HEARD "THE JASON TODD GAG," HE COULDN'T RESIST.

CLAYFACE?

MONEY. ANOTHER MORON. -YAWN- WHY DO I HAVE THE SENSE YOU KNOW ALL THIS ALREADY?

YOU ANGERED RA'S.

HE WASN'T REALLY PLAYING.

HE GOT INVOLVED BECAUSE YOU HAD USED ONE OF THE LAZARUS PITS AND HE WANTED ME TO FIND OUT WHO IT WAS.

IT'S WHY YOU LEFT THE ASH IN THE BACK OF THE ARMORED TRUCK. YOU HOPED I WOULD REMOVE RA'S FROM THE GAME.

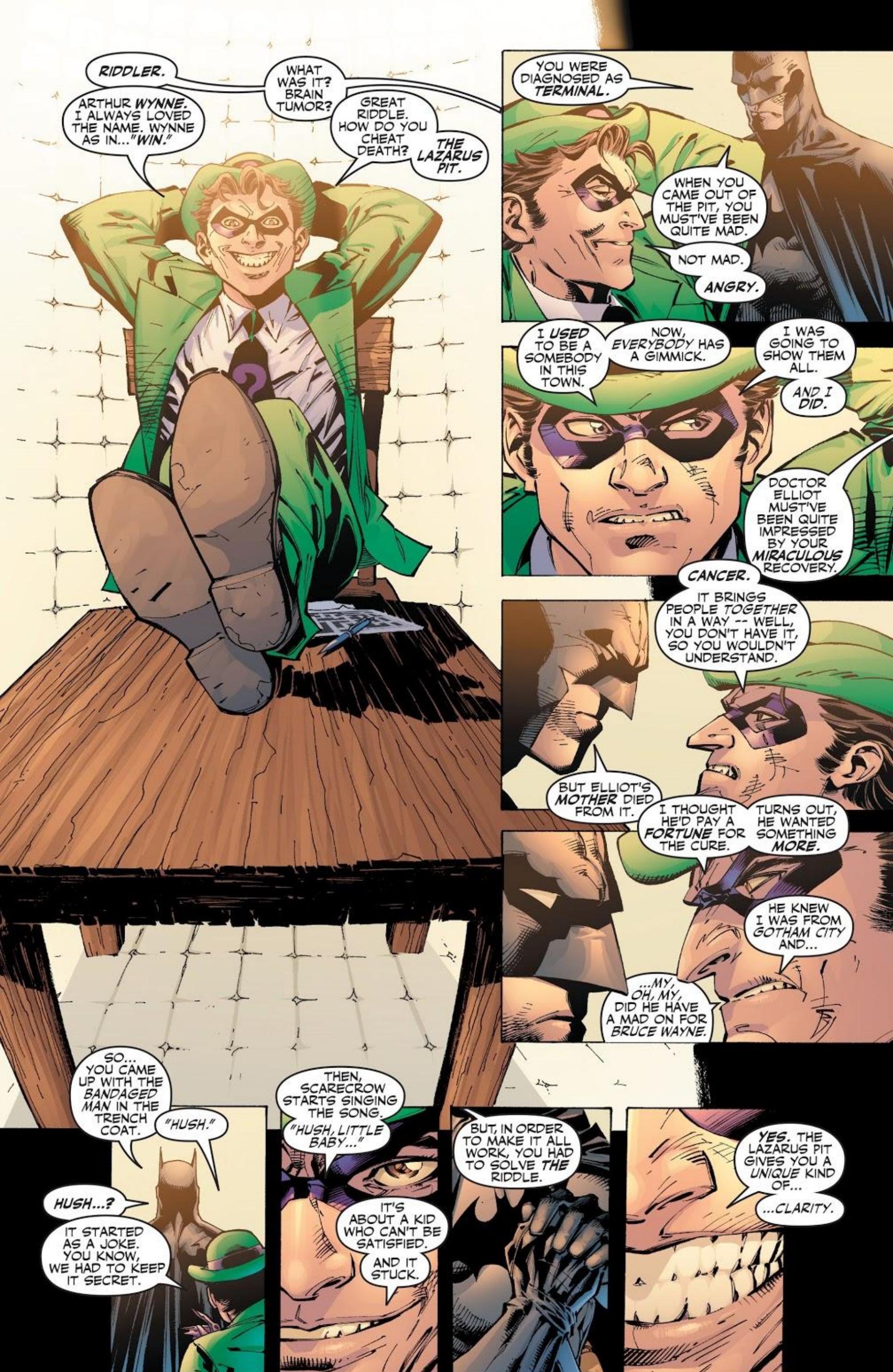
HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?

ELLIOT'S MEDICAL RECORDS ARE IN STORAGE IN PHILADELPHIA.

YOU DIDN'T USE YOUR REAL NAME.

BUT... "ARTHUR WYNNE." THE MAN WHO INVENTED THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

THAT WAS THE MISSING PIECE.



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IN CASE
YOU EVER AGAIN
DO DECIDE
TO TRADE ON MY
IDENTITY...
...KEEP IN MIND,
RA'S AL GHUL IS
STILL LOOKING FOR
WHO USED HIS
PIT.

QUESTION:
HOW WOULD YOU
FARE AGAINST THE
ENTIRE LEAGUE OF
ASSASSINS...?

YOU HAVE
ENEMIES IN VERY
HIGH PLACES,
EDWARD.

GET OUT.

ONE LAST
THING.
WHY
JASON?
WHY BRING
THE BOY
INTO IT?

QUESTION:
HOW MANY TIMES
HAVE YOU
BEATEN ME?

ANSWERS:
FIVE. TEN.
A HUNDRED!

ANSWER:
THE DEATH OF
ROBIN.

DIDN'T
LIKE HAVING
YOUR NOSE
RUBBED IN IT,
DID YOU?

BUT... QUESTION:
WHAT IS BATMAN'S
GREATEST DEFEAT?

HIS GRAVE
IS EMPTY.
WHERE IS
JASON'S BODY
NOW?

THAT IS
A RIDDLE,
ISN'T IT?

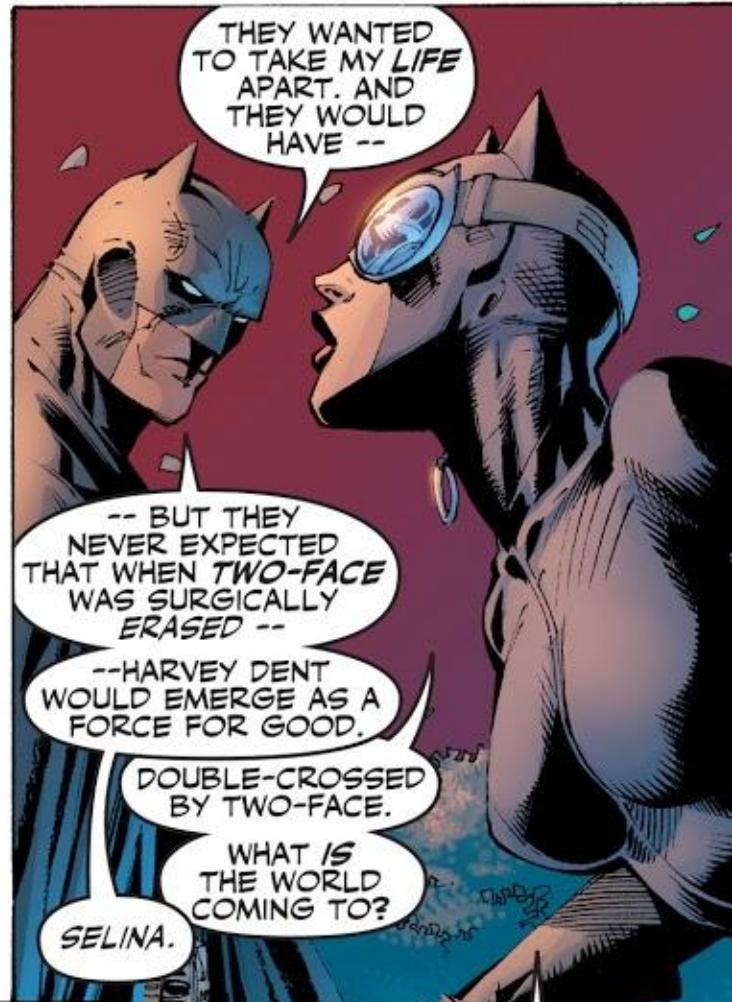
WHAT
HAPPENED?

NEED
ANY
HELP?

HE
FELL.

NO.
WE'RE
DONE.









Someday...

The
End