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# BATMAN

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...and after the Earth shattered and the buildings crumbled, the nation abandoned Gotham City. Then only the valiant, the venal and the insane remained in the place they called **NO MAN'S LAND**



IT'S TIME,  
PRETTY  
LADY.

THE COIN  
CAME DOWN BAD,  
LITTLE KIDLINS, AND  
NOW TWO-FACE  
WANTS HIS GIRL-  
FRIEND'S COMPANY  
AGAIN.

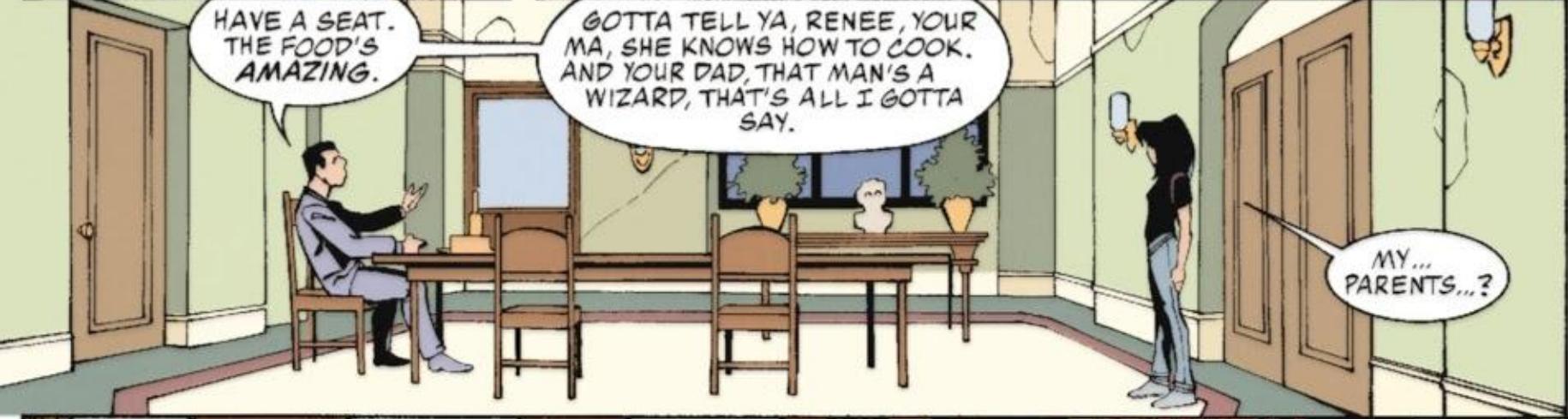
NO!  
LEAVE HER  
ALONE!

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YEAH,  
YEAH, YEAH.  
SAVE IT FOR  
THE JUDGE.

THERE ARE  
ABOUT TWENTY  
OF THEM.

WE'RE  
GOING OUT THE  
BACK. GIVE US  
COVER, AND THEN  
TURN THE BOYS  
LOOSE.

I'VE  
ONLY GOT SIX  
BULLETS LEFT,  
BOSS--

DO WHAT  
I TELL YOU!

THIS IS  
JUST GETTING  
WORSE AND  
WORSE...







BATMAN,  
PLEASE... I THINK  
YOU'D AGREE THAT MY  
BUSINESS IS MY OWN?  
DON'T YOU--

THE CASE FINSTER  
GAVE HER--I KNOW  
WHAT WAS INSIDE  
IT, OSWALD.

I KNOW  
SHE'S YOUR  
PIPELINE  
OUT...

NOW I WANT  
TO KNOW WHAT  
SHE'S BRINGING  
IN, AND WHY.

I WANT  
TO KNOW  
WHO SHE  
IS.

AND I'M  
LOSING MY  
PATIENCE...

SHE WON'T GIVE HER  
NAME. I DON'T KNOW  
WHO SHE WORKS FOR.  
BUT SHE'S MOVING IN--

--A CEMENT MIXER?

YES. AND ABOUT  
150 TONS MORE OF  
BUILDING SUPPLIES.

WHOEVER SHE IS,  
THEY'RE PLANNING ON  
SOME MAJOR URBAN  
RENEWAL--

BATMAN,  
COME IN!  
BATMAN--

ORACLE?

--IT'S THE  
BLUE BOYS, MY  
DAD, THEY'RE  
UNDER  
ATTACK!

--ALL  
THROUGHOUT  
TRICORNER--

--IT'S  
TWO-  
FACE.

...THINK  
I'VE JUST  
BEEN  
UPSTAGED...













BAILIFF... HELP  
THE DEFENDANT TO  
HIS SEAT... OR I'LL  
HOLD YOU IN  
CONTEMPT.

GOOD. BAILIFF, TAKE  
YOUR ASSIGNED  
POSITION, PLEASE.



ALL  
RISE.

COURT  
IS NOW IN  
SESSION.



IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PEOPLE VERSUS JAMES GORDON,  
THE CHARGES ARE BREACH OF  
CONTRACT, NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE  
-- MULTIPLE COUNTS -- AND  
DERELICTION OF DUTY.



A PLEA OF NOT  
GUILTY HAVING BEEN  
ENTERED BY THE DE-  
FENSE, I HAVE SET  
A TRIAL DATE  
FOR...

...NOW.



THE DEFENDANT  
SHALL NOTE, IF FOUND  
GUILTY, THE SENTENCE  
WILL BE DEATH...



DEATH TO HIM,  
TO HIS FAMILY,  
AND TO ALL THOSE  
UNDER HIS  
PROTECTION.



THE  
PROSECUTION  
CALLS ITS FIRST  
WITNESS...



GOTHAM  
CITY POLICE  
DETECTIVE  
THIRD CLASS,  
RENEE  
MONTOYA...

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