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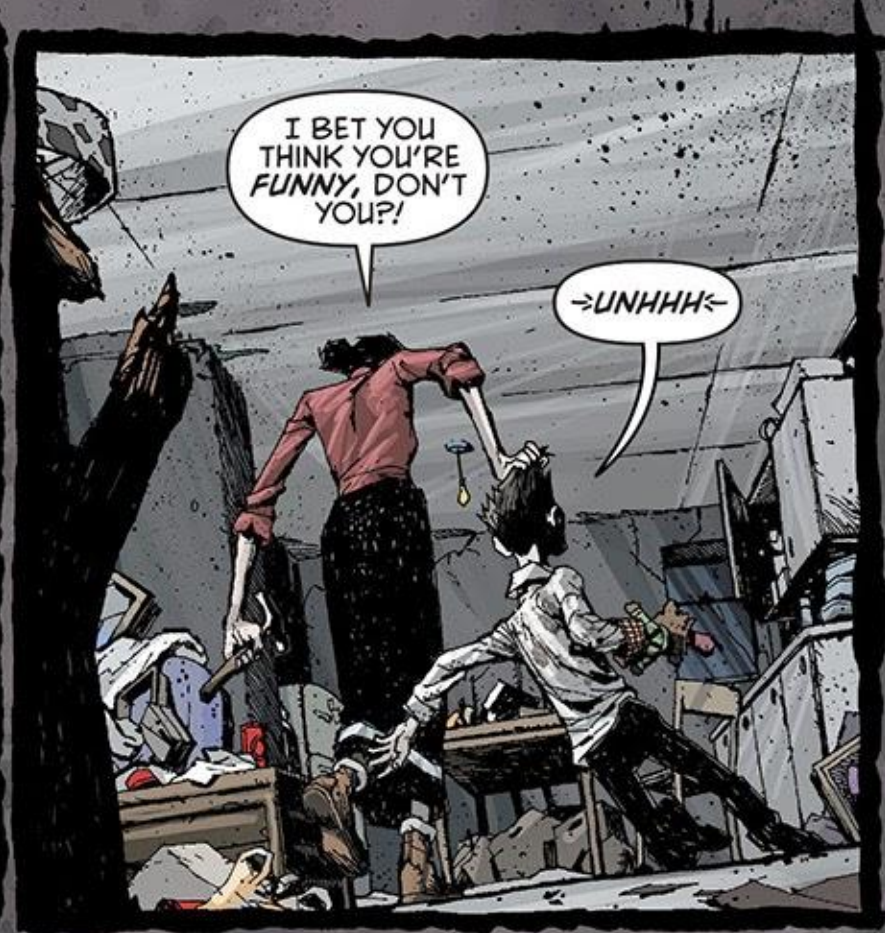
I BET YOU THINK YOU'RE *FUNNY,* DON'T YOU?!
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I BET YOU THINK YOU'RE A REAL *COMEDIAN* HIDING FROM ME!

AFTER ALL *I'VE* DONE FOR *YOU...*

...THIS IS HOW YOU *REPAY* ME?
LOOK AT YOU! DON'T YOU EVER WASH YOUR UGLY *FACE?*
YOU'RE A DAMN *SLOB.*

YOU WON'T BE NEEDING *THIS* VILE THING.
ISN'T IT TIME YOU CUT THE *UMBILICAL CORD,* ANYWAY?
NAAAHHH!

GAGGY...
SHADDUP! DON'T YOU MOVE A MUSCLE.

HERE WE GO. THIS'LL CLEAN YOU UP. RIGHT DOWN TO YOUR CLOGGED PORES.
BLEACH

NNNNHHH...

YOUR UNCLE HORACE USED TO SAY THE SAME THING WHEN I CLEANED HIM UP.

BLEACH
OR MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HE SAID WHEN I GAVE HIM A COLOMBIAN NECKTIE.
OH WELL, DOESN'T MATTER.

YOU'RE GONNA BE SO SPARKLY AFTER I'M DONE WITH YOU!
WHO LOVES YA?
AAACHHHH... A--

AAARRRCHKK!

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO.
THE GOTHAM CITY ZOO.
NO, PLEASE! DON'T DO THIS! I HAVE A YOUNG SON!
OH, DIS IS GONNA BE SO GOOD! WATCHIN' NAYTCHA TAKE ITS CAWSE-- RIGHT, MAX?
ABSOLUTELY, WEDGE! AND MAY I ADD, WHAT A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND THE DAY... HERE AT THE ZOO!
YOU OKAY, BOSS? YOU SEEM A WEE BIT SHAKEN.
YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE ACTION!
HEH.
HEE-HEE...
...JUST HAVING SOME FOND MEMORIES OF MY ENDEARING CHILDHOOD, FLAME DUPREE.
MY AUNT EUNICE WAS SOMETHING ELSE. YOU SHOULD'VE MET HER.
I'M SURPRISED I STILL HAVE ALL MY FINGERS AND TOES.
OKAY, ON WITH THE SHOW!

LOOK! YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE SNAKE'S JAW *UNHINGE.*

AMAZING.

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WOW. I'M IMPRESSED.

YEAH, BABY! BRING IT *ON!* THE BESTEST DAY *EVAH!*

HEY, JOKER. WHERE YA GOIN'?

YOU'LL MISS DA GRAND FINALE.

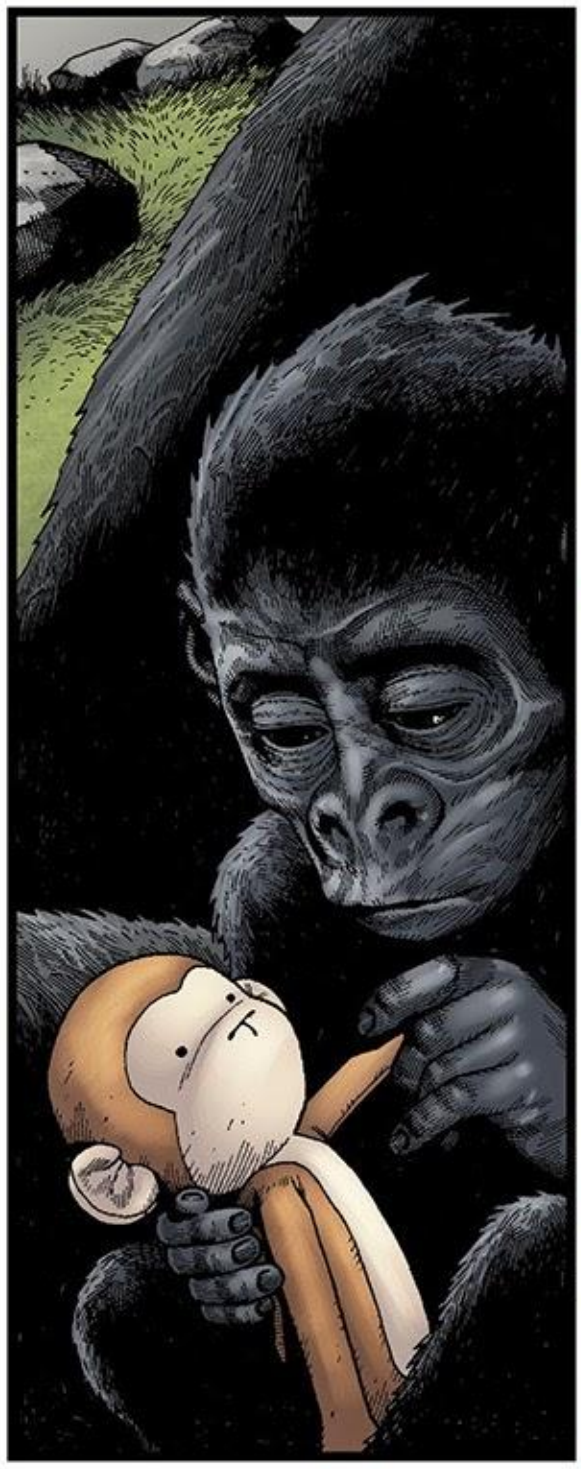
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S SWALLOWING HIM... *WHOLE...*

I CAN HEAR HIS *BONES* CRACKING.

SOUNDS LIKE TREE BRANCHES *BREAKING.*

HAHAHA! DIS IS *SO* FREAKIN' AWESOME!

BOSSMAN, YOU'RE MISSIN' THE *BEST PART!*



IT'S TIME...

...TIME TO START MY FAMILY.

TEE-HEE... THIS STUFF ISN'T THAT BAD, LITTLE MAN!

ONLY HAPPY FACES AROUND HERE.

JOKER, HON, WE GOTTA GIVE 'IM A NAME.

HOW ABOUT CHARLIE?

REALLY? HMMM...YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, FLAME.

NAMED AFTER THAT GUY WHO USED TO LIVE... HERE...

HE NEEDS SOMETHING MORE IMPACTFUL... SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE PEOPLE TAKE NOTICE...

...HERE COMES THE SPACE SHIP READY TO PORT! OPEN THE POD BAY DOORS, PLEASE?

AHHH...THAT'S A GOOD BOY!

CAESAR...

...ATTILA...

...HE NEEDS A NAME THAT PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER...HMMM...

...CALIGULA...

...ADOLF...

...OR MAYBE EVEN POL-POT?

HAS A CERTAIN RING TO IT...

OH, NO! THE SHIP'S OUTTA CONTROL! SHE CRASHES! EVERYONE DIES! HAHAHAHAH!

THAT'S IT! HEE-HEE-HAWWWW, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I DIDN'T THINK OF THIS BEFORE.

I'LL NAME HIM... HA-HA-HA-HEE-HOOOO...

...JACKANAPES!

YOU GOTTA LOVE IT!

RAISING MY YOUNG PUP, JACKANAPES, WAS THE HAPPIEST TIME OF MY LIFE!

IT WAS SOME OF THE MOST REWARDING MOMENTS I COULD REMEMBER.

HE'D DEVELOPED THE DARKEST LITTLE PERSONALITY I'D EVER SEEN!

IT WAS SO CUTE!

I MADE IT A POINT FOR JACKANAPES TO EXPERIENCE THE CHILDHOOD I WISH I HAD.

WHO KNOWS HOW I WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT WITH THE RIGHT UPBRINGING?

THINGS WERE WORKING OUT RATHER NICELY... BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED.

JACK WAS MAKING ME SWELL WITH PRIDE.

I MADE IT A POINT TO ENCOURAGE HIM FOR DEEDS DONE WELL.

I REMEMBER THE TIME I TRIED TO BEAT UP A FIRST GRADE GIRL'S FIST WITH MY FACE.

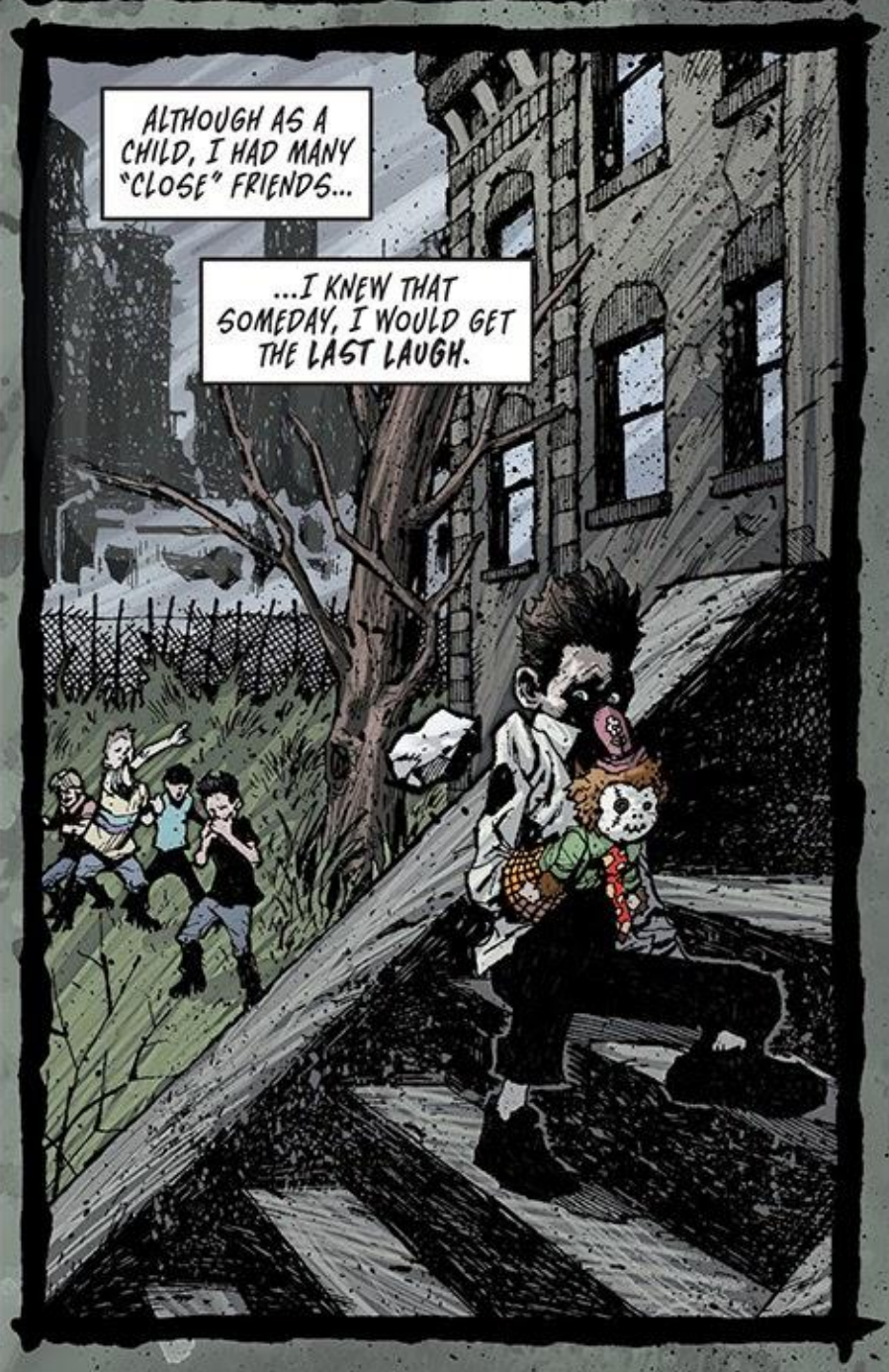
MY FACE LOST.

THAT DIDN'T AGREE AT ALL WITH AUNT EUNICE'S CHILD-REARING PHILOSOPHY.

AS HE GREW, I TAUGHT JACKANAPES BASIC LIFE LESSONS.
IT WAS SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!
AT THIS POINT, HE WAS REALLY STARTING TO GROW, NOT ONLY IN SIZE... BUT IN STATURE.

I WANTED TO FUEL JACK'S GROWTH AND LET HIM GROW TO HIS GREATEST POTENTIAL.

WE WERE INSEPARABLE. NOT ONLY AS BEST FRIENDS, BUT AS FATHER AND SON.


ALTHOUGH AS A CHILD, I HAD MANY "CLOSE" FRIENDS...
...I KNEW THAT SOMEDAY, I WOULD GET THE LAST LAUGH.

I SHOWED JACK HOW TO MAKE HIS OWN TOYS. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS INSTRUCT HIM ONCE, AND HE QUICKLY PICKED IT UP.
HE ESPECIALLY LIKED IT WHEN IT CAME TIME TO PLAY THE DOUBLE D'S-- DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.
HE JUST LOVED THAT.
AS TIME WENT ON, I TAUGHT HIM HOW TO EXPAND HIS HORIZONS...
...HOW TO CAST A WIDER NET, HOW TO GET MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK.
...I TAUGHT HIM HOW NOT TO FEEL SORRY. HOW NOT TO GET CAUGHT UP IN FEELINGS.
I TAUGHT HIM THAT WITH GUILT COMES WEAKNESS.
Premier Department Stores
AND IN OUR BUSINESS, WE CAN'T AFFORD GUILT.
IT'S TOO DAMN EXPENSIVE!
I TAUGHT HIM THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE GUILTY... GUILTY OF SOMETHING.
WE'RE SIMPLY PROVIDING A SERVICE TO FREE THEM OF THIS GUILT. A FUN JOB!
BUT THIS SERVICE COMES WITH A PRICE.
AND FOR THAT REASON ALONE, WE ARE JUSTIFIED IN WHAT WE DO AND WHAT WE BELIEVE IN...
...BUT BESIDES ALL OF THAT HOOEY...
...DISHING OUT PAIN AND SUFFERING...
...IS A HELL OF A LOT OF FUN!
HOOOHEEEE HAAAHOOO HAAAAHEEEE!

I WISH HIS MOTHER COULD SEE HIM RIGHT NOW.
SHE'D BE SO PROUD.
HER LI'L BOY JACKANAPES ALL GROWN UP...
...READY TO ROCK AND ROLL!

SO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL-WOMAN WANTS TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE GOTHAM CITY ZOO...
...BUDGET CUTS AND POOR ECONOMY, MY TUSH.
SINCE SHE'S BEEN HEAD OF THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY, THE POLITICIAN HAS ALWAYS HAD A DISDAIN FOR THE PLACE...
...EVER SINCE HER THREE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER ACCIDENTALLY FELL INTO THE LION PIT.
HEARD IT WAS A BLOODY MESS.
SAD THAT I MISSED IT.
PLUS, SHE SAYS THE ZOO IS SMACK IN THE WAY OF HER NEW ELEVATED TRAIN RAIL.
GOOD THING THE COUNCILWOMAN ANNOUNCED THIS FLY-BY INSPECTION!
WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HONE JACKANAPES' SKILLS...
...AND TO TEST OUT MY NEW GIZMO!
IT'S A TOTAL MIND-BENDER...
...OR SHOULD I SAY...
...BODY-BENDER!
DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME, KIDDIES! HEE HEE!

SO PROUD OF HIM. HE'S SO STRONG...AND STRONG WILLED!
I EVEN HAD TO MAKE JACK PUT IN HIS GIZMO EAR PROTECTION.
TOGETHER, WE COULD BE THE NEW BATMAN AND ROBIN--ONLY BETTER LOOKING!
READY FOR LIVE ACTION!
ROPES, JACK!
HAHAHOOHEEE!
HOW... JOKER...?
...AND WHO THE HELL IS THAT WITH HIM?
SHOOT THEM!
FIRST ONES SERVED UP, MY BOY!
EXCELLENT!
HEEHEEHO!
I CAN HARDLY CONTAIN MYSELF!
HOPE YOU GUYS WORE CLEAN UNDERWEAR...
...NOT THAT IT MATTERS.

THAR SHE BLOWS, JACK!
THE COUNCIL-WOMAN HERSELF!
NICE BUN. HEE!

THIS IS IT, MY BOY!
THE HONORS ARE ALL YOURS!
LET'S SHOW 'EM HOW YOU'VE EVOLVED...

BOOYAH!
BRING ON THE FLYING RAT!
JACKANAPES IS MORE THAN READY!

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS I'VE DANCED WITH THE CAPED CRUSADER.
AND EVERY TIME WE TUSSLE, IT GIVES ME EVEN MORE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR HIM.
PERHAPS TOO MUCH!

I DON'T THINK I COULD EXIST WITHOUT HIM!
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WOO-HOOOO! SO FAR SO GOOD!
ANY SECOND NOW, AS THOSE MUTATED RADICAL SOUND WAVES PENETRATE THEIR COCHLEAR NERVES AND SCRAMBLE THEIR BRAIN PATTERNS...
...THEY'LL SHRED EACH OTHER TO ITSY BITSY TEENY TINY BITS...
...HMMM.
SOMETHING'S WRONG...
...UH-OH.

BRATTATTAA
WINGS, JACK!
YOU NEED YOUR WINGS!
PLEASE, JACKIE... POP YOUR WINGS...
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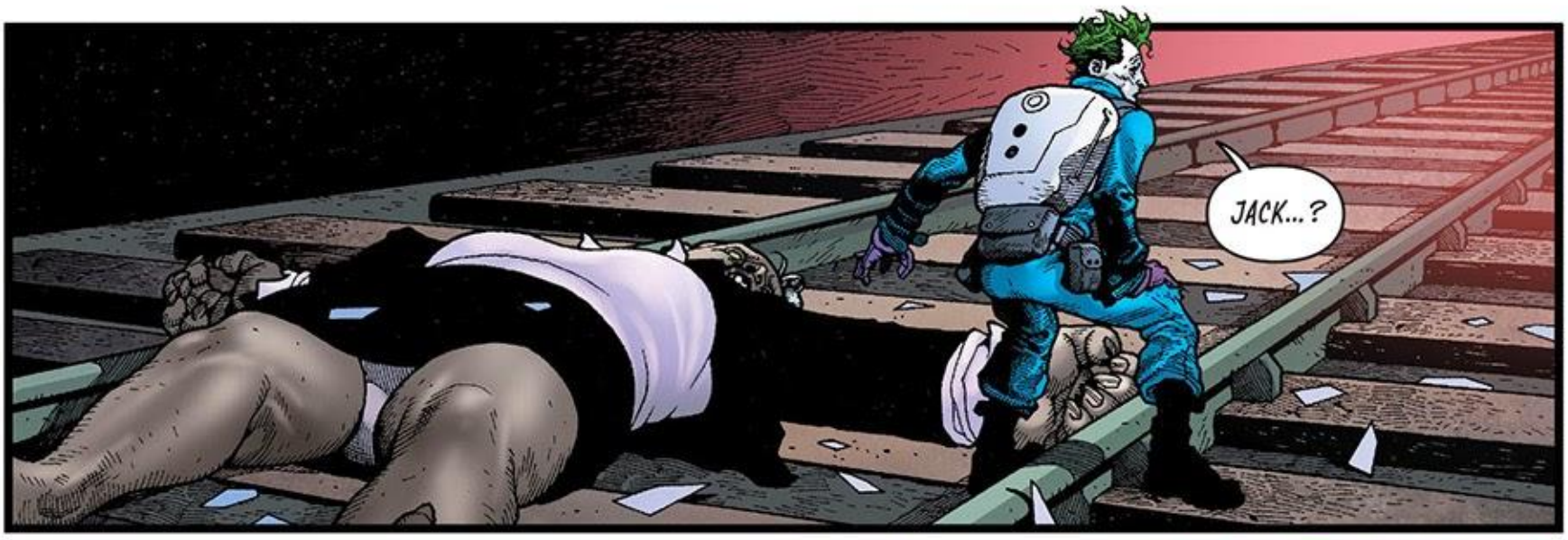
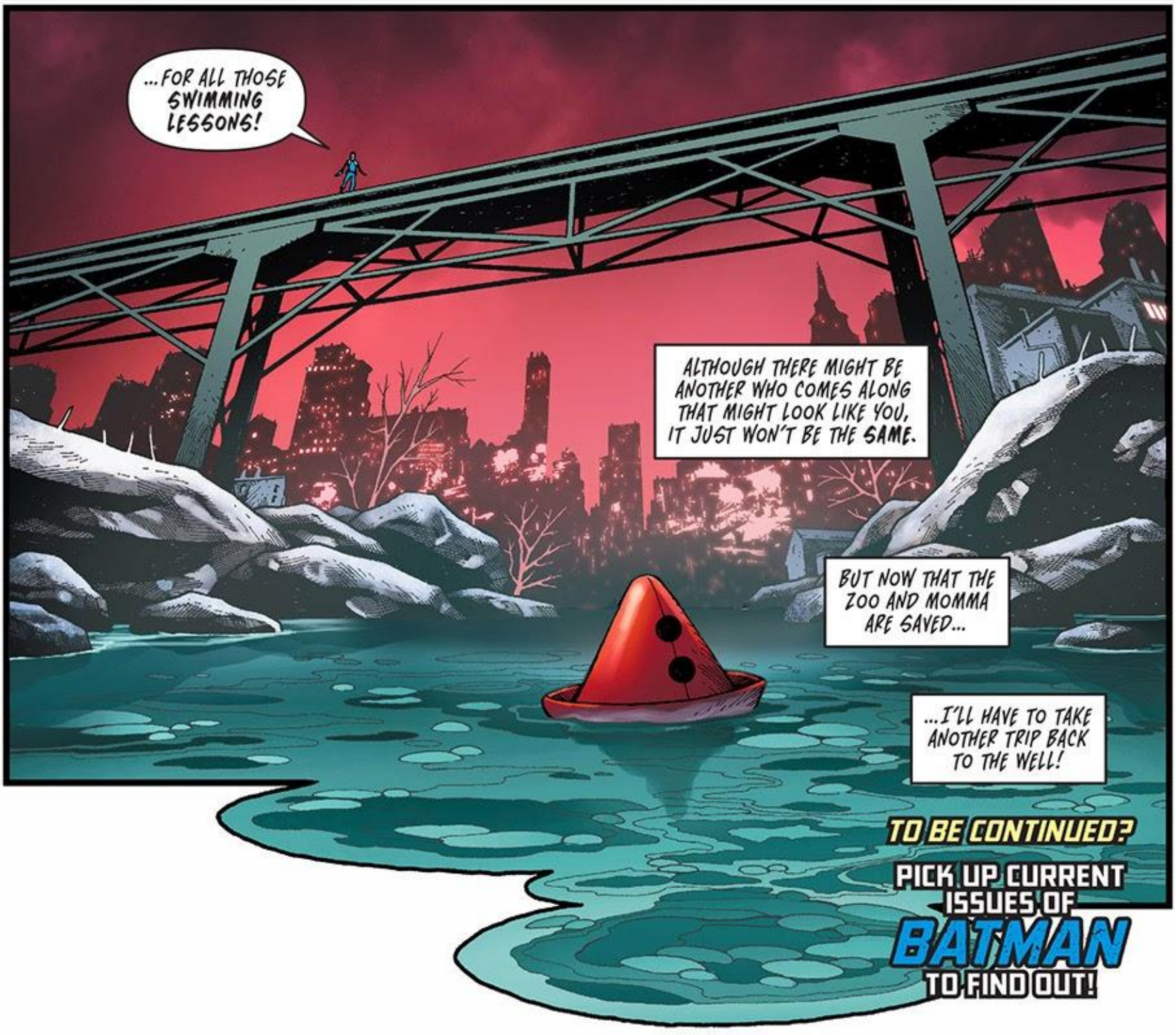

JACK...?

WHY, JACK?
WHY DIDN'T YOU POP YOUR WINGS?
BWAHAHAAHA!
I'M GONNA NEED A REFUND...


...FOR ALL THOSE SWIMMING LESSONS!
ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER WHO COMES ALONG THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE YOU, IT JUST WON'T BE THE SAME.
BUT NOW THAT THE ZOO AND MOMMA ARE SAVED...
...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER TRIP BACK TO THE WELL!
TO BE CONTINUED?
PICK UP CURRENT ISSUES OF BATMAN TO FIND OUT!