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RIDDLE ME THIS,  
RIDDLE ME THAT  
WHO'S AFRAID  
OF THE  
BIG BLACK  
BAT?

KING  
JANIN  
CHUNG

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"IN THE END, I KNEW  
EVERYTHING THERE WAS  
TO KNOW."



"OR, AT LEAST, I KNEW  
EVERY **FACT** THERE  
WAS TO KNOW."



"WHAT HAPPENED,  
WHAT **MOTIVATED**  
THEM..."

"WHAT  
MOTIVATED  
ME."

"WHETHER I KNOW  
THAT OR **UNDERSTAND**  
THAT... I DON'T..."



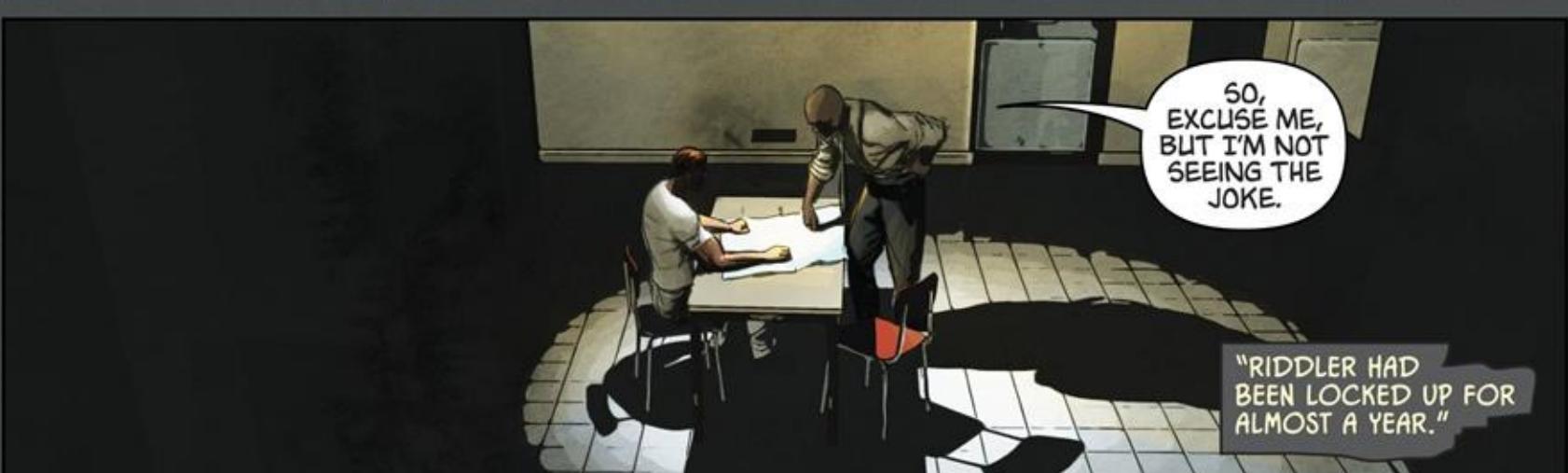
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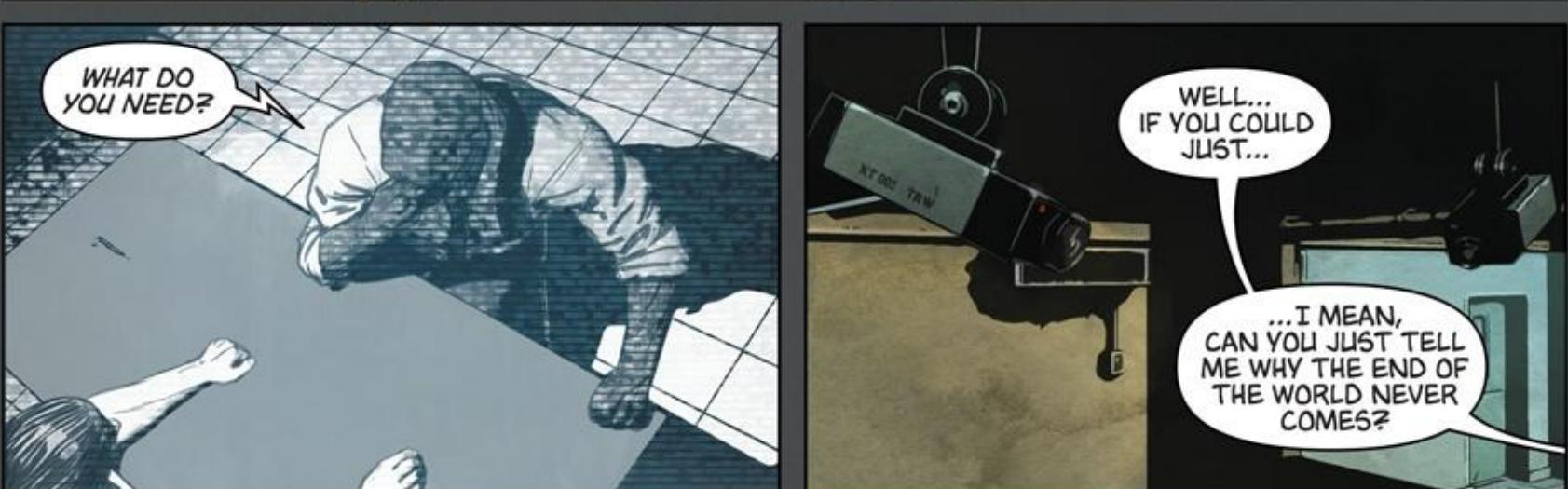
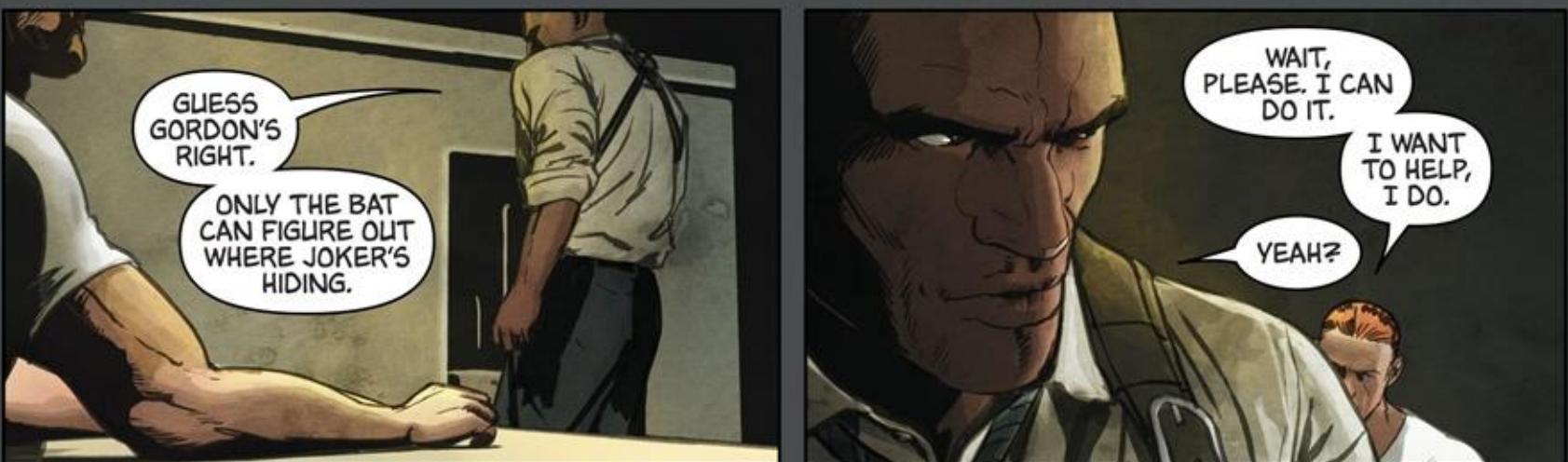
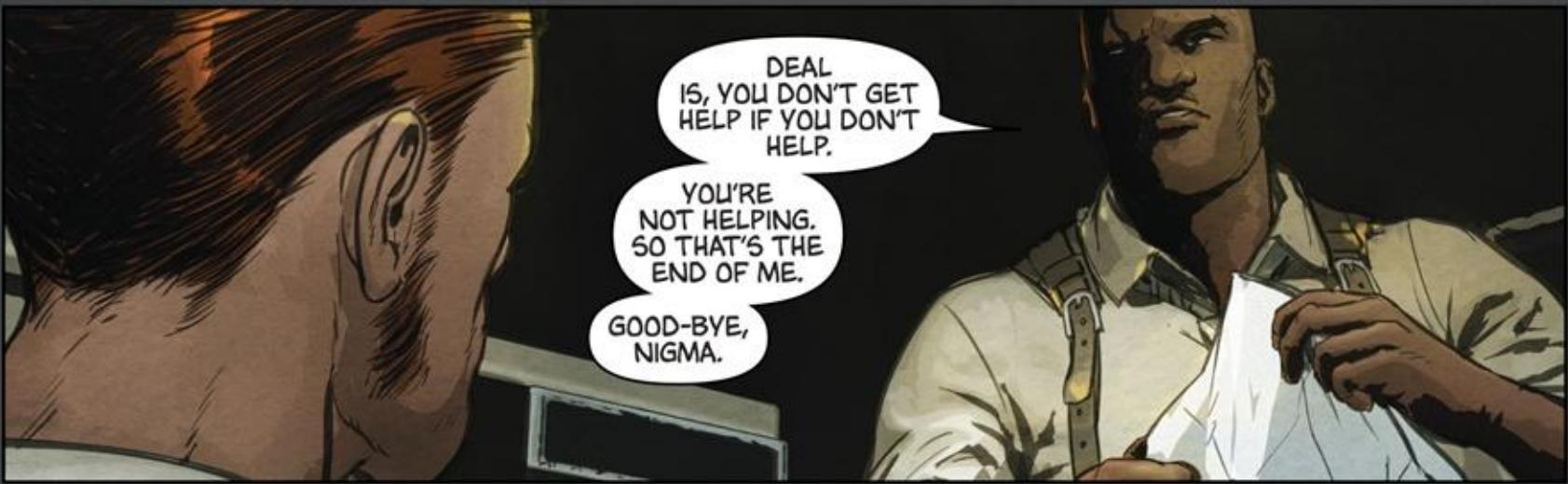
GO  
AHEAD, MR.  
FEDER.

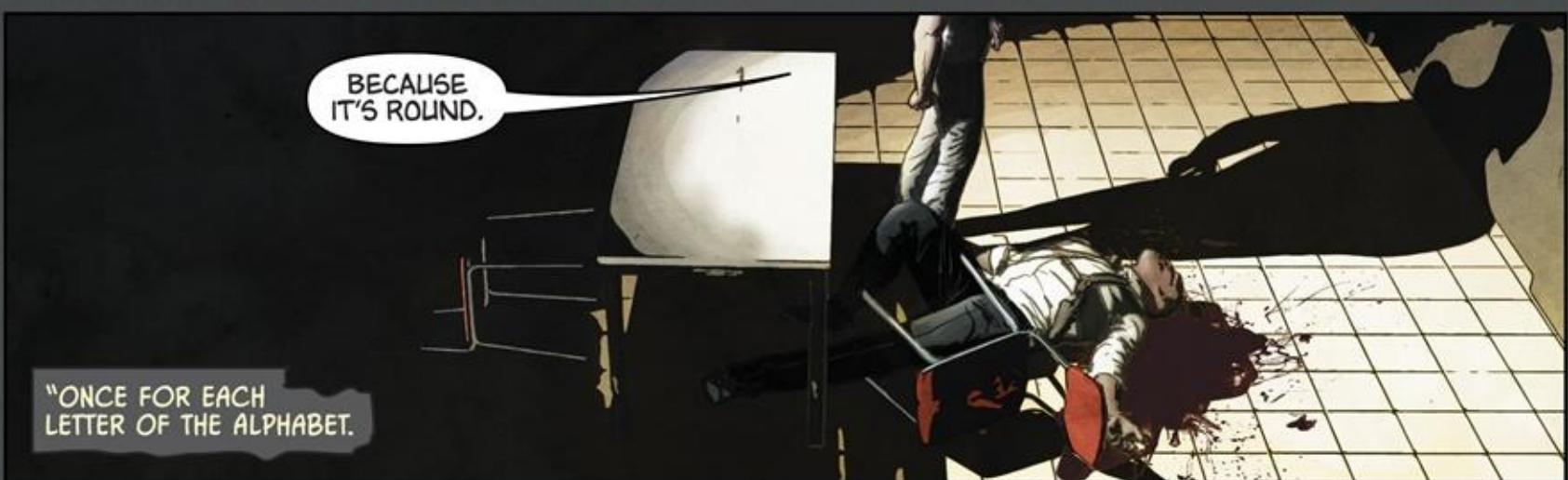
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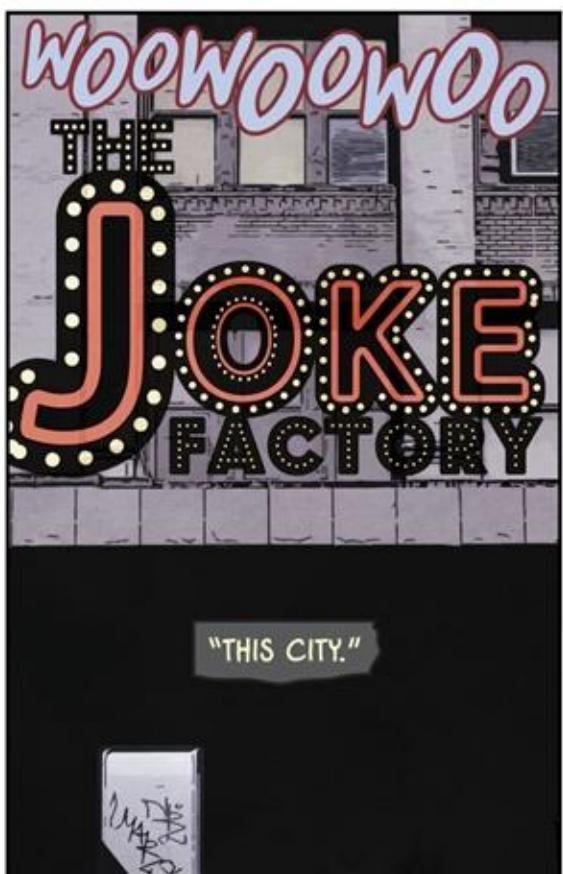
"ALL I CAN DO  
IS TELL THE  
STORY."

"AND LET YOU  
DECIDE."









"BEFORE THE START OF IT ALL,  
IT FELT TO ME AS IF THE WEATHER  
WAS A REACTION,  
A CONSEQUENCE."

"I WAS COMING OFF MY  
FIRST YEAR. I HAD FOUGHT  
THE DEMONS. I HAD  
WARRED ON CRIME."

"I HAD DONE  
WELL."

HOLY...

"GOTHAM HAD  
BEEN HELD IN  
THE SHADOWS."

"FOR  
DECades."

"AND I CAME, AND  
I DUG IN MY HEELS,  
PUT MY SHOULDER  
ON ITS STEEL."

"AND I  
PUSHED."

BANG

"I PUSHED IT INTO  
THE LIGHT."

A MAN  
WALKS INTO A  
BULLET.  
OUCH.

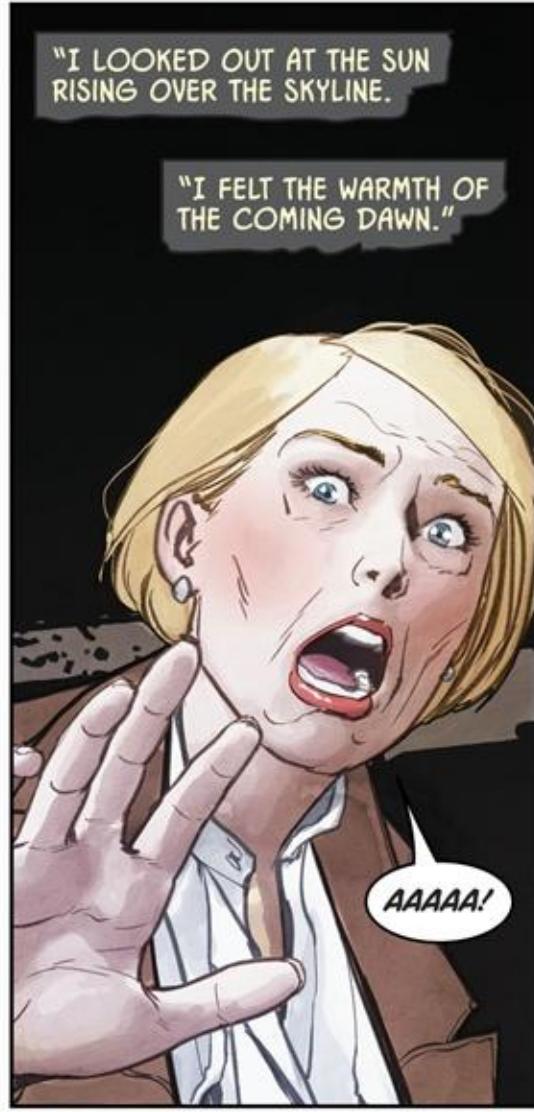
ISN'T THAT  
FUNNY?

IT  
SHOULD BE  
FUNNY.

UHMM.

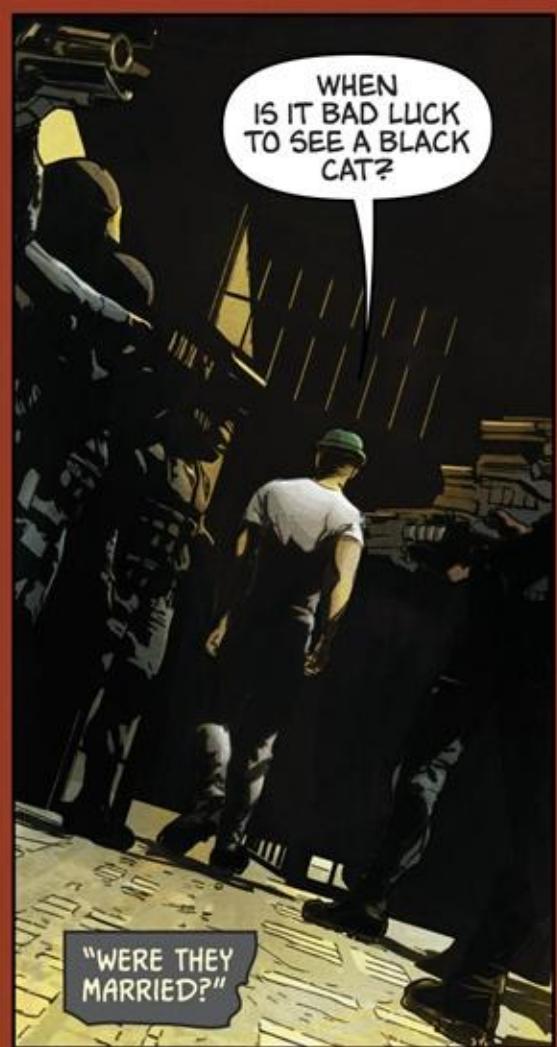
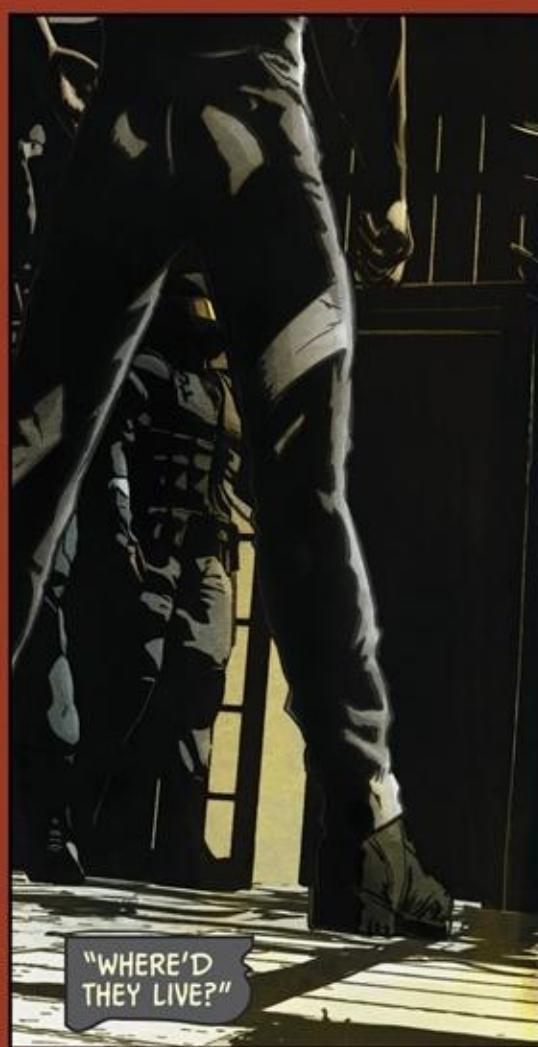
NO. NO.  
NO.















"HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT'VE BEEN HILARIOUS."



"AFTER ALL THIS TIME.  
ALL THE PEOPLE HE'S MURDERED.  
ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO  
MURDER HIM."

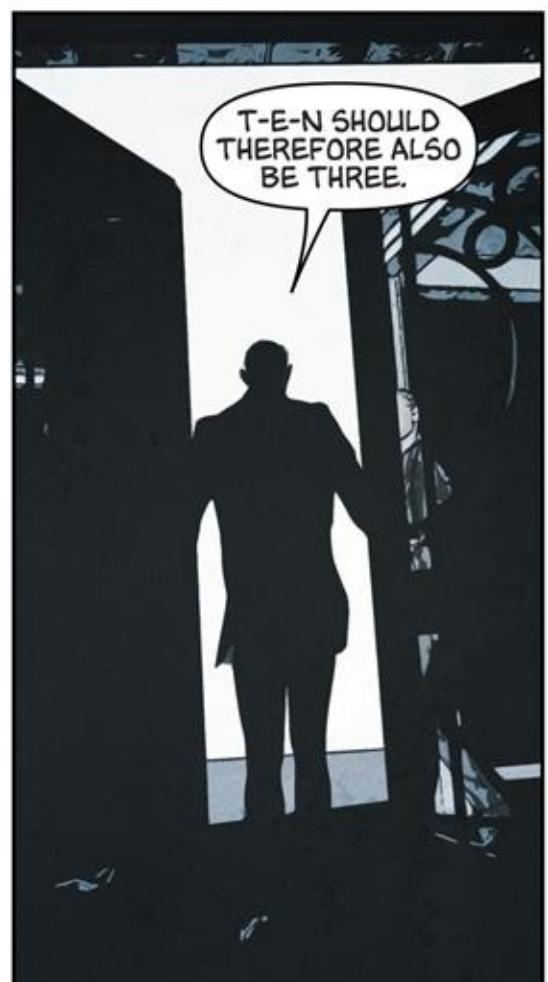
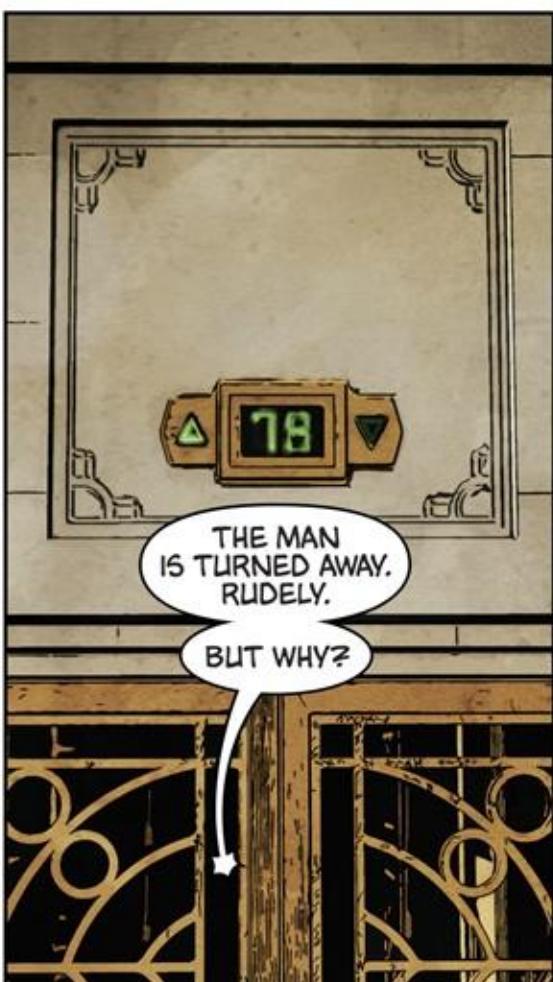
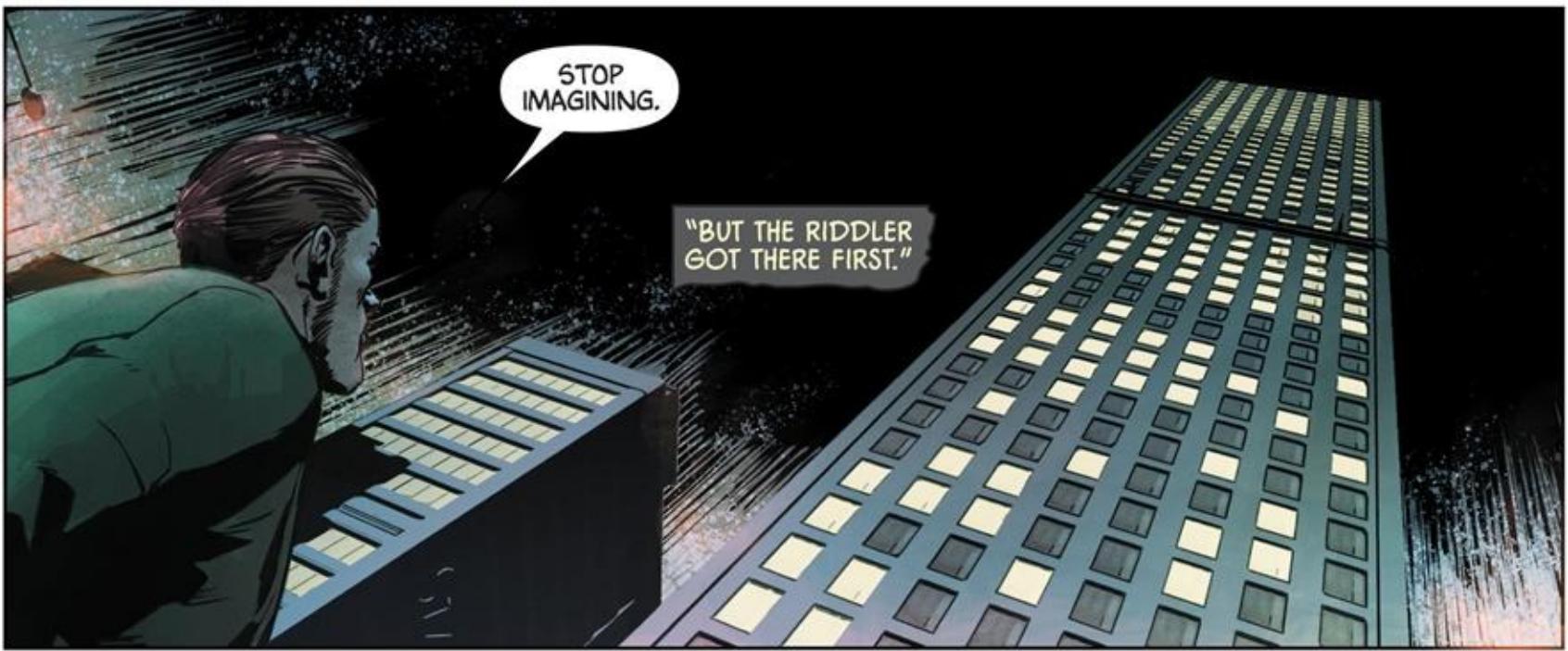
"AND THEN ONE PRETTY NIGHT, FOR NO REASON AT ALL, HE BREAKS HIS OWN NECK IN THE BACK OF A CAR."



"IT COULD'VE BEEN HILARIOUS."

"HE COULD'VE JUST DIED LAUGHING."

















"ALONE NOW,  
HE GRABBED  
HIS WOUND."



"HE SQUEEZED IT  
AND BLOOD FILLED  
HIS HAND."



"AS IF HE WERE AN OLD SPONGE,  
HE TOLD ME LATER, DRIPPING WITH  
WATER AND SOAP, WAITING TO  
BE WRUNG."



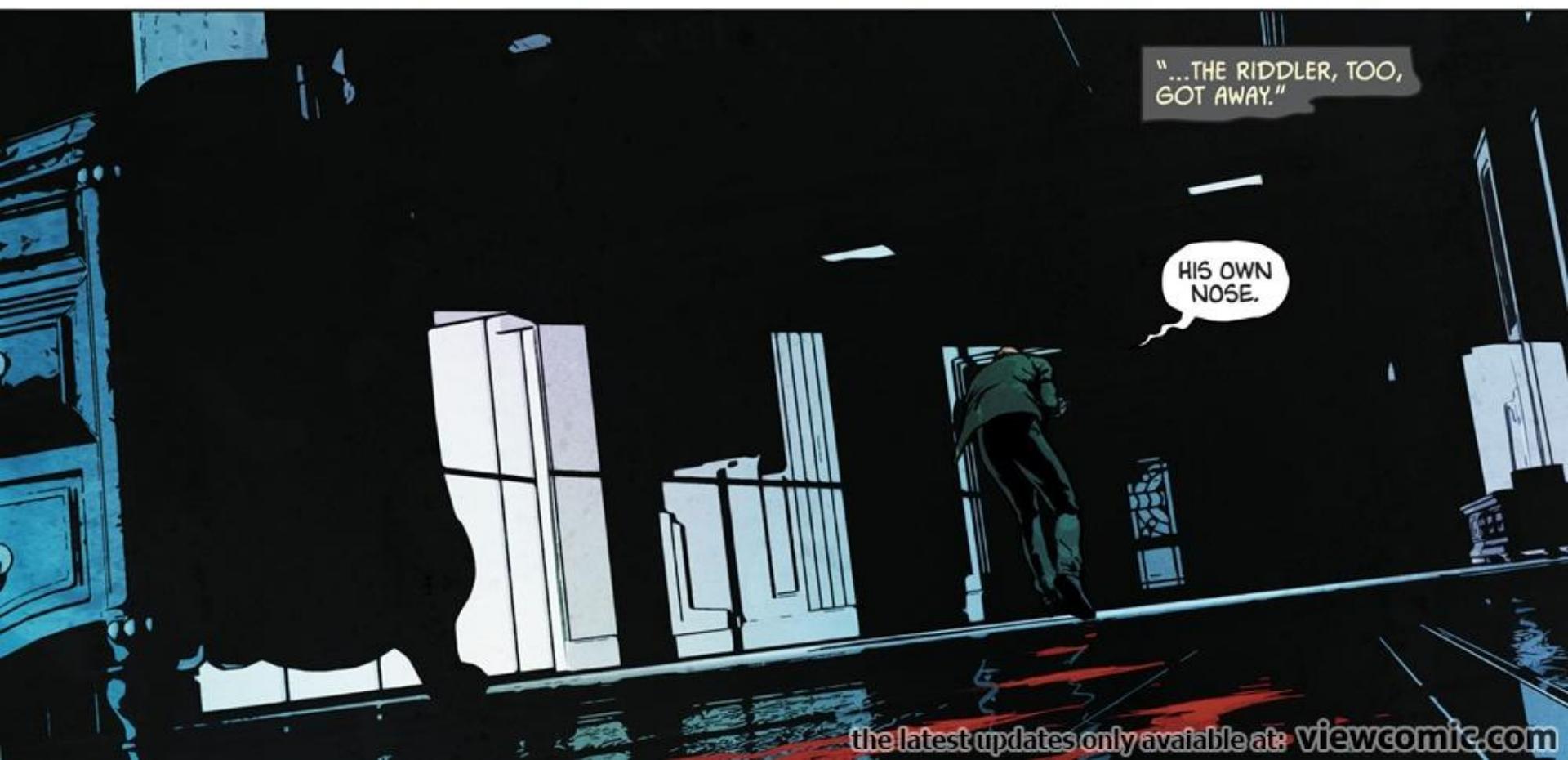
THE  
SMARTEST MAN  
ALIVE WILL ALWAYS  
OVERLOOK ONE  
THING.



"AND SO, WHILE I CHASED  
THE JOKER, WHILE I *LOST*  
THE JOKER AMONG THE PANIC  
IN THE BUILDING..."

"...THE RIDDLER, TOO,  
GOT AWAY."

HIS OWN  
NOSE.



"AND SO IT CAME.

"OVER THE NEXT MONTHS, AS I FOUGHT TO HOLD THE CITY TOGETHER, GOTHAM DIVIDED.

"INTO SLAUGHTER.

"MISERY.

"TORTURE.

"MAYHEM.

"HAVOC.

"BETRAYAL.

"DEVASTATION.

"INSANITY."



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DID...

WHAT I  
HAD TO  
DO.

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