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ANOTHER NIGHT IN GOTHAM.

ALFRED, HAVE YOU GOT THAT PROFILE FOR ME?

DICK GRAYSON
BATMAN

EDDIE "PINBALL" SIMS--STRICTLY SMALL-TIME. CONVICTIONS FOR BURGLARY AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. CURRENTLY WANTED FOR EXTORTION.

It looks like he's planning to raise his profile...

...to cop-killer.

COME ON, EDDIE. GIVE IT UP.

THIS IS A DEAD END. YOU AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE.

WUH--WHERE DID YOU--?

YOU HEARD THE OFFICER, EDDIE.

GIVE IT UP.

NUH-UH. I AIN'T DOING NO MORE TIME!

I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN, TOO.

He looks strung out. A doper.

A routine night.

TAKE ME DOWN WITH WHAT?

HOW DID YOU--?

PRACTICE. NATURAL ABILITY...

...AND YOU ARE VERY, *VERY* SLOW.

Save the lives of a couple of cops... take one more perp off the streets...

OKAY, BATMAN. WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

NO! THIS ISN'T FAIR!

I HAD THEM DEAD TO RIGHTS!

He really needs to chill.

YOU'VE BUILT UP A REAL HEAD OF STEAM THERE, EDDIE.

IF YOU WANT TO BLOW OFF SOME OF THAT AGGRESSION, WHY NOT TAKE A PUNCH AT ME?

DO YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, SIR?

GO AHEAD. GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT.

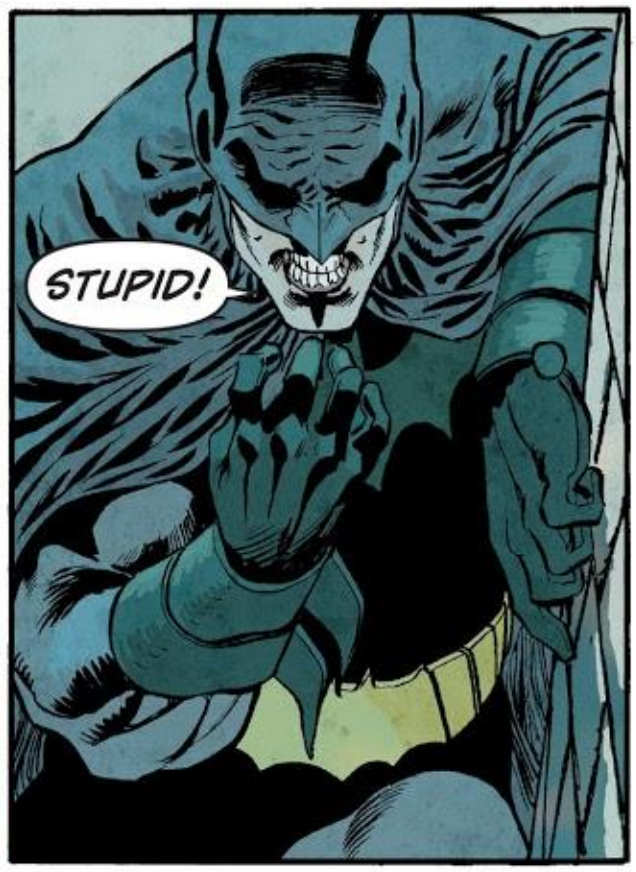
Alfred is such a worrywart.

WOK

AAUUGGH!
I BROKE SOMETHING!
YEAH, YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART.

I NEED A MEDIC!
YOU NEED A LAWYER.
THANKS, BIG GUY. WE OWE YOU ONE.

Stupid... Stupid...


STUPID!

It's happening again. Have to get to the **Batmobile** before I pass out...
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, MASTER RICHARD?

Alfred doesn't need to know about this... I can handle it.
YEAH...YES. EVERYTHING'S GOOD.
IT'S A QUIET NIGHT. YOU MIGHT AS WELL TURN IN, ALFRED. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING.
Burning. Chest feels like it's on fire.
Azrael did this to me!
But The Sword of Sin only harms the wicked. Why is this happening to me?

JUDGMENT ON GOTHAM

PART ONE

ONE GOOD MAN

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NOT SO SPECIAL NOW, ARE YOU?
THE GIRLS WON'T BE CHASING YOU AROUND MUCH FROM HERE ON, YA LITTLE FREAK!
The memories aren't real.

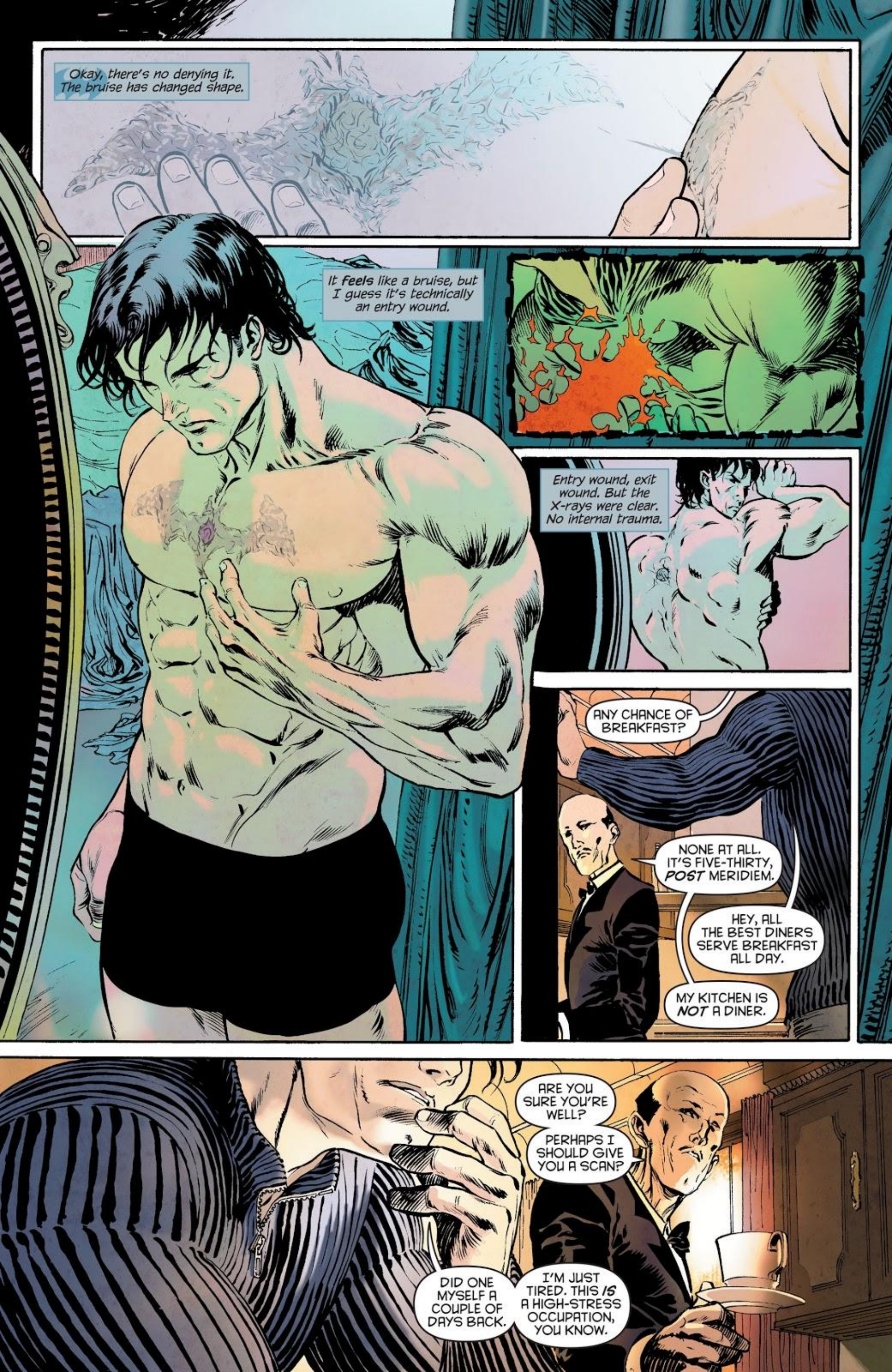
THE HALEY CIRCUS FEATURING: THE PRODIGY WITH THE FLYING GRAYSONS
This never happened.

DICK... PLEASE...

...MASTER DICK...

MASTER DICK!

IT'S OKAY, ALFRED. I TOOK A NAP.
I'M ON MY WAY HOME.


Okay, there's no denying it. The bruise has changed shape.
It **feels** like a bruise, but I guess it's technically an entry wound.
Entry wound, exit wound. But the X-rays were clear. No internal trauma.
ANY CHANCE OF BREAKFAST?
NONE AT ALL. IT'S FIVE-THIRTY, *POST* MERIDIEM.
HEY, ALL THE BEST DINERS SERVE BREAKFAST ALL DAY.
MY KITCHEN IS *NOT* A DINER.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE WELL?
PERHAPS I SHOULD GIVE YOU A SCAN?
DID ONE MYSELF A COUPLE OF DAYS BACK.
I'M JUST TIRED. THIS *IS* A HIGH-STRESS OCCUPATION, YOU KNOW.

"THE PRODIGY" PLUS "CIRCUS"--ONE-MILLION, EIGHT-HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND HITS.

BETTER NARROW THAT DOWN TO "HALEY CIRCUS"...

-ZZZZZ- ATTENTION, ALL UNITS--ALL AVAILABLE UNITS REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO DEVIL'S SQUARE!

WAIT--WHO THE HELL IS *THAT?*

PLEASE TELL ME THAT'S NOT *AZRAEL!*

NO...NOT AZRAEL... SOMEONE DIFFERENT...

FOR A FIRE IS KINDLED IN MINE ANGER, AND SHALL BURN UNTO THE LOWEST HELL; IT SHALL CONSUME THE EARTH WITH HER INCREASE, AND SET ON FIRE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MOUNTAINS.
LIQUOR
PAWN SHOP

I WILL HEAP MISCHIEFS UPON THEM; I WILL SPEND MINE ARROWS UPON THEM.

THEY SHALL BE BURNT WITH HUNGER, AND DEVOURED WITH BURNING HEAT, AND WITH BITTER DESTRUCTION.

I WILL SEND ALSO THE TEETH OF BEASTS UPON THEM, WITH THE POISON OF SERPENTS OF THE DUST.

THE SWORD WITHOUT, AND TERROR WITHIN, SHALL DESTROY BOTH THE YOUNG MAN AND THE VIRGIN, THE SUCKLING ALSO WITH THE MAN OF GRAY HAIRS.

I SAID, I WOULD SCATTER THEM INTO THE CORNER. I WOULD MAKE THE REMEMBRANCE OF THEM TO CEASE FROM AMONG MEN.
ARE YOU DONE?
TAKE YOUR FRIENDS AND LEAVE IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES.
Friends?
IS THIS A PRIVATE PARTY, OR CAN I PLAY TOO?
SELINA KYLE
CATWOMAN
TIM DRAKE
RED ROBIN
HEARD THE COMMOTION.
I HAVE THE EVENING FREE.
I should be glad for the help. This guy looks seriously bad news. Only there's something about this... the three of us being here together...
...it feels wrong.

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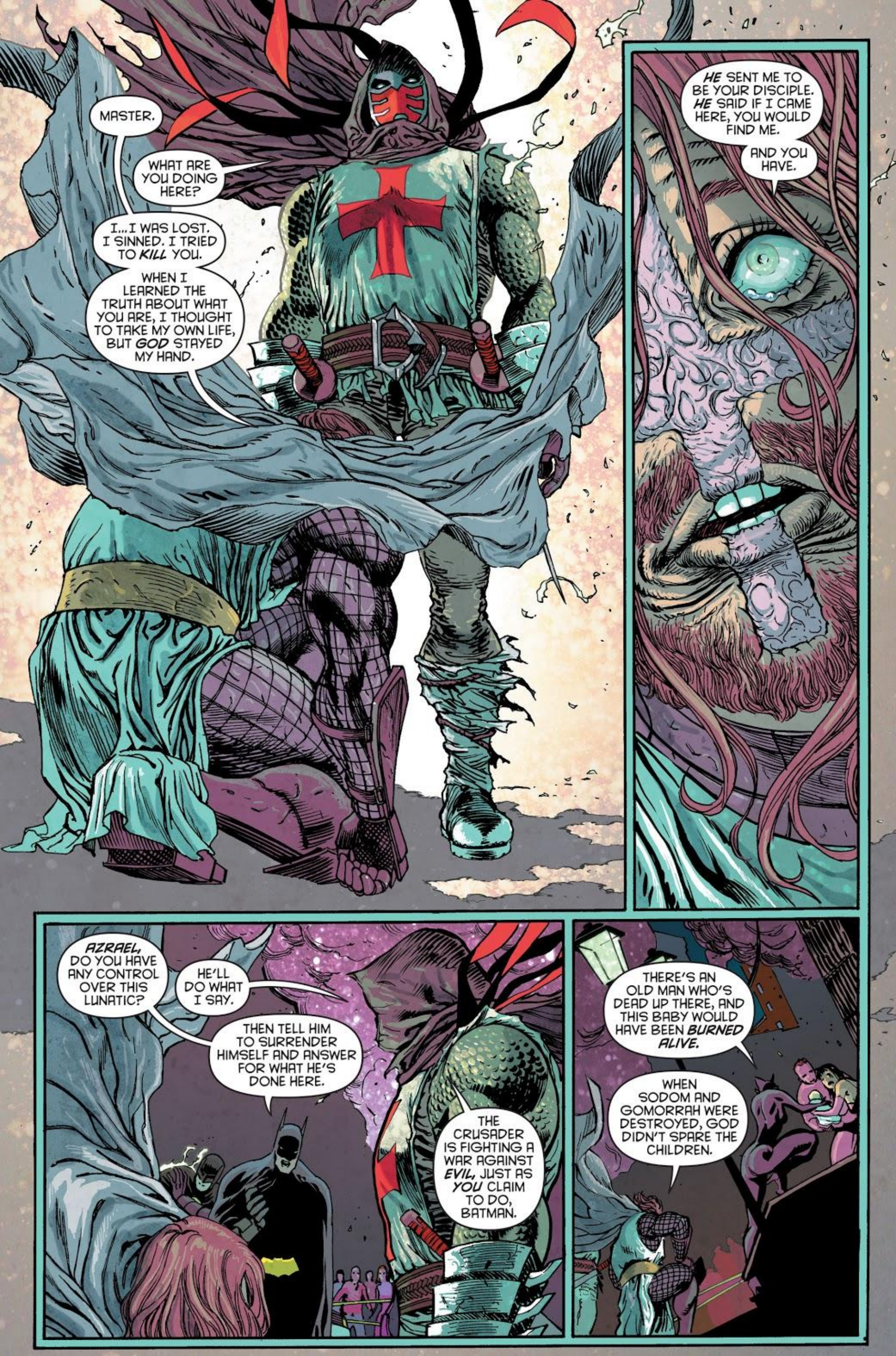
DAMN!
He's holding us off without even trying.
Seems to have a whole array of classic paranormal powers-- levitation, telekinesis, pyrokinesis.
CRUSADER! STOP!
MICHAEL LANE
AZRAEL
That could have been nasty.
KLANG
What is it with these guys and swords?


MASTER.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I... I WAS LOST. I SINNED. I TRIED TO KILL YOU.
WHEN I LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE, I THOUGHT TO TAKE MY OWN LIFE, BUT GOD STAYED MY HAND.
HE SENT ME TO BE YOUR DISCIPLE. HE SAID IF I CAME HERE, YOU WOULD FIND ME.
AND YOU HAVE.
AZRAEL, DO YOU HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THIS LUNATIC?
HE'LL DO WHAT I SAY.
THEN TELL HIM TO SURRENDER HIMSELF AND ANSWER FOR WHAT HE'S DONE HERE.
THE CRUSADER IS FIGHTING A WAR AGAINST EVIL, JUST AS YOU CLAIM TO DO, BATMAN.
THERE'S AN OLD MAN WHO'S DEAD UP THERE, AND THIS BABY WOULD HAVE BEEN BURNED ALIVE.
WHEN SODOM AND GOMORRAH WERE DESTROYED, GOD DIDN'T SPARE THE CHILDREN.

YOU HEAR THAT? SURELY YOU DON'T--

WHY DO YOU DO IT?

WHY GO ON PROTECTING THIS CITY, WHEN YOU KNOW IT'S A SINK OF *INIQUITY.* THERE'S NO PLACE ON EARTH MORE STEEPED IN SIN.

THE SAME REASON I IMAGINE *YOU* DID...FOR THE *GOOD* PEOPLE.

WHERE ARE THEY? WHO REPRESENTS GOOD?

THE *POLICE?* I SERVED WITH THE GOTHAM CITY POLICE FORCE. I KNOW WHAT THEY ARE.

CE LINE

OR GOOD LIKE THE *HEROES,* PERHAPS?

GOOD LIKE *YOU?*

NO ONE IS HERE BY ACCIDENT. *GOD* BROUGHT THEM ALL TOGETHER.

I HAD A VISION. I HAVE SEEN--

-SHHH-

ALL IN GOOD TIME.

THE CRUSADER IS RIGHT. YOU *WERE* SUMMONED HERE, THE THREE OF YOU, TO FACE JUDGMENT.

I'M LOOKING FOR ONE RIGHTEOUS MAN...

Sodom and Gomorrah.

...OR *WOMAN.*

If I remember my scripture, God said He would spare the cities from destruction, for the sake of ten righteous men.

NO ONE *SUMMONED* ME.

AND YOU DON'T GET TO *JUDGE* ME.

NOT *ME.* I AM ONLY THE *CHANNEL* FOR A HIGHER AUTHORITY.

BEFORE THIS DAY ENDS, *HE* WILL DECIDE, AND IF *ONE* AMONG YOU IS FOUND TO BE TRULY RIGHTEOUS--

DEFINE "RIGHTEOUS."

--THEN ALL WILL BE SPARED.

Bruce was wrong to trust Azrael. He's not with us. And if he's not **with** *us...*

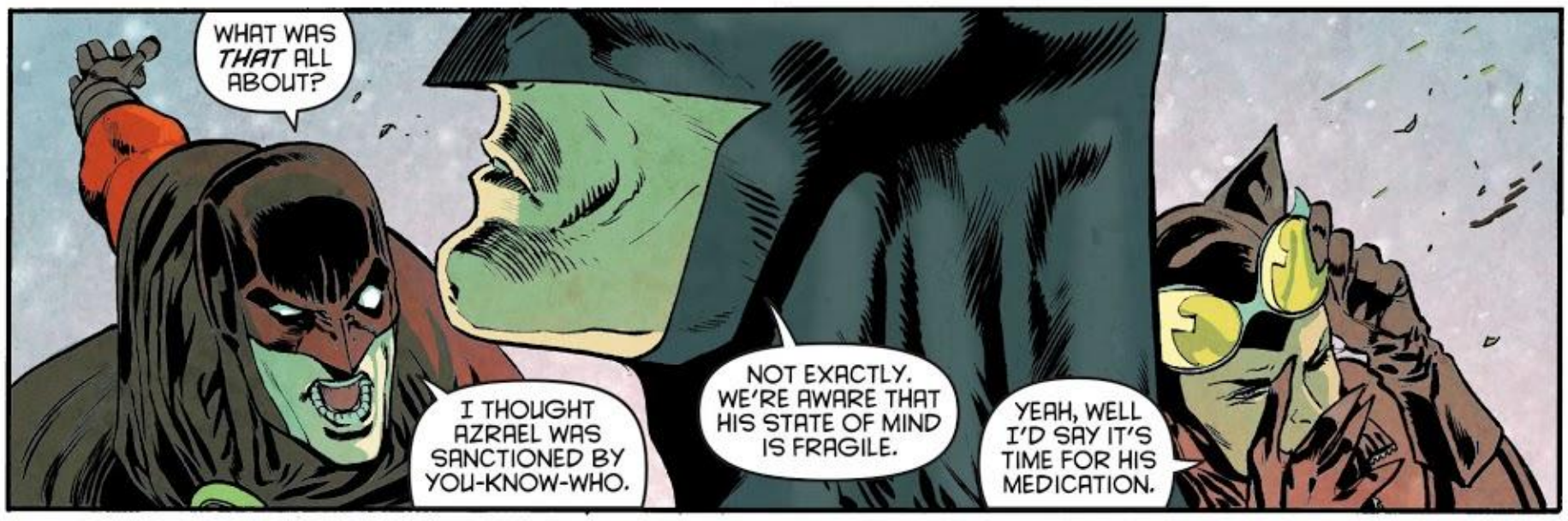
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS...

... TAKE THEM!

I WARNED YOU.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE ARE THEY?
MY EYES! I CAN'T SEE A THING!
I can. It takes more than a few fireworks to take out my sensors. Azrael and the Crusader are gone.

It will be far worse the next time. This is just a taste of what they can do.
I can feel the wound on my chest... the skin crawling like it's alive... I did this... I brought this to Gotham...



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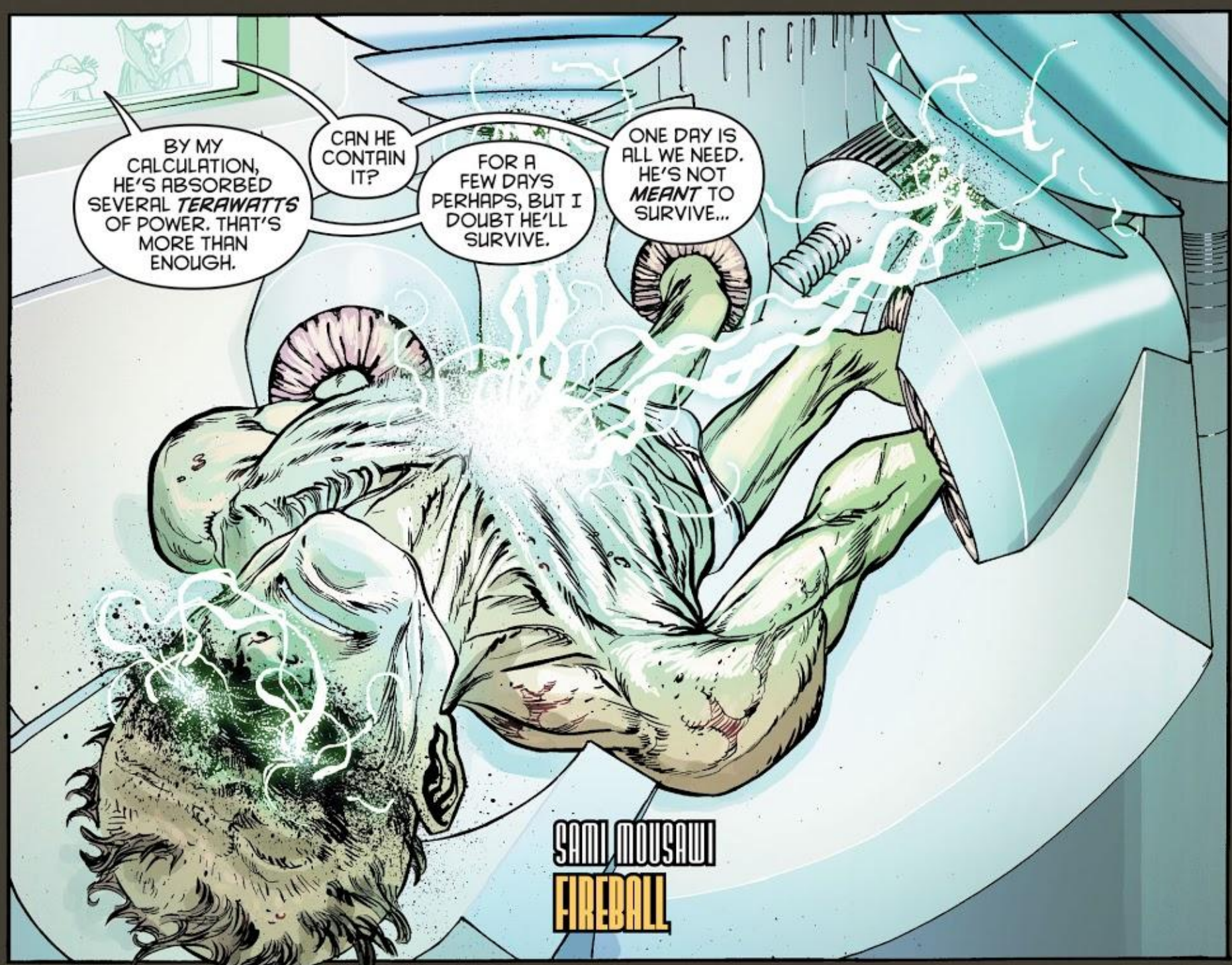
SOMEWHERE NEAR GOTHAM.
HANS GERLICHT
SCIENTIST, MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF PURITY
IS HE READY?
IT'S INCREDIBLE. *FIREBALL* IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL METAHUMANS I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED.
WE'VE BEEN BOMBARDING HIM WITH SOLAR ENERGY FOR THE BETTER PART OF A WEEK.
RA'S AL GHUL
THE DEMON'S HEAD


BY MY CALCULATION, HE'S ABSORBED SEVERAL *TERAWATTS* OF POWER. THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.
CAN HE CONTAIN IT?
FOR A FEW DAYS PERHAPS, BUT I DOUBT HE'LL SURVIVE.
ONE DAY IS ALL WE NEED. HE'S NOT *MEANT* TO SURVIVE...
SAMI MOUSAWI
FIREBALL

"...FIREBALL IS A *LIVING BOMB.*"

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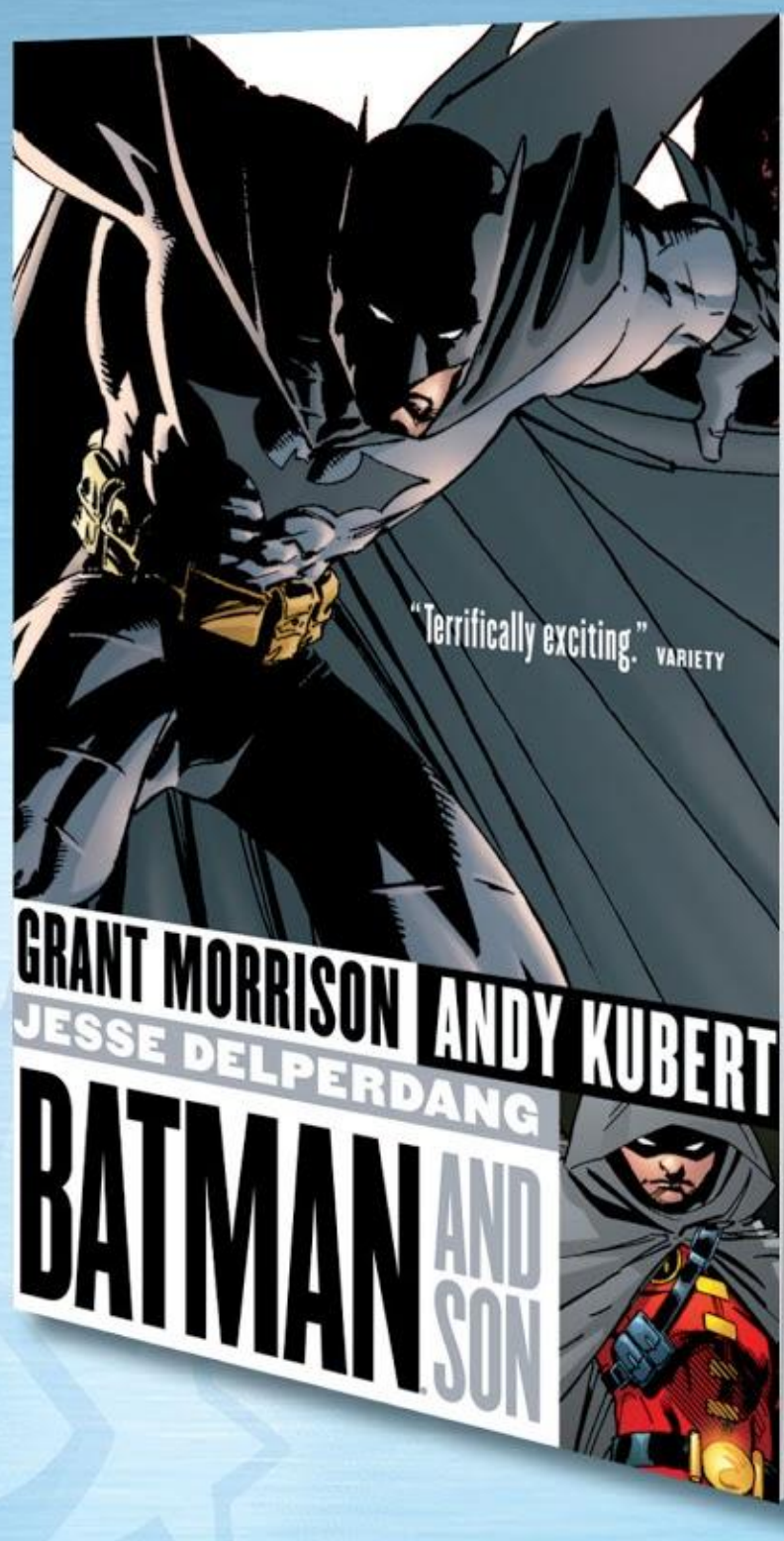

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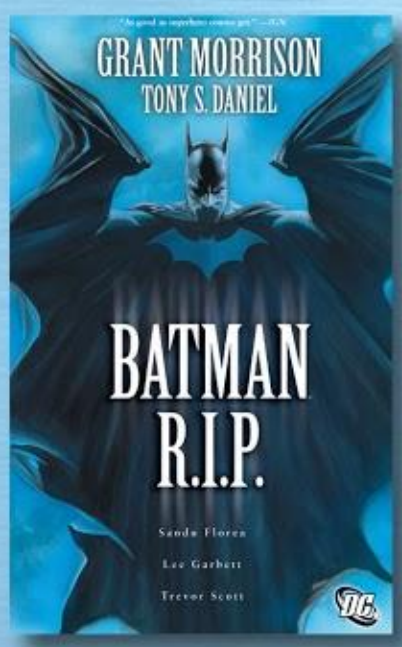

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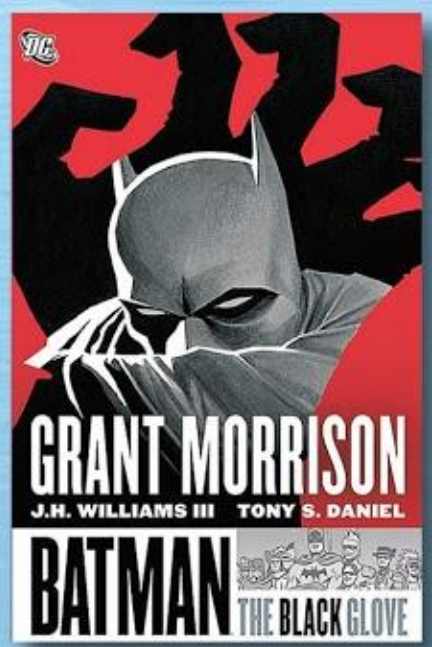

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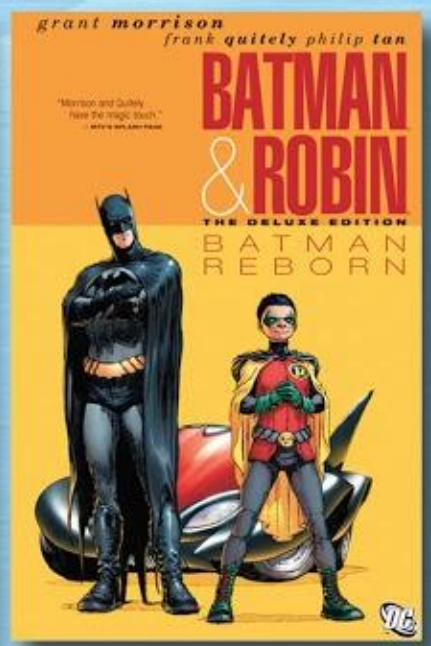

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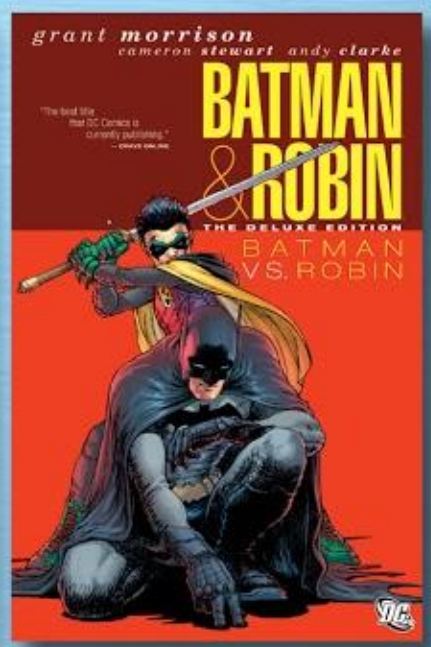

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