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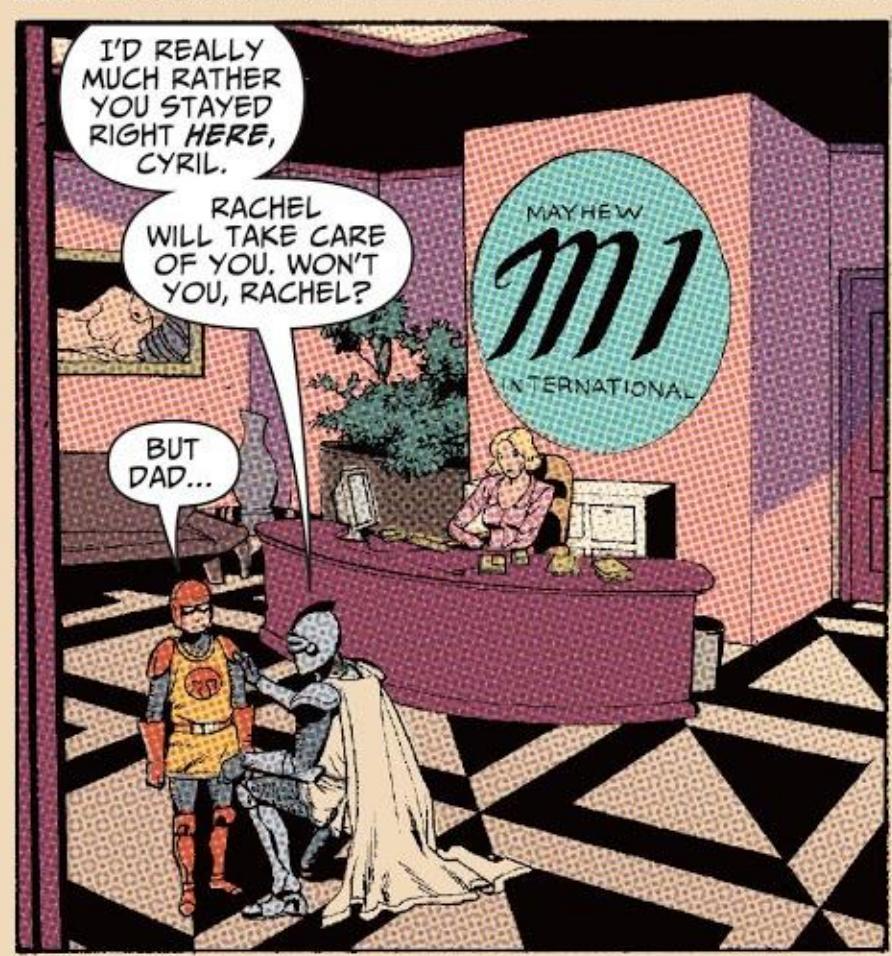
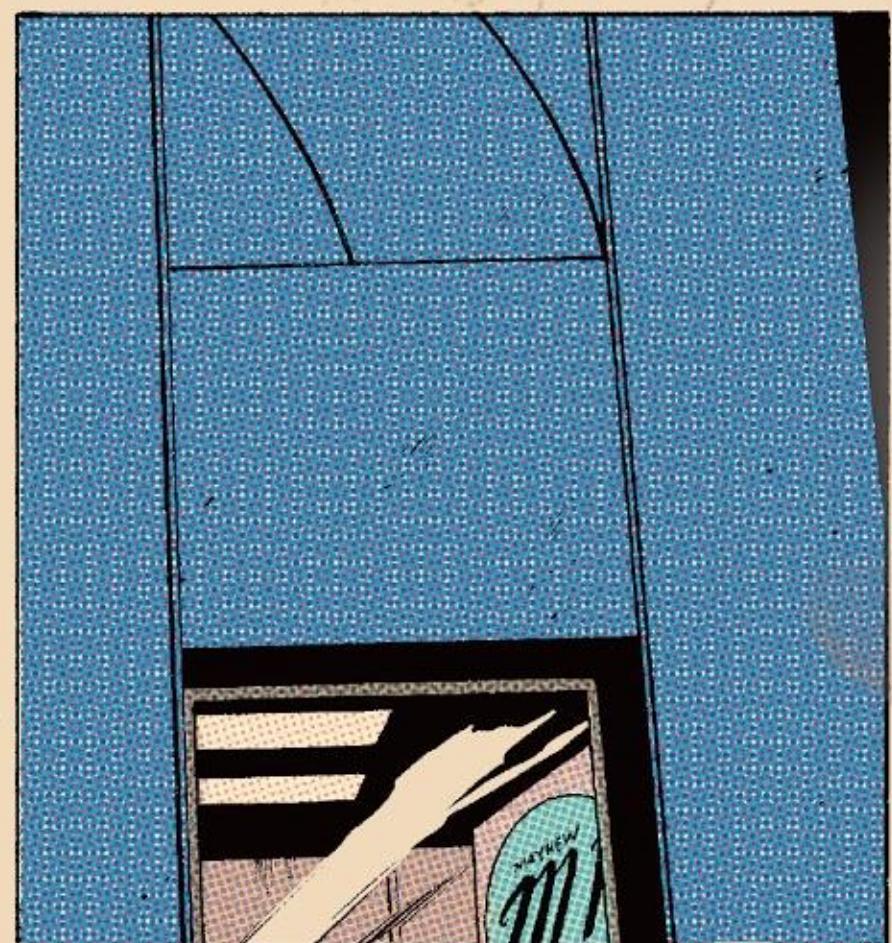
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BATMAN



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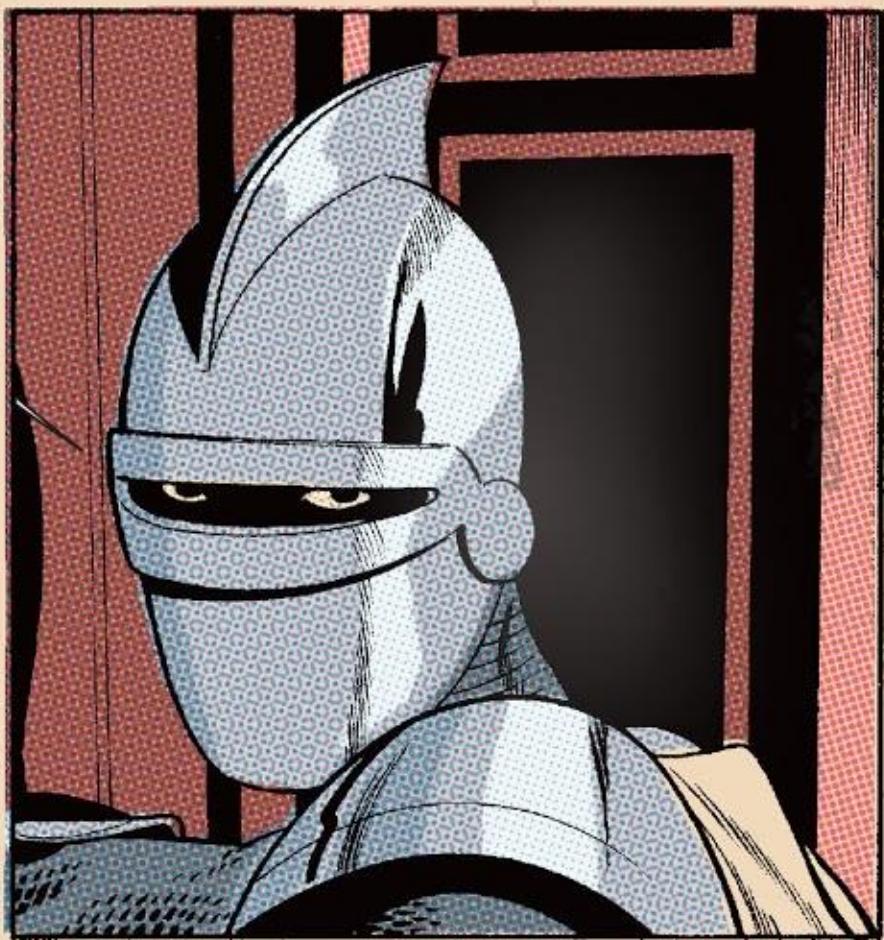
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YEARS AGO.

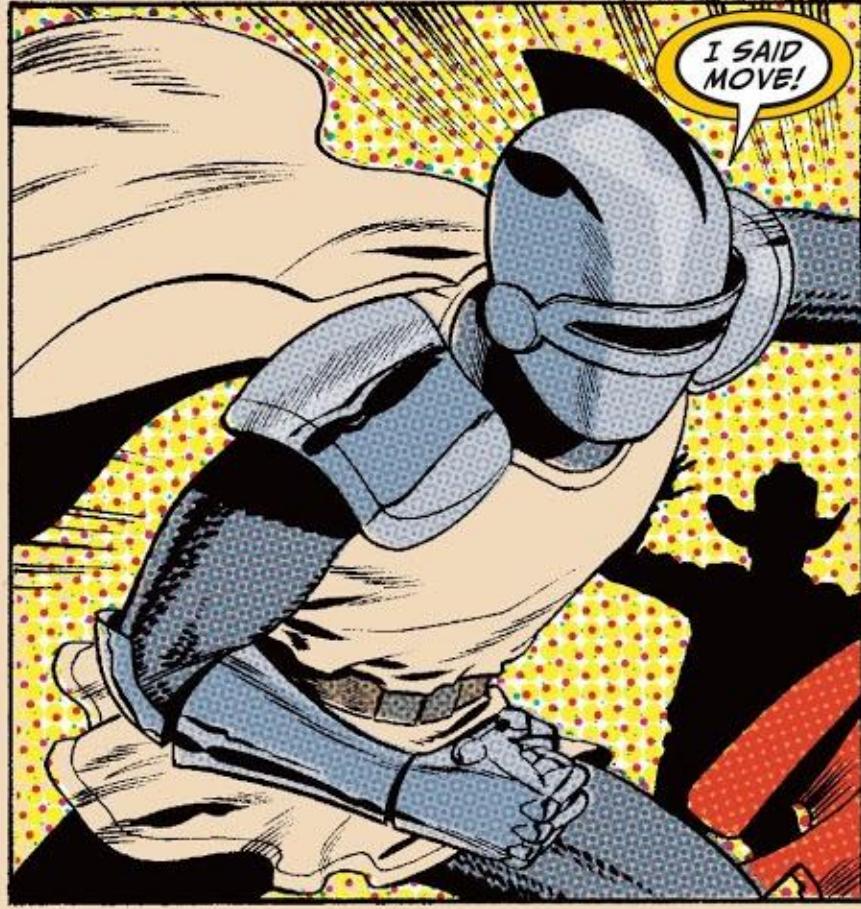


I'M AFRAID
I HAVE SOME
RATHER GRAVE
NEWS.

WE
KNOW.
BATMAN
COULDN'T BE
BOthered TO
SHOW.

BUT
THE CLUB OF
HEROES HAS TWO
NEW MEMBERS
TO TAKE HIS
PLACE.





TODAY.

THIS WAS
NO FRENZIED
ATTACK.

THE PLACING
OF THESE 23
WOUNDS
WAS SLOW AND
DELIBERATE.

JULIUS
CAESAR WAS
STABBED 23 TIMES
ON THE STEPS OF
THE FORUM.

NOW WE ARE DEAD!

WE
NEED TO
SECURE THE
HOUSE.

NO
ONE IN OR
OUT.

LEAVE
IT TO ME.
I CAN
HANDLE
THAT ONE
SOLO.

AND THE
MESSAGE, 'ET TU
MORTE'--'AND YOU,
DEATH?' IS A
PARAPHRASE OF THE
FAMOUS LINE FROM
SHAKESPEARE'S
PLAY.

NEVER MIND
SHAKESPEARE,
WHAT ABOUT MY
CYRIL?

WE'LL
START OUR SEARCH
FOR THE KNIGHT
BACK AT THE CRIME
SCENE.

STAY IN
GROUPS OF
THREE OR
MORE.

THERE'S
A KILLER ON
THE LOOSE,
GENTLEMEN.

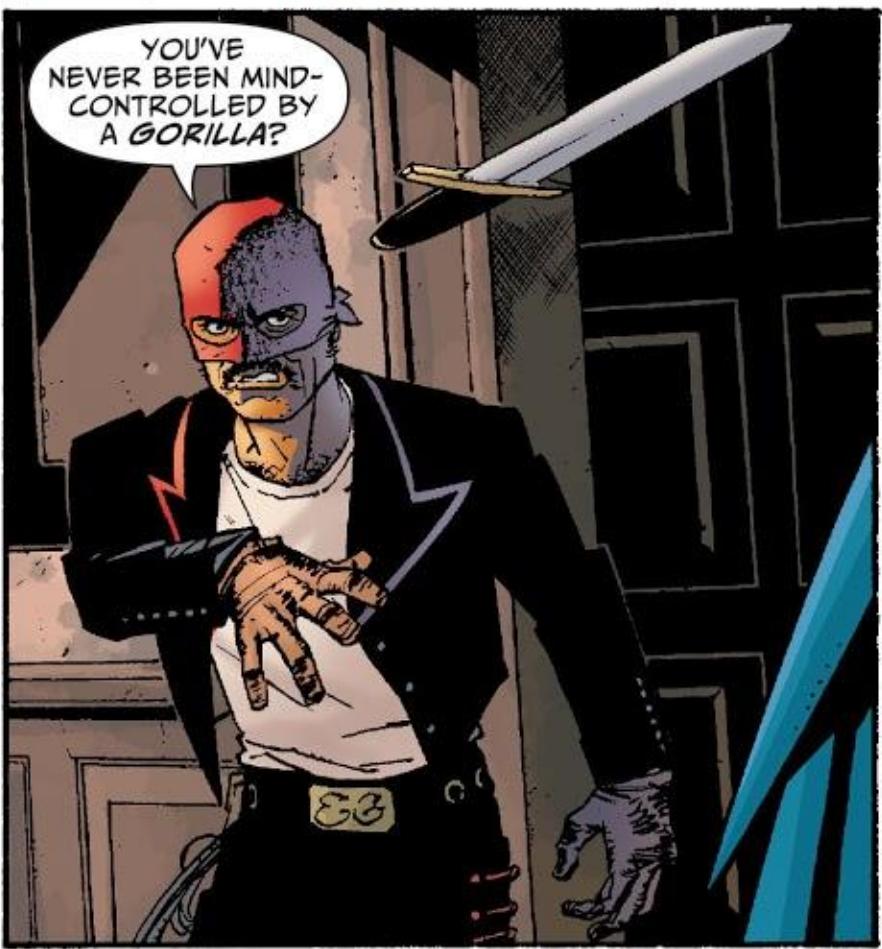
STAY
SHARP.

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EVEN?

HE LOST HIS
EDGE, TOOK BRIBES AND
LET HIS CITY FALL INTO THE HANDS
OF A MADMAN CALLED CHARLIE
CALIGULA, WHO COINCIDENTALLY
COMMITTED CRIMES WITH A
ROMAN EMPIRE THEME.

BUT HE WAS
A CRIMEFIGHTER
TO THE END.

HE
LEFT US A
CLUE.

CHICKEN
GREASE ON HIS
FINGERS.

AND
THERE.

THAT'S
THE ROOM
WHERE THE KILLER
RECORDED HIS
MESSAGE.

THAT'S
HIS WAY IN
AND OUT.

LIBRARY

SOMEBODY SHOULD
CHECK FOR ANYTHING
BATMAN MAY HAVE
OVERLOOKED.

MY FORENSIC KIT
IS STATE OF THE
ART...













YEAH,
I HEARD IT,
TOO.

HELP
ME TEST A
THEORY.

SIT
HERE, WHERE
THE KILLER WAS
SITTING.

LIGHT.

THERE
WAS A LIGHT
SOURCE, FROM
THE LEFT...

BUT
I'M NOT
JOHN.

JOHN'S
DEAD.

REMEMBER?

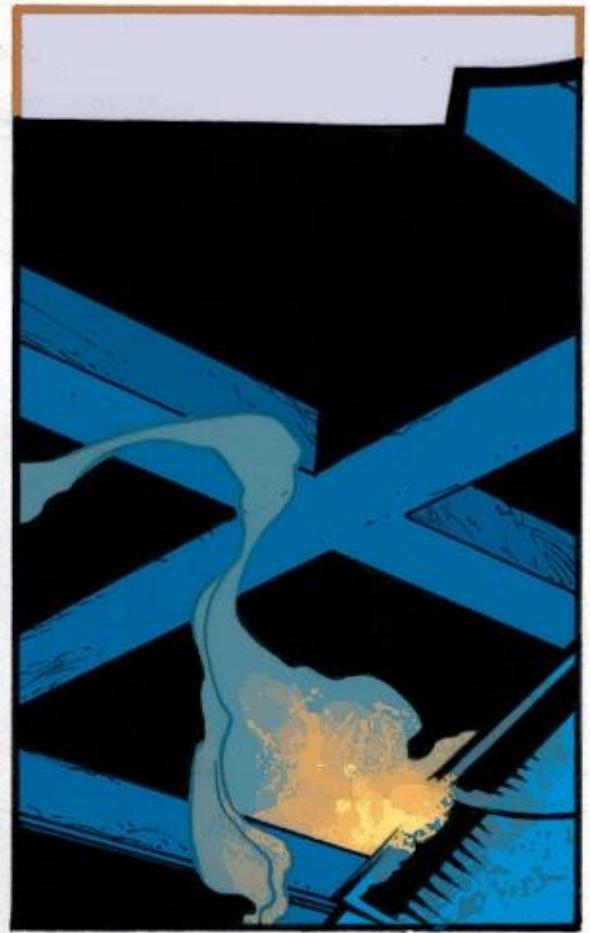
THING
IS...

THERE'S
NO LIGHT ON
THE WALL.

KLIK
BERM











WE
HAVE YOUR
CHILDREN.

ADVANTAGE--
EVIL.



HH.
I
DON'T
THINK
SO.

to be concluded



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