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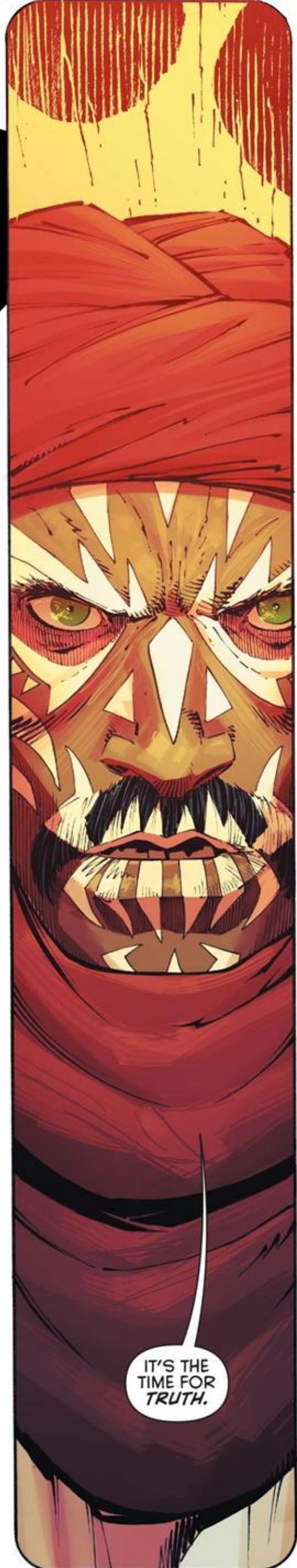
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KARL, PLEASE, YOU
HAVE TO LISTEN TO
M---uh!<

YOU KNOW,
WHEN YOU ASK
THEM, MOST PEOPLE
THINK THE SMALLEST
BONE IN THE BODY, IT'S
IN THE FINGERS, OR
THE TOES. BUT THE
SMALLEST, TINIEST
BONE IS IN THE **EAR**.
THE STIRRUP
BONE...

...IT'S DIFFICULT
TO FIND, ONLY THREE
TEENSY MILLIMETERS
LONG. BUT IF YOU
POKE AROUND, YOU
CAN DO IT.

YAHHH!!

DON'T
WORRY--
AGH!

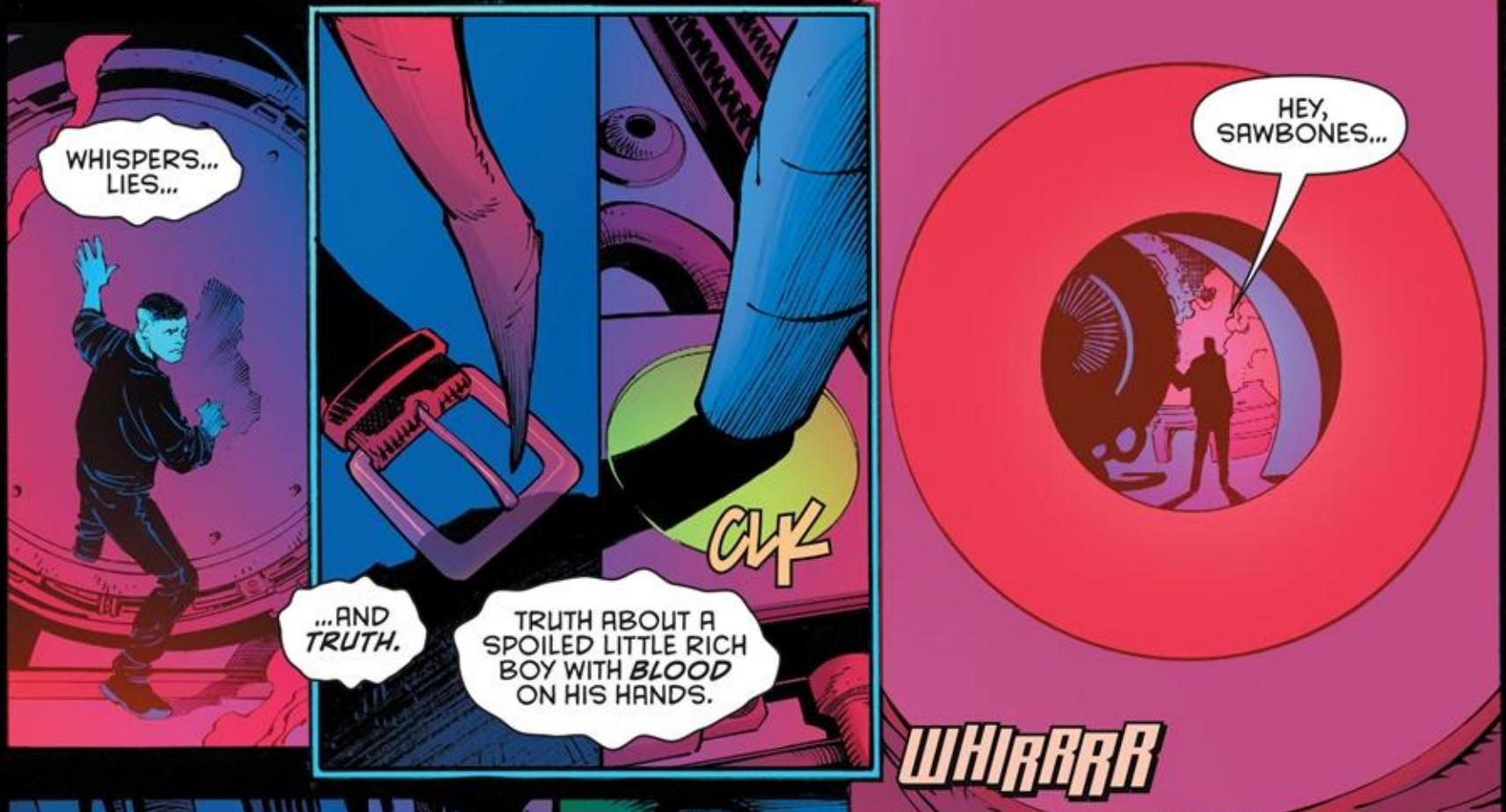
GET OFF
HIM!

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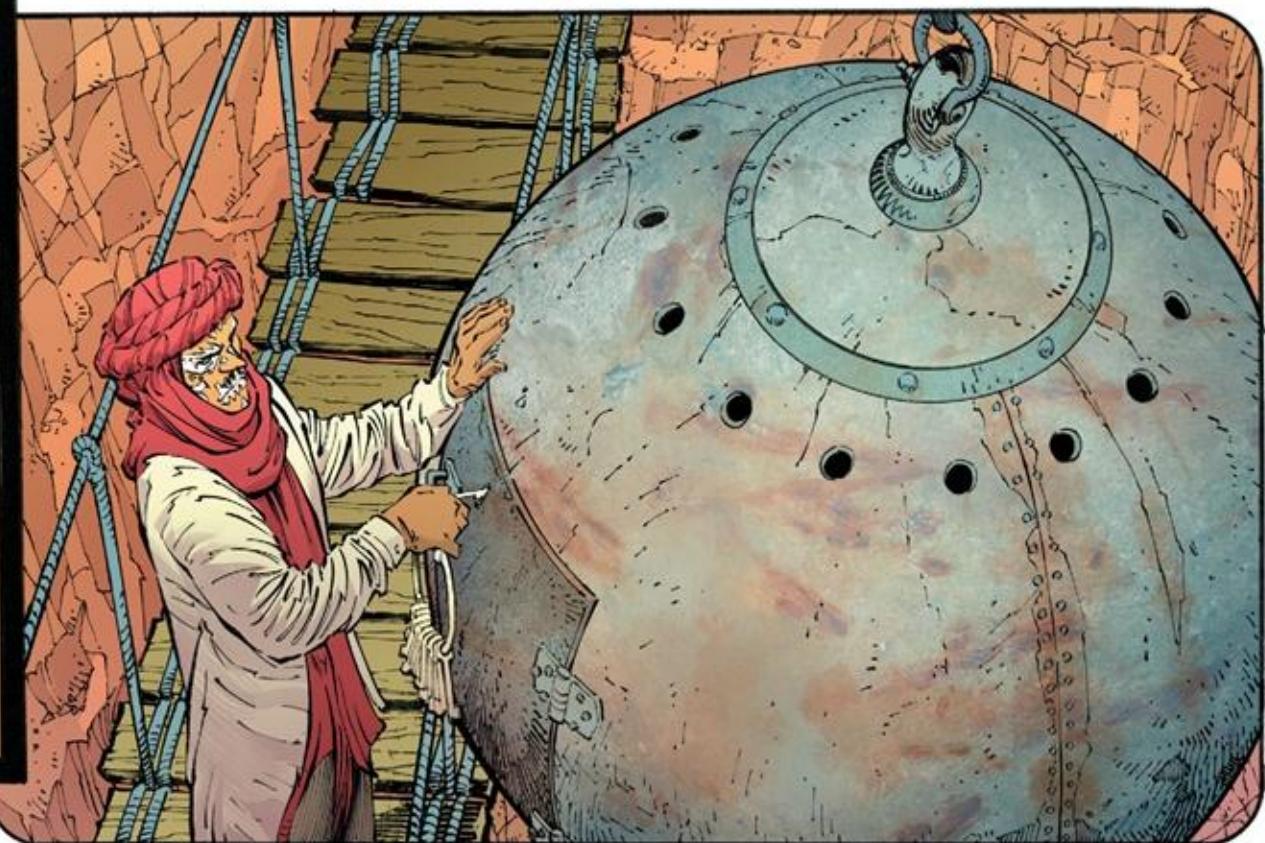


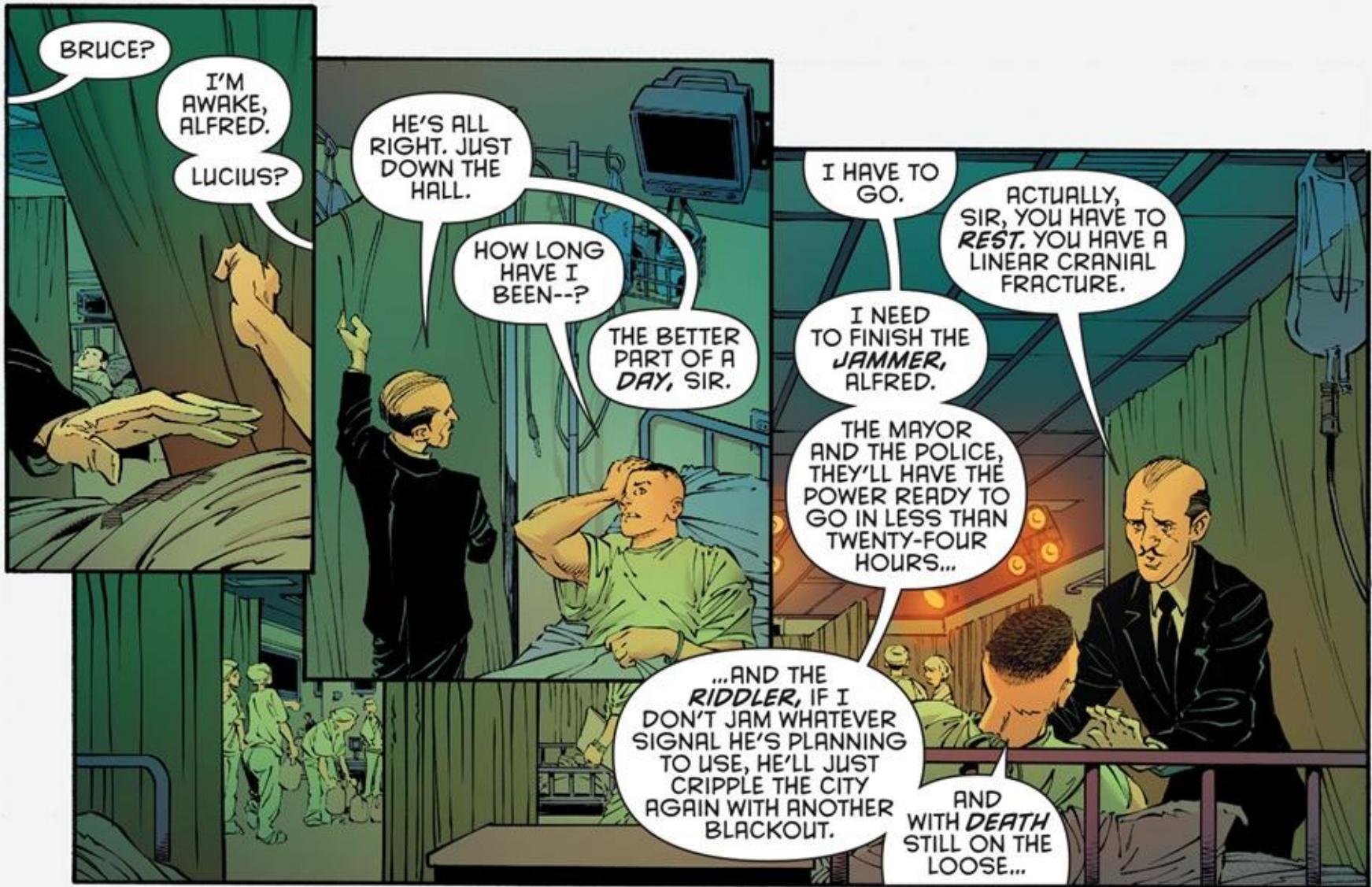


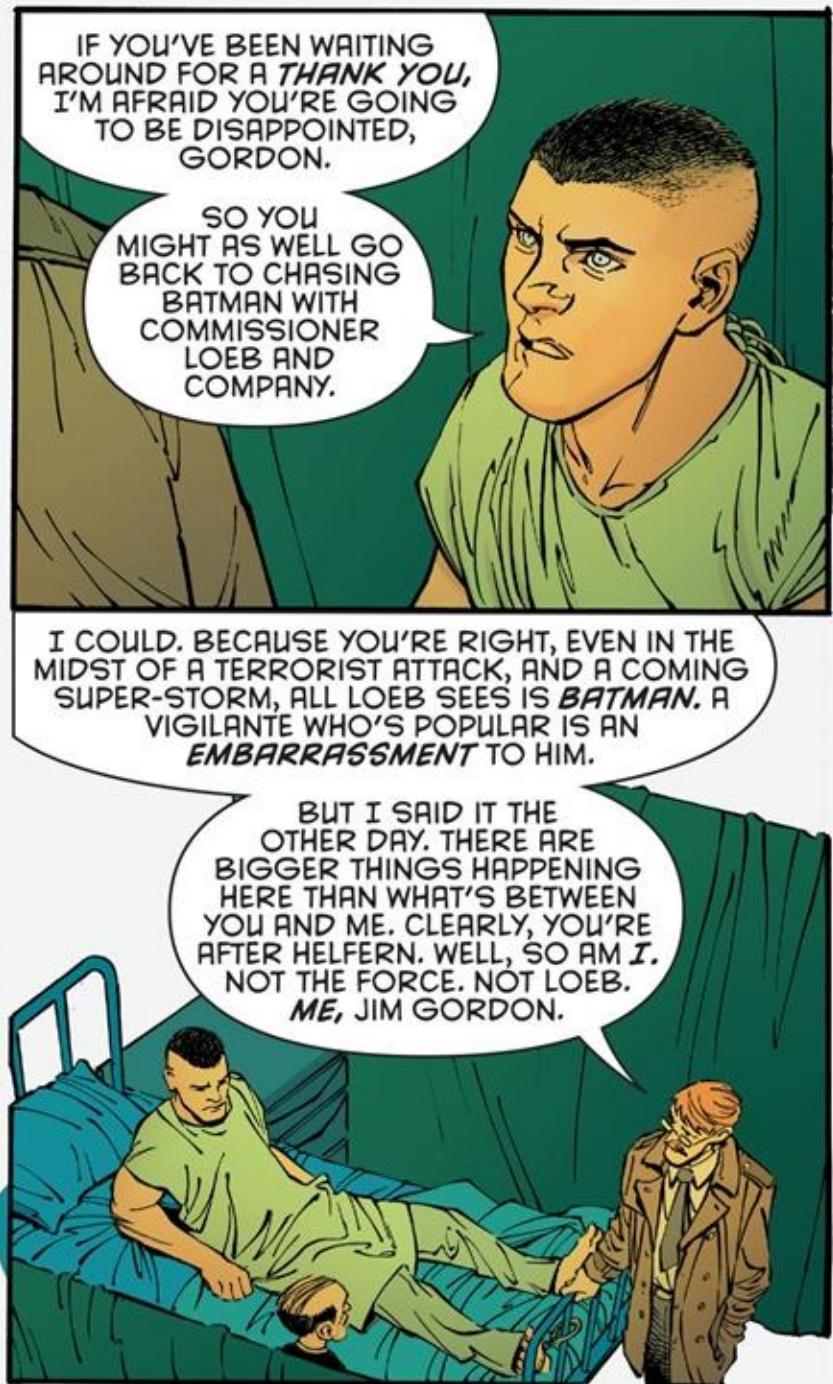
LEAVING SO
SOOOOOON?!











"YOU HEARD ME. YOUR COAT. WHERE'D YOU GET IT? IT'S NICE. 'LUXURIOUS.'"

"MR. WAYNE, I JUST CAME TO--"

"TALK. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF. SO LET'S TALK."

"LET'S TALK ABOUT THE DAY IT HAPPENED. HOW ABOUT IT, GORDON?"



"YOU REMEMBER IT? BECAUSE I DO. YOU ESCORTING ME FROM THE THEATER, PLAYING TRUANT OFFICER."

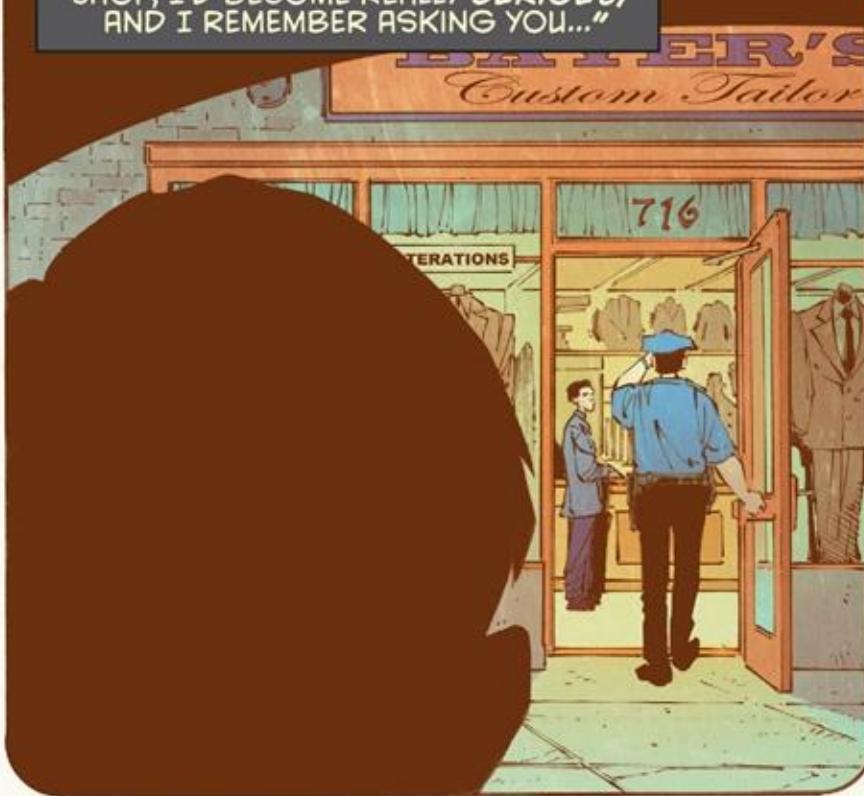
"YOU AND...WHO WAS IT AGAIN? WHAT WAS HIS NAME? OH, RIGHT. DETECTIVE DAN CORRIGAN."



"YOU TWO DROVE ME BACK TO THE STATION TO WAIT FOR MY PARENTS. BUT ALONG THE WAY, YOU KEPT MAKING THESE STOPS."



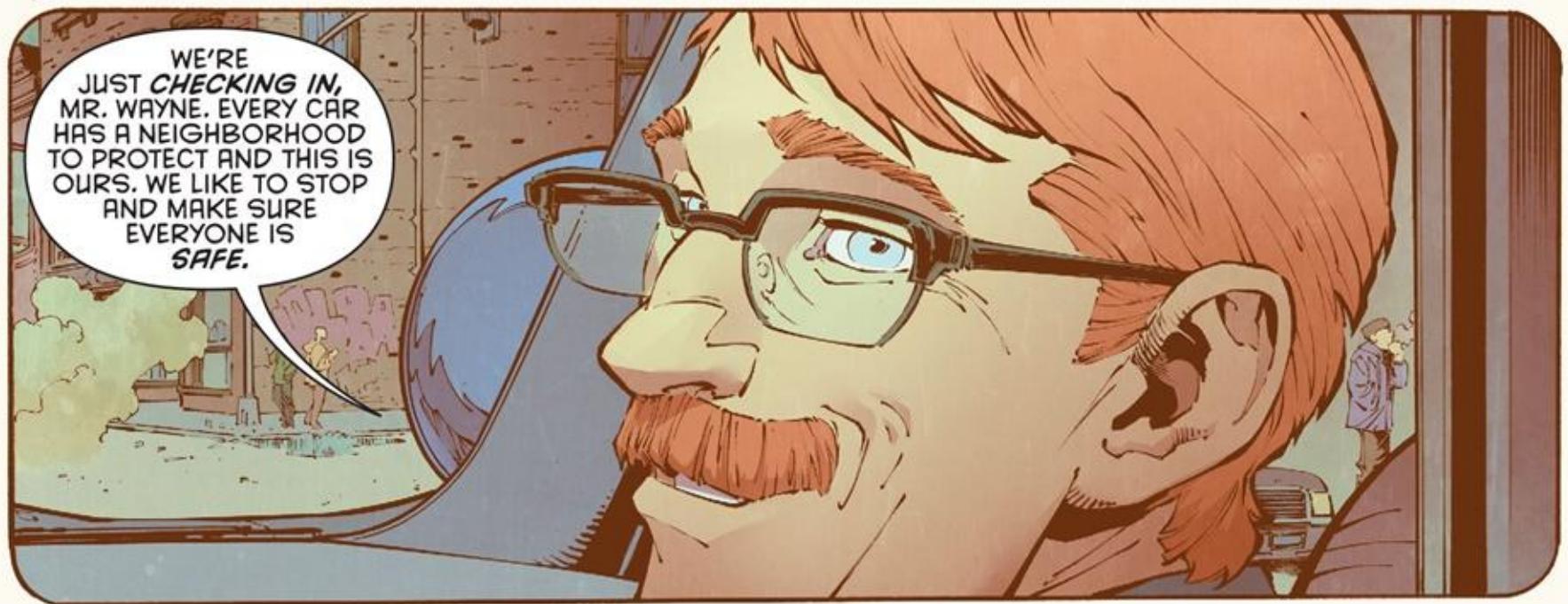
"AT THE FIFTH OR SIXTH ONE, A TAILOR SHOP, I'D BECOME REALLY CURIOUS, AND I REMEMBER ASKING YOU..."



"WHY DO YOU KEEP STOPPING EVERYWHERE?"



WE'RE JUST CHECKING IN, MR. WAYNE. EVERY CAR HAS A NEIGHBORHOOD TO PROTECT AND THIS IS OURS. WE LIKE TO STOP AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS SAFE.



"I REMEMBER THINKING HOW NICE THAT WAS TO HEAR. FEELING THIS APPRECIATION FOR WHAT YOU DID, FOR YOU YOURSELF, GORDON."

"I REMEMBER THIS URGE I HAD, WANTING TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING, SOME GIFT, OR A THANK YOU."



"AND THEN LO AND BEHOLD, YOUR PARTNER, CORRIGAN, HE GOT BACK IN THE CAR AND HE HAD A GIFT FOR YOU."

"IT WAS ALMOST LIKE I HAD CONJURED IT UP WITH MY OWN MIND. THIS BEAUTIFUL TRENCH COAT."



"I REMEMBER PULLING AWAY AND HEADING TOWARD THE STATION, AND FEELING GOOD ABOUT THINGS. FEELING THIS STRANGE SENSE OF SAFETY."

"THE POLICE WERE THERE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE, AND THE PEOPLE WERE GRATEFUL."





...IS
THIS.

THIS
VIEW.



THIS JUST CAME
INTO THE STATION. IT
WAS ADDRESSED TO THE
COMMISSIONER. I
THOUGHT YOU SHOULD
KNOW. THIS IS
A COPY.



SIR, THE READINGS I'M GETTING ON THE STORM, RENE...THE BAY WILL BE PRACTICALLY IMPASSABLE BY--

WE'RE FINE. I'M APPROACHING THE NEWTON CENTER.

HOPEFULLY, DR'S. DEEDS AND BROOKER ARE AS PROTECTIVE OF THEIR WORK AS KELVER AND PAJI WERE. IF THEY'RE INSIDE, I CAN GET TO THEM BEFORE HELFERN DOES.

THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT ALIVE OF THE GROUP HE WAS HIRED WITH.

THE DOOR SHOULD BE OPEN WHEN YOU ARRIVE. WHILE YOU'RE THERE, YOU MIGHT ASK THEM TO DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR OPTIMISTIC CALCULATIONS ABOUT THE BAY. THEY ARE A WEATHER CENTER, AFTER ALL.

"IN NAME, PHILIP USED THE ACADEMIC RESEARCH AS A TAX WRITE-OFF. BUT AT HEART, THE PLACE IS A "STRATEGIC" METEOROLOGICAL CENTER. WEAPONIZING WEATHER."

"SEEDING CLOUDS TO STORM FOR WEEKS. OR ATMOSPHERIC DISPERSANTS THAT NEGATE CLOUDS ALTOGETHER, CAUSING DROUGHT..."

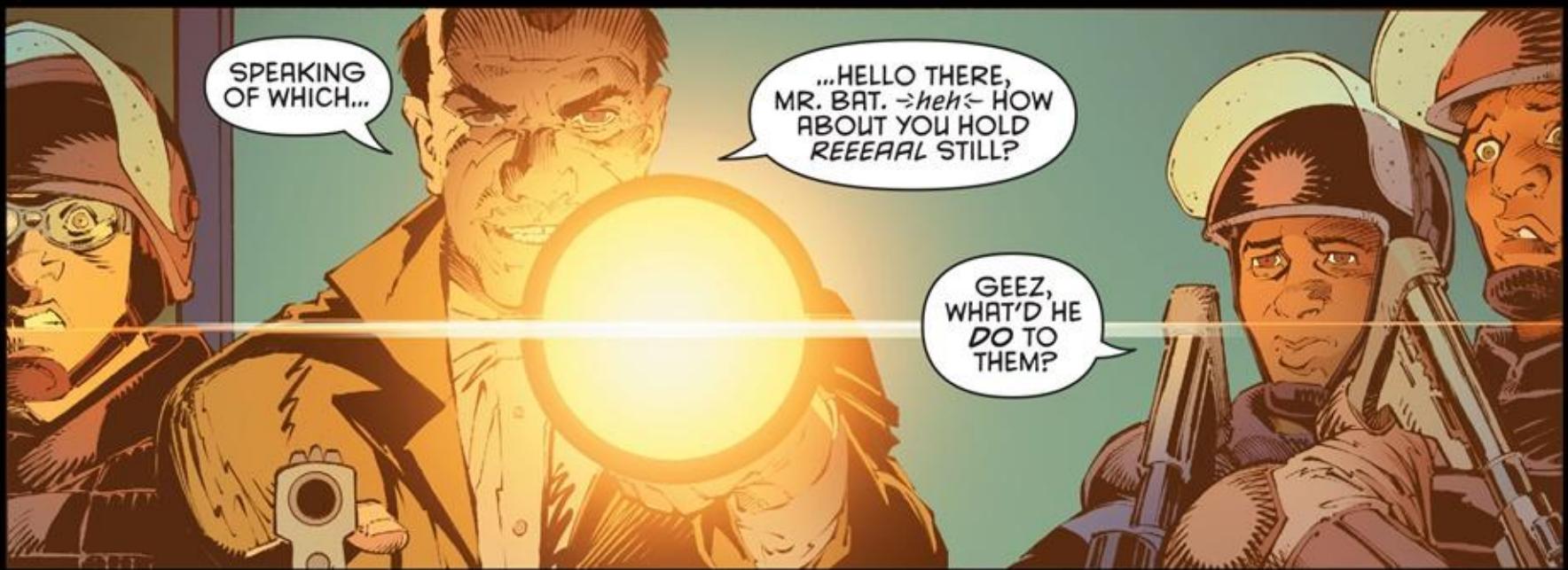
"WEAPONIZING WEATHER. YOUR UNCLE NEVER--"

SPEAK NOT ILL OF THE DEAD, MY FRIEND.

I'M IN...

...DR. DEEDS?









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