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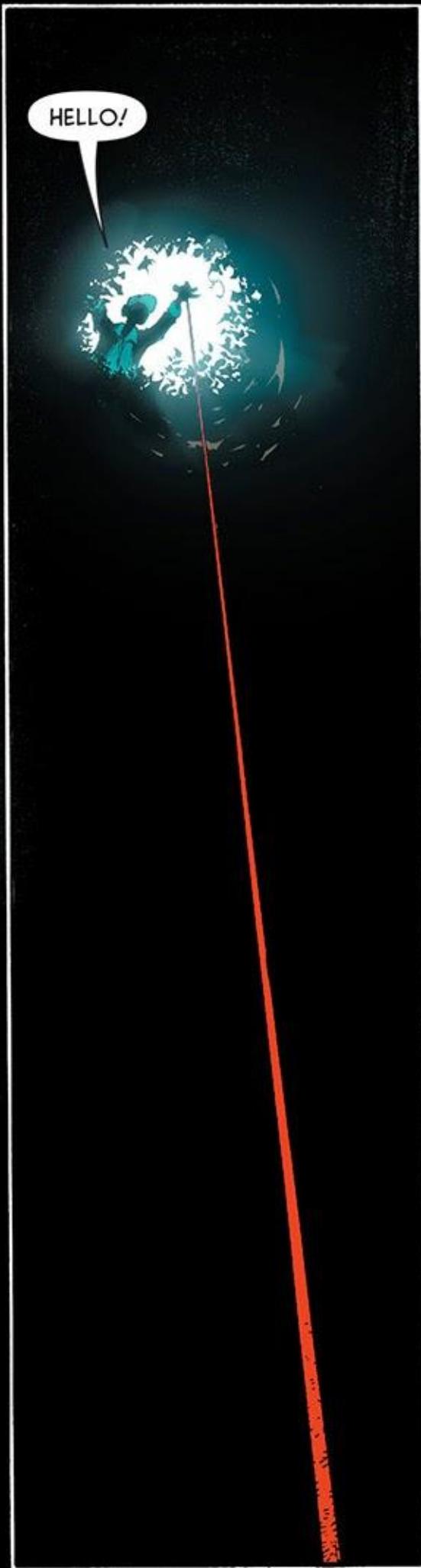
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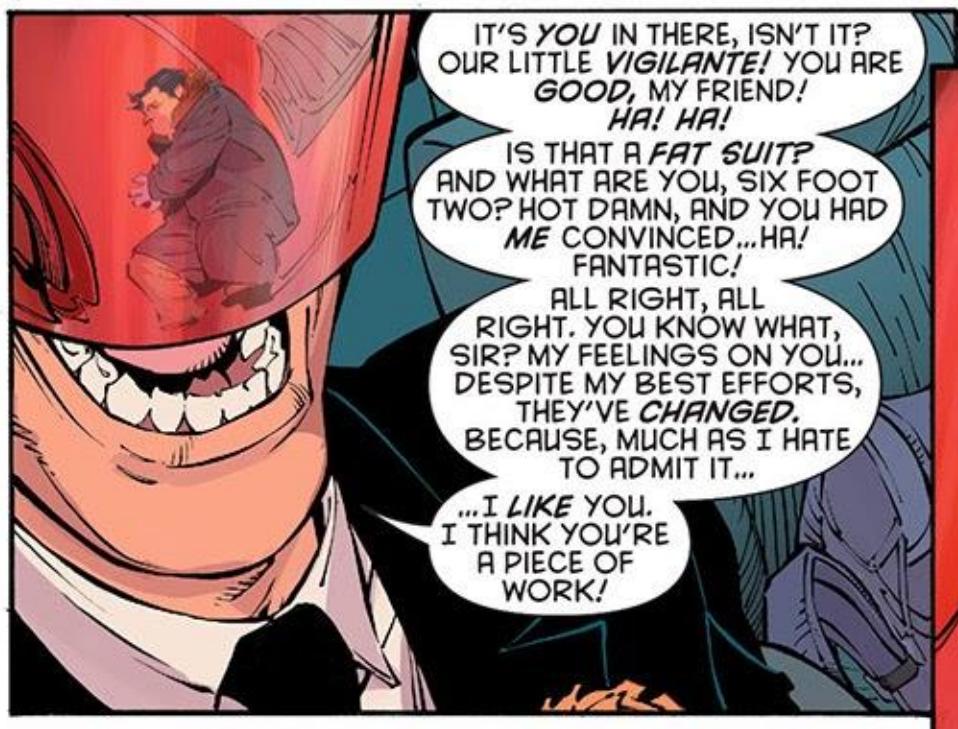
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IS THAT A FAT SUIT?
AND WHAT ARE YOU, SIX FOOT
TWO? HOT DAMN, AND YOU HAD
ME CONVINCED... HA!
FANTASTIC!

ALL RIGHT, ALL
RIGHT. YOU KNOW WHAT,
SIR? MY FEELINGS ON YOU...
DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS,
THEY'VE CHANGED.
BECAUSE, MUCH AS I HATE
TO ADMIT IT...

...I LIKE YOU.
I THINK YOU'RE
A PIECE OF
WORK!

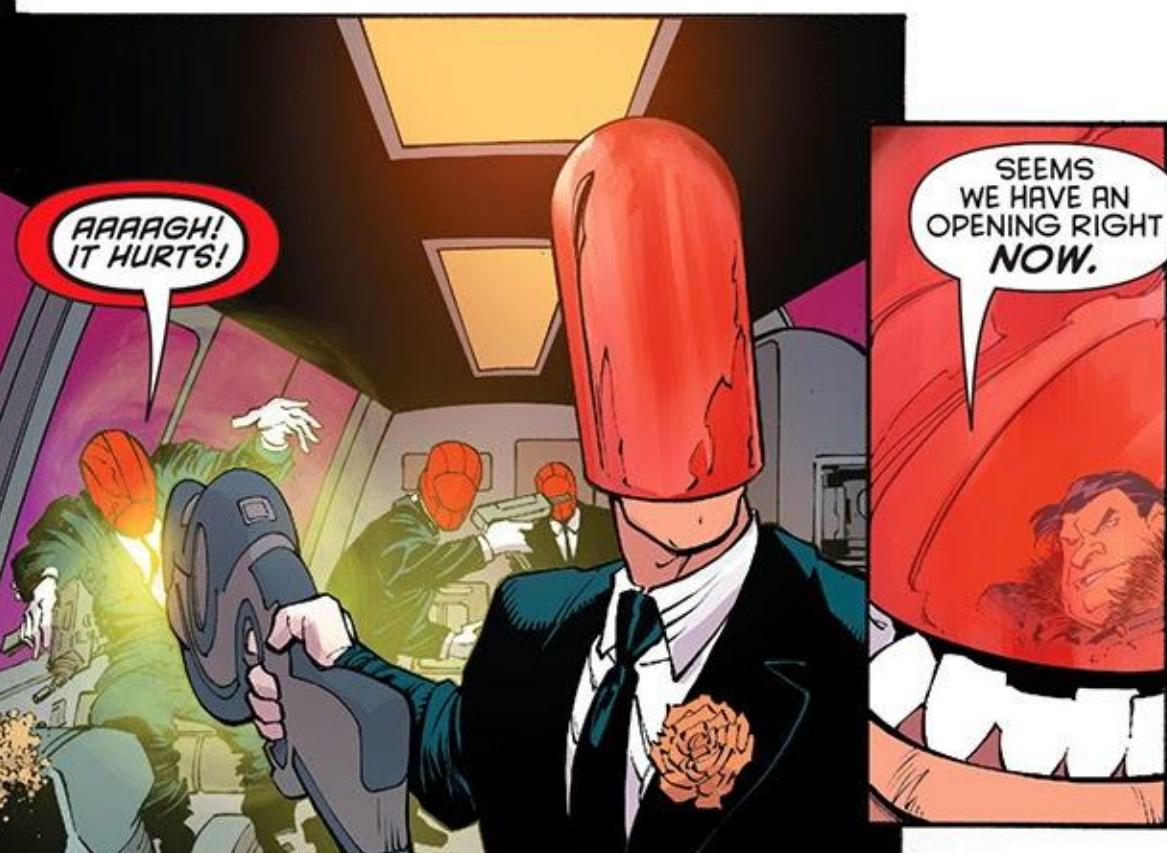


HA! SEE,
THAT'S WHAT I
MEAN.



HOW ABOUT
YOU COME WORK
FOR ME? I'M SURE
WE COULD FIND YOU
A PLACE.

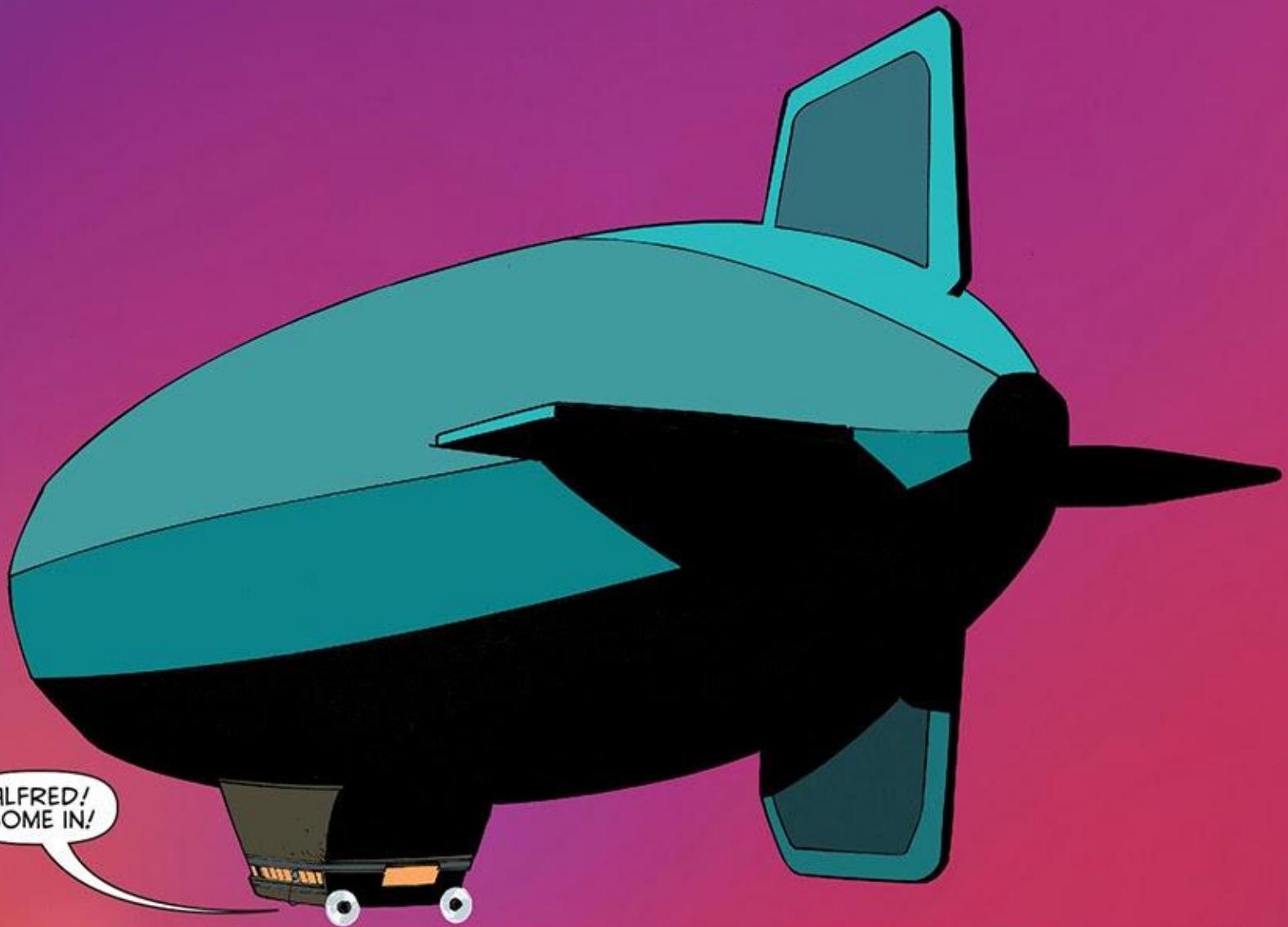
BOSS,
HAVE YOU
LOST YOUR
DAMN--



SEEMS
WE HAVE AN
OPENING RIGHT
NOW.













...BECAUSE
EVERWHERE I
LOOK, IT SEEMS
I'M LOSING THIS
WAR, ALFRED.

COBBLEPOT
WAS A DEAD END.
THE DNA I GOT OFF
THE RED HOOD LEADER
ISN'T ON RECORD
ANYWHERE.

AND NOW HE'S
TAKING OVER RIVAL
GANGS. WHILE BEFORE
HE ONLY TOOK IN
NON-CRIMINALS. IT'S LIKE
HE EXPANDS THE GANG
TO PROVE HE CAN.

A BOMB GOES OFF
AT A SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.
SOMEONE IS SHOT FOR NO REASON
WALKING IN THE PARK.
THERE'S NO PATTERN
EXCEPT TO MAKE THE CITY
AFRAID OF ITSELF.

NO ONE
KNOWS WHO
TO BE AFRAID OF
ANYMORE. THE POLICE
ARE DESPERATE AND
TAXED, SEARCHING
EVERYONE THEY CAN.
ALL OF IT BREEDS
MORE FEAR.

NOW THAT
HE'S GOT WAYNE
INDUSTRIES
WEAPONS IN HIS
CACHE, HE CAN
SHOW THAT
NOTHING'S OUT
OF REACH.

DAMMIT.
HOOK COME BACK.

ALFRED, IF YOU HAVE
SOMETHING TO SAY, JUST
SAY IT. YOU'RE NEVER THIS
QUIET. I CAN PRACTICALLY FEEL
THE WAVES OF DISDAIN
ROLLING OFF YOU.

WHAT'S THERE TO
SAY, SIR? IF YOU CAN'T
SEE THE STATE OF THINGS
CLEARLY NOW, THERE'S
NO POINT.

ENLIGHTEN
ME.

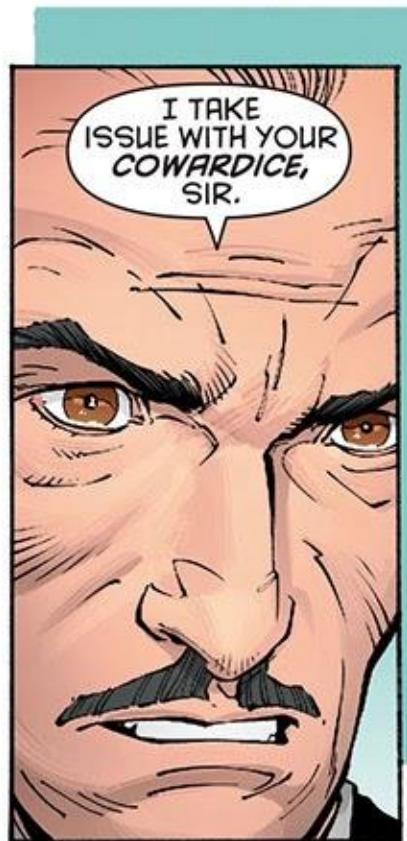
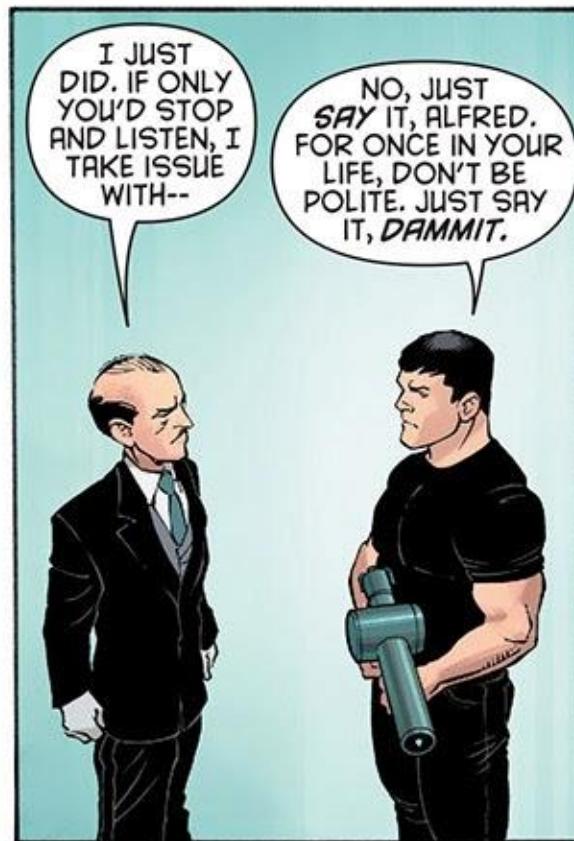
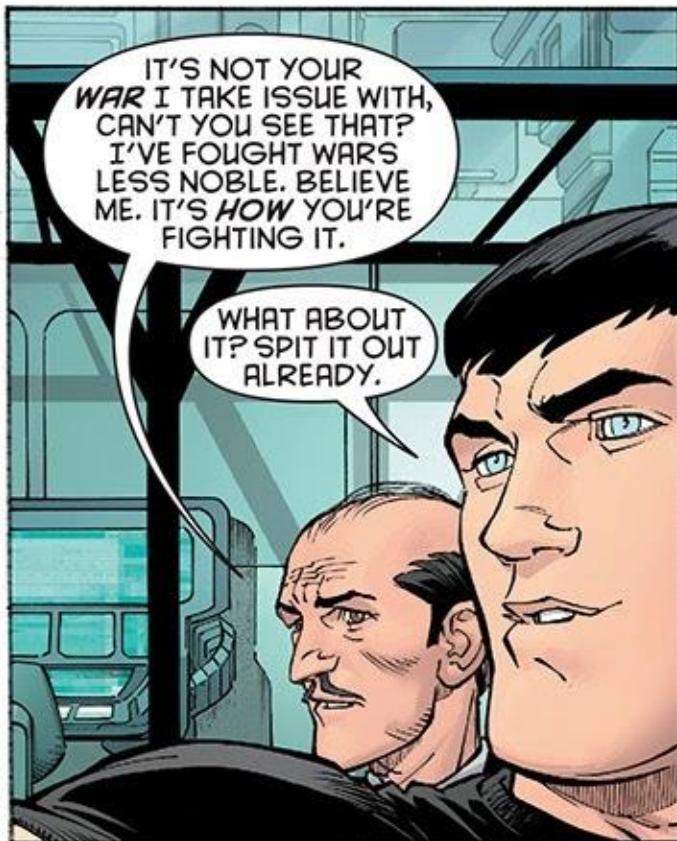
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THIS WAR OF
YOURS...IT'S
DOOMED. YOU
WILL LOSE.

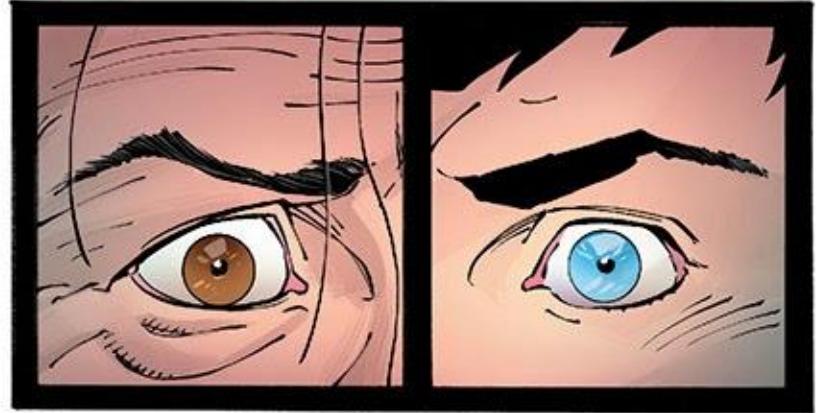
I SAID I WAS
LOSING. NOT THAT
IT WAS LOST. I
CAN STILL GET
HIM.

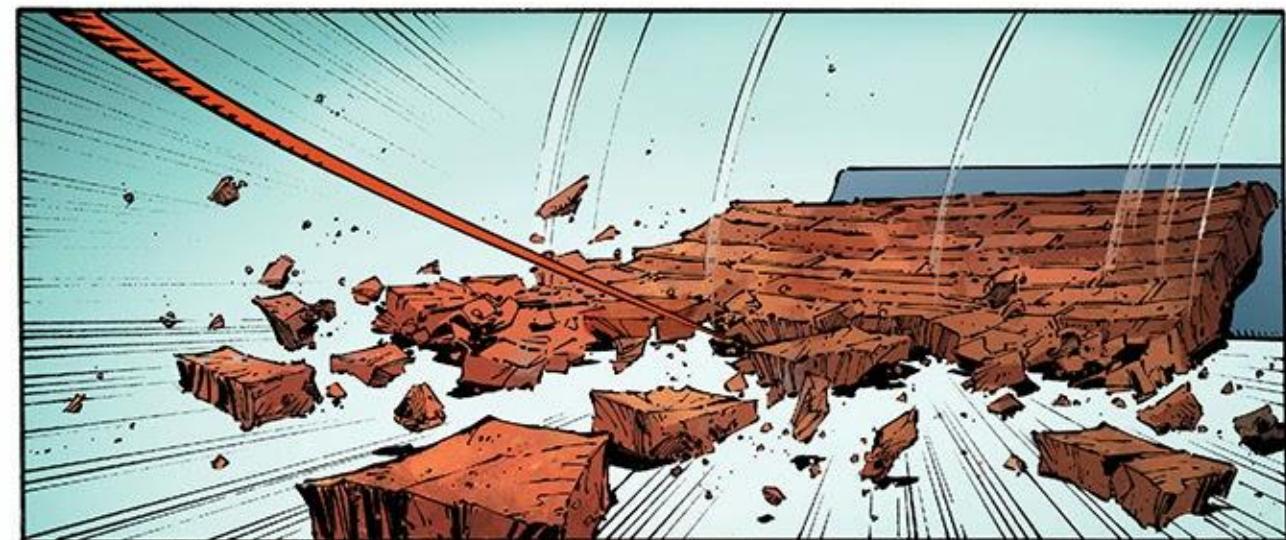
AND IF
YOU DO, WHAT
THEN? ANOTHER
LIKE HIM WILL
COME.

SO BE IT. THEN
I'LL FIGHT THEM, TOO.
THE WAR MAY NOT BE
WINNABLE, ALFRED,
BUT IT'S MINE.

AND FRANKLY,
I'M GETTING TIRED
OF YOUR DAMN
SKEPTICISM.









WELCOME HOME BRUCE!

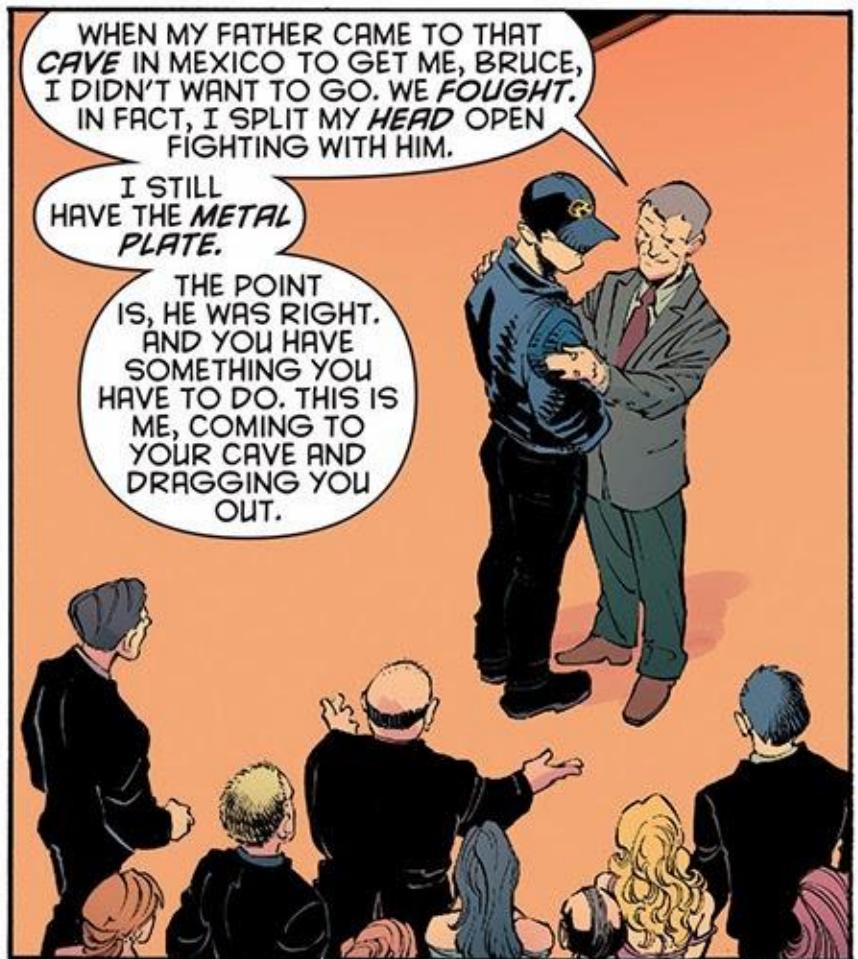
...BUT
I HAVE TO
DISAGREE.

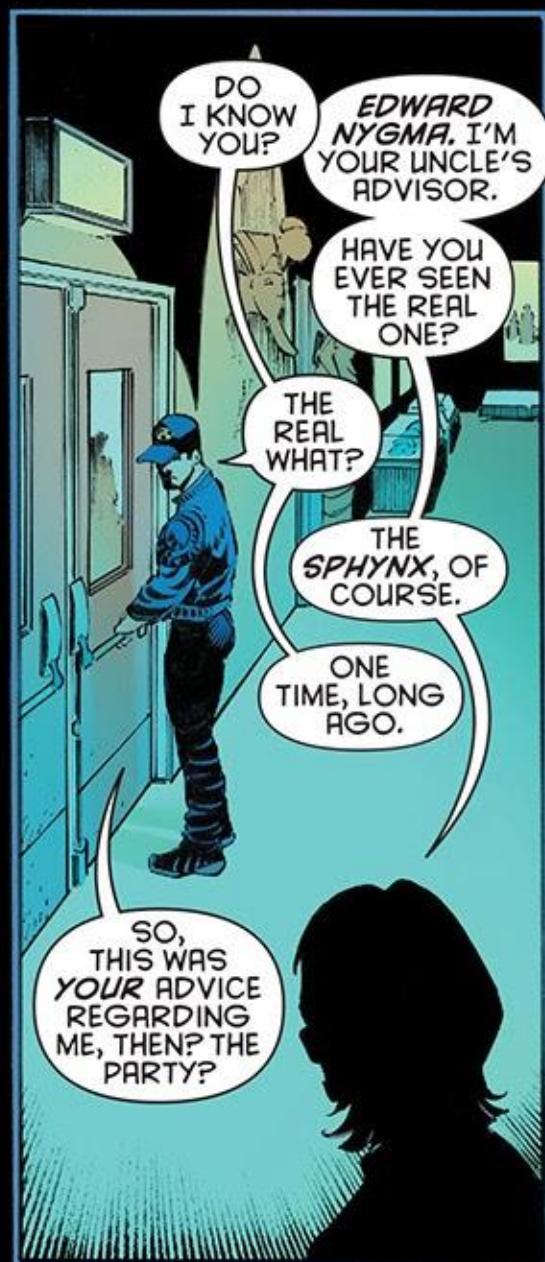
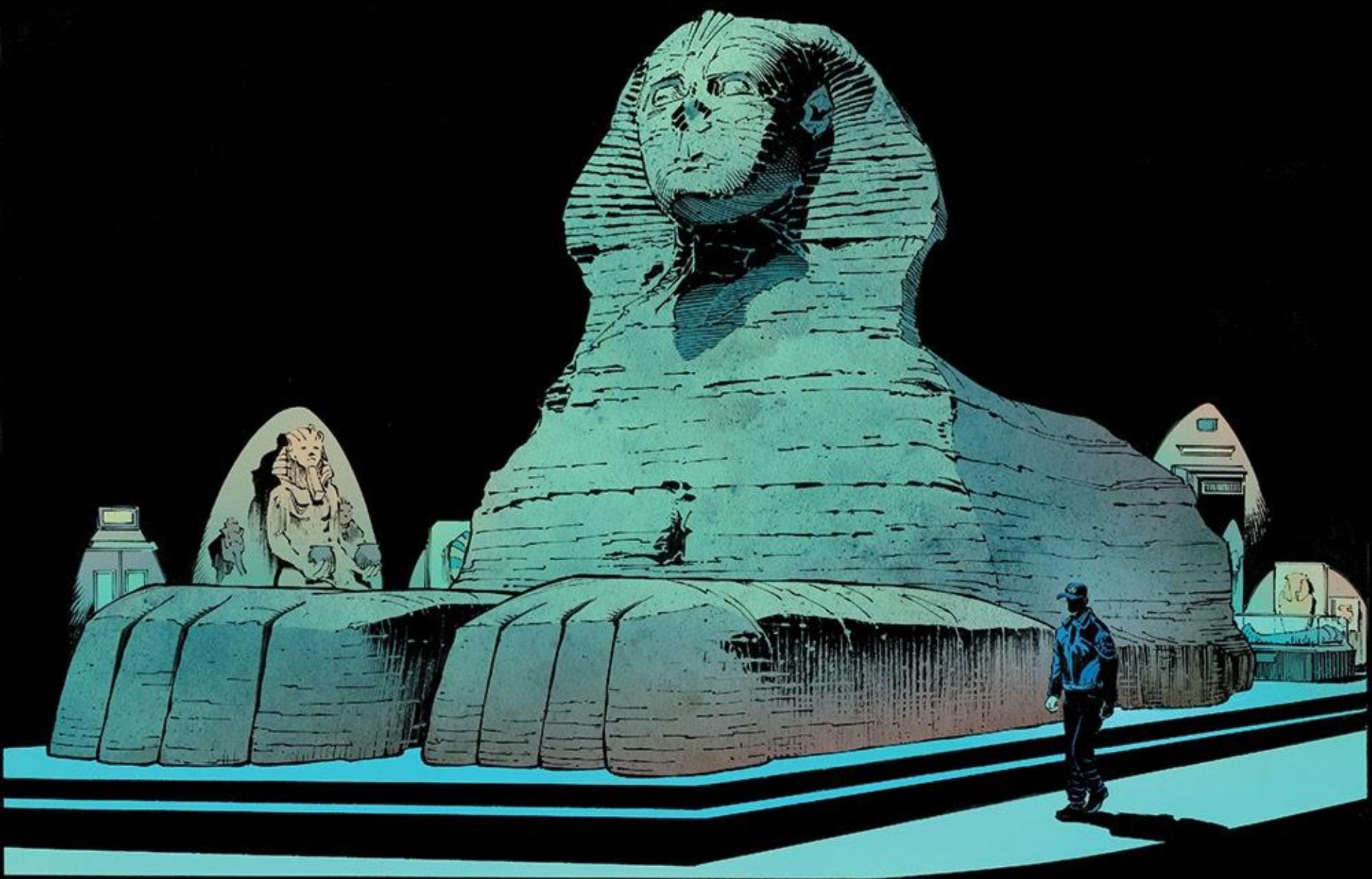
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

THAT'S RIGHT,
EVERYONE, THIS IS
THE SURPRISE I'VE
INVITED YOU TO SHARE
WITH ME!

MY DEAR NEPHEW,
BRUCE WAYNE, HAS
RETURNED TO THE CITY HIS
FAMILY HELPED BUILD, AND
CONTINUES TO BUILD
THROUGH WAYNE
ENTERPRISES!

HEAR, HEAR! HEAR, HEAR!











"...SO WE THOUGHT
WE'D THROW YOU ONE
OF OUR OWN."



A SHAME,
TOO. YOU
GIVE A GOOD
TIP.





NEXT: THE END OF BRUCE WAYNE

LOCATION UNKNOWN.

AGE TWENTY-ONE...

MY
HEAD...

...SERGEI,
ARE YOU OUT
THERE? I CAN'T
SEE A DAMN
THING.

WELL,
CRAP.

BRUCE WAYNE

THAT ONE TIME

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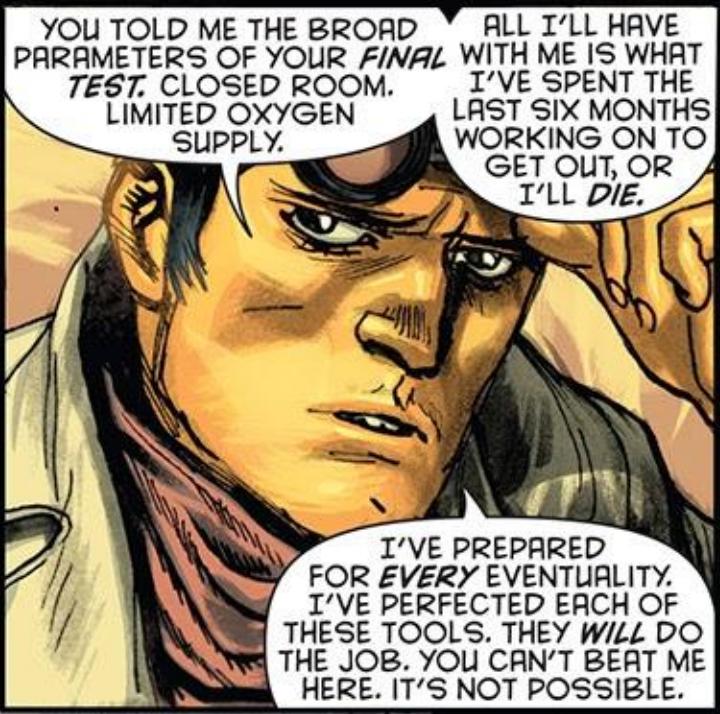
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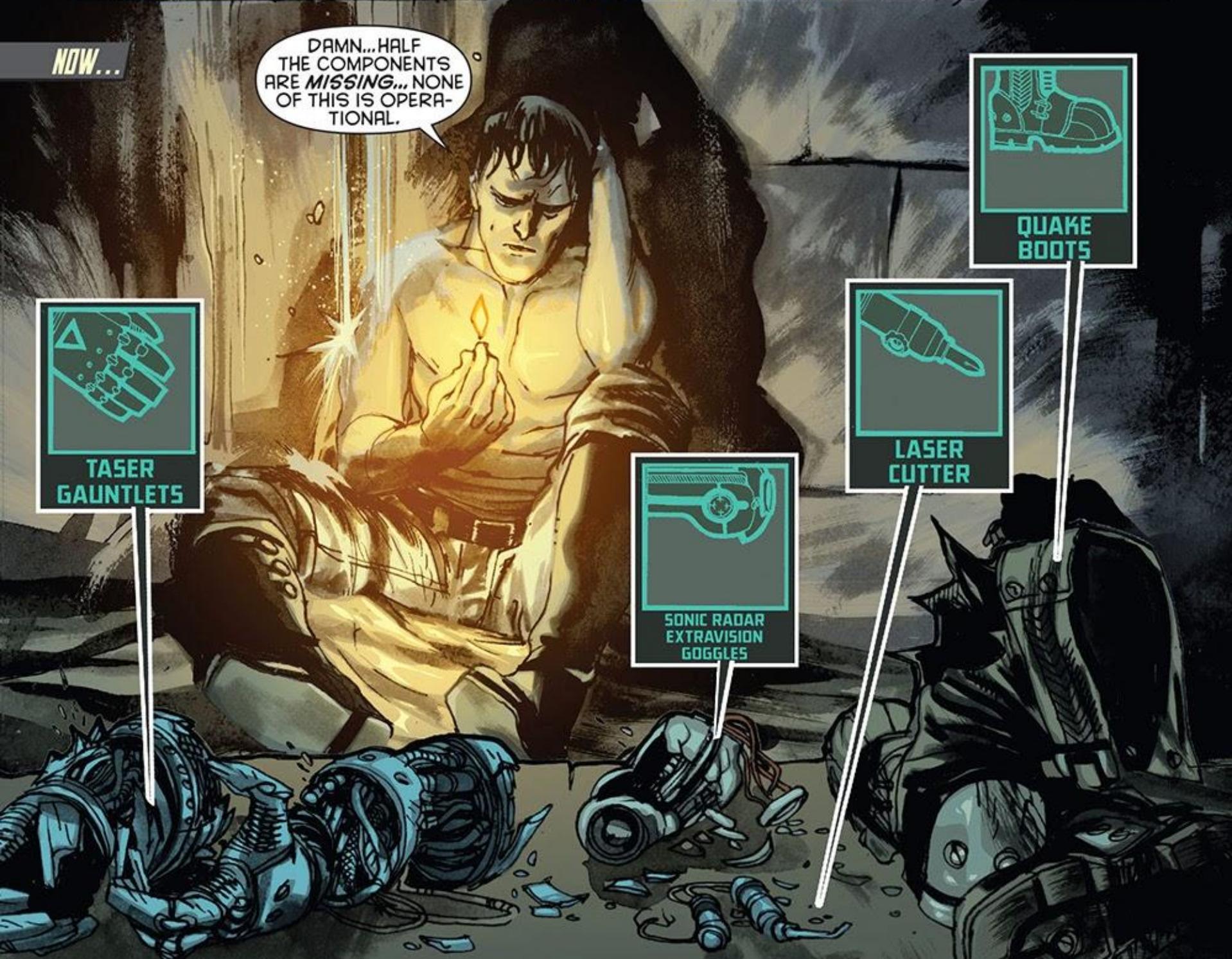
THESE BLUNT LITTLE TOOLS,
YOU'VE BEEN BUILDING THEM
FOR MONTHS, BRUCE. TINKER-
ING, PERFECTING...AND
WHY?

I'M DOING
EXACTLY WHAT YOU
TAUGHT ME, SERGEI.
THIS TECHNOLOGY IS AS
SOPHISTICATED AS ANY
MILITARY'S IN THE
WORLD.



NOW...

DAMN... HALF THE COMPONENTS ARE *MISSING*... NONE OF THIS IS OPERATIONAL.



OKAY...
THINK BRUCE,
THINK...WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?
YOU'RE
GOING TO
DIE.

IMPOSSIBLE,
EH? THAT IS WHY
YOU SOUGHT ME OUT,
NO? TO LEARN THE
IMPOSSIBLE.

AND YET,
YOU ARE SO
WRAPPED UP IN THE
OUTCOME...IN YOUR
PLANNING. YOU ARE
INFLEXIBLE.

AND THAT
CRUSTY OLD RUSSIAN'S
GOING TO FEED YOU TO
HIS DAMNED MONKEY.

YOU DO
NOT ALLOW YOUR-
SELF TO MAKE NEW
CONNECTIONS.

YOU DO
NOT ALLOW THE
IMPOSSIBLE.

STEADY
YOUR BREATHING.
YOU CAN MAKE TEN
MINUTES OF AIR LAST
AN HOUR. YOU KNOW
THAT MUCH.

JUST THINK.
BE FLEXIBLE. WHAT
CAN I DO WITH
THIS CRAP?

NO. THERE
ISN'T ENOUGH
POWER...KEEP
THINKING.

MAYBE
IF I AMPLIFY
THE SONIC
BLAST...

...heh. THIS
IS CRAZY.



...THAT
IS WHY YOUR
TEST WAS HERE. THAT
IS WHAT I WANTED TO
SHOW YOU.

WHEN YOU
CAN WIELD THE
IMPOSSIBLE...

...YOU
CAN CREATE
WONDERS.

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NEXT:

DEATHMATCH FIGHT CLUB!