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# BATMAN®



THE  
HISTORY  
OF THE  
DC  
UNIVERSE  
*is must*  
*reading*

**September 2**



HERO COP LIEUTENANT **JAMES GORDON** TODAY APPREHENDED NOTORIOUS NARCOTICS DEALER **JEFFERSON SKEEVERS**. IT LOOKS LIKE GORDON'S OUT TO SET A RECORD. RIGHT, TOM?

IT SURE DOES, TRISH. HE'S CAUGHT A BIG FISH THIS TIME. IF SKEEVERS IS CONVICTED, THIS'LL BE THE FOURTH TIME HE GOES TO PRISON. BET THEY THROW AWAY THE KEY.



# September 7

Her arms are strong.  
Her whole body's  
strong.

It's late. We've both  
worked late again.

I never  
get tired  
around her.

She's requested  
a transfer. She's  
leaving Gotham  
City.

I'm in love  
with her.

It's the only  
thing to do.

JUDGE RAFFERTY SET  
BAIL FOR JEFFERSON  
SKEEVERS. SURPRISING-  
LY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY HARVEY  
DENT DID NOT ARGUE  
WITH THIS DECISION....

I KNOW YOU AREN'T ON THE TAKE--  
AND I DON'T THINK YOU'RE CRAZY--

--SO TELL ME WHY  
YOU LET THEM LET SKEEVERS  
OUT ON THE STREET,  
DENT--

I UNDERSTAND  
HOW YOU FEEL,  
LIEUTENANT.

WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO BORROW  
MY UMBRELLA?

# September 10



# September 11

NO. NO.  
NONE OF THAT.  
YOU STAY CLEAN  
UNTIL WE'VE  
GOTTEN YOU  
OFF.

DON'T SWEAT  
IT, BABE. JUST A  
COUPLE OF  
LINES.



...I MEAN, I'D  
BE SWEATING, BABE--  
IF IT WASN'T FOR  
OUR COP.

THEY NAIL  
ME AND I TALK  
ABOUT FLOSS--

--AND MAYBE  
FLOSS TALKS ABOUT  
COMMISSIONER LOEB...

YOU SAY  
ONE WORD ABOUT  
FLOSS AND THEY'LL  
KILL BOTH OF US,  
SKEEVERS.

NOW TAKE THAT  
THING OUT OF YOUR  
NOSE AND LISTEN  
TO ME.

JUST A  
COUPLE OF  
LINES...

WHERE  
DO I START.  
BAD ENOUGH  
THAT YOU'RE  
BLACK.

I WANT YOU IN  
A BLUESUIT AT THE  
INQUEST. WITH A TIE.  
MAKE IT BLACK. SAME  
FOR THE SHOES. NONE  
OF THAT PIMP STUFF.

AND WHEN  
YOU SMILE AT THE  
JURY, MAKE IT NICE.  
PARTICULARLY THE  
WOMEN.

I SMILED AT  
THEM OKAY.

JUST  
REMEMBER  
THEY'VE STILL  
GOT THEIR  
CLOTHES  
ON.

KLIK





WANT TO TALK TO DENT. COP A PLEA.  
WANT TO TALK.  
ABOUT FLOSS.

September 12

MERKEL.  
GET DENT.

FORGET  
TO TELL THE  
COMMISSIONER.

SOURCES INSIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT GOTHAM POLICE DETECTIVE ARNOLD FLOSS HAS BEEN IMPLICATED IN SKEEVERS' DRUG OPERATION...

I'M GONE...



**September 13**

DETECTIVE FLASS IS  
A FRIEND OF MINE, GORDON.  
YOU MIGHT HAVE AT LEAST  
INFORMED ME OF YOUR PLANS  
BEFORE HANDING HIS HEAD  
TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

**GILLIAN B.L.**  
COMMISSIONER  
OF POLICE

IT WAS A SLIP, SIR.  
EVERYBODY'S WORKING  
SUCH LONG HOURS.

FRIENDSHIP, GORDON. LOYALTY. THESE  
WORDS STILL COUNT FOR SOMETHING  
IN GOTHAM CITY.

WE TOOK YOU IN. YES  
WE DID. BLEMISHES AND ALL.  
AND YOU DO HAVE YOUR  
BLEMISHES. AND YOU GO  
AND --

I'VE DONE  
EXACTLY WHAT I  
PROMISED, COMMI-  
SSIONER. YOU GET  
MY BEST WORK.

YOU GET GOOD PRESS, I'LL GIVE  
YOU THAT.

THEY LIKE YOU, DON'T  
THEY, AGEE AND HIS PACK  
AT THE GAZETTE.

BUT  
THEY DON'T  
KNOW YOU.  
NO THEY  
DON'T.

NOT THE WAY WE  
KNOW YOU.

TERrible IF  
THEY-- OR YOUR WIFE--  
LEARNED OF THE SPECIAL  
NATURE OF YOUR  
RELATIONSHIP--

-- WITH  
SERGEANT  
ESSEN.

WALLS HAVE  
EARS, JIMMY.

# September 25

COMMISSIONER LOEB ASSURES GOTHAM THAT THE MANHUNT FOR THE BATMAN CONTINUES, WITH HERO COP JAMES GORDON ON THE CASE...

The butler makes us feel as welcome as a virus. He leads us through a few dozen rooms the size of small states to Wayne's study.

Wayne's been out of the country. Wayne's had the flu. This morning I was told he had a hangover, but he'd see me.

Better than having Barbara stay at home and worry about being so overdue...

POLICE LIEUTENANT AND MRS. GORDON, SIR.

MRS. GORDON. I'M CHARMED.

ALFRED--BE A JOY AND GET SOME GLASSES FOR OUR GUESTS.

AND ANOTHER BOTTLE. THIS ONE'S EVAPORATED.

LITTLE EARLY IN THE DAY FOR US, THANKS.

MR. WAYNE--I DON'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR TIME...

MY TIME IS WORTHLESS, LIEUTENANT. JUST ASK ALFRED.

HMF.

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR EXPLOITS, LIEUTENANT, AND I MUST SAY THAT I'M IMPRESSED. YOU'RE GETTING AS MUCH PRESS AS BATMAN.

IT IS BATMAN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, ISN'T IT? SOMETHING ABOUT MY BEING HIM?

EXCUSE ME. IT MUST BE THE CHAMPAGNE. I NEGLECTED TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND--YOU SEE, I'M NOT SURE OF HER NAME, AND SHE DOESN'T SPEAK ANY LANGUAGE I KNOW...

THAT MUST BE CONVENIENT.

BARBARA.

MR. WAYNE, I NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOU WERE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES...

He laughs and rings for his butler.  
His butler brings his datebook.

I could auction off the phone  
numbers in his datebook for  
a fortune.

They're all women.  
They're all famous.  
They're all beautiful.

HE'S  
A PIG,  
JIM.

HE'S ACTING  
LIKE ONE, THAT'S  
FOR SURE ...  
BUT...

...BUT ANY MAN WHO'D  
WEAR A CAPE-- AND IT'S  
A CAPE, NOT WINGS, I'VE  
SEEN IT--

--ANYBODY WHO'D  
WEAR A CAPE AND HUNT  
CRIMINALS MIGHT GO  
PRETTY FAR TO KEEP  
HIS SECRETS...

... SECRETS.  
DAMN IT ALL...

JIM -- WHY ARE  
YOU STOPPING?

HONEY,  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
WE HAVE TO TALK  
ABOUT.

TEN MINUTES HE'S  
BEEN THERE ...

... NOW HE'S  
MOVING. GOOD.

ALFRED--  
HOW DID YOU  
LIKE MY  
PERFORMANCE?

POSITIVELY VAUDEVILLIAN,  
SIR. I GATHER THE REMAINING  
BOTTLE OF CLUB SODA MAY BE  
LEFT IN ITS PROPER CONTAINER?

HMF. I SUPPOSE  
YOU'LL TAKE UP  
FLYING NEXT--

--LIKE THAT  
FELLOW IN  
METROPOLIS.

SKEEVERS TOLD US WHERE,  
WHEN, AND HOW MUCH MONEY  
YOU RECEIVED, FLOSS.

AND YOU'VE  
BEEN SPENDING  
A LOT MORE THAN  
YOU'RE EARNING...

October 2

YOU'RE  
FACING TEN  
YEARS IN PRISON,  
FLOSS.

THAT'S IF  
SKEEVERS IS ALIVE  
ENOUGH TO  
TESTIFY.

MY CLIENT  
DIDN'T MEAN  
THAT...

**October 5**

YES, SIR.  
I KNOW ABOUT  
SGT. ESSEN. PLEASE  
DON'T BOTHER ME  
AGAIN.



**October 7**

Somebody slips  
rat poison into  
Skeevens' food.

Merkel gets  
his stomach  
pumped in  
time.



**October 10**

SKEEVENS IS STILL GOING  
TO TESTIFY AGAINST  
FLASS. DOESN'T CARE  
THAT HIS ATTORNEY  
QUIT.

WHATEVER HE'S  
SCARED OF, IT'S--  
WHAT'S SO FUNNY,  
DENT?



**October 12**

LIEUTENANT  
GORDON?

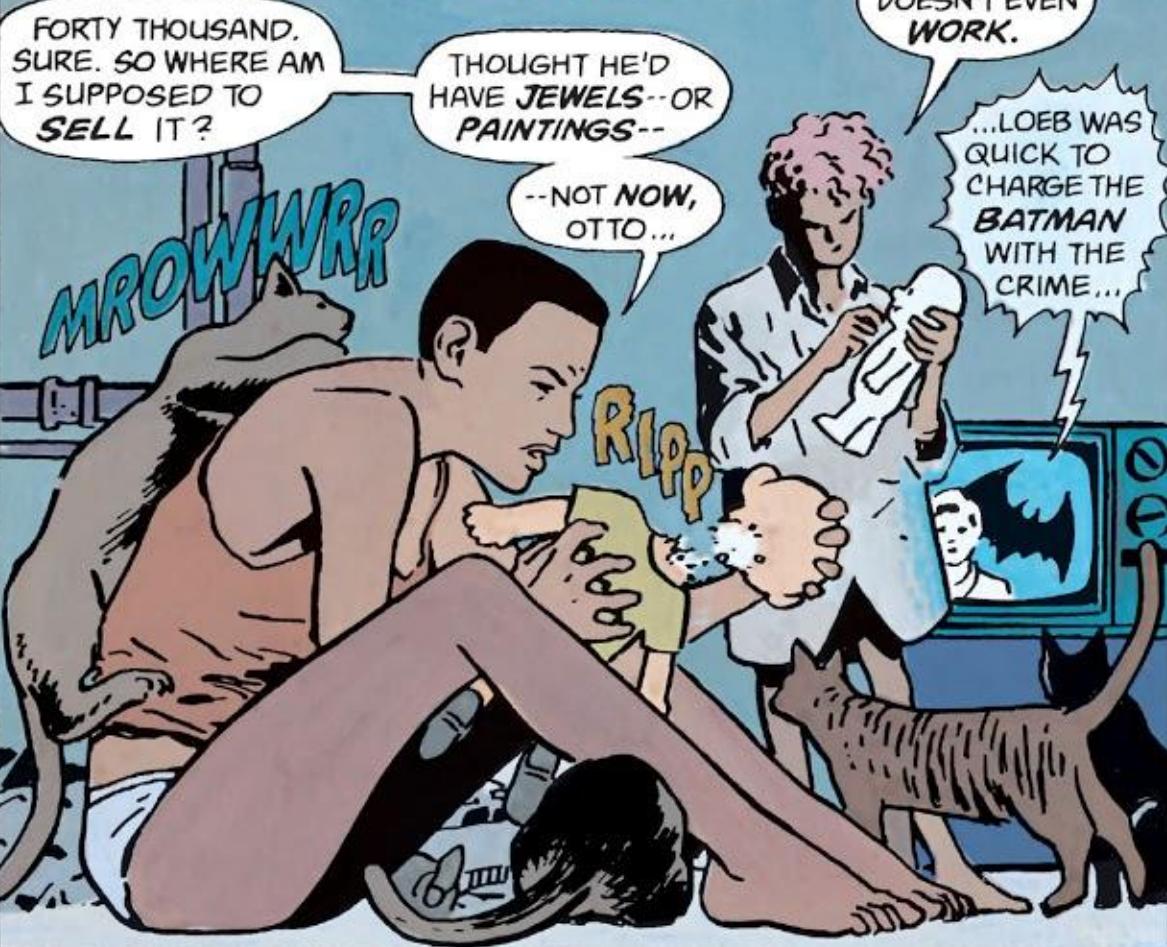
IT'S A BOY. YOUR  
WIFE IS FINE.



...FOURTH IN A  
DARING SERIES OF  
CAT BURGLARIES.  
COMMISSIONER LOEB'S  
PRIVATE COLLECTION  
OF POP MEMORABILIA  
IS VALUED AT FORTY  
THOUSAND DOLLARS...



# November 2



...INDUSTRY EXPERTS WERE STUNNED BY THE DEMONSTRATION OF UNHEARD-OF POSSIBILITIES FOR LIGHTWEIGHT, DURABLE PLASTICS...

