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# BATMAN

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ZOMBIE LAND

FEAR  
OF  
FAITH: 3

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GOTHAM

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...and after the Earth shattered and the buildings crumbled, the nation abandoned Gotham City. Then only the valiant, the venal and the insane remained in the place they called

## NO MAN'S LAND

THEY ARE A COWARDLY AND SUPERSTITIOUS LOT.

THE FAITHFUL, THAT IS.

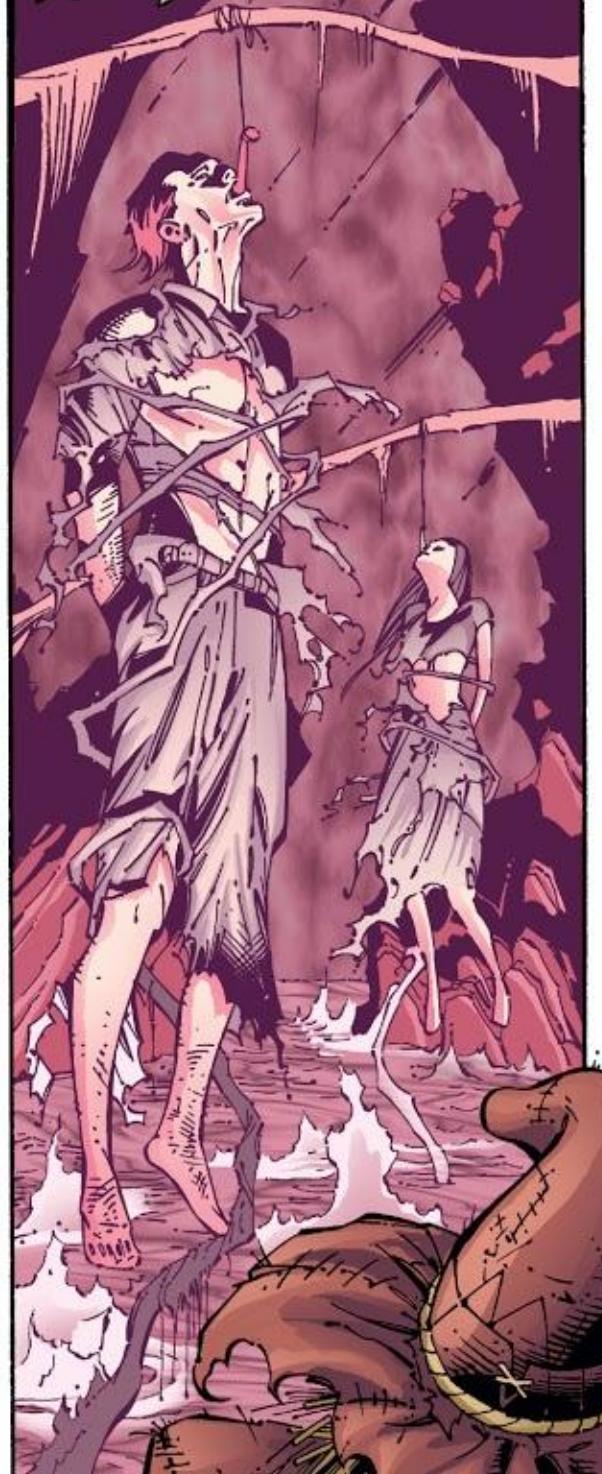
ANGRY AND TERRIFIED OVER THEIR OWN IMPENDING DEATHS, THOSE WHO TURN TO MYTHS OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO COMFORT THEMSELVES MUST ALSO ASSUAGE THEIR GUILT WITH FANTASIES OF PERPETUAL DAMNATION.

NEARLY EVERY RELIGION HAS A UNIQUE VISION. WHETHER IT IS THE CHRISTIANS' PEDESTRIAN AND PREDICTABLE LAKE OF FIRE--

--CLASSICAL BUDDHISM'S SEVEN "HOT HELLs," SUCH AS THE PARTICULARLY BRUTAL SANGHATA, WHERE THE DAMNED ARE DASHED BETWEEN TWIN MOUNTAINS--

--OR THE HINDUS' DEEP ABYSS OF LOWER DARKNESS WHERE VULTURES FEAST ON THE FLESH OF ITS ILL-FATED INHABITANTS--

--EACH OF THESE WILDLY DISPARATE SPECTACLES OF HELL CAN BE DESCRIBED IN THE EXACT SAME WAY...



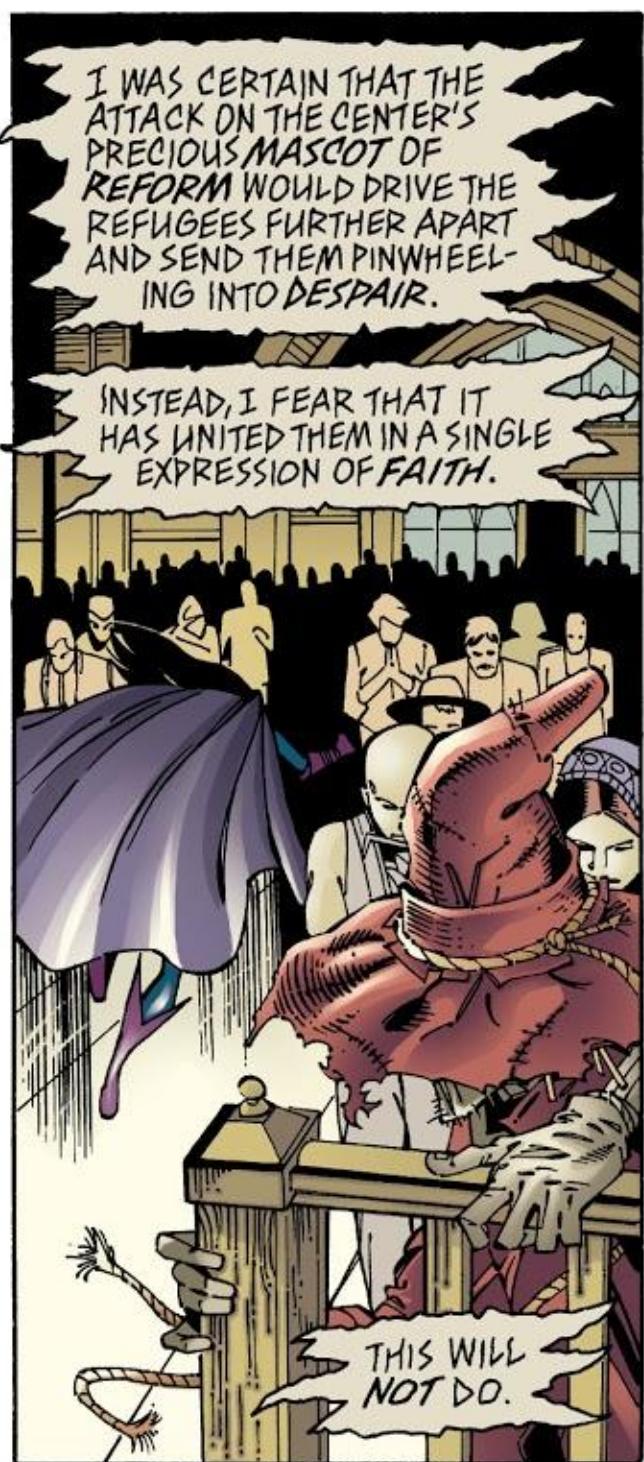
...A LAND  
WITHOUT HOPE.

# FEAR OF FAITH

PART  
THREE

# LIFE IN HELL





"...NO ONE CAN  
SAVE YOU NOW."

PLEASE.  
I NEED YOUR  
HELP.

WE PATCHED HIM UP A LITTLE AT  
THE CENTER, BUT HE'S GOING TO  
DIE IF WE DON'T GET HIM SOME  
REAL MEDICAL ATTENTION  
IMMEDIATELY.

THERE IS SOME-  
WHERE YOU CAN  
TAKE HIM. IT'S  
HALFWAY ACROSS  
TOWN, BUT AT  
LEAST--

NO!

IT'S  
MIKEY.

ONE OF THE  
FALSE FACERS  
SHOT HIM.

NO, I CAN'T  
AFFORD TO GO!

WHAT DO YOU WANT  
TO HEAR? THAT I CAN'T  
GET HIM THERE WITHOUT  
YOU? THAT I'M NOT  
STRONG ENOUGH?  
FAST ENOUGH?

I'M TIRED OF  
BEGGING, BATMAN!  
I'M NOT ASKING FOR A  
SCRAP HERE, I'M  
TELLING YOU TO SAVE  
THIS GUY'S LIFE!

TRUST ME.

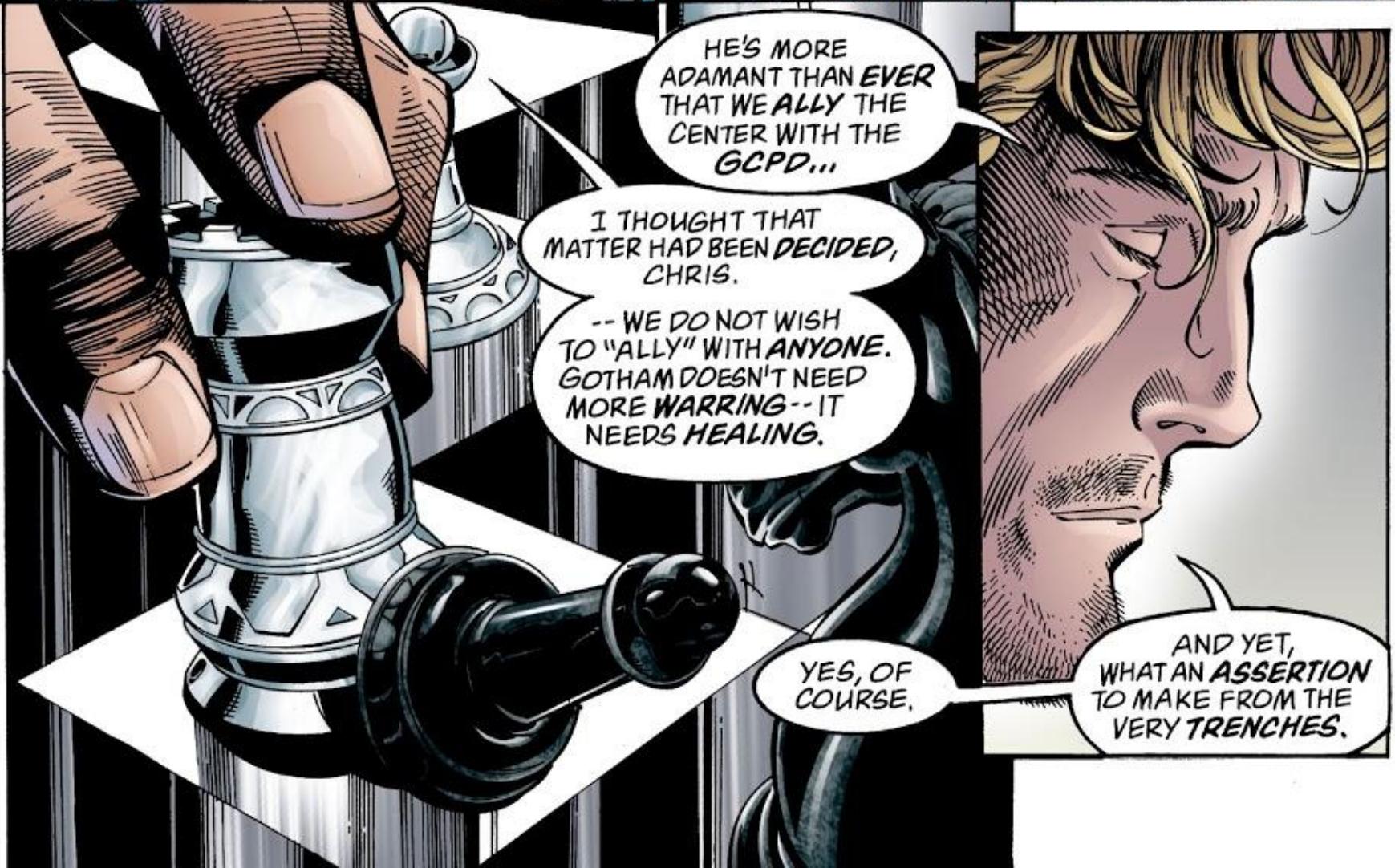
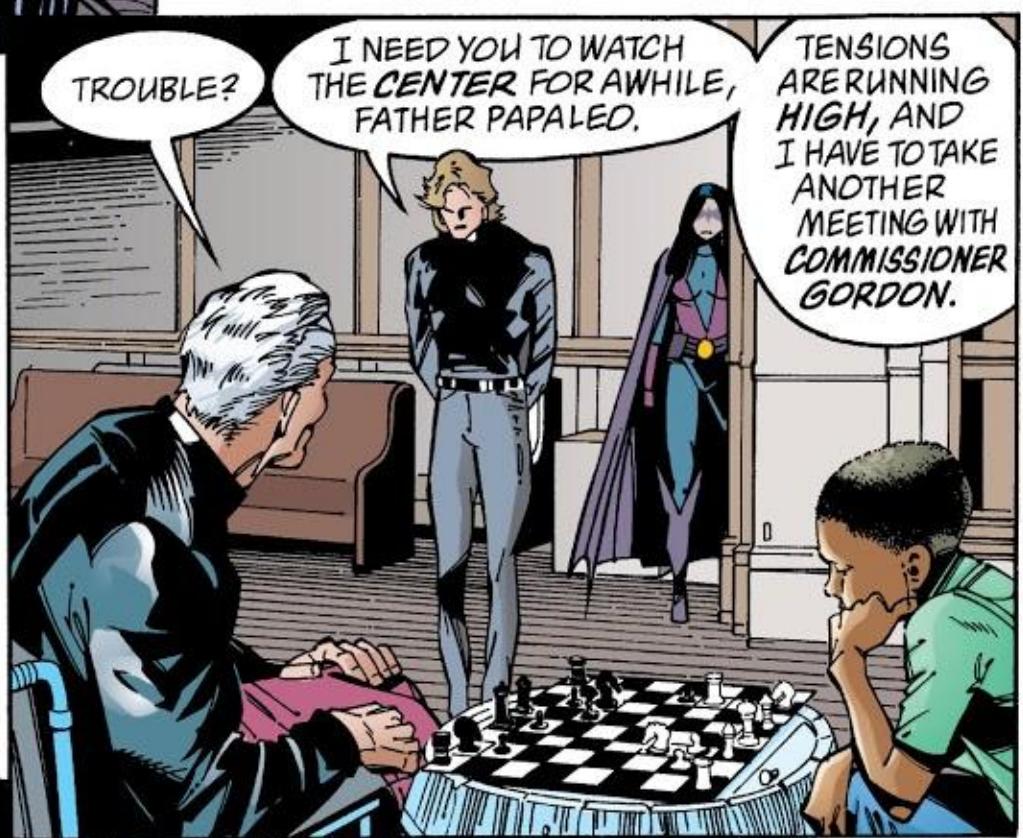
I'VE COME A LONG  
WAY FOR YOU AND I'VE  
WORKED HARD TO BE  
WORTHY--MAYBE HARDER  
THAN YOU KNOW. AND  
NOW I NEED YOU TO  
TRUST ME TO HANDLE  
THINGS HERE.

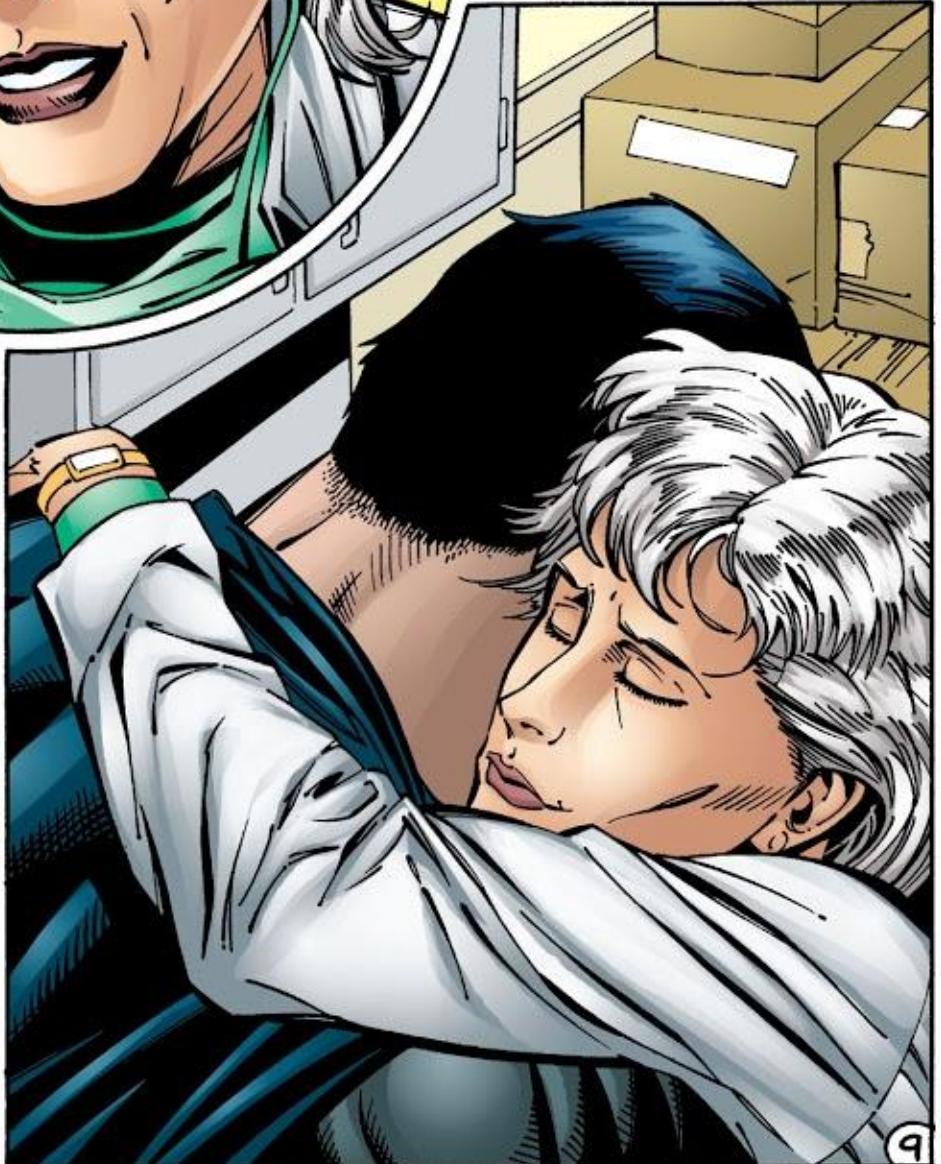
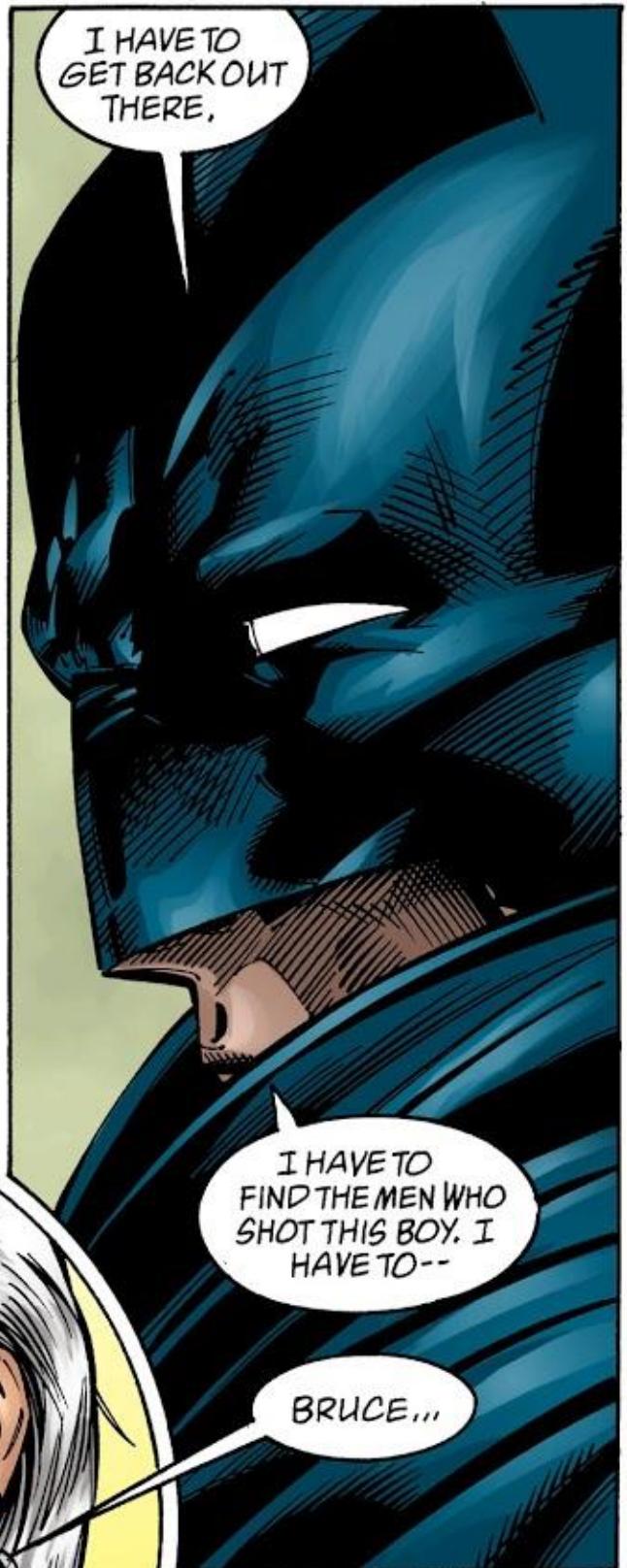
BRING HIM  
BEHIND THE  
CATHEDRAL.

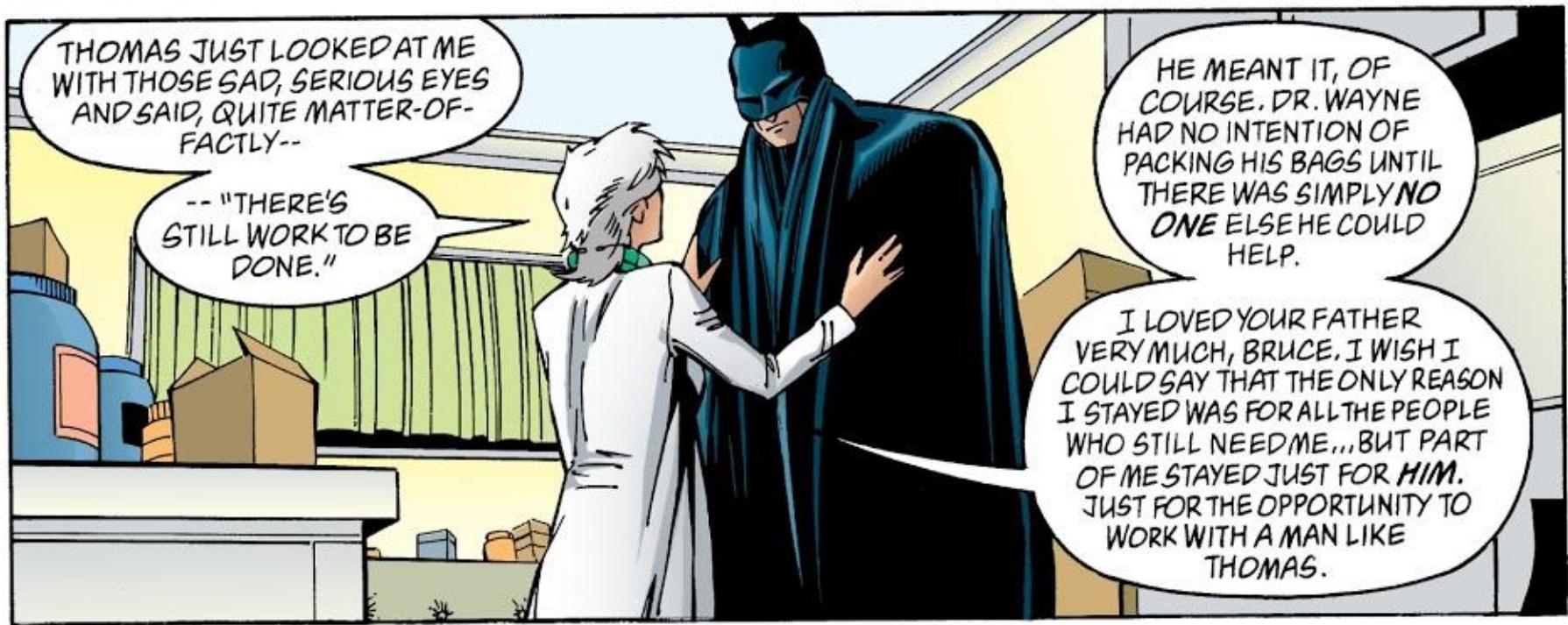
THANK  
YOU.

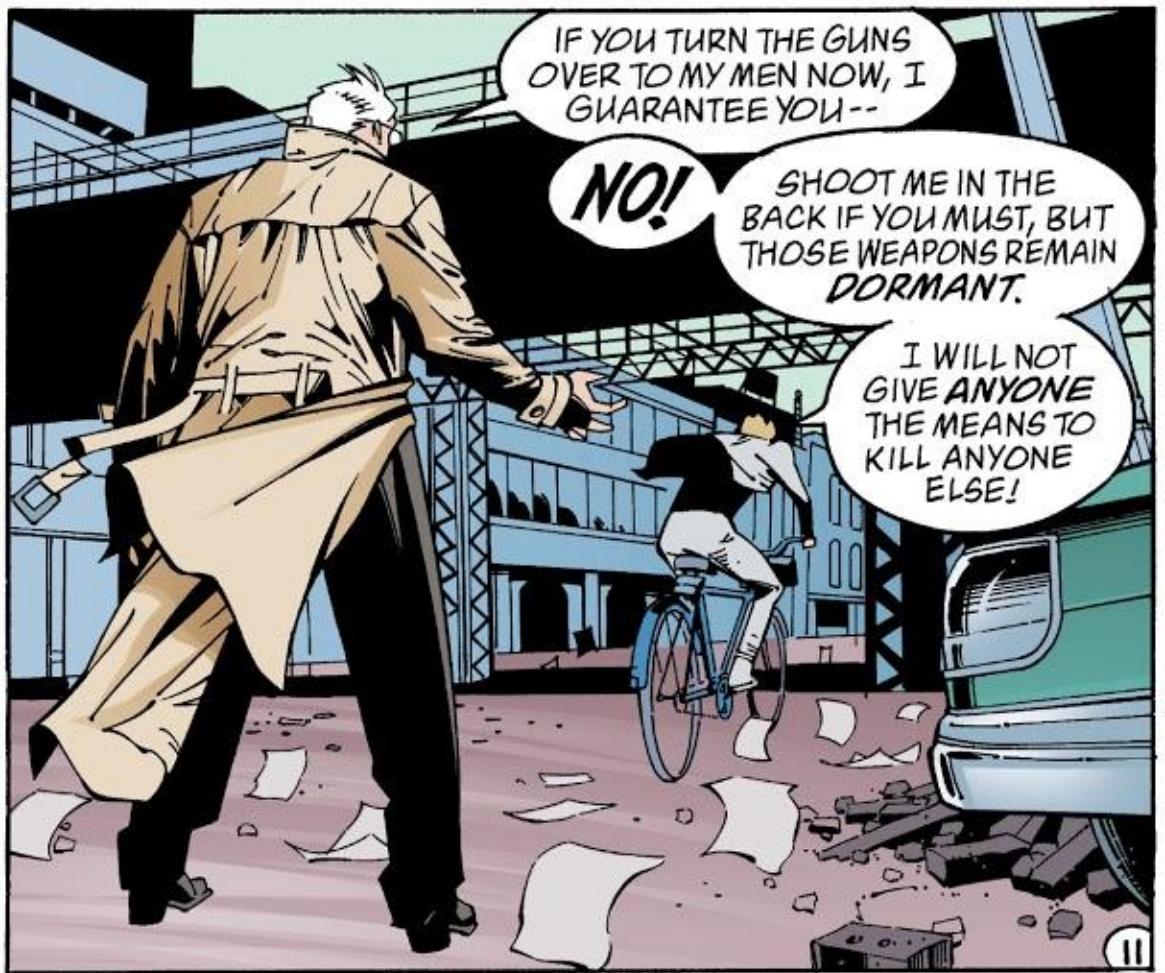
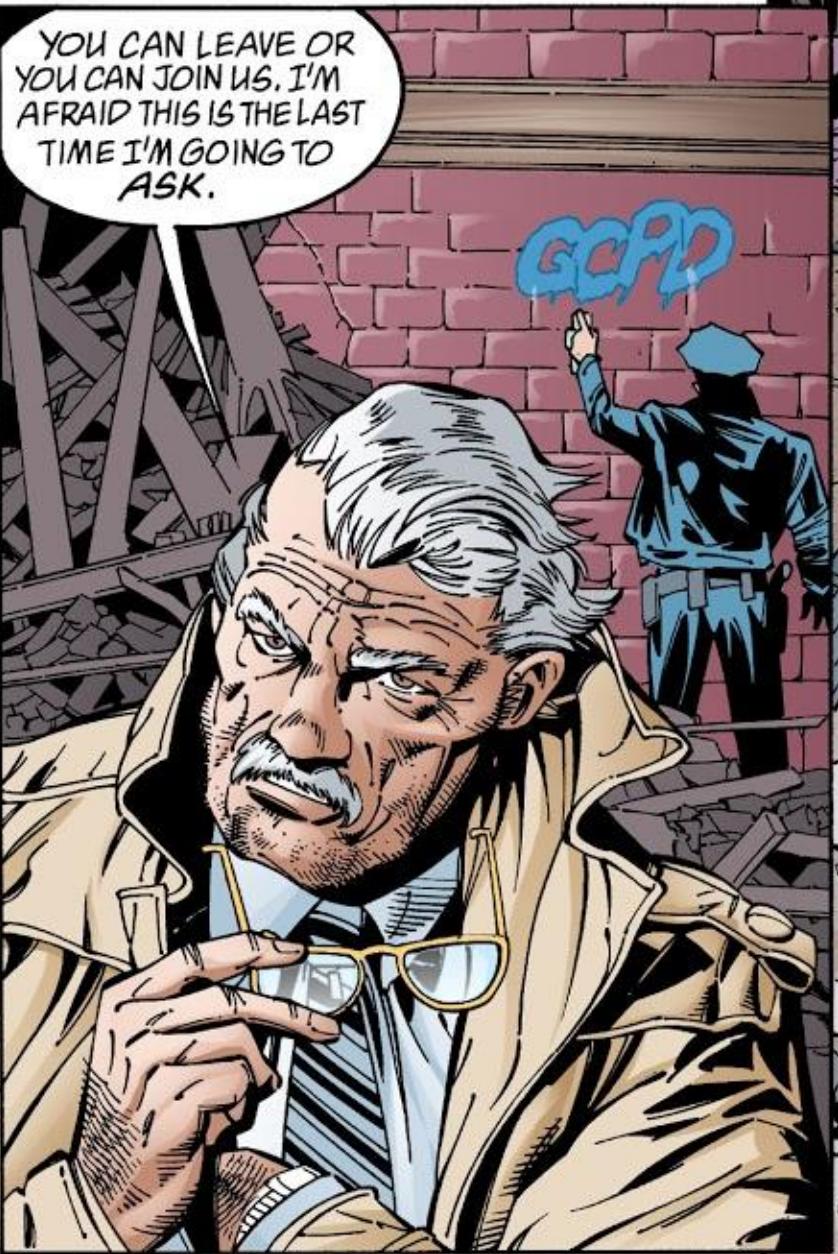












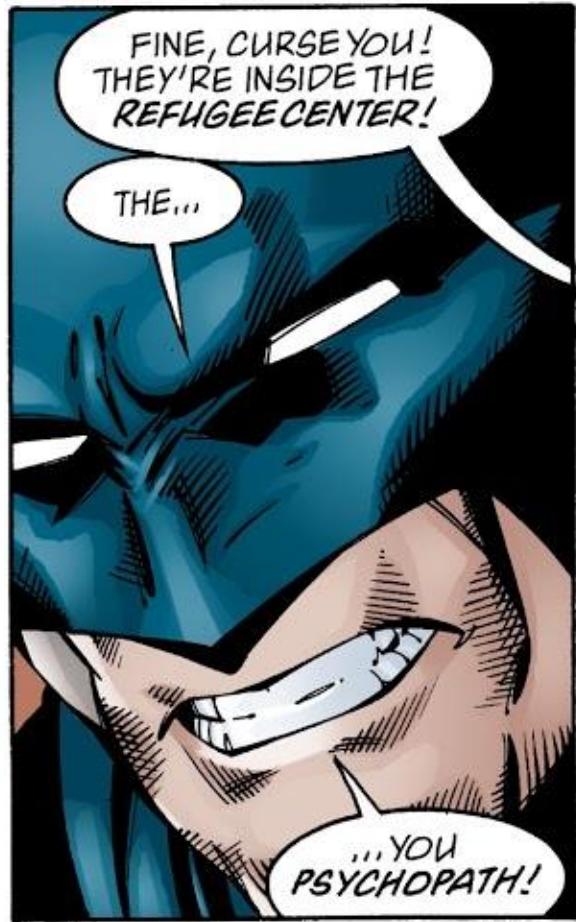
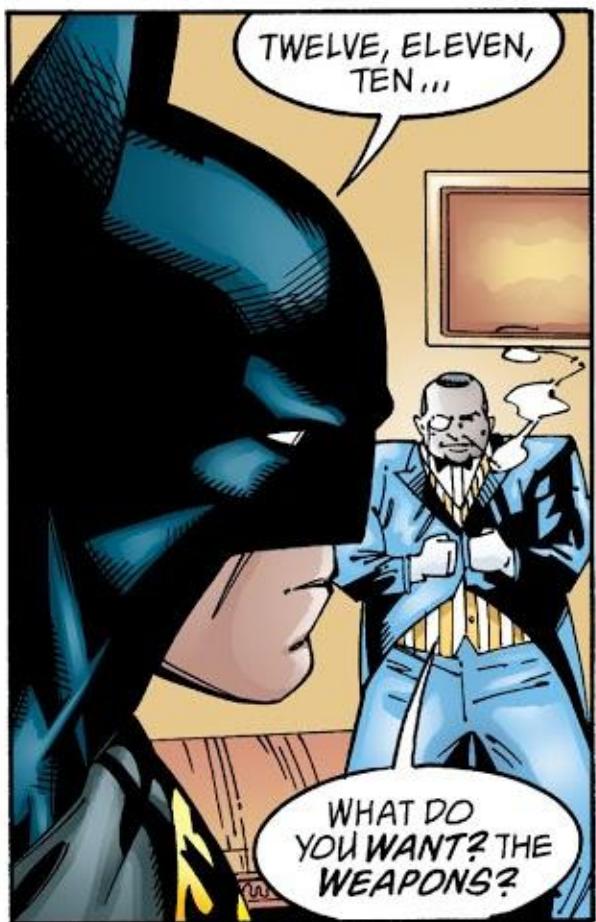
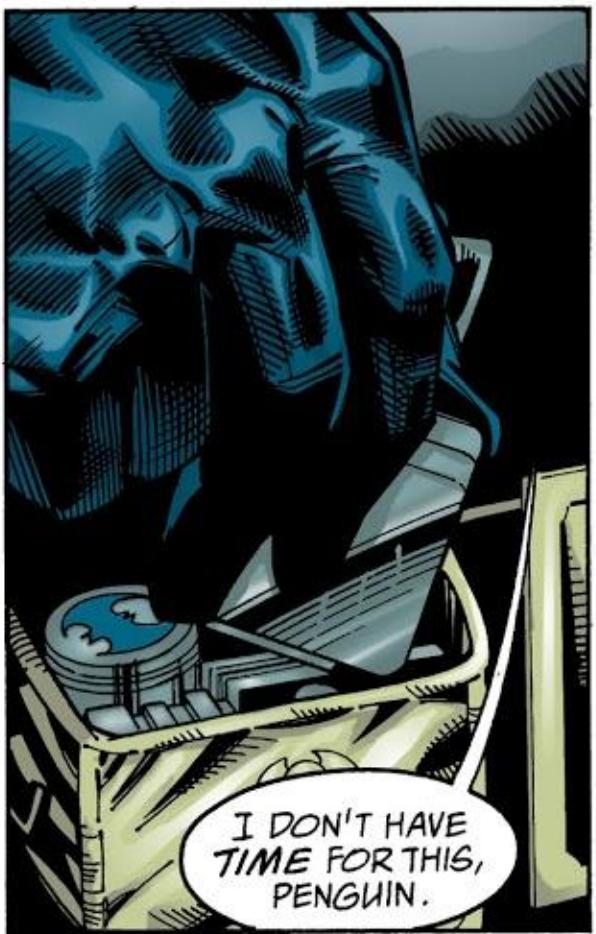


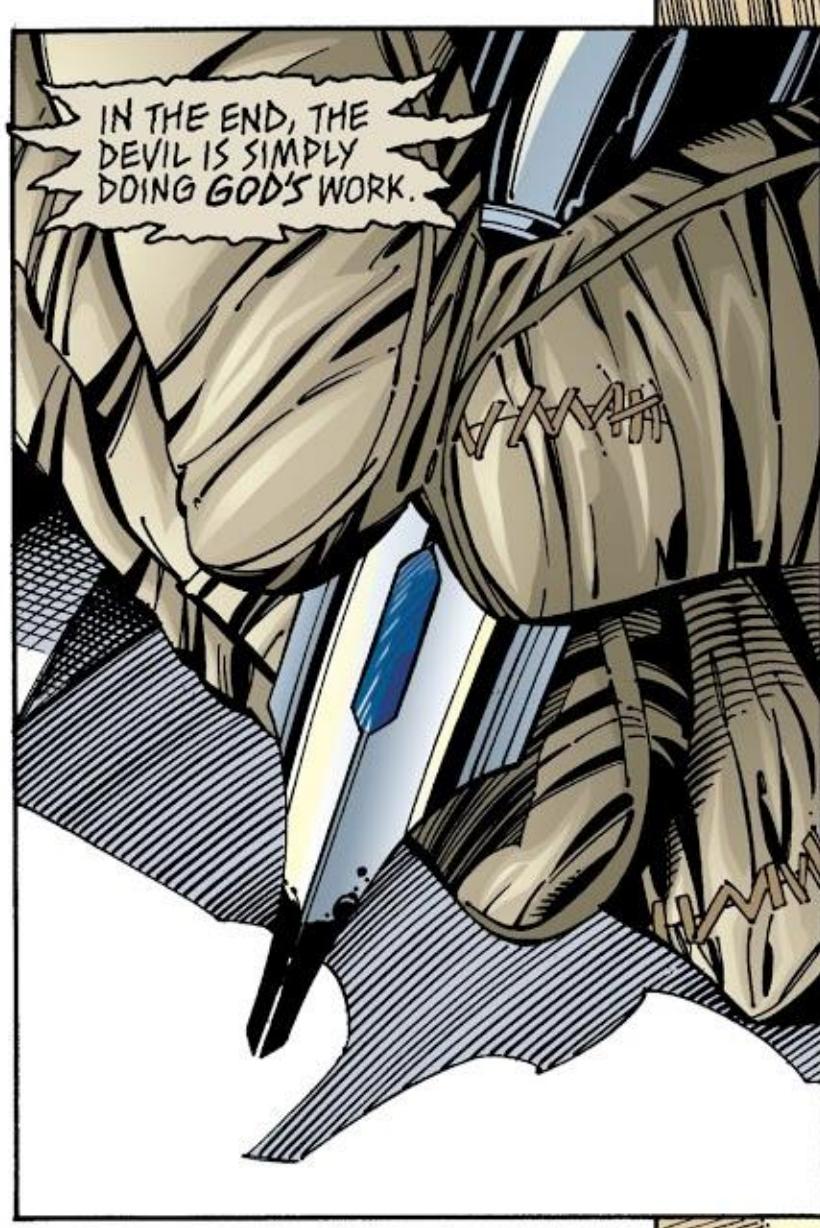
THE LAW  
ALWAYS APPLIES IN  
GOTHAM, PENGUIN.

PLEASE! EVEN  
TAXES AREN'T A  
SURE THING ANY-  
MORE.

THOUGH I'M STILL  
REASONABLY CONFIDENT  
OF DEATH.







IN THE END, THE DEVIL IS SIMPLY DOING GOD'S WORK.



THE TERM DEVIL IS DERIVED, VIA THE ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN DIABOLUS, FROM THE GREEK DIABOLOS.

IT WAS USED IN THE GREEK TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE, THE SEPTUAGINT, TO TRANSLATE THE HEBREW HA-SATAN--



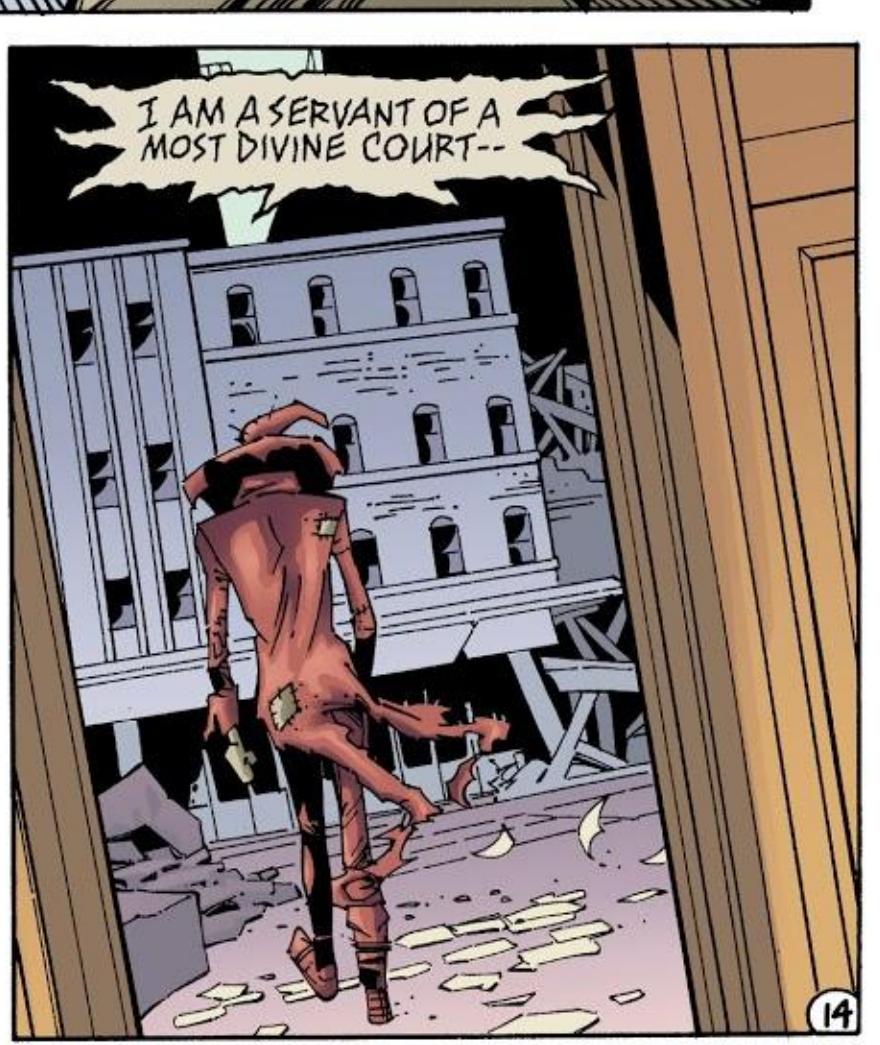
--AN EXPRESSION ORIGINALLY USED AS THE TITLE OF A SERVANT OF THE DIVINE COURT WHO WORKED AS GOD'S WANDERING SPY, GATHERING INTELLIGENCE ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS FROM HIS TRAVELS ON EARTH.

To Huntress



AFTER ALL, IF AN OMNIPOTENT GOD DIDN'T WANT HIM TO EXIST--

--WHY WOULD THE DEVIL ENDURE?



I AM A SERVANT OF A MOST DIVINE COURT--

