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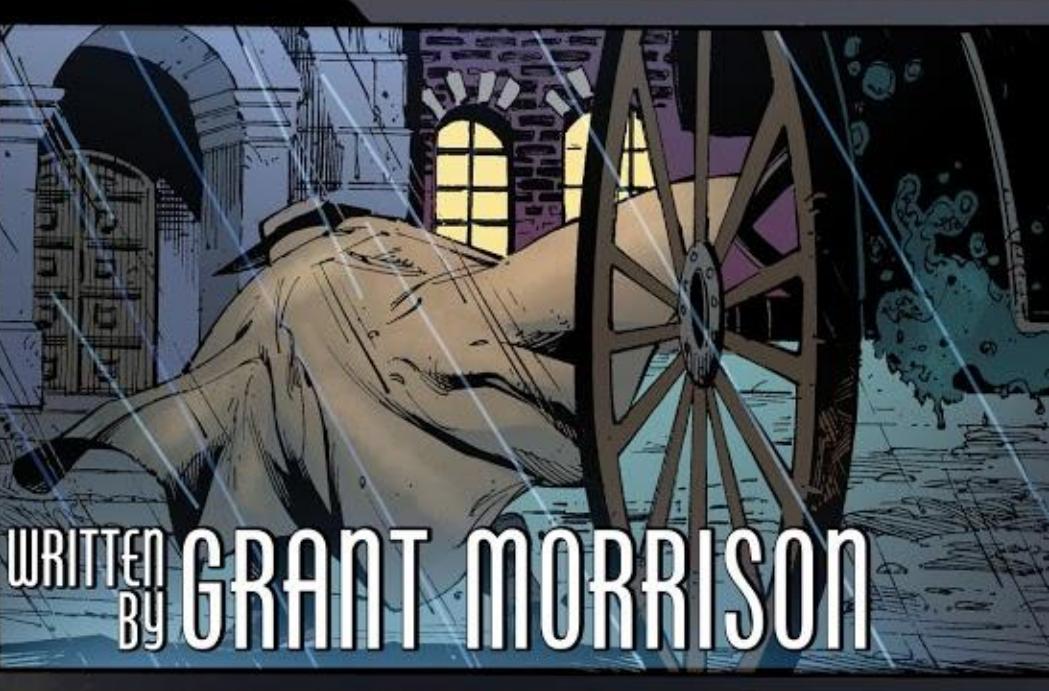


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YOU'RE
WRONG!
BATMAN
AND ROBIN
WILL NEVER
DIE!

SIX MONTHS EARLIER...



INKED
BY SANDU FLOREA

COLORED BY GUY MAJOR

I JUST KILLED A
MAN ON YOUR
DOORSTEP.

IF YOUR REACH IS AS
LONG AS YOU SAY,
THAT SHOULD POSE
NO PROBLEM,
HNN?

ASSOC.
EDITED
BY JEANINE SCHAEFER

LETTERED
BY RANDY GENTILE

THE DEAD MAN'S MEDICAL FILES
ARE ALREADY BEING EDITED TO
INCLUDE A DOCUMENTED HISTORY
OF PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA,
M'SIEUR LE BOSSU.

A SUICIDE
NOTE HE LEFT FOR
HIS DISABLED WIFE IS
BEING COMPOSED AND
WILL BE SECRETED UPON
HIS PERSON...

EYEWITNESSES
WILL BE BRIBED OR
KILLED, THE WIDOW
RUINED.

EDITED
BY MIKE MARTS

WE ARE
OPERATORS AT
THE HIGHEST
LEVEL.

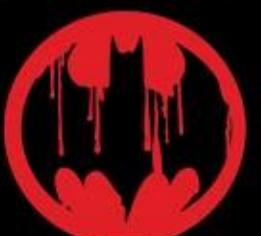
BELIEVE
ME, EVERYTHING
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT
THE BLACK GLOVE
IS TRUE.

CALL ME
DOCTOR
HURT.

COME, TAKE
YOUR PLACE
FOR THE DANSE
MACABRE.

BATMAN MIDNIGHT IN THE HOUSE of HURT

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COVERS BY ALEX ROSS & TONY DANIEL
BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE

CALL ME
ISHMAEL!

CALL ME
SWEETHEART!

CALL ME A TAXI,
IN THE NAME OF
GOD!

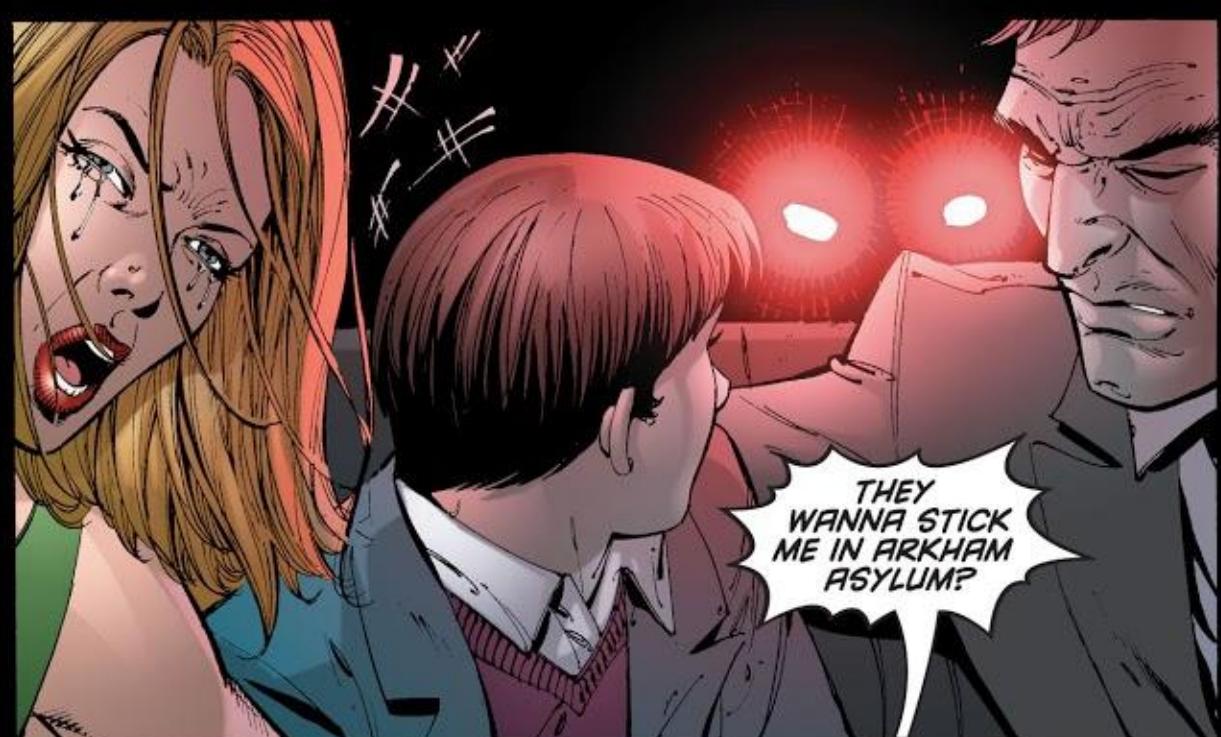
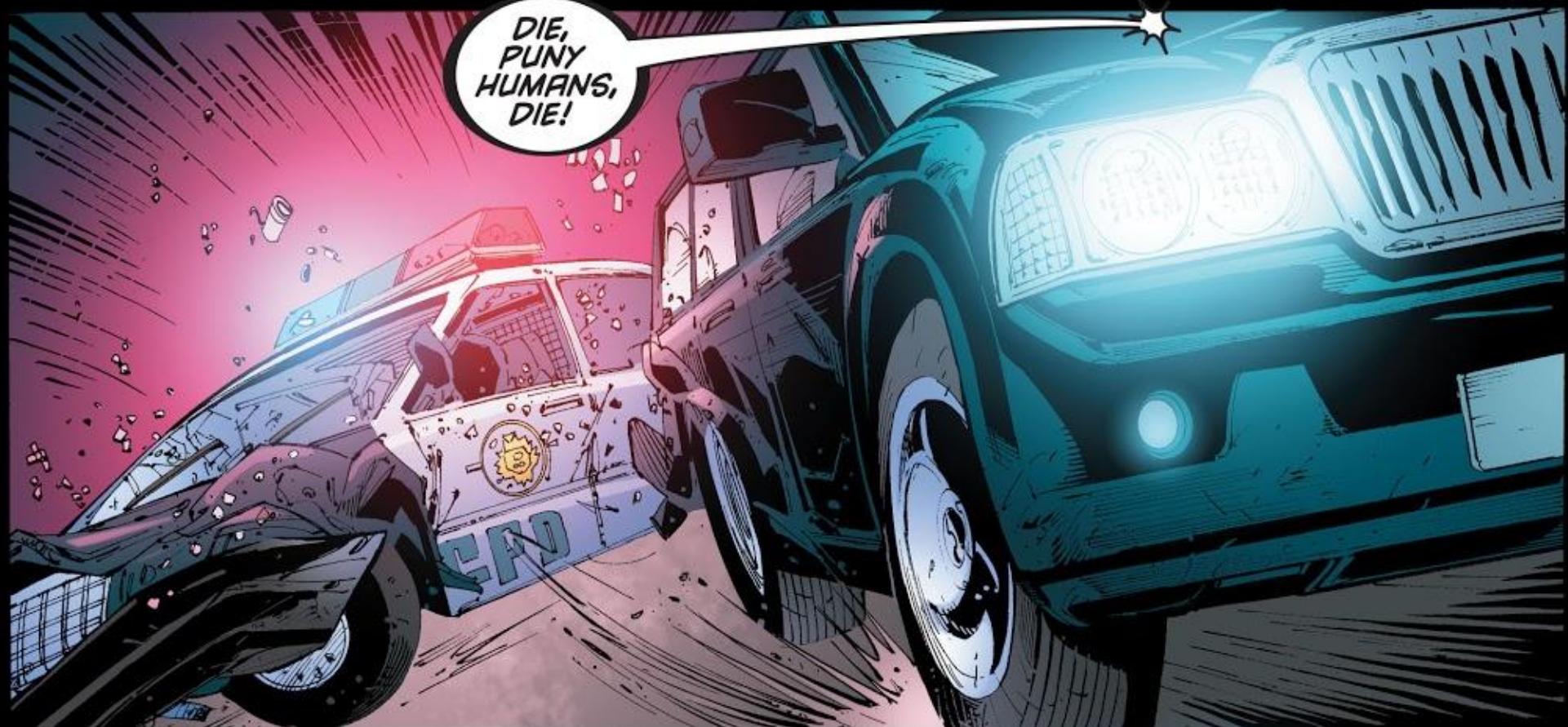
JUST DON'T CALL
ME THE GREEN
VULTURE!

NOT UNTIL
I SAY!
STUPID
CHEAP
MASK!

LEAVE 'EM
CRAZY CLUES
THEY'LL NEVER
WORK OUT!

GET ME SOME HOT
PSYCHO GROUPIES
WITH BELLS IN THEIR
HAIR!

BODYCOUNT!
BODYCOUNT!







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I MEAN,
CAN YOU
BELIEVE
THAT?

SEEMS LIKE
THE ONLY CRIMINALS
LEFT IN GOTHAM ARE
THESE STUPID HOME-
MADE GUYS THE
COPS CAN TAKE
CARE OF.



IT'S AN "AMERICAN IDOL"
ERA OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
SUPERCRIME, MASTER
TIM.

EVERY TOM,
DICK OR HARRY
WITH A MAKE-UP
BOX AND RAMPANT
TOURETTE'S FANCIES
HIMSELF THE NEXT
JOKER.





I UNDERSTAND ENOUGH ABOUT MEDITATION TO KNOW THAT WHAT HE DID COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE DRIVEN HIM INSANE.

HE WAS IN THAT CAVE FOR 49 DAYS!

AND THEN I FIND OUT HE SPENT TEN DAYS IN AN ISOLATION CHAMBER BEFORE I WAS ROBIN AND ACTUALLY LOST HIS MIND FOR TWO WEEKS...

INDEED.

OKAY, SO NOW HE ALMOST DIES FOR REAL AND THEN BECOMES OBSESSED WITH THIS WHOLE BLACK GLOVE IDEA, AND HE'S TALKING ABOUT SOME MASSIVE, PARANOID WEB OF INTERCONNECTED EVENTS...

ALFRED?

ARE WE SURE BRUCE'S HEAD IS OKAY?

THÖGAL IS THE PEAK MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE DZÖGCHEN TRADITION OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM, MASTER TIM.

NOTHING LESS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAN A COMPLETE REHEARSAL, WHILE LIVING, OF THE EXPERIENCE OF DEATH.

MASTER BRUCE HAS A VERY CLEAR IDEA OF HUMAN PERFECTION TOWARDS WHICH HE CONSTANTLY STRIVES, YOU UNDERSTAND.

THE ABSOLUTE PHYSICAL MASTERY OF THE TOP MARTIAL ARTISTS, GYMNASTS OR YOGINS...

...THE LOGICAL AND DEDUCTIVE SKILLS OF MASTER PHILOSOPHERS, FORENSIC SCIENTISTS AND DETECTIVES...

YOU KNOW HIM BETTER THAN ME, ALFRED.

HIS IS A MIND LIKE NO OTHER.

I HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS EITHER OF US WILL EVER FULLY COMPREHEND ITS DECISIONS, BUT WE MUST NEVER UNDERESTIMATE ITS STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE.

... THE UNDERSTANDING, DISCRIMINATION AND MORAL CLARITY OF ULTIMATE ZEN ADEPTS...NEED I CONTINUE?

TELL ME WHAT'S REALLY TROUBLING YOU, MASTER TIM.

ALFRED, IN THE SPACE OF TWO YEARS, I LOST MY DAD, MY BEST FRIEND AND MY GIRLFRIEND...AND I'VE BEEN ADOPTED BY BATMAN.

I SPEND INCREASING AMOUNTS OF MY TIME IN A SERIOUSLY CREEPY WORLD OF VIOLENT CRIME AND INSANITY... AND ALL IN ALL, I THINK I COPE BETTER THAN MOST PEOPLE MY AGE WOULD.

BUT YEAH... SOMETHING'S BEEN KEEPING ME UP AT NIGHT...



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FIRST
SXXZZ LAUGHTER
ZKKT THEN MADNESS
NWZZZ DEATH
DEATH.

AIRBORNE
INFECTIOUS JOKER
PARVOVIRUS RAGES
ACROSS SKVXX CONTINENT
NKKZZT MILLIONS ARE
ALREADY DEAD...

THAT
TERRIBLE
SOUND YOU CAN
HEAR IS THE WORLD
LAUGHING ITSELF
TO DEATH!

WOMEN AND
CHILDREN, MY WIFE
VIZZIT BOYS LAUGHING
ZNNVVZZZ LAUGHING
THEIR GUTS OUT! VZTZT
GUTS OUT! VZTZT
GUTS OUT!

WHAT'S SO
FUNNY ABOUT
XVZZK WIFE'S
GUTS?

HAHAHAHAHA

well
it's like
I always
say

VZZK
WIFE'S GUTS
VZZK WIFE'S GUTS

FFFFAUUHHHHAAAHAAAHAHAHA
AAAAAAA





another
pretty
flower

NEXT in BATMAN R.I.P.

The Black Glove Strikes!

The Dark Knight Falls!

ZUR! EN! ARRH!
To Be Continued!