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The Thin White Duke of Death

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ONCE EVERY
YEAR, THE **BLACK
GLOVE** INVITES
YOU...

...SOME OF
THE RICHEST
PEOPLE IN THE
WORLD...

...TO PLAY
A **GAME**
WITH HUMAN
LIVES.

IT'S A LONG TRADITION,
GOING WAY BACK.

BUT THIS YEAR
WE CAN PROMISE
SOMETHING RATHER
SPECIAL.

LETTERED
BY RANDY GENTILE

EDITED
by MIKE MARTS

WE GAMBLE
ON GAMES
OF LIFE AND
DEATH.

ALL THE
INGREDIENTS
ARE HERE FOR
A SPECTACULAR
AND HISTORIC
EVENING...

THE
HOUSE OF
HORRORS.

ASST.
EDITED BY JANELLE SIEGEL

THE
DAMSEL IN
DISTRESS.

COVERS BY ALEX ROSS AND TONY DANIEL

AND
HIS TERRIBLE
NEMESIS.

HIS
ULTIMATE
FOE.

IS ANYONE
WILLING TO BET
ON THE TRIUMPH
OF GOOD OVER
EVIL?

BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE

THE
BROKEN BUT
UNDEFEATED
HERO.

...YOU ARE SO PERFECT, SO COMPLETE...A PRODUCT OF RANDOM CIRCUMSTANCE.

PRECISION-ADAPTED TO THRIVE IN THIS UGLY, HIGH-PITCHED CENTURY.

HOW I ENVY YOU.

LOOK AT ME.

YOU SEE WHAT MOST PEOPLE SEE-- DOCTOR GUY DAX.

A RESPECTED NEUROSURGEON, A FAMILY MAN WITH TWO BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS AND A GIFTED, BRILLIANT WIFE.

NO ONE KNOWS THAT MY UGLINESS IS ALL INSIDE.

OR THAT WHAT I DO TO OTHERS, I OFTEN DREAM OF DOING TO MY OWN FAMILY.



POLITE SOCIETY DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO BE THE MAN I TRULY AM.

MINE IS THE TWISTED SOUL OF A MONSTER, MAITRE.

IN ORDER TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO THE HONEST BEAST WITHIN, I AM COMPELLED TO AN ELABORATE PROCESS OF DISGUISE.

INSIDE I AM BROKEN, PERVERSE, GROTESQUE AND VIOLENT.

THE IMAGE OF MY SELF-LOATHING I CALL LE BOSSU.

I TRUST YOU WILL DO ME THE HONOR OF WITNESSING MY TRANSFORMATION.

NO
NEED TO
ANSWER
THAT.

THERE ARE
SO MANY OF US
HERE WHO WERE
INSPIRED BY YOUR
RELENTLESS
INVENTION.

YOUR
ÉLAN,
MAÎTRE.

HOW
DARE HE NOT
ANSWER!

FIND
BOSSU!

TELL HIM TO
GET BACK HERE TO HIS
DAMN LOBOTOMY PICK
BEFORE THE VENOM OF THE
BLUE SCORPION WEARS
OFF AND NIGHTWING
WAKES UP!

SCORPIANA,
EL SOMBRERO,
PIERROT
LUNAIRE...

... ALL OF US,
WE REVERE YOUR
FLAMBOYANCE,
YOUR DEDICATION
TO YOUR ART.

OH,
TO BE
HERE.
TONIGHT.

TO
WITNESS THE
FALL AT YOUR
SIDE.

yawn...

CHOOSE
YOUR PARTNERS,
M'SIEUR!

THE
DANCE OF
DEATH
BEGINS.





Most but not all of the hired muscle is under contract to European bosses like Le Bossu and Charlie Caligula.

You'll be using 'em to work out and stretch a little.

The real heavies are inside, so save your energy.

IT'S THE BOSS I'M AFTER, MIGHT.

THE BLACK GLOVE.

WHO IS THE BLACK GLOVE?

Right!
To your right!











Z...



WE
DIDN'T GET THE
SHIPMENT!

WE'RE
OUT OF
AMMO!

funny,
isn't it

some very
rich people went
to a lot of trouble
to throw you a
farewell party

and you
turn up
dressed like
a clown

you look...
vulnerable

I'M THE
BATMAN OF
ZUR-EN-ARRH.

MAYBE
I'M PLAYING
WITH YOU.

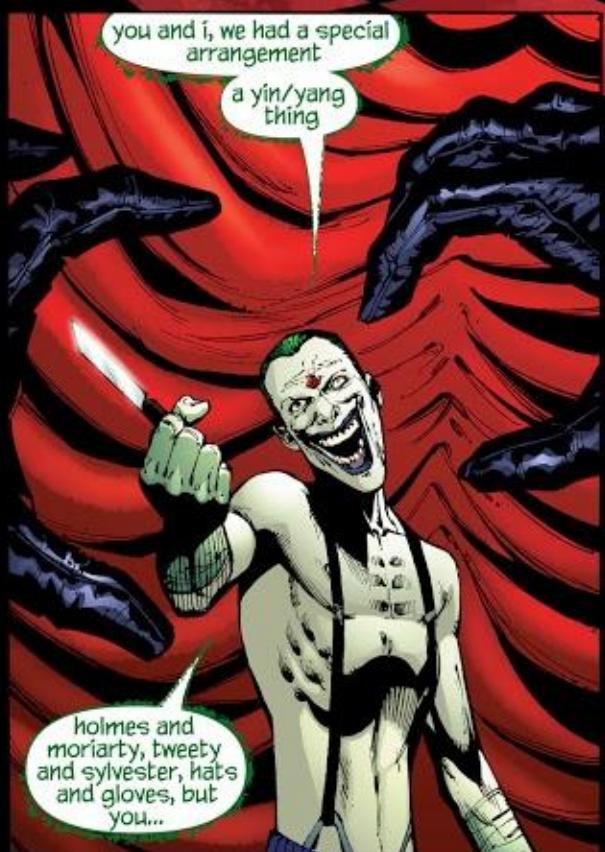
MAYBE
I WORKED
EVERYTHING
OUT.

so play
with this a
little while

BRUCE!

ARE
YOU THERE,
BRUCE?









BRUCE!

OH
GOD, WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!
WHY ARE
THEY DOING
THIS?

I'M THE
BATMAN OF
ZUR-EN-ARRH.

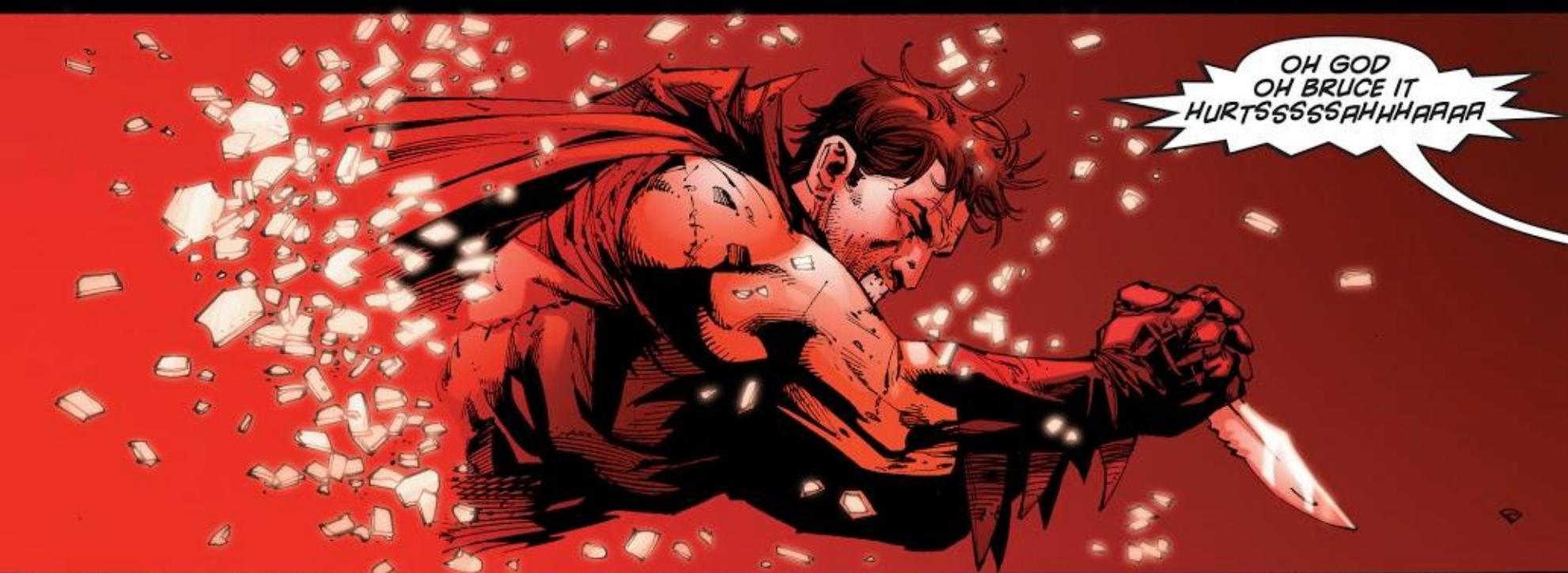
NO.
NOT BRUCE.
I'M
BATMAN.

I DON'T WANT
TO DIE!

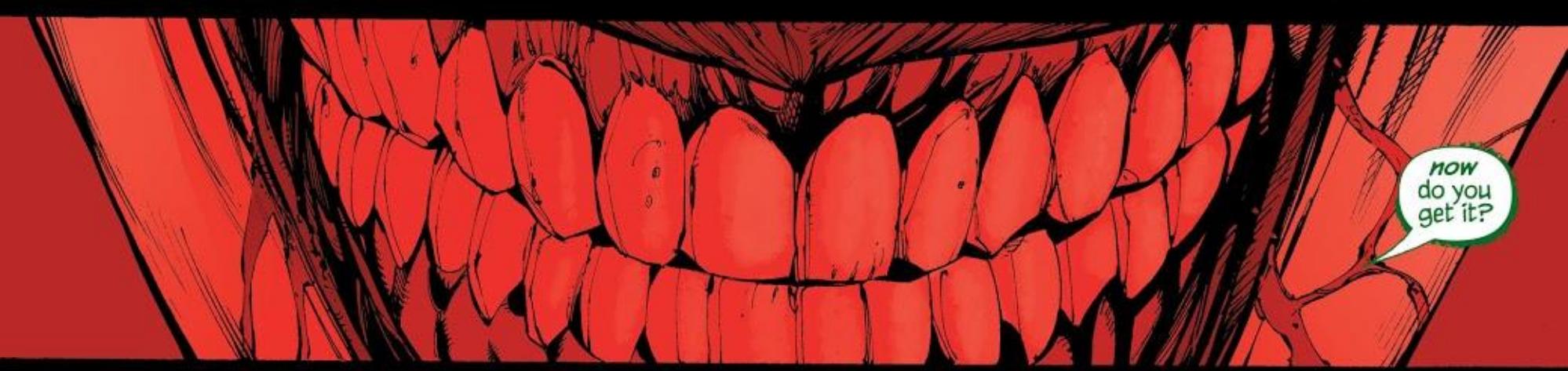
DON'T
LET ME DIE
LIKE THIS!
BRUCE,
MAKE THEM
STOP!

so you're smart enough to know the red and black petals are harmless on their own

it's only when they come together that the deadly neurotoxin is activated









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