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BATMAN

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FACE THE JOKER

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FUNNY, I ALWAYS THOUGHT CREEPS LIKE HIM AND RIDDLER AND WHOEVER ELSE, LIVED IN **STYLE**.

PENTHOUSES, MANSIONS. I DON'T KNOW, THEY **ALWAYS** GOT AWAY WITH JUST ENOUGH, I THOUGHT THEY'D MAKE **MONEY**... LIVE THE LIFE.

BUT **THIS**--
MY CRUMMY PAD HAS **MORE**
SQUARE FEET.
BETTER VIEW,
TOO.

CONGRATULATIONS.

SO **WHAT**
DO YOU MAKE
OF **THIS**,
BATMAN?

I'M GUESSING
THE BULLETS THAT
KILLED ARNOLD WESKER
ARE THE **SAME** DISTANCE
APART AS THOSE THAT
KILLED MAGPIE AND
KGBEAST.

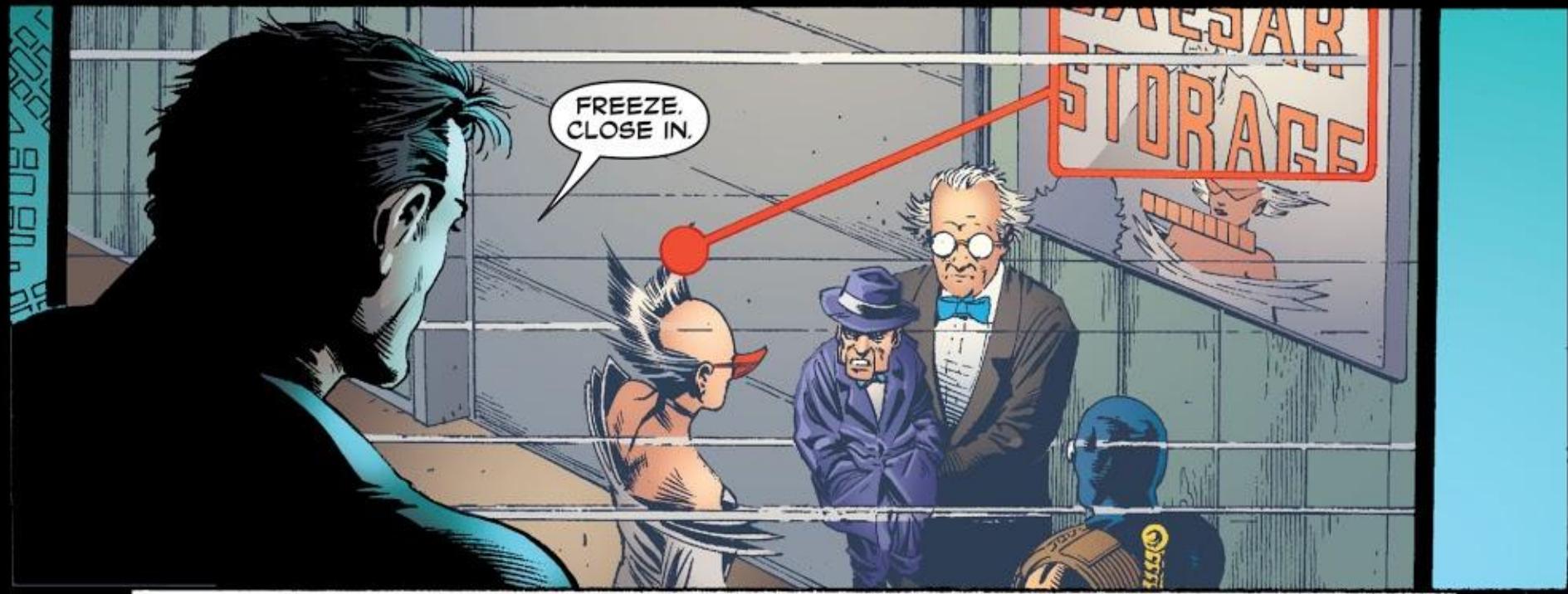
HE **FELL** WHEN
HE DIED, BUT THAT
FALL **WOULDN'T** HAVE
BROKEN SCARFACE,
YET LOOK...

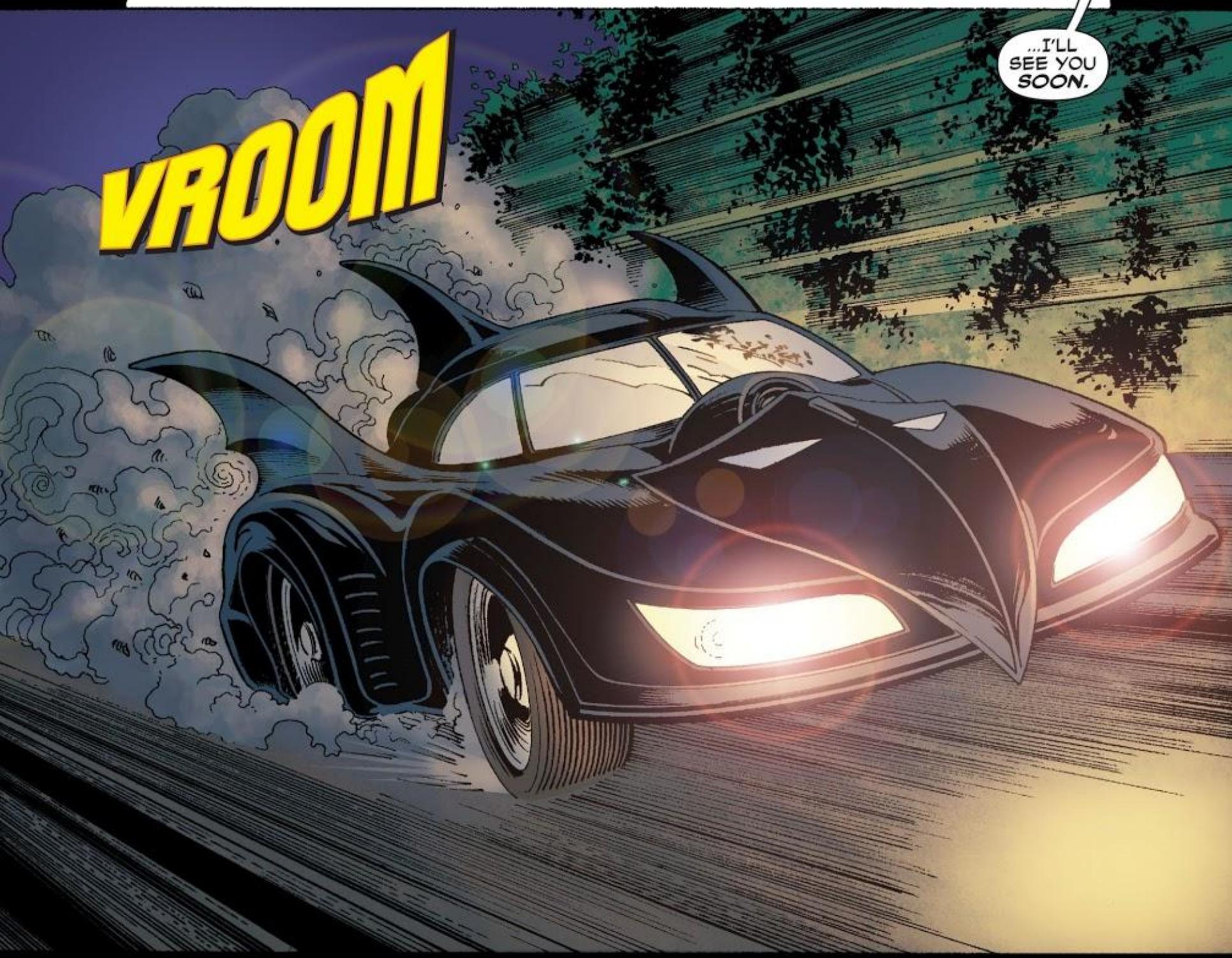
...SOMEONE
TOOK THE **TIME**
TO SMASH THE
DUMMY'S HEAD
IN.



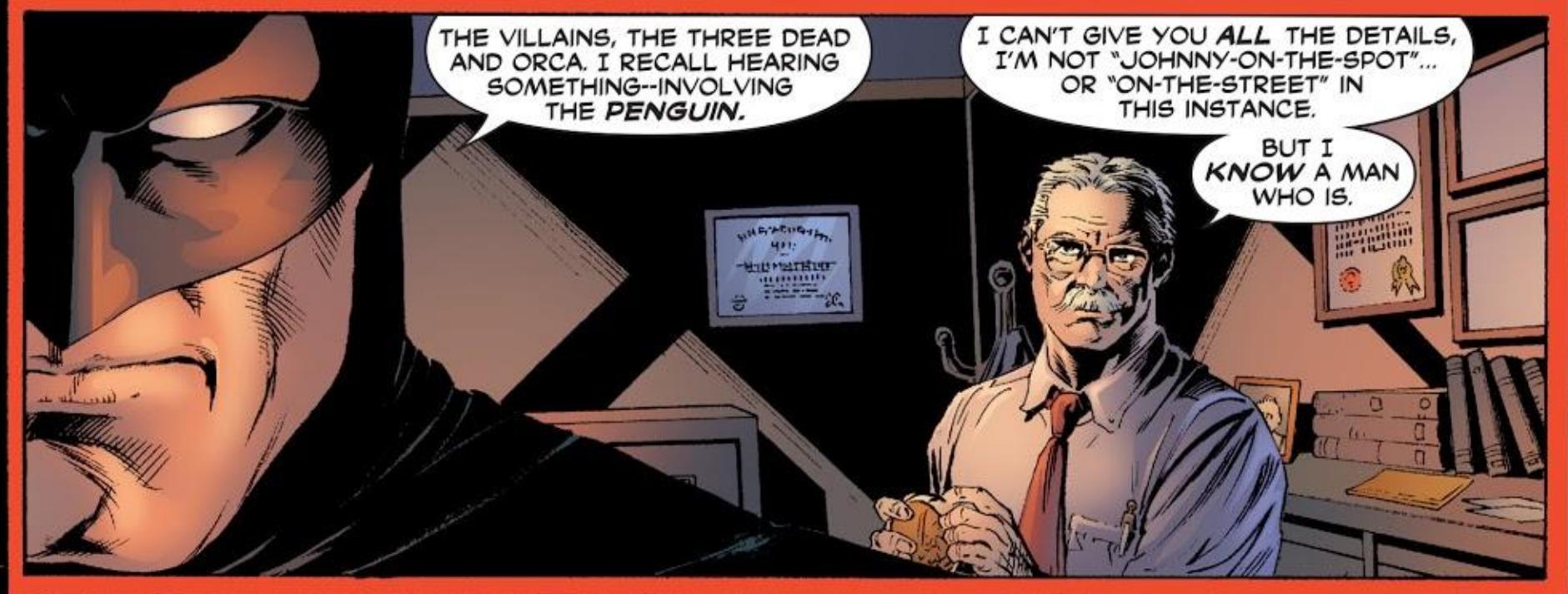








GOTHAM POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

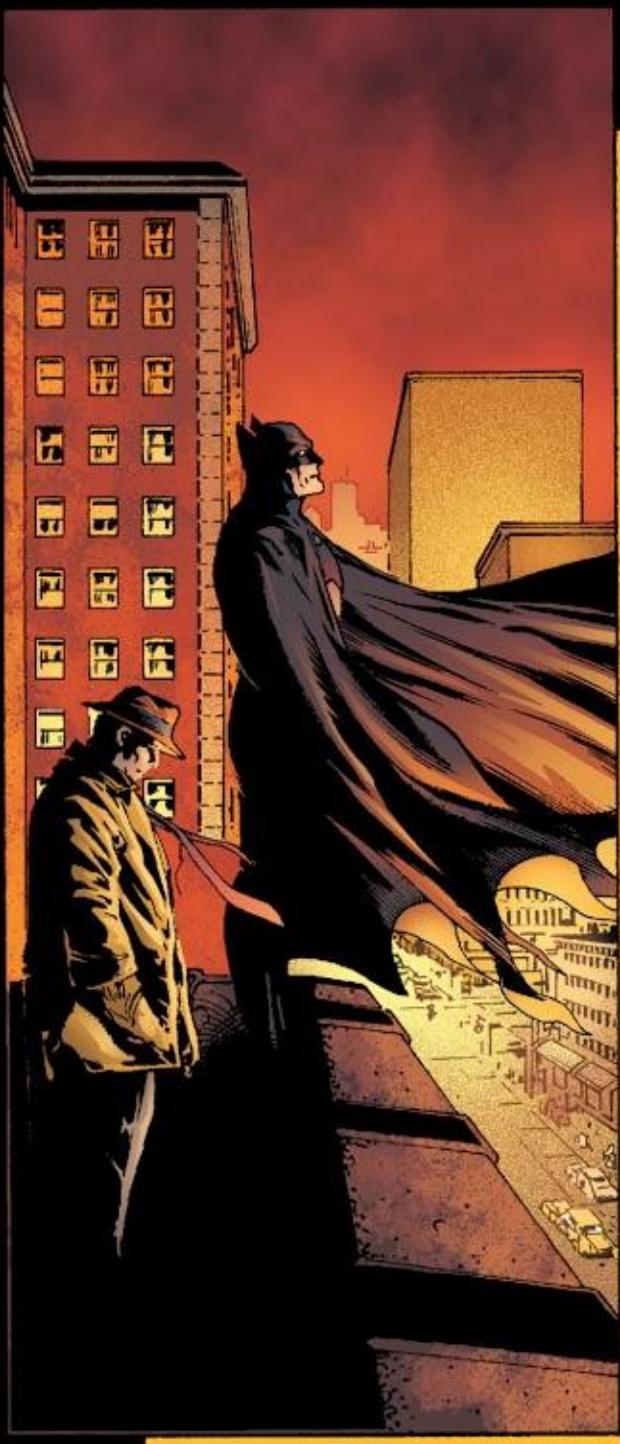




YOU WERE
A DIRTY COP. YOU
MAY STILL BE.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU DID. GORDON
SENSED **CORRUPTION** IN
GOTHAM AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.
HE SENT A THIEF TO CATCH ONE--
OR **MANY**--IN THE CASE OF
GOTHAM'S POLICE.





IT WAS MY *CHANCE*. I TOOK IT.
I WANTED TO GET *BACK* IN. I
WANTED TO MAKE THINGS
RIGHT.

BACK WHEN
I STARTED TAKING BRIBES...
IT WAS A MISTAKE. I'M NOT
THAT GUY. I'M...NOT *HOW*
I APPEAR.



YOU WERE GONE A *YEAR*.
WAS THAT A HOLIDAY? SUNNING
YOURSELF IN ST. TROPEZ,
WERE YOU?

DIDN'T...
HAVEN'T YOU
EVER MADE A
MISTAKE?

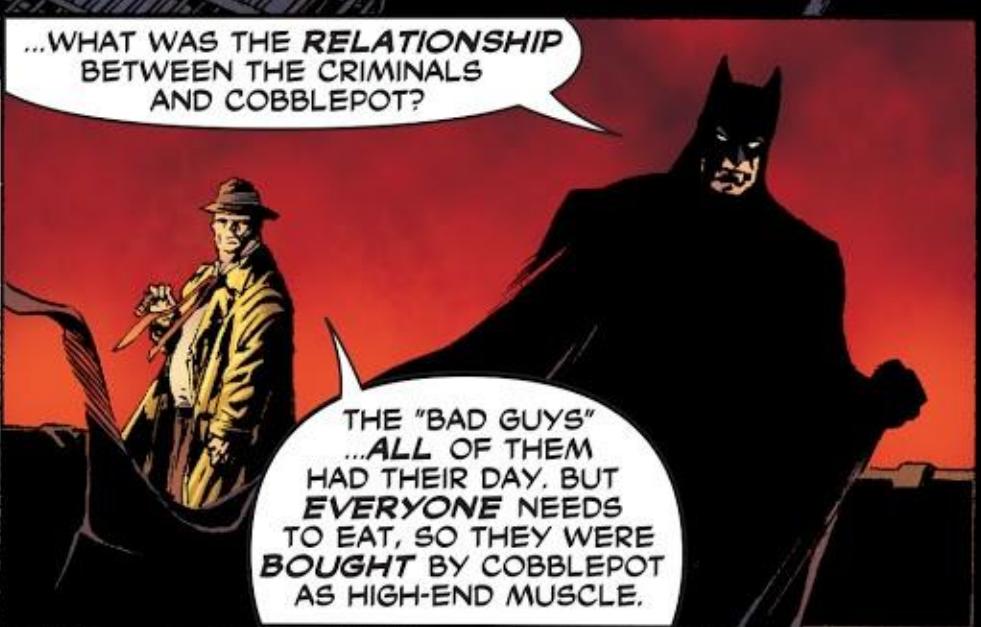
OR WERE
YOU OFF *FINDING*
YOURSELF?



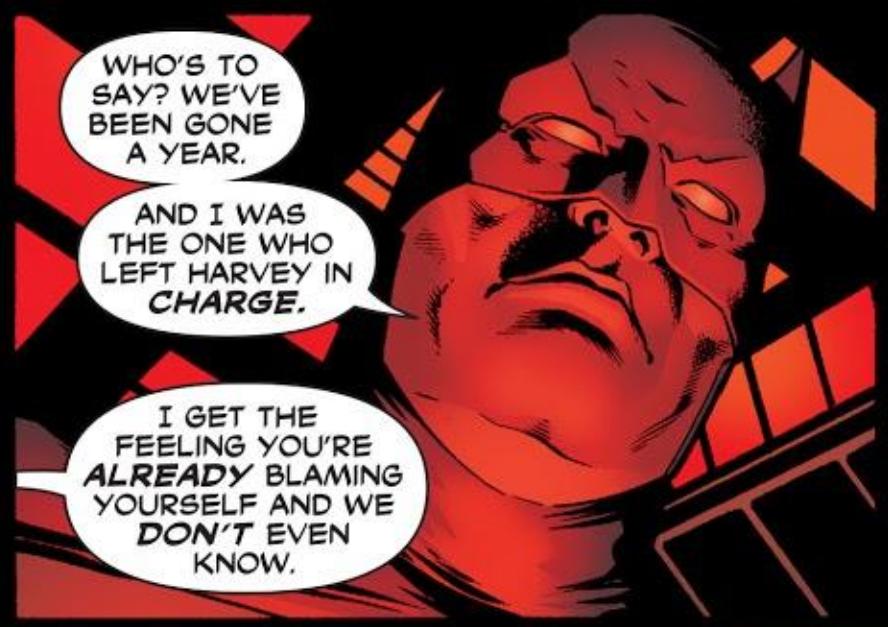
AND IF
SO, *WHY* DID
YOU NEED
TO?



THE
LEDGER
IS *ERASED*
BETWEEN
US.









I've gone through times DOUBTING the need for a--

--SIDEKICK.



Now I see. The brightness of him. I need to SEE that light more.



I need HOPE.

I fear for Tim.

Harvey.

Selina.

Dick.

Alfred.



And my city -- filled to capacity with EVERY conceivable variety of maniac.

BATMAN.

JIM?



WE JUST GOT A REPORT... KILLER MOTH.

ON THE WAY.

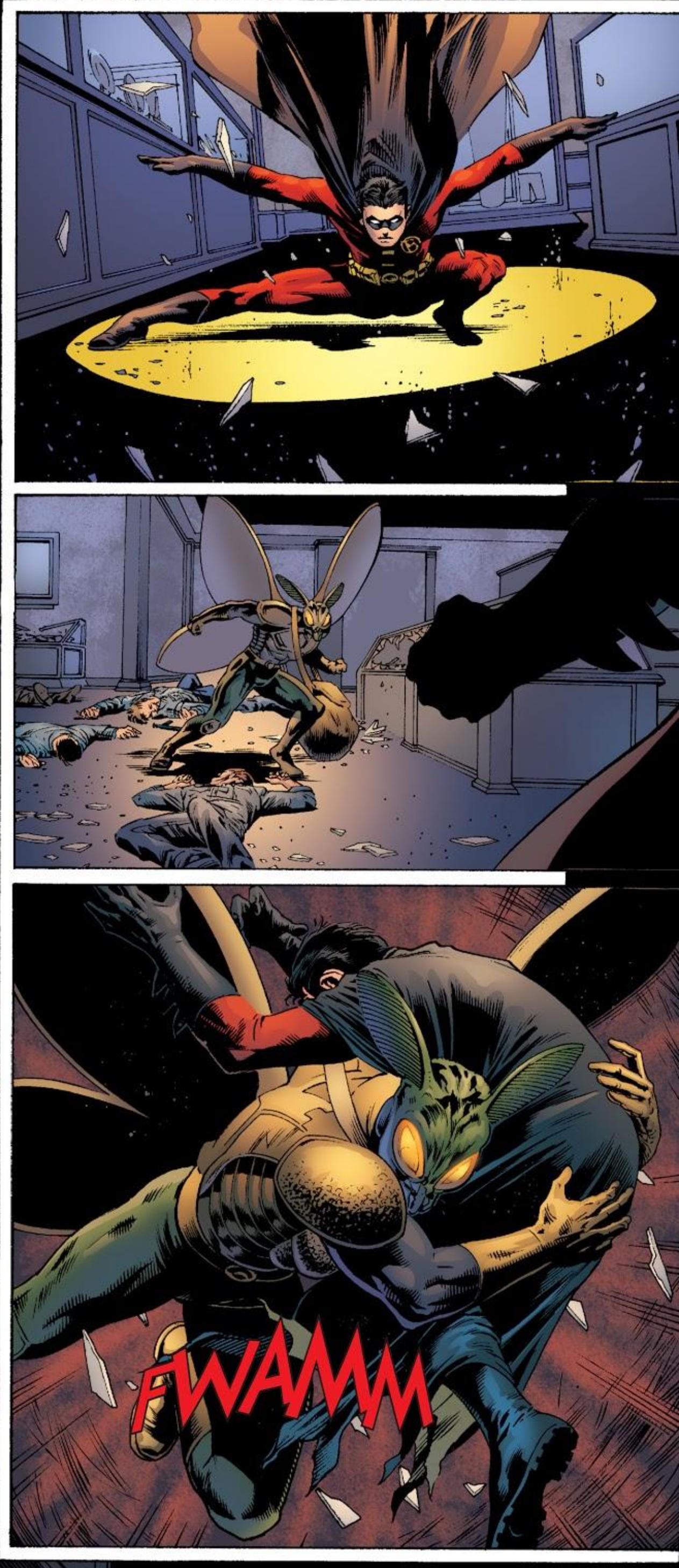
I WANT
HIM.

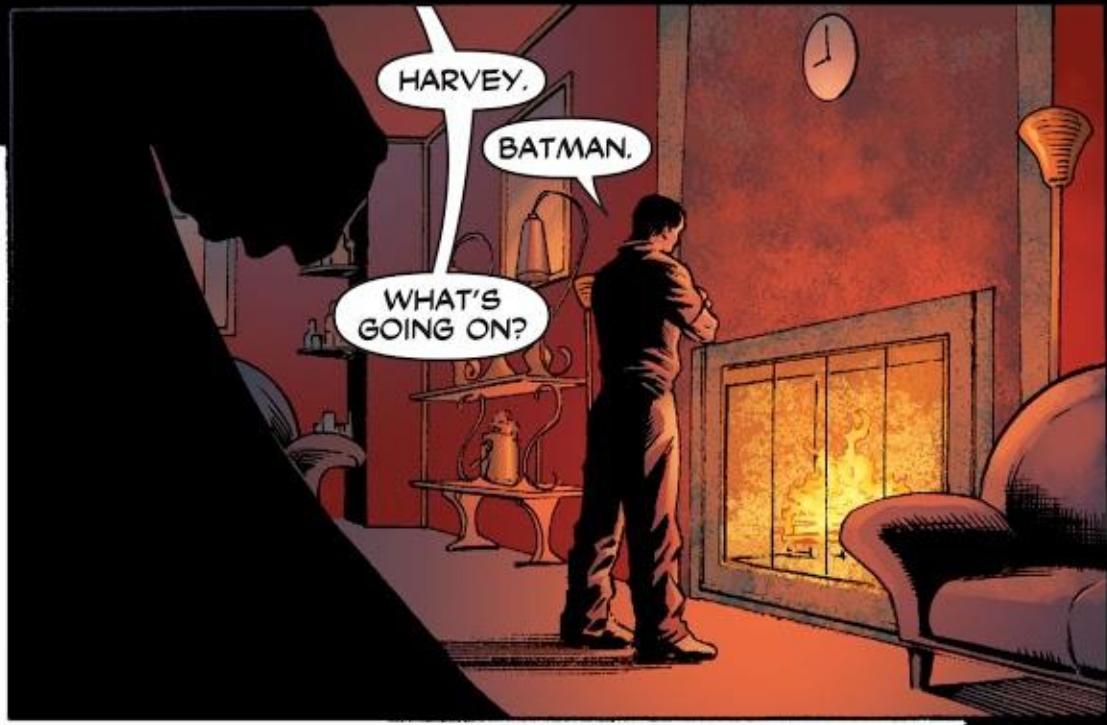
ARE YOU
SURE?

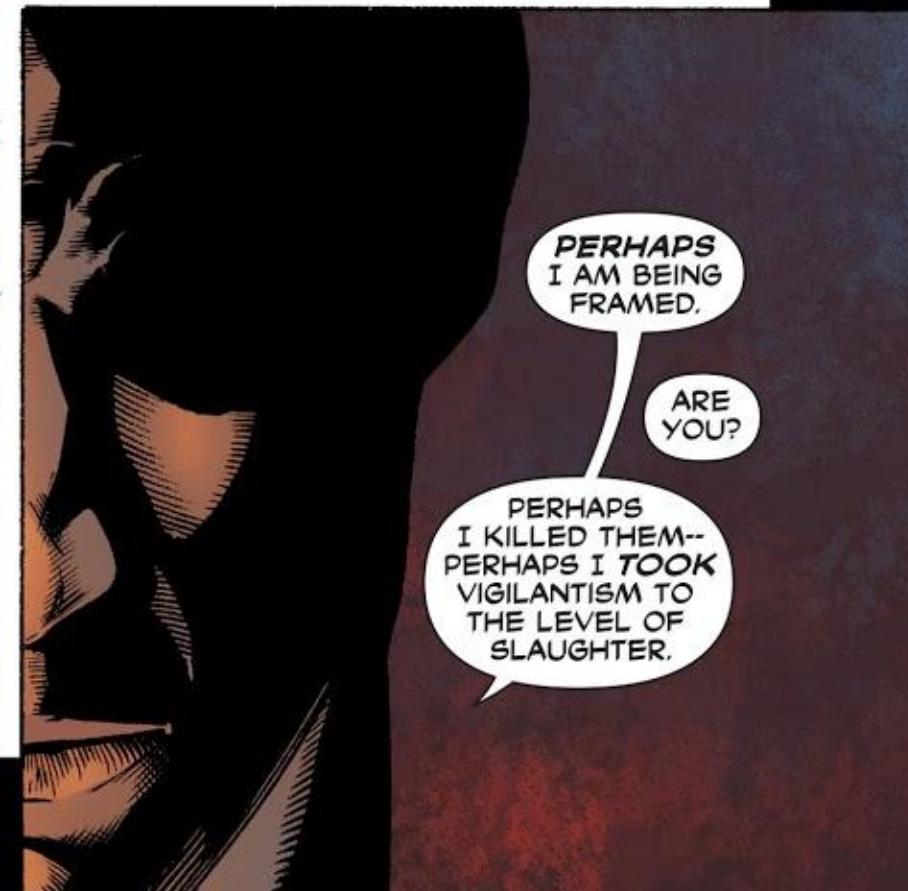
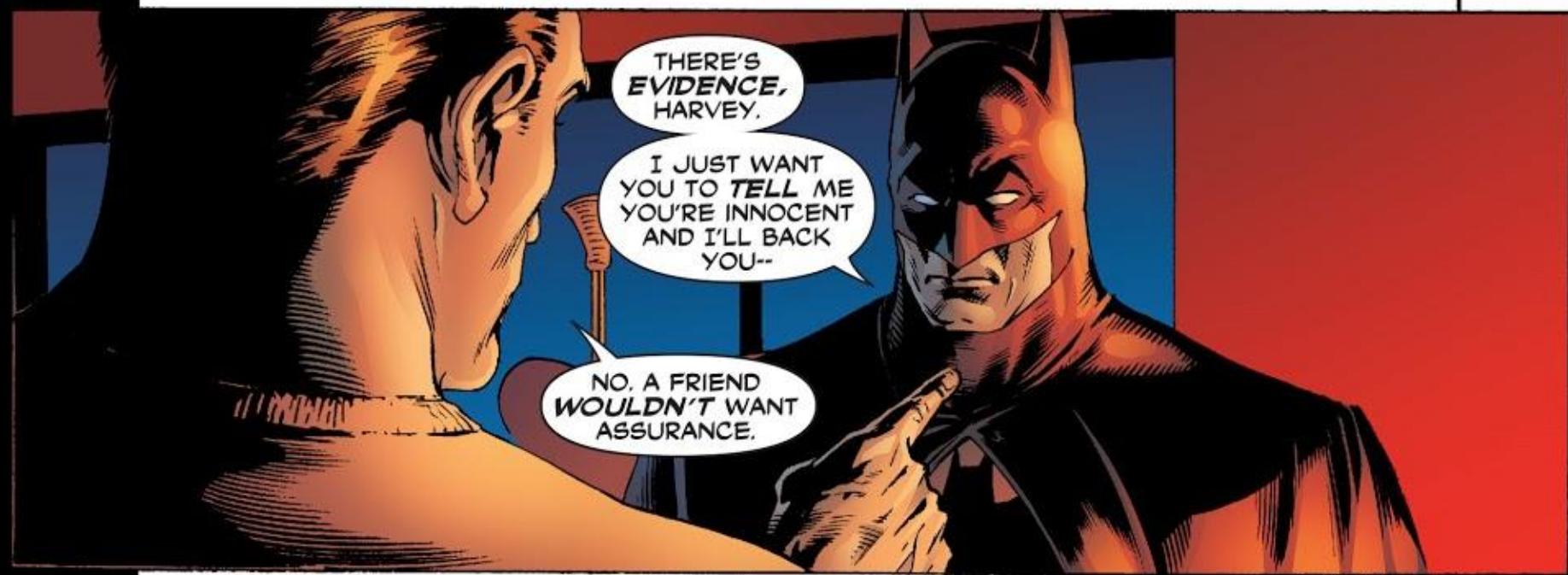
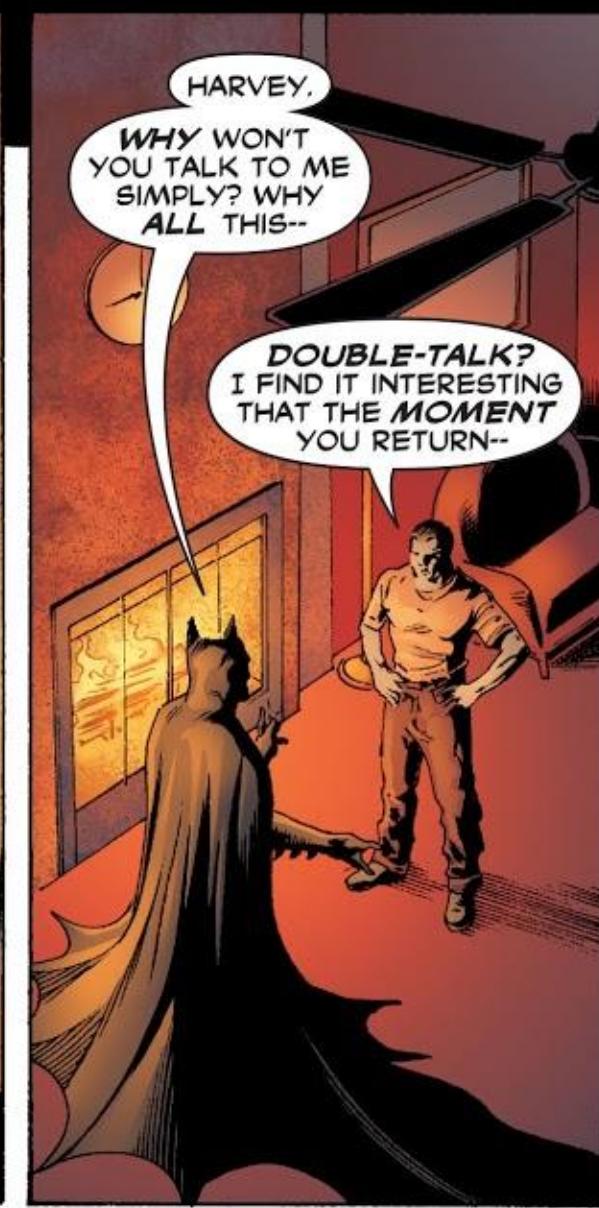
HE'S SMALL TIME AND
I'M A BIG BOY. 'SIDES,
SINCE WHEN DID YOU
CARE SO MUCH?

ALL RIGHT, BOY,
YOU WANT HIM, HE'S
YOURS.



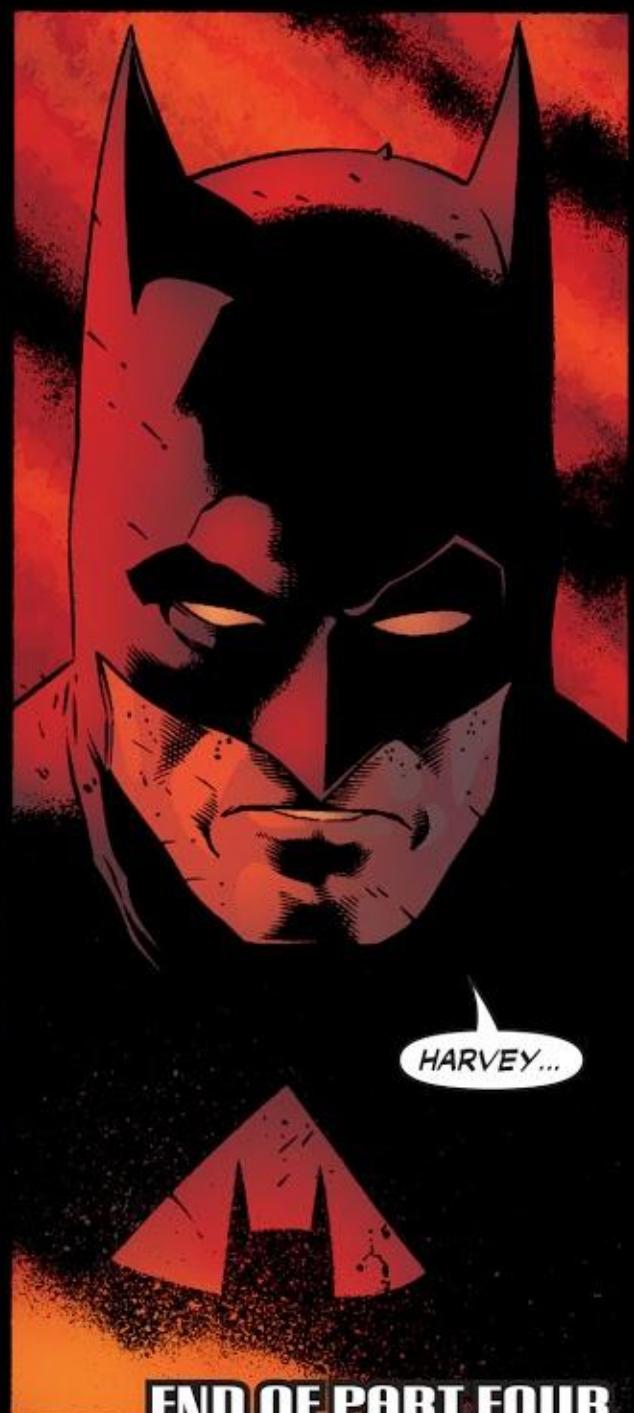
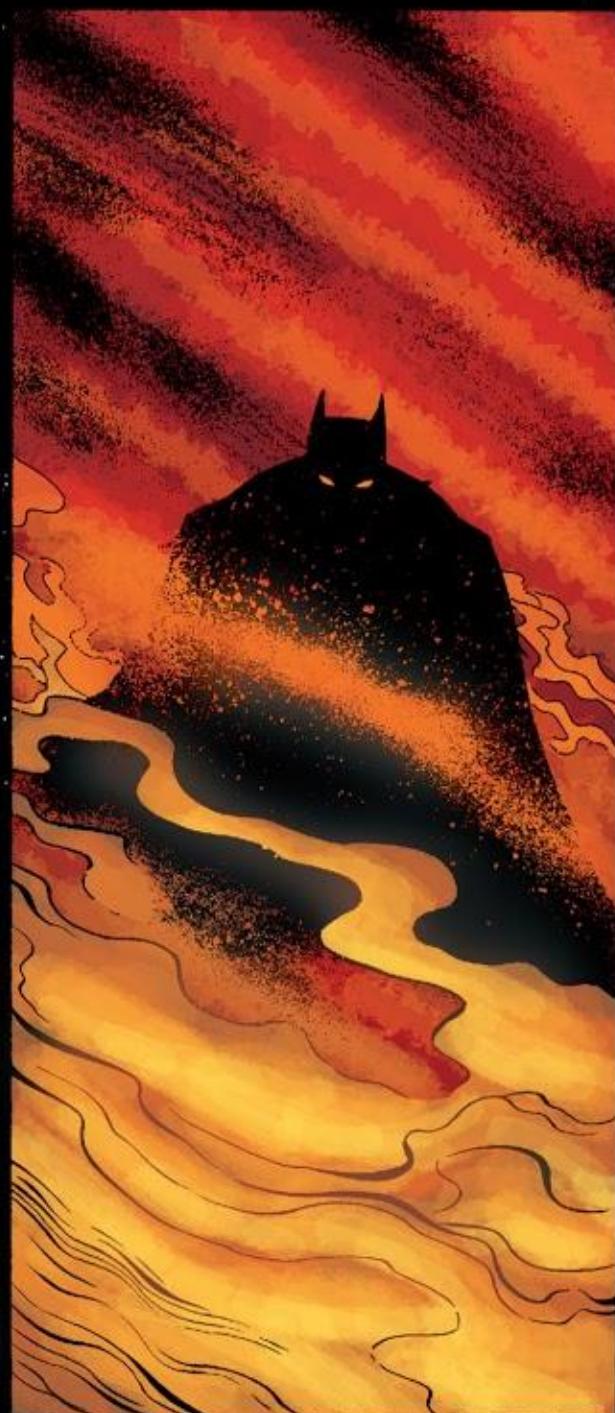












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