

THE JOKER WAR PART TWO

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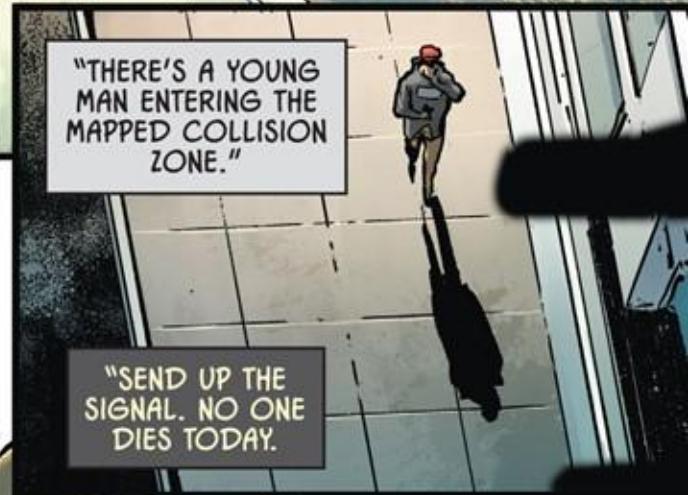


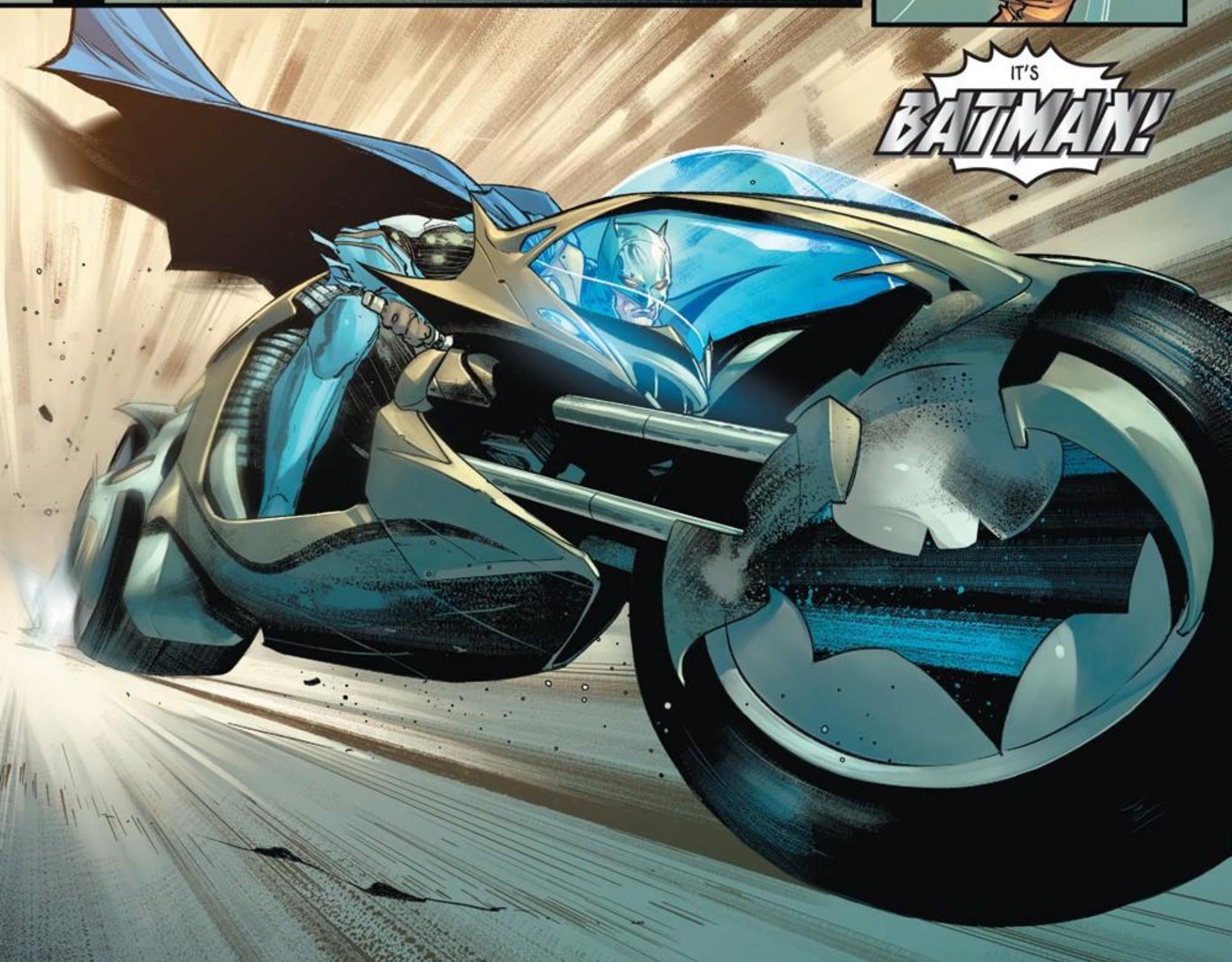
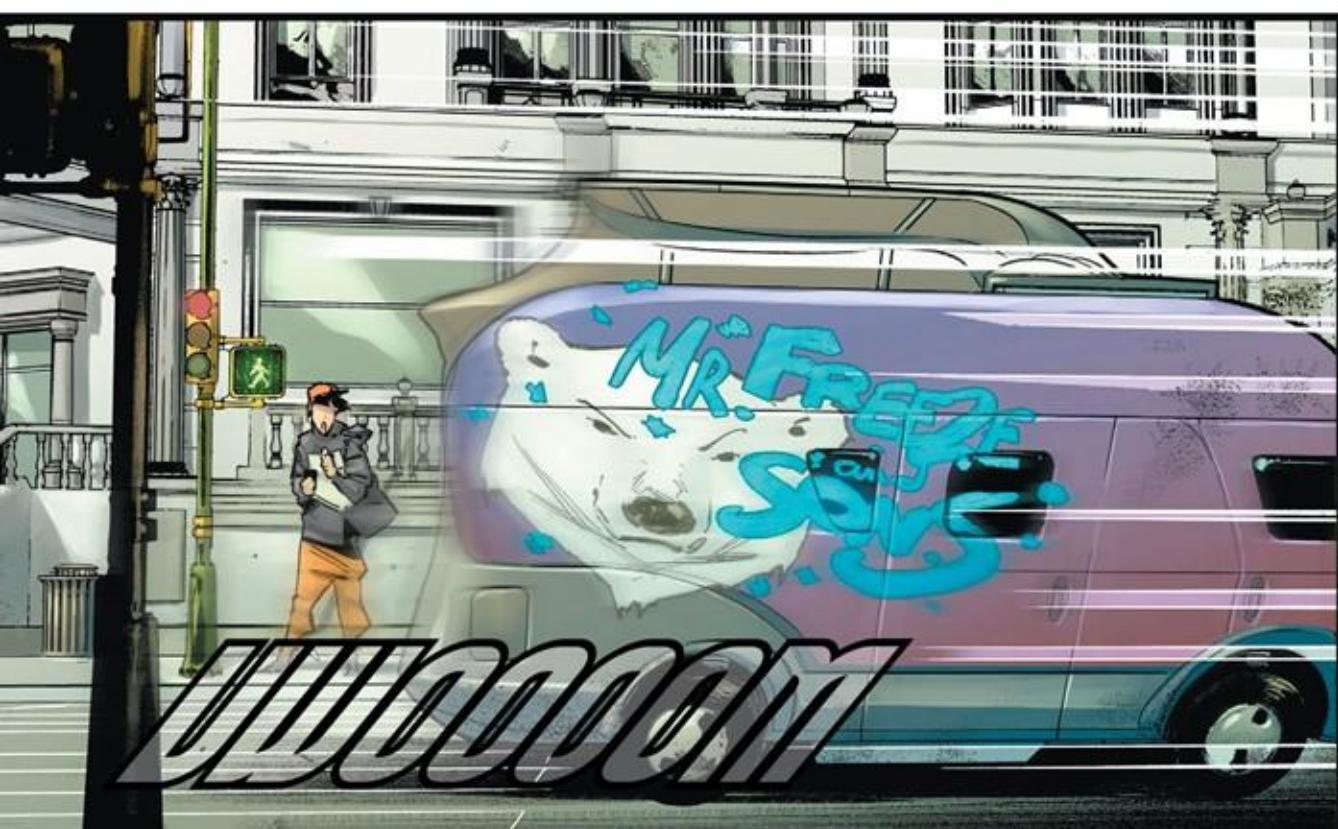
I ALWAYS
SAID YOU HAD THE
BEST TOYS!

A large, stylized speech bubble from a comic book. It contains the word "HA" repeated multiple times in various sizes and colors: green, black, and white. The bubble has a purple outline and is set against a background of red and orange geometric shapes.

GOTHAM CITY. YEARS FROM NOW.

"SIR. WE'VE LOCATED THE VEHICLE. OUR DRONES ARE MAPPING THE POTENTIAL ROUTES. NINETY PERCENT HAVE THEM TAKING ADAMS."





YOU CAN PUT UP THE
HEAT ALL YOU WANT,
BATMAN. MY SONS
AND I CANNOT
FEEL IT.

SHREEEE

MY HEIRS WERE Sired IN A DARKER, COLDER GOTHAM. WE REMEMBER THE ENDLESS NIGHTS, THE CRIME AND HORROR.

WE WILL TEAR DOWN THIS FALSE UTOPIA, AND REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING FAR MORE CHILLING.

DAD, AT WHAT TEMPERATURE DOES THE HUMAN BRAIN FREEZE? I WOULD LIKE TO RUN AN EXPERIMENT.

IT DOESN'T MATTER, SNO-CONE. DAD'S NEW GUNS' HOTTEST TEMPS ARE STILL SUBZERO. LET'S REMIND HIM WHAT FAMILY HE'S DEALING WITH.

CHILL OUT, BATS!

SIR.
ACTIVATING THE
HEAT ARRAY. THE
ICE DENSITY SHOULD
ALLOW AN ESCAPE
IN THREE,
TWO...



THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE HAD TO GO OUT ALL MONTH. THAT HAS TO BE A RECORD, MASTER BRUCE.

I NEED TO MEET WITH BARBARA TO DISCUSS HOW FRIES GOT ACCESS TO HIS OLD TECHNOLOGY. AND THOSE BOYS WHO CALL THEMSELVES HIS CHILDREN...

YOU HAD ME WORRIED A MOMENT THERE, SIR. THAT YOU AND MRS. WAYNE WOULDN'T BE GOING ON THAT TRIP TO TOKYO AFTER ALL.

SELINA WOULD KILL ME. AND ANYWAYS...THE CITY IS WELL IN HAND.

YOUR LITTLE GOTHAM.

IT'S NOT SO LITTLE WHEN YOU'RE RACING THROUGH AT ONE HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR.

ANY SURPRISES UP THERE, ALFRED?

YOUNG MASTER TIMOTHY BROUGHT CONNER WITH HIM TO DINNER. THEY HAVE A PROPOSAL OF THEIR OWN.

A VERY EXPENSIVE PROPOSAL, I'M SURE.

I'M STILL PAYING OFF THE LAST TITANS TOWER...

I CAN HEAR IN YOUR VOICE HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THE SOUND OF THESE WORDS AS THEY CROSS YOUR LIPS...

SNAP

BUT YOU
KNOW THEY'RE
ALL LIES.

YOUUU
DON'T GET A
HAPPY ENDING,
BRUCE...

YOU DIE
ALONE. WITH
NO FAMILY. WITH
NO LOVE.

AS THE
CITY FALLS
INTO HIS HANDS!
HAHAHAHAHA...

HAHA
HAHAHAHA
HAAH!

NO!

HAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA
NOOOO!
HAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA

GOTHAM.
NOW.

NO!

HEY!
YOU'RE **NOT**
DEAD! THAT'S
GOOD!

I WAS
BETTING
WITH MYSELF
THAT YOU WERE
PROBABLY
DEAD.

HARLEY?

CATWOMAN...
SAID YOU WERE
HURT...

OH, I GOT
HURT A **BUNCH**.
BUT I KNOW PEOPLE.
KNIFELINE OR WHATEVER
HER NAME IS TRIED TO
SHUT ME UP, BUT THIS
MOUTH DON'T
SHUT EASY.

A LITTLE
FRANKENSTEIN,
I KNOW.
I FIGURE
I SHOULD LEAN
IN. MAYBE MAKE IT
A WHOLE HALLOWEEN
THING. PAINT MYSELF
GREEN.

WHERE IS THE
CAT LADY ANY
WAYS?

HOW LONG
HAVE I BEEN
OUT...?

THREE DAYS
SINCE I FOUND
YOU. SINCE THEY
SAID YOU BLEW UP
PART OF WAYNE
ENTERPRISES.

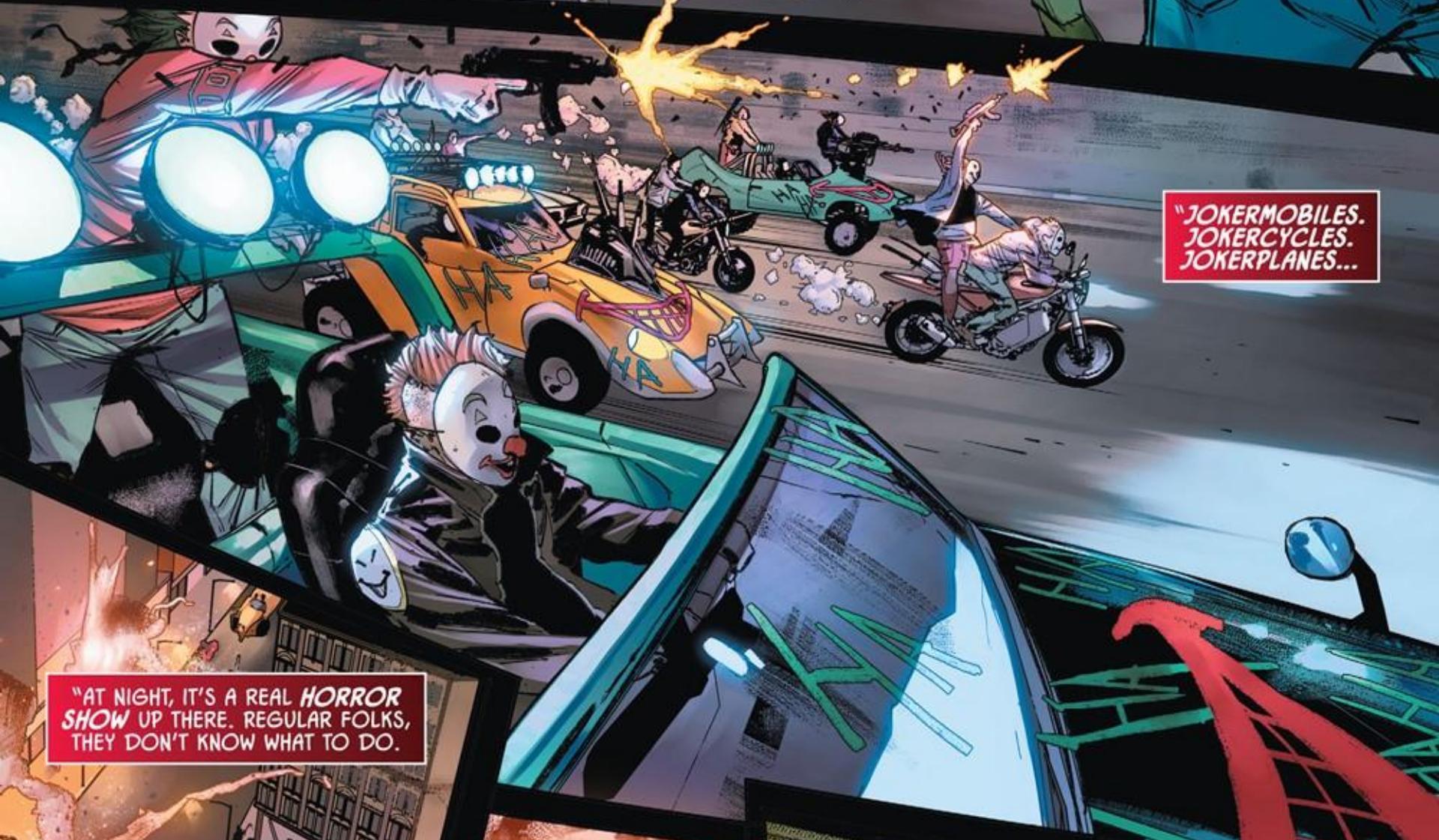
FOLKS ARE
PRETTY MAD ABOUT
IT. BUT WE KNOW WHO'S
REALLY CALLIN' THE
SHOTS UP THERE NOW.

"GOTHAM CITY IS JOKER'S TOWN NOW. HE MAKES THE RULES. WHAT HE SAYS, IT'S THE TRUTH. IT'S THE TRUTH CUZ HE'S GOT THE MONEY TO MAKE IT TRUE."

"ALL THE OTHER GANGS IN THE CITY HAVE JOINED UP, BECAUSE JOKER'S PAYING THEM GONZO BUCKS. AND HE'S GIVING THEM ALL SORTS OF TOYS."



"JOKERMOBILES.
JOKERCYCLES.
JOKERPLANES..."



"AT NIGHT, IT'S A REAL HORROR SHOW UP THERE. REGULAR FOLKS, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO."



"THEY'RE TAKING THINGS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, BECAUSE THE COPS AND THE CAPES? THEY'RE NOT DOING SQUAT."



SPLURCH









THE
MONARCH...

"NO..."



AW,
JEEZ...

NO...



MOM?
DAD?











I'M GOING
TO NEED TO GET
UNDER HIS SKIN IF
I'M GOING TO
SURVIVE ALL
OF THIS...









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NEXT: BLIND AS A BAT!