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SANCTUARY: PART TWO

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CASUALTIES
OF WAR!



McDANIEL

GOTHAM
CITY
HARBOR...

SO, DO
YOU THINK YOU
CAN DO IT?

DUNNO, THE WORKMANSHIP
ON THESE IS NICE, REAL
NICE... ALMOST HATE TO
TOUCH 'EM. I DON'T
WANNA MESS 'EM
UP...

BUT I
CAN TAKE
A POP, I
GUESS.

I'VE BEEN TOLD YOU ARE
ADEPT WITH ELECTRONICS
AND GADGETRY, CAPTAIN
COOKE, BUT THESE ARE
HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED
EYE GEAR, NOT BURGLARY
DEVICES OR EXPLOSIVES...

...SO I EXPECT MORE
THAN A POP. EITHER YOU
CAN FIX THEM, OR YOU
CAN'T.

CAP'N
COOKE WAS
MY GRANDFATHER,
OKAY? I'M JUST
REX...

...AND I THINK I CAN FIX THEM, I
JUST NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE
THIS BEFORE, PART CAMERA LENS,
PART SCIENCE-FICTION...

BUT I SHOULD BE ABLE
TO GET THEM WORKING
PASSABLY, AT LEAST.

THERE'S AN EXTRA
THOUSAND IN IT FOR YOU IF
I GET IT WITHIN 24 HOURS...

MAKE IT TWO
GRAND AND I
CAN HAVE THEM
TO YOU BY
MIDNIGHT.

FINE, THE SOONER
THE BETTER, JUST
DON'T DAMAGE THEM
ANY MORE THAN THEY
ALREADY ARE, REX
COOKE, OR
YOU'LL BE
THE ONE
GETTING
A POP.

RELAX,
ZEISS, YOU'RE
IN GOOD
HANDS...

WE'LL
SEE.

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-- JUST DON'T THINK
THIS'S THE KINDA THING
OUR TAX DOLLARS
SHOULD BE PAYIN'
FOR, Y'KNOW?

SINCE
WHEN'RE
YOU PAYING
TAXES?



OKAY, WELL THEN, IN THEORY
WE SHOULDN'T BE PAYIN'
FER THIS GARBAGE...

... I MEAN, THE F.B.I.,
THE NATIONAL GUARD, THE
RED CROSS AND WHO
KNOWS WHO ELSE'RE
SPENDING A LOT OF
MONEY, Y'KNOW? AND
WHERE DO YOU THINK
THEY'RE GETTIN' IT?

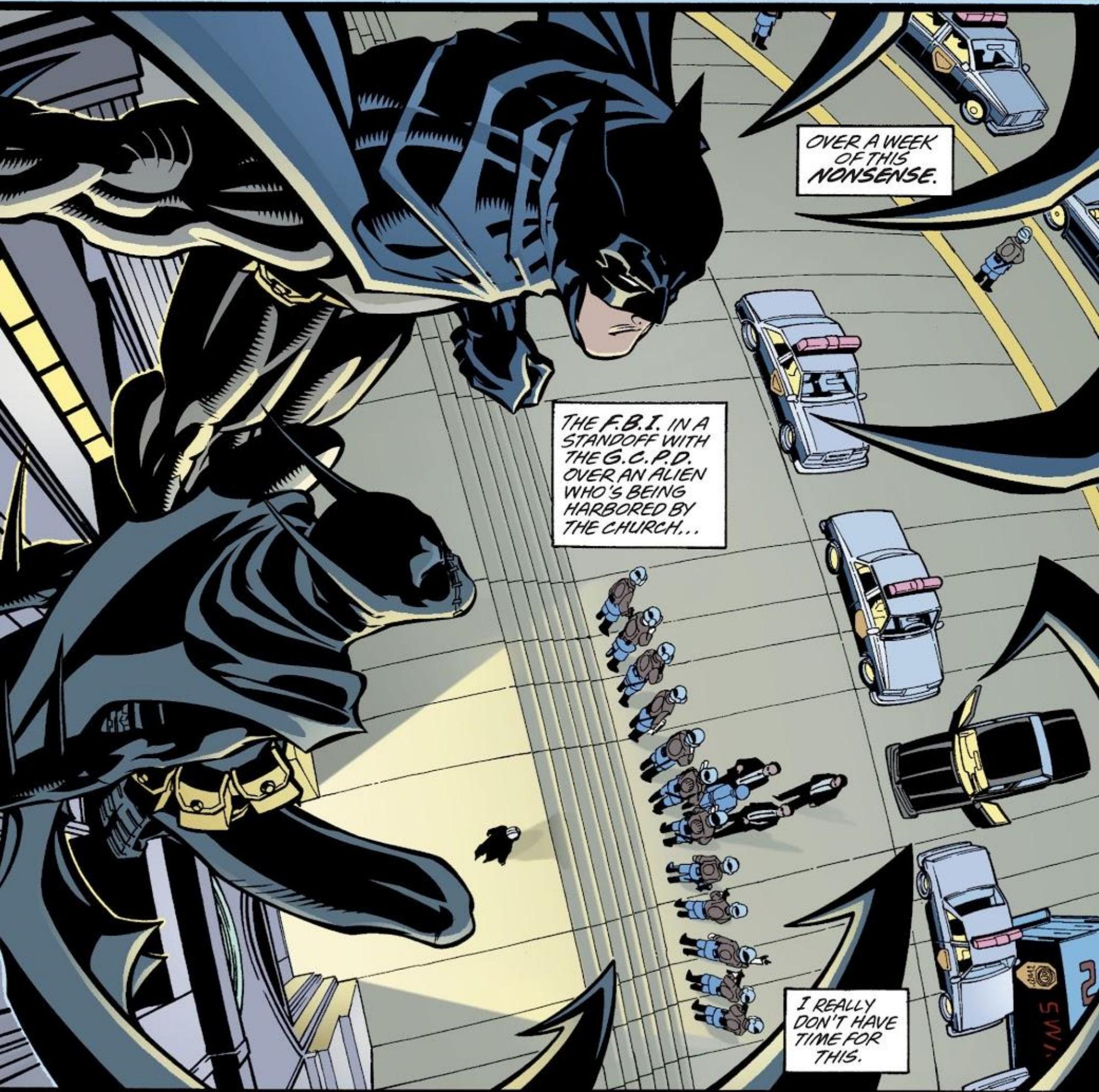
I SAY LET 'EM TAKE
CARE OF THEIR OWN
PROBLEMS, Y'KNOW?

PHILLY, THE WHOLE
DAMN STATE
GOT BLOWN UP.
JEEZ... NOW
SHUT YER YAP,
OKAY...?

-- MORE FROM THE
DESTRUCTION IN
KANSAS AS NATIONAL
FRONTLINE
CONTINUES...



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I WOULDN'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AT ALL, EXCEPT THE F.B.I. IS BEING COVERTLY RUN BY THE D.E.O. RIGHT NOW...

...AND THEY'VE BEEN PULLING SOME FAIRLY UNDERHANDED MANEUVERS IN GOTHAM OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

LISTEN UP, FATHER NICK! THIS HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH... LET US IN NOW OR--

BACK OFF, KRIGSTEEN! LET'S HEAR WHAT THE MAN HAS TO SAY.

YES, WELL... I'VE SPOKEN WITH MY SUPERIORS, AND I'M AFRAID WE'RE GOING TO STAND ON OUR CURRENT POSITION...

THE CHURCH'S POLICY IS TO GRANT ASYLUM TO THOSE IN NEED... AND THAT'S WHAT WE'LL CONTINUE DOING...

OF COURSE, ANY ORGANIZATION RUN BY LEX LUTHOR ISN'T GOING TO INDUCE MUCH TRUST IN ME...

...REGARDLESS OF THEIR MOTIVES.

DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT THIS... THING... PUT TWO MEN INTO COMAS FROM WHICH THEY MAY NEVER WAKE UP?

IF YOUR MAYOR WASN'T PLAYING POLITICS ON THIS ONE, WE'D HAVE THIS SITUATION WELL IN HAND BY NOW...

YOU LOUSY CREEPS'VE BEEN STRUTTIN' AROUND GOTHAM LIKE YOU OWN THE PLACE. 'BOUT TIME THE MAYOR PUT HIS FOOT DOWN...



IT'S TRUE, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THE GOVERNMENT IS COVERING UP RIGHT NOW.

STILL, I CAN'T WASTE MUCH PERSONAL TIME ON THIS... THERE ARE TOO MANY OTHER THINGS ON MY MIND LATELY...

ANGELO BERETTI, THE MAN WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT LEW MOXON'S GRUDGE AGAINST MY FATHER, HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR WEEKS.

SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SETTLE THIS NAGGING DOUBT...

WHAT CONNECTION DID MY FATHER HAVE TO MOXON AND THE MOB? WHAT COULD HE HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS TO TELL THE POLICE?

EVER SINCE THE MOXONS RETURNED TO GOTHAM, I'VE BEEN HAUNTED BY STRAY MEMORIES OF MY PARENTS AND MY LIFE BEFORE THEIR DEATH, AND THIS IS YET ANOTHER...

BUT IT'S LOST BEYOND A WALL I BUILT A LONG TIME AGO.

...AND I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TRACK DOWN ZEISS.

MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL, I'M SURE HE'LL COME TO ME...



SO YOU'RE THIS ZEISS GUY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT, HUH?

I AM PHILO ZEISS... WHETHER PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT ME OR NOT ISN'T MY CONCERN.

OH, THEY ARE, MAN, BELIEVE ME... HEARD YOU WENT UP AGAINST THE BATMAN HIMSELF, WHICH IS HOW YOU GOT THE GOGGLES WRECKED...

REALLY? AND HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT?

OH, YOU KNOW, WORD GETS AROUND... IN FACT, I HEAR HE'S BEEN CRACKIN' HEADS ALL OVER TOWN TRYIN' TO FIND YOU.

THE SHUTTER SPEED WILL HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED, BUT THEY APPEAR TO BE FUNCTIONING.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

ME? I'M PETE, WHY?

HEY, DO THEY WORK? REX SAID HE FIXED 'EM AS GOOD AS HE COULD.

SO I WOULD IMAGINE...



UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, PETE, INFORMATION IS A COMMODITY YOU TRADE IN... AM I RIGHT?

OH, WELL, YOU KNOW, I KEEP MY FINGER ON THE PULSE A LITTLE.

WHY? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW?

YES, THERE IS, PETE... THERE'S SOME THINGS I NEED TO DO STILL, AND UNTIL I DO THEM...

...I NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU'LL KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.

WHAT--?
UH--

KRNCH

TELL ME
THIS ISN'T ABOUT
THE ALIEN,
PLEASE.

I WISH I COULD...
NO, I'M AFRAID THINGS
JUST GOT EVEN MORE
COMPLICATED.

IN
WHAT
WAY?

THE G.C.P.D. HAS
BEEN KEEPING A ROUND-
THE-CLOCK PERIMETER AT
THE CATHEDRAL, PENDING
THE CHURCH'S APPEAL TO
THE STATE SUPREME
COURT...

AND AS YOU KNOW,
MAYOR DICKERSON HAD
BEEN GIVING HIS SUPPORT
TO OUR OPERATION...
TRYING TO LOOK LIKE A
SUPPORTER OF RELIGIOUS
RIGHTS, I GUESS.

HAD BEEN?
WHAT
HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW, SOME KIND OF
POLITICAL PAYOFF, I'M SURE...
MY MEN WERE ORDERED TO
STAND DOWN ABOUT TWENTY
MINUTES AGO.

SOMETHING'S
GOING DOWN THERE
SOON, AND--

HOLD ON,
I'M GETTING
SOMETHING.

WHAT?
WHAT
IS IT?

YOU WERE
RIGHT... SOMETHING'S
GOING DOWN.

TEAM
ONE IN
POSITION,
AWAITING
GO.

OKAY,
ON THREE...
TWO...

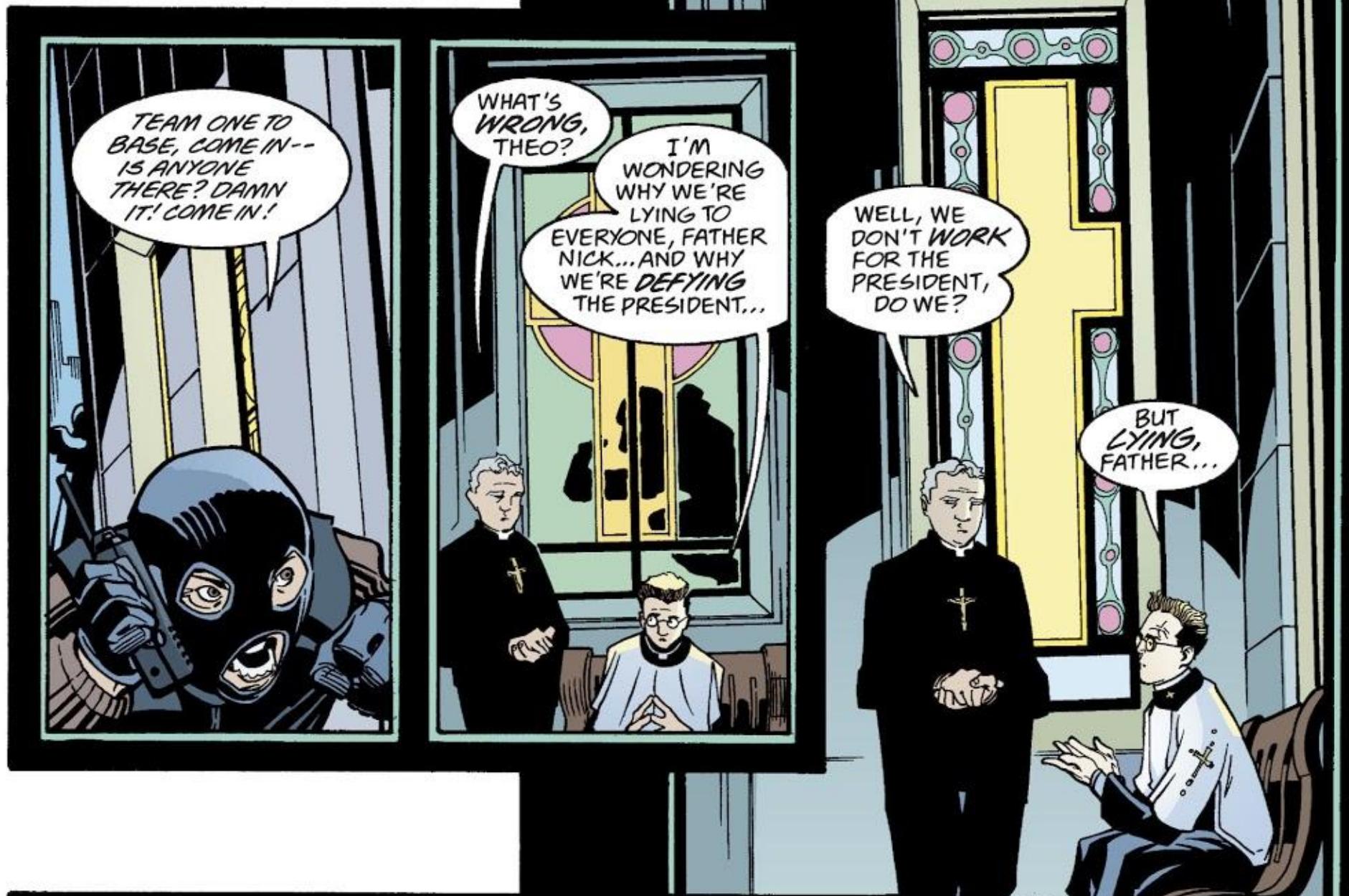
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MOVE BEFORE
I GET THERE,
TAKE THEM.

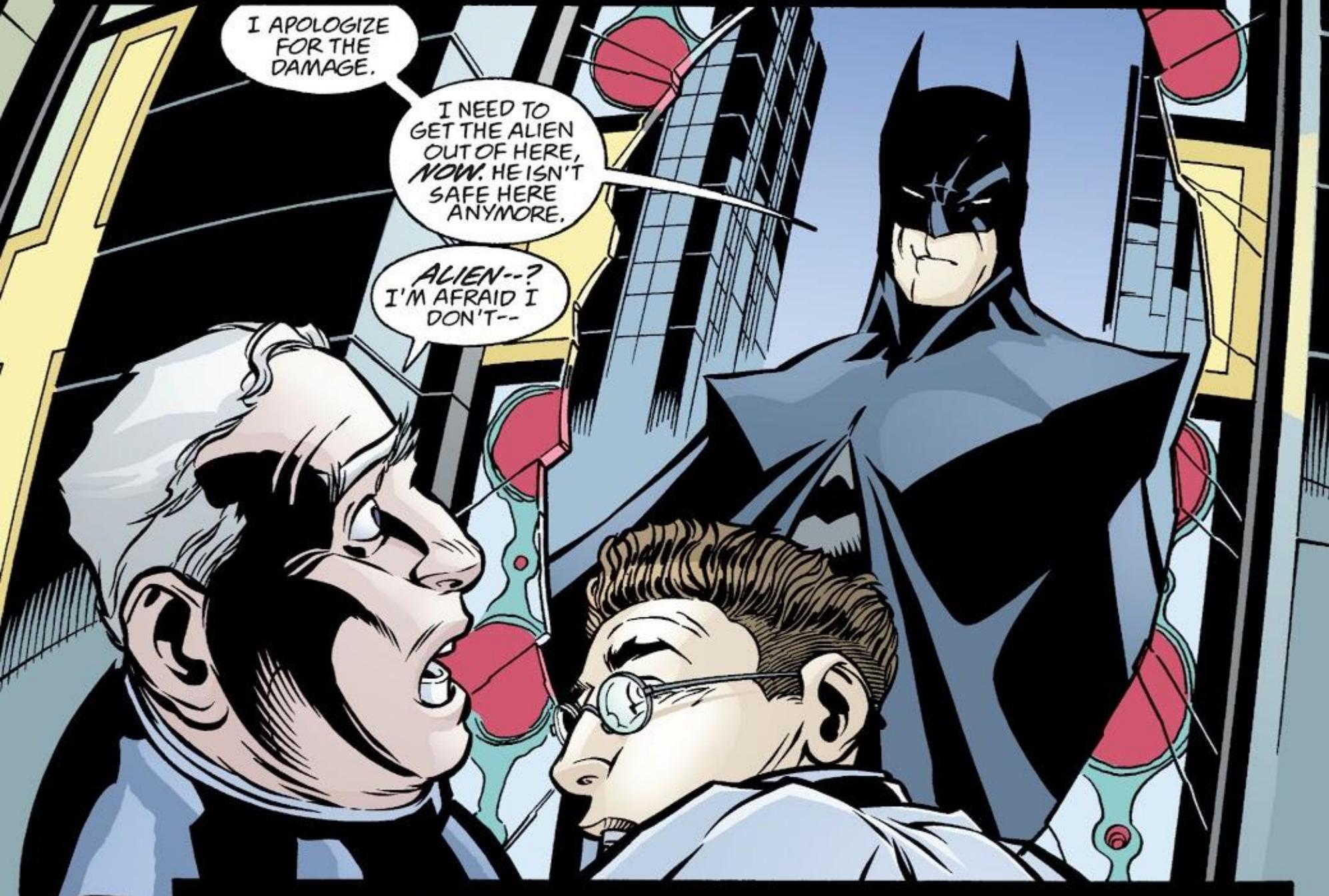
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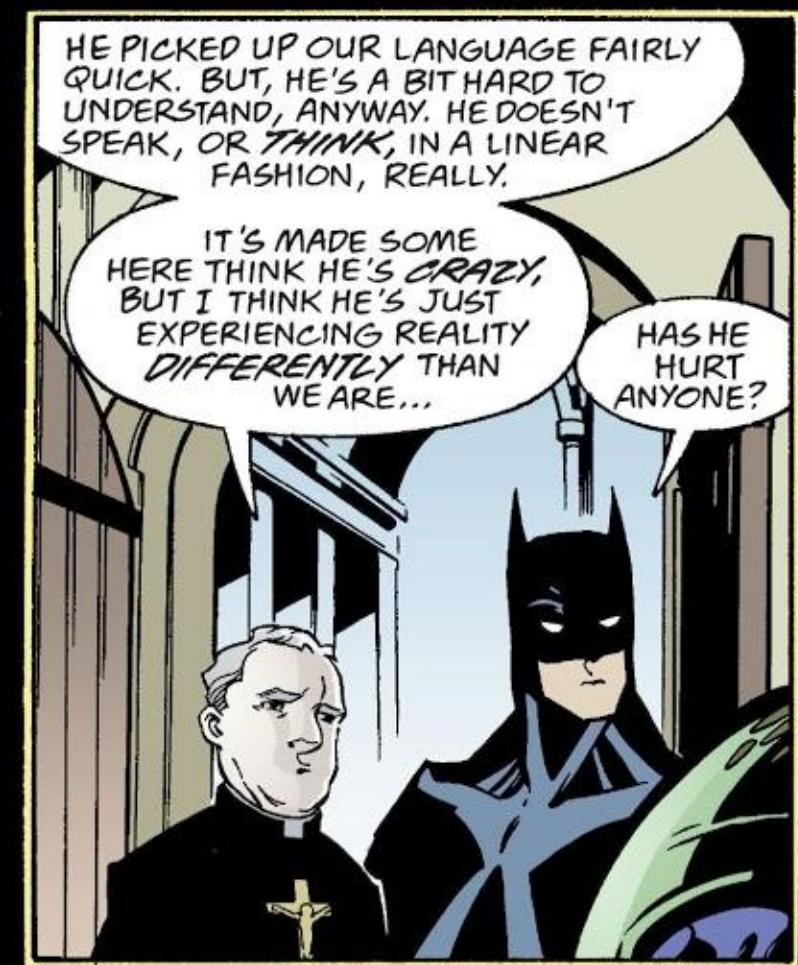
WHAT
THE
HELL?

WHO--











"BECAUSE
THAT IS WHAT
HAPPENS,,
ALWAYS."

YOU CAN
SEE THE
FUTURE?
IS THAT IT?

IN SOME
WAYS, YES.

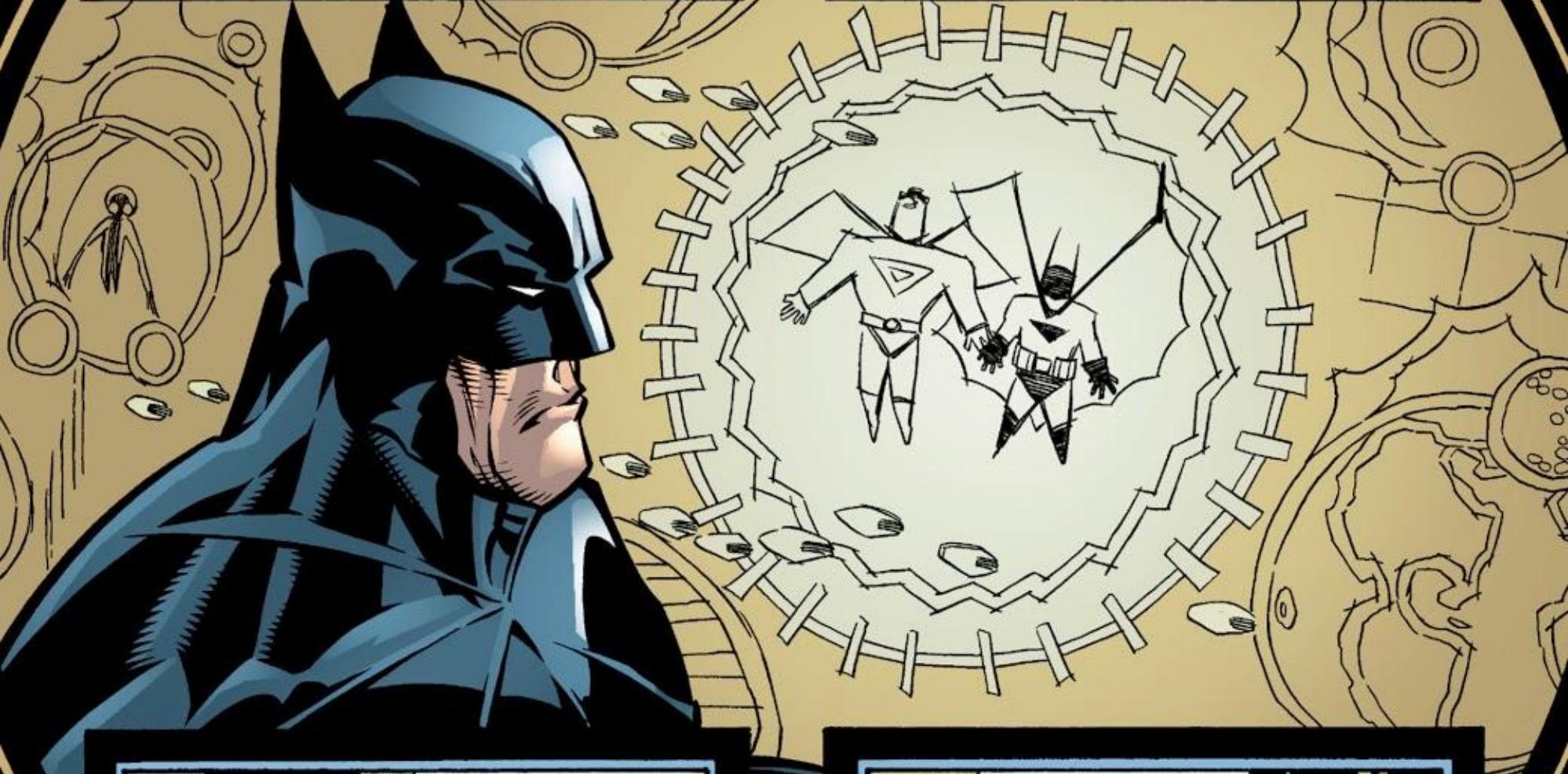
THEN, I
DON'T
UNDERSTAND...
WHY DID YOU
COME HERE IF
YOU KNEW
YOU'D
DIE?

BUT IF YOU
KNEW AHEAD
OF TIME YOU
COULD'VE--

YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND HOW
TIME WORKS. CAN'T
FIGHT FATE... MY
PEOPLE ARE ALL
DEAD.

CAN'T
SURVIVE
ALONE.

I KNOW
HOW TO CURE
THEM.



LATER THAT NIGHT, A SMALL DELEGATION FROM THE JLA TAKE THE ALIEN'S CORPSE AWAY.

BUT HIS WORDS, HIS THOUGHTS... STAY WITH ME MORE THAN I'D LIKE THEM TO...

YOU CAN'T FIGHT FATE, AND YOU CAN'T SURVIVE ALONE...

NO, I SWEAR, DOC, I FEEL FINE...

I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE A DEFINITION OF WHO I AM...

...A PERSON WHO'S TRYING TO DO BOTH.

WHY, BRUCE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OH, I HAD SOME BUSINESS IN THE AREA, AND I HEARD THEY WERE FINALLY LETTING YOUR FATHER OUT, SO I THOUGHT I'D COME BY AND SAY CONGRATULATIONS.

OH, YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO, BUT THANKS...





EVERYTHING COMES FULL CIRCLE, WITH CRUEL IRONY. I'VE BEEN WAITING TO QUESTION BERETTI AS BATMAN, AND HERE HE IS BRINGING MY FATHER UP TO BRUCE WAYNE...

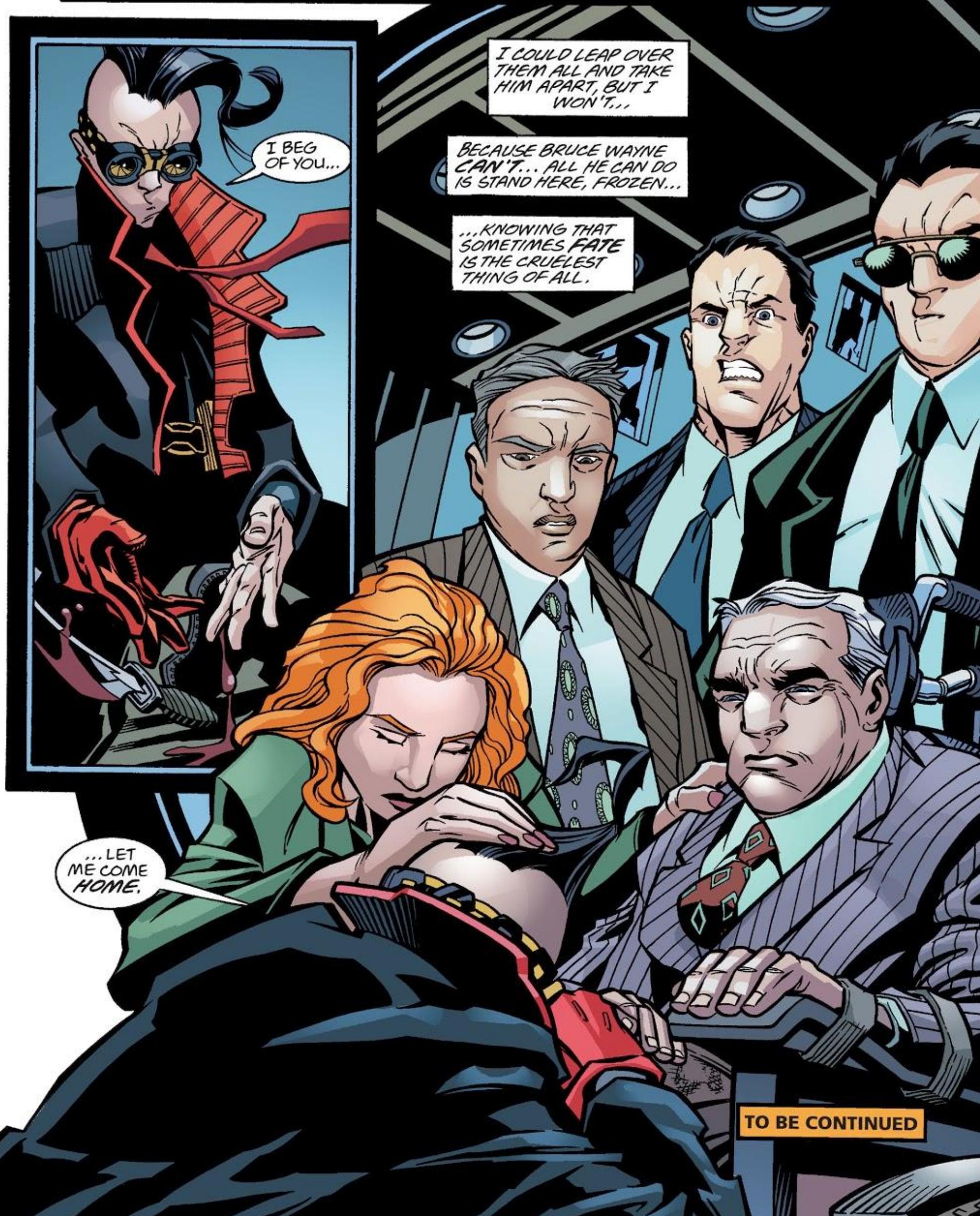
...AND RIGHT IN FRONT OF LEW MOXON.



THEN, OF COURSE, THE KNIFE TWISTS EVEN FURTHER...



I'VE DISGRACED MYSELF BEFORE YOU, AND I ASK FOR A CHANCE AT REDEMPTION...



TO BE CONTINUED