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# BATMAN®



THE MAYOR  
IS URGING EVERYONE TO  
STAY INDOORS AS THE WINTER  
NOR'EASTER ENGLFS  
GOTHAM.

THE CITY  
COULD SEE A FOOT OR  
MORE OF SNOW BEFORE  
MORNING.

DOCTOR FRANKLIN, WE KNOW  
THAT YOUR BROTHER IS THIS  
MONSTER CALLING HIMSELF  
GROTESK.

MY  
BROTHER WAYNE DIED IN  
A FIRE, COMMISSIONER  
GORDON.

I CAN GET  
A COURT ORDER,  
EXHUME THE BODY,  
AND RUN HIS DNA  
IF I HAVE TO,  
DOCTOR.

NO, YOU  
CAN'T.  
I HAD THE  
BODY CREMATED AND  
THE ASHES SCATTERED.  
IT SEEMED REASONABLE  
TO FINISH WHAT THE  
FIRE HAD ALREADY  
STARTED.

YOU  
KNOW QUITE A BIT  
MORE THAN YOU'RE  
TELLING, DOCTOR.  
FRANKLY, IT PUTS  
YOUR LIFE IN  
DANGER.

OH, FOR HEAVEN'S  
SAKE, STOP BADGERING  
THE GOOD DOCTOR,  
COMMISSIONER.

BRUCE?!





AMINA,  
I KNOW WE'RE  
NOT AS CLOSE AS WE  
ONCE WERE, BUT... IF YOU  
NEED SOMEONE TO  
LISTEN...

I KNOW,  
BRUCE. I JUST  
DON'T KNOW IF  
I CAN.

I HEARD  
OF YOUR BROTHER'S  
DEATH, OF COURSE. MEDIA  
SAID YOU COULD ONLY  
IDENTIFY HIM BY HIS  
TATTOO.

THING IS,  
I REMEMBER SEEING  
HIM IN THE LOCKER ROOM  
AT THE CLUB. I DON'T  
REMEMBER ANY TATTOO.  
WHEN DID HE GET  
IT?

# GROTESK

## CONCLUSION

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WAYNE DISCOVERED  
HE HAD PARKINSON'S. HIS HANDS  
WERE BECOMING TOO UNSTEADY  
FOR SURGERY, SO HE STARTED  
CREATING I-GORE.

THE DEVELOPMENT  
WAS LONG AND... COSTLY.  
HE BORROWED FROM TOO MANY  
PEOPLE WHO WERE PRESSURING  
HIM FOR RESULTS OR REPAYMENT.  
SO HE DECIDED TO FAKE  
HIS OWN DEATH AND  
DISAPPEAR.

I HELPED HIM FIND JONES  
FROM THE CLINIC. JONES ALSO  
HAD PARKINSON'S AND WAS  
DYING. WAYNE PROMISED HIM A  
PAINLESS DEATH AND \$50,000  
FOR JONES'S MOTHER.



WAYNE RIGGED A FAKE LAB  
FOR THE EXPLOSION ON THE  
WHARVES, NEAR HIS REAL  
LAB. BUT SOMETHING WENT  
HORRIBLY WRONG.

WAYNE RAN PAST ME  
TOWARDS THE RIVER--  
SCREAMING!



**WAYNE!**

HE WAS HORRIBLY BURNED BUT REFUSED TO GO TO AN E.R. HE USED THE I-GORE TO TREAT HIMSELF.

JONES WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD FROM AN OVERDOSE WHEN THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED BUT HE WASN'T.

WAYNE RENEGED ON THE MONEY TO JONES'S MOTHER-- HE SAID HE NEEDED



BETRAYAL...

AMINA...  
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE THEN?



I OWE WAYNE MY LIFE, BRUCE. I WAS 6, HE WAS 10, AND THE POLICE WERE CLOSING IN ON MY FATHER.

I'M NOT DOING BLACK MAN'S TIME IN A WHITE MAN'S PRISON!



CAN'T PROTECT YOU ANYMORE, BOY! ONLY WAY I CAN SAVE YOU IS THIS! YOU AND YOUR SISTER!



NO!



BLAM



LISTEN UP, AMINA! WE GOTTA SAY DADDY KILLED HIMSELF, OKAY?! I COULD GO TO JAIL OTHERWISE!



YOU BACK ME UP, HEAR?

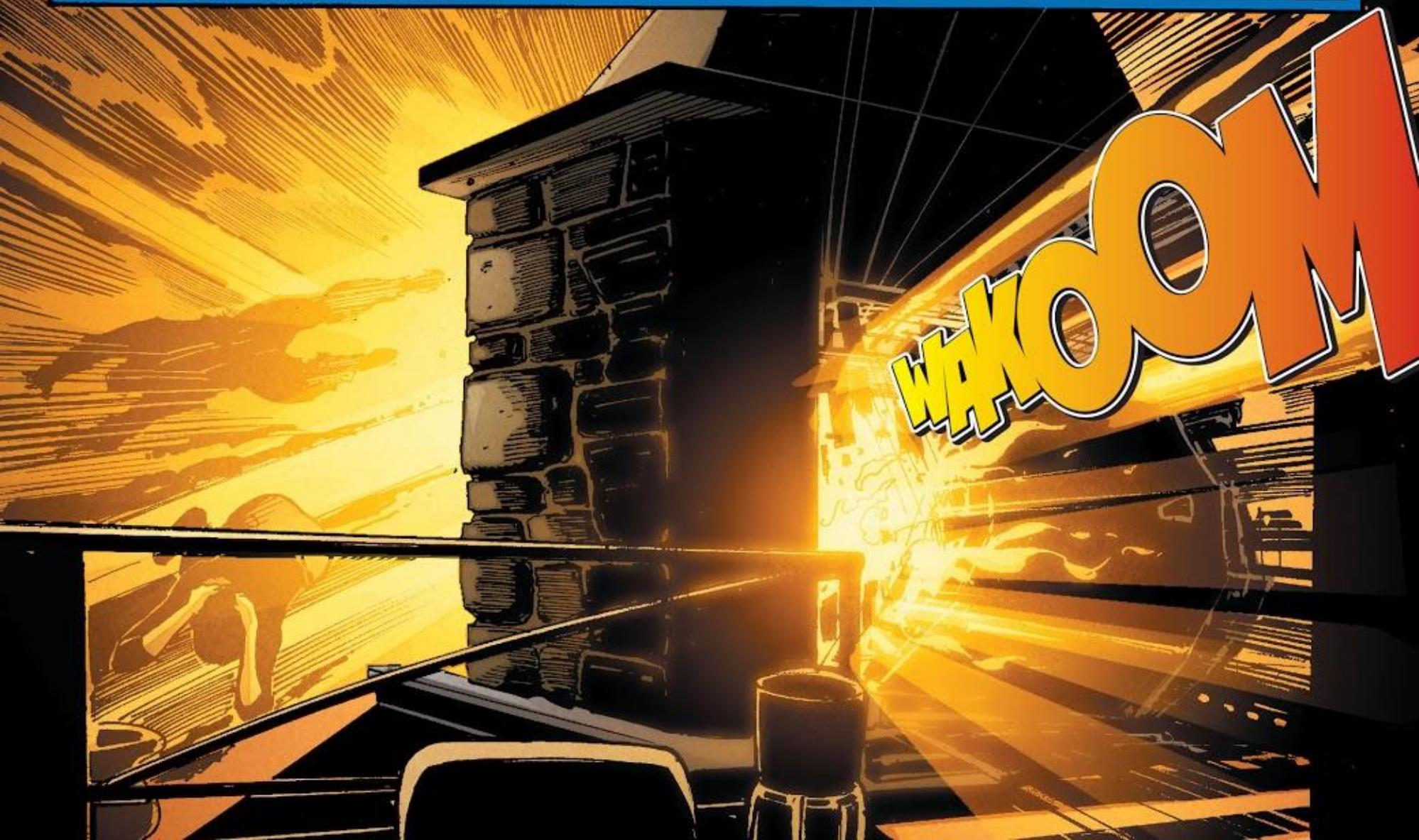
I WILL, WAYNE.

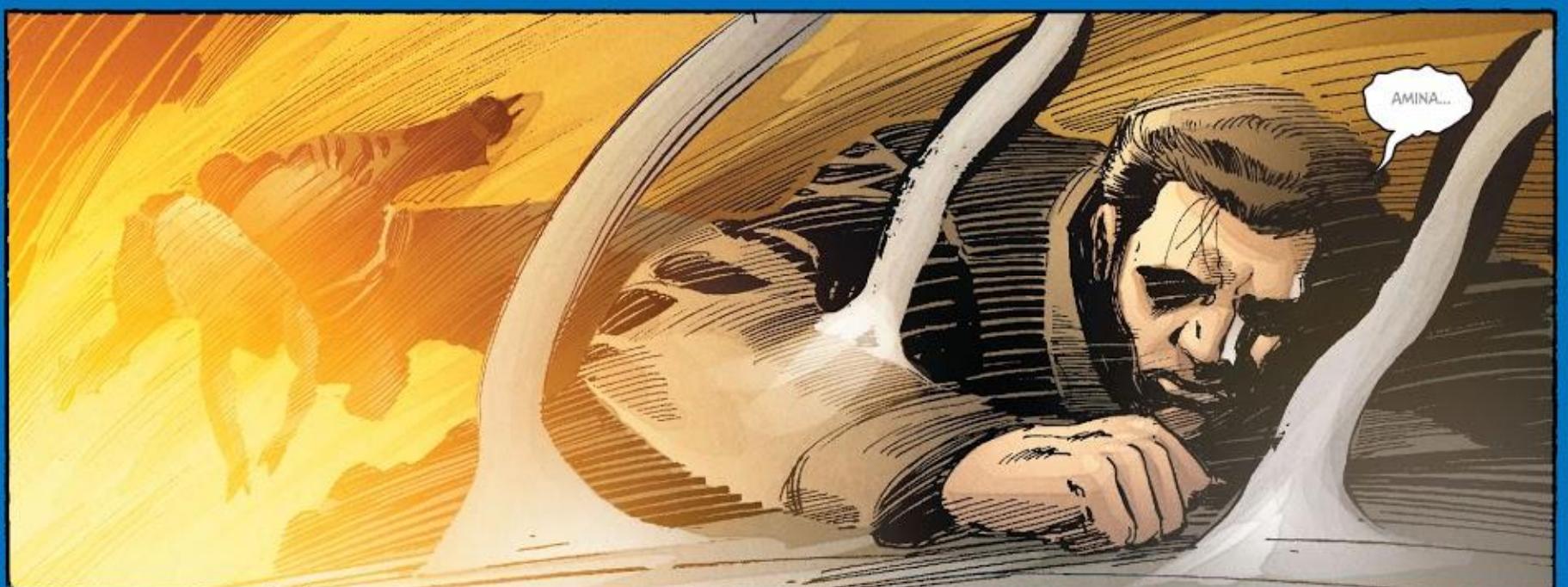
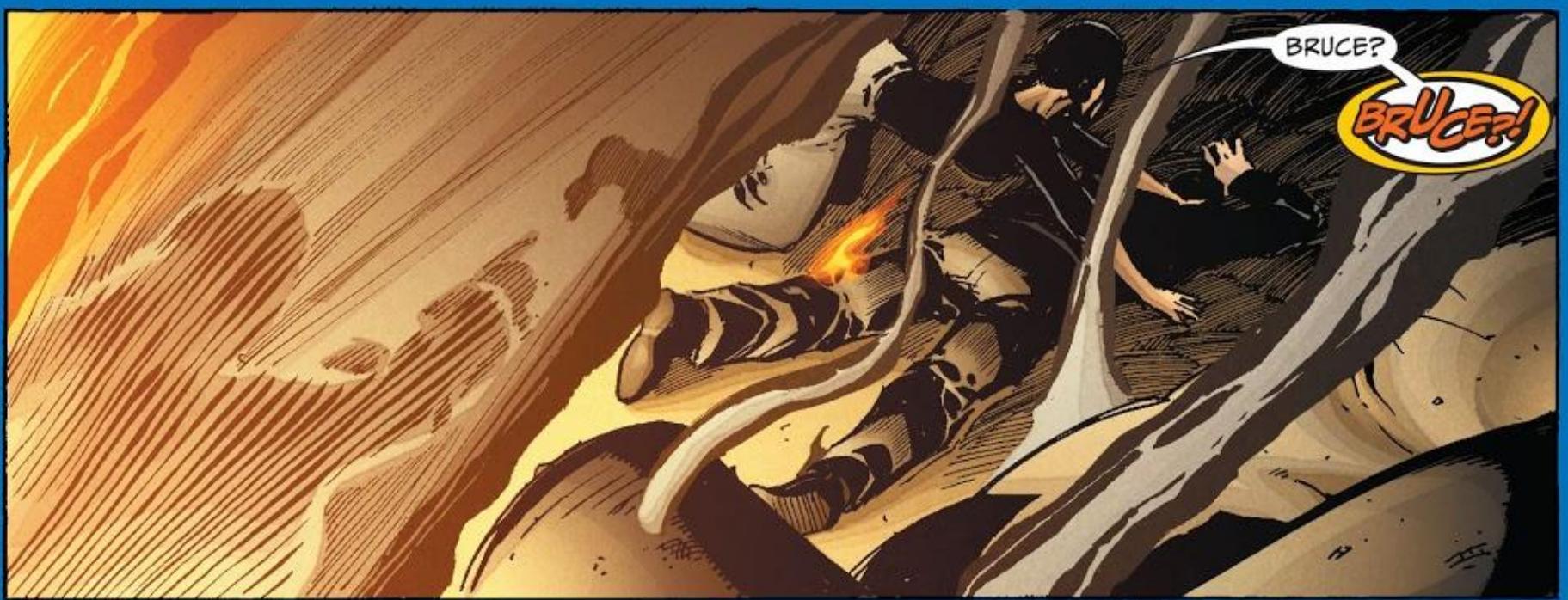
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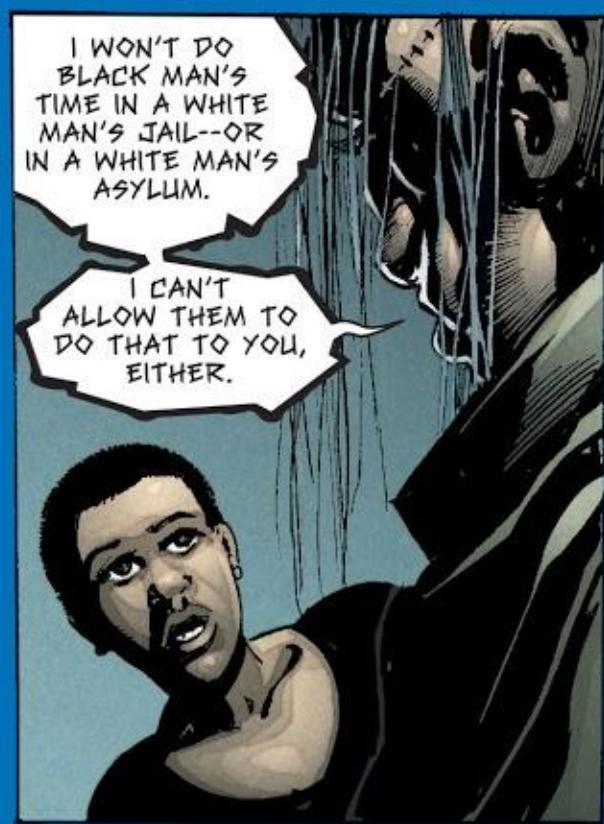


"DO NO HARM." THAT'S MY OATH AS A PHYSICIAN. WAYNE'S, TOO. BUT WE'VE VIOLATED IT-- BOTH OF US. BUT... HE'S MY BROTHER... AND I OWE HIM MY... MY..."

WAYNE?!











THE GOTHAM SEAPORT.

I'M JUST SAYIN' THEY SHOULDA GOT THE STAR TO ITS WINTER BERTH BY NOW!

RIVER FREEZES UP, AND THE ICE'LL GRIND HER HULL TO KINDLING!

AHH, CITY DON'T CARE NO MORE. NOBODY COMES TO SEE THE STAR MUCH ANYMORE ANYWAY...

GENTLEMEN.

I NEED YOUR SHIP.

NO CAN DO, MISTER.

STAR'S CLOSED 'TIL SPRING.

SHUNK

HELP ME WITH THE SAILS.

TH- THEY'RE ALL RUN BY COMPUTER!

HANG  
ON... DOCTOR  
FRANKLIN.

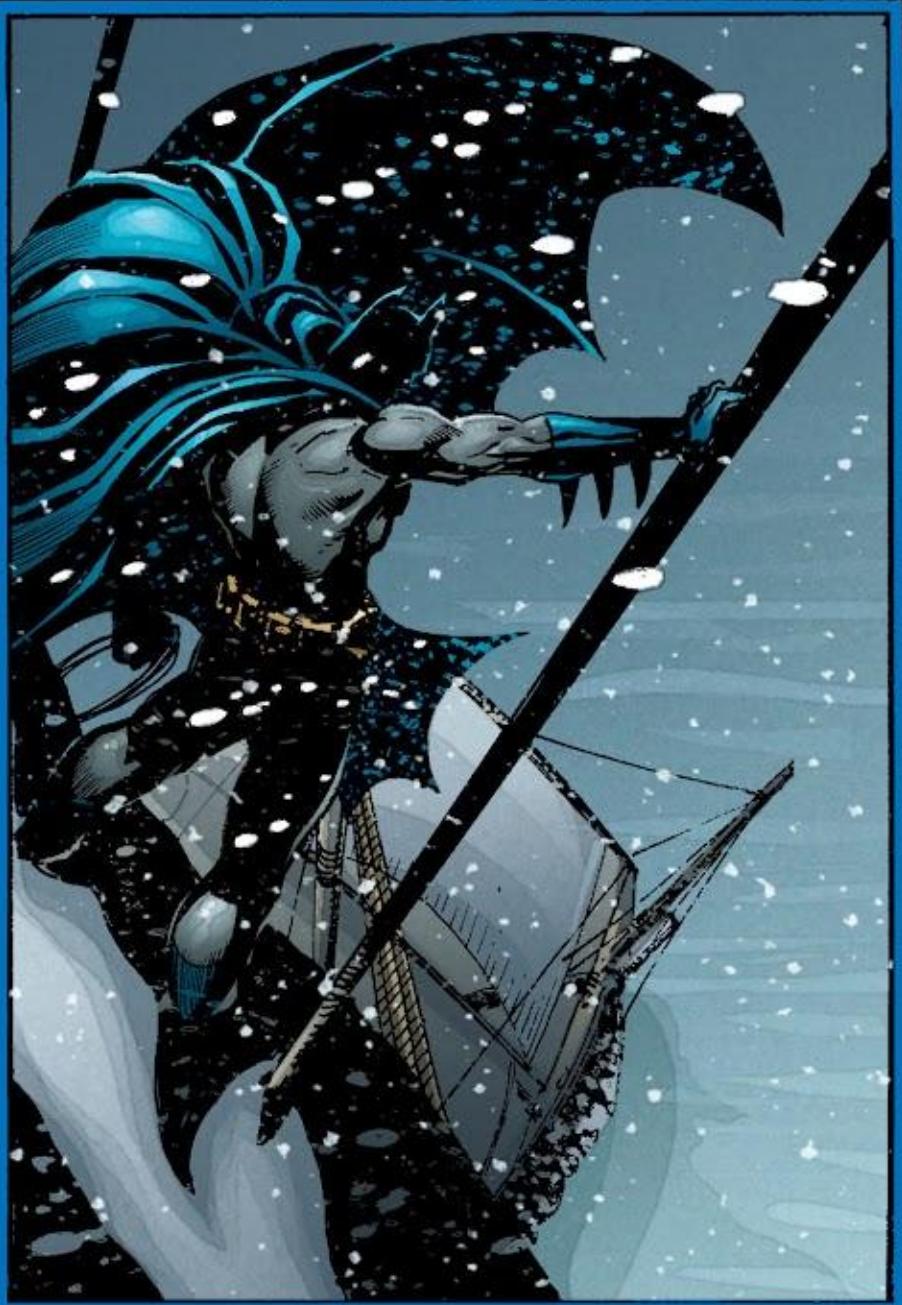
HEAR THE  
SIRENS? THE POLICE AND  
FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE  
HERE SOON. WE'LL GET YOU  
TO A HOSPITAL...

WHILE  
MY BROTHER...  
ESCAPES...

YOU CAN'T...  
HELP ME. TOO LATE.  
WAYNE... CANNOT BE SAVED.  
TOO LATE. MUST... BE  
STOPPED.

STOP  
HIM... BATMAN...  
STOP...

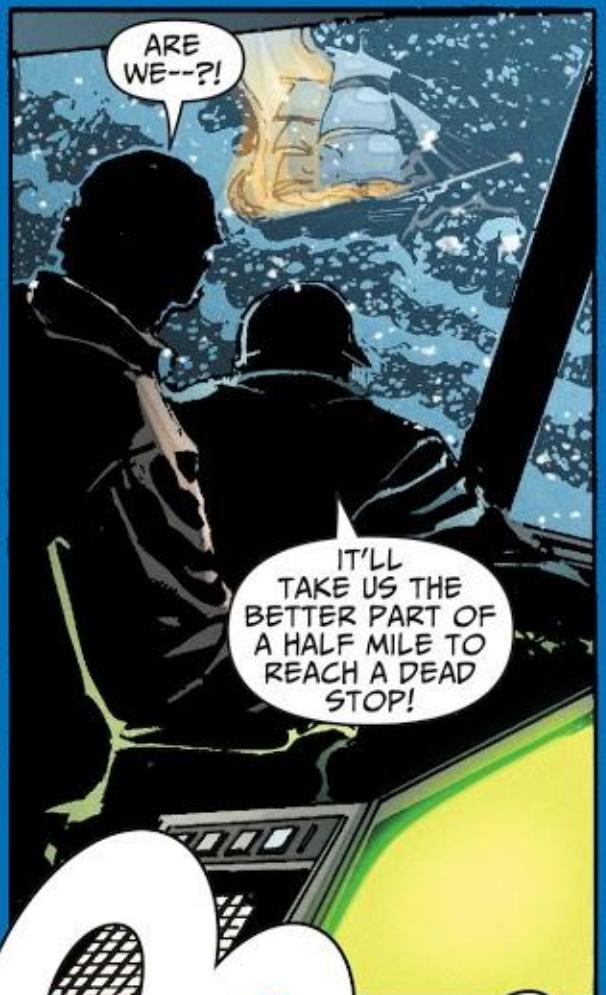
THE GOTHAM  
EAST RIVER.













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