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ROAD TO
MOUNTAIN
LAND

MR. WAYNE GOES
TO WASHINGTON

ONE by
DIXON, APARO & ROACH

DAMMAGGIO

SIR?

IT'S TIME.

IF YOU'RE TO BE PREPARED
FOR TOMORROW'S PROCEEDINGS
YOU MUST LEAVE NOW.

OF COURSE,
ALFRED.

I WAS JUST
LOST IN MY
THOUGHTS.

I CAN WELL
IMAGINE, MASTER
BRUCE.

IRONIC,
ISN'T IT?

OF LATE, I AM
LUMBERED WITH IRONY,
SIR. WHAT SPECIFICALLY
DO YOU FIND PARA-
DOXICAL?

MY LIFE HAS BEEN
A CRUSADE TO SAVE
THIS CITY.

BUT AS
BATMAN.

AND NOW, IN ITS
GREATEST HOUR OF CRISIS,
GOTHAM TURNS TO BRUCE
WAYNE.

YOU ARE CORRECT,
SIR. AND IF I MAY SAY SO,
SIR, YOU HAVE MADE THE
RIGHT DECISION, TO
GO.

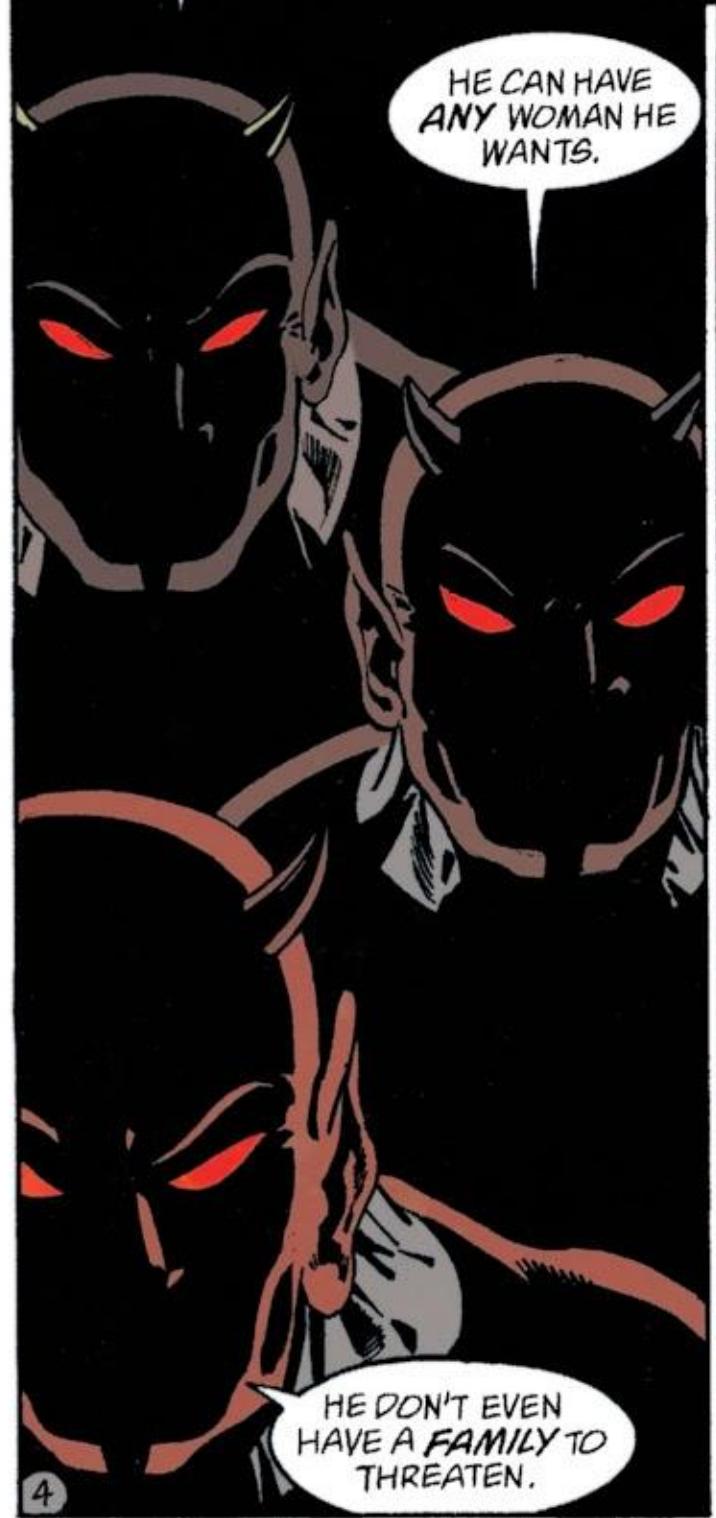
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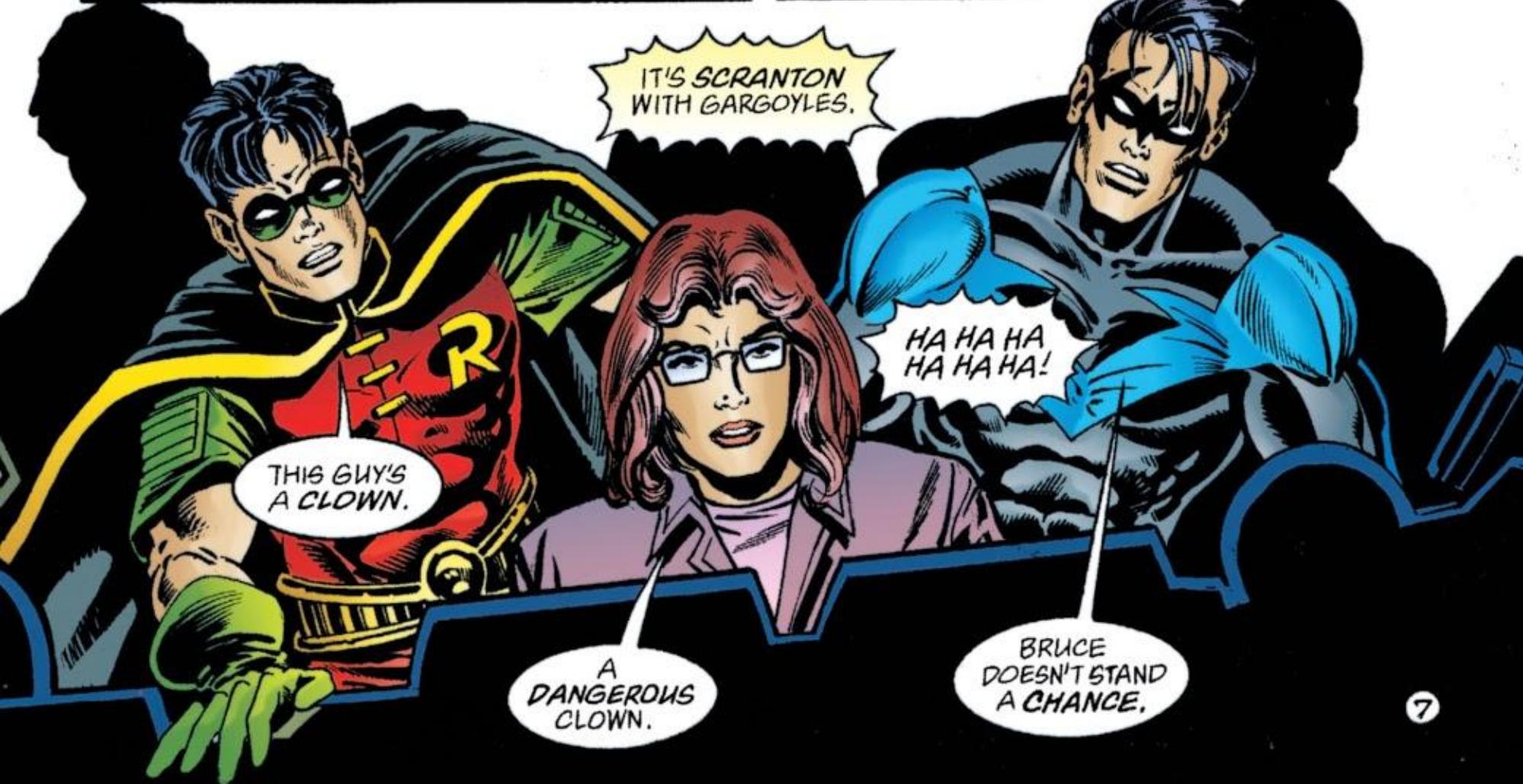
IT IS A
SITUATION RIFE
WITH IRONY.

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THIS ISN'T GOTHAM,
MISTER WAYNE. THE RULES
ARE DIFFERENT HERE.

WELL, ALL I
WANT TO DO IS MAKE
A CASE FOR MY HOME-
TOWN, GARY.

YOU'RE GOING TO
SPEAK TO THE HOUSE
AND SENATE AND THE
WHOLE WORLD WILL
SEE IT, RIGHT?

RIGHT.

WRONG.

THEY'LL SEE WHAT
THE MEDIA AND POLITICOS
WANT THEM TO SEE.

THE POLLS ARE
STACKED A MILE HIGH
AGAINST YOU AND
GOTHAM.

AND NO MATTER
WHAT ANYBODY SAYS,
THEY'LL CAVE TO THE
POLL NUMBERS.

AND SENATOR
BARCLAY MEANS
WILL LEAD THE
PACK.

A FIVE-SECOND
BITE ON THE NEWS
IF THEY DON'T
SWITCH OVER TO
A SITCOM RE-
RUN.

THESE SHARKS COULD
EDIT THE GETTYSBURG
ADDRESS AND MAKE LINCOLN
COME OFF BAD.

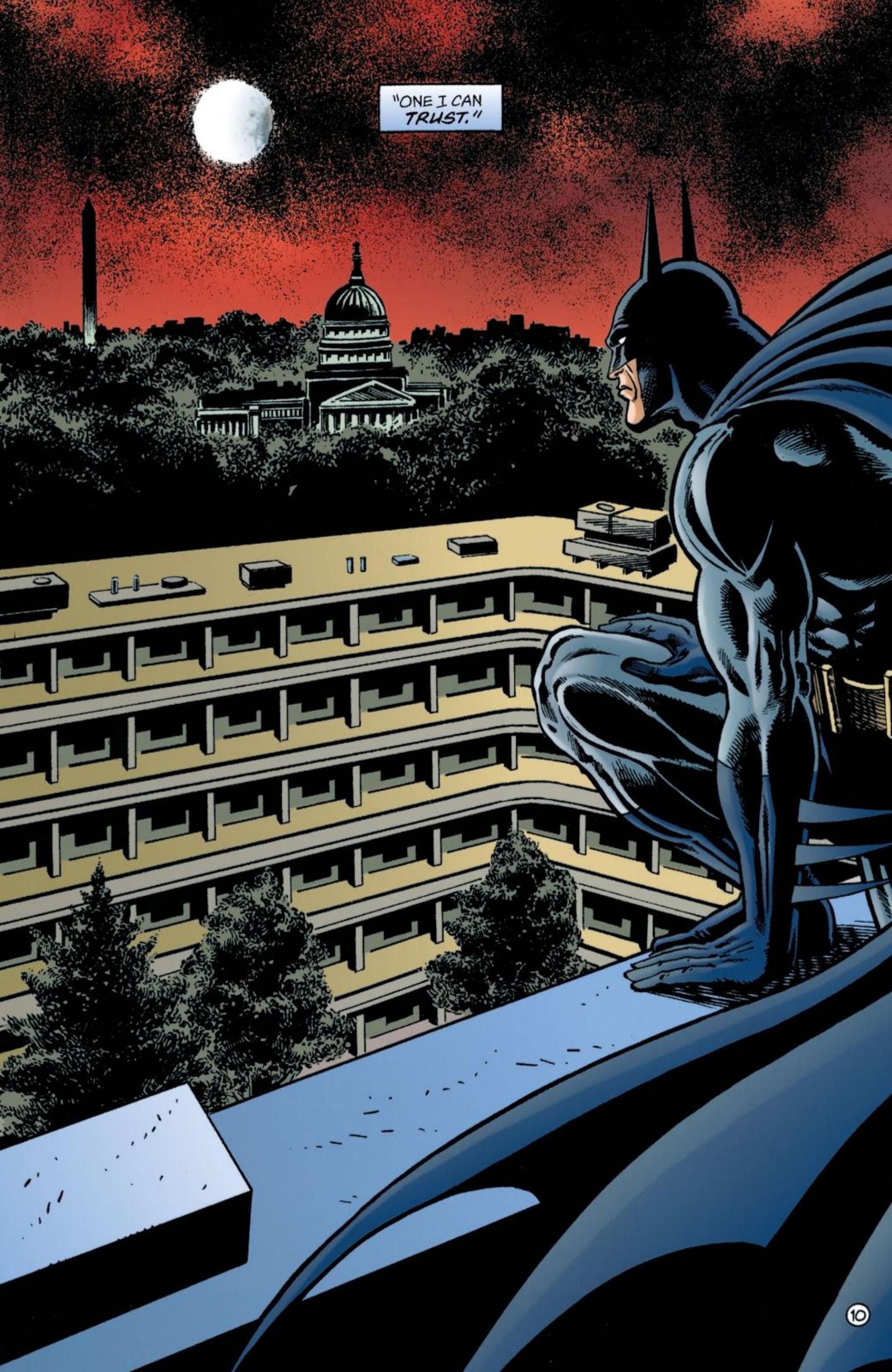
I'VE BEEN IN TIGHT
CORNERS BEFORE,
GARY.

NOT LIKE
THIS.

THESE GUYS
OWN ALL THE
CORNERS.



"ONE I CAN
TRUST."





YOU THINK
YOU'RE ABOVE
THE LAW?

I-- I--

NO ONE IS
ABOVE THE LAW,
SENATOR.

WHUH-WHUH-
WHAT DO YOU
WANT?

IS IT
POLITICAL?

I WANT TO KNOW
THE SOURCE OF YOUR
CONVICTIONS.

WHY DO YOU
WANT TO DESTROY
GOTHAM?

PERSONAL?

OR DOES
SOMEONE OWN
YOU?

NEVER MIND,
SENATOR.

UH?







TALK ISN'T GOING TO BE ENOUGH TO SAVE GOTHAM, BRUCE.

WE HAVE A POWERFUL BIPARTISAN COALITION AGAINST US.

CUTTING OFF SUPPORT FROM GOTHAM IS THAT POPULAR?

IT'S AN ISSUE THAT RESONATES WITH VOTERS.

SPENDING WHAT WOULD AMOUNT TO A TRILLION DOLLARS TO REBUILD GOTHAM IS A NO-WIN ISSUE.

NOBODY ON CAPITOL HILL OR IN THE WHITE HOUSE WANTS TO FALL ON THEIR SWORD FOR GOTHAM.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT POLLS. IT'S NOT ABOUT POPULARITY.

I DOUBT THERE'S HALF THAT MANY PEOPLE LEFT IN GOTHAM.

IT'S THE LIFE OR DEATH OF SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE.

HARD TO BUILD SYMPATHY FOR A TOWN ITS OWN CITIZENS HAVE ABANDONED.

YOUR DECAF, SIR.

AND YOU HAVE THE MEDIA PILING ON. THIS NICK SCRATCH DOESN'T HELP MATTERS.

EXACTLY WHO IS THIS NICHOLAS SCRATCH?









I NEED TO HEAR
WHAT HE'S SAYING,
GARY.

IT'S HIS
SAME RANT.

UNFORTUNATELY,
IT'S REFLECTED IN THE
POLLs.

TRACKING POLLs
SHOW GOTHAM'S FATE
IS SEALED.

EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT
WANT NO TAX DOLLARS
ALLOTTED

NINETY-THREE
PERCENT SAY THEY
WON'T MISS
GOTHAM.

SEVENTY
PERCENT WERE
IN FAVOR OF
ANOTHER QUAKE.

AND YOU'RE
ON MY SIDE,

I'M PAID
TO BE.

IT'S HOPELESS,
BRUCE. THE ODDS ARE STACKED
A MILE HIGH AGAINST YOU.

THEY ALWAYS
HAVE BEEN,
GARY.

THEY
ALWAYS HAVE
BEEN.

