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YEAH,  
YOU'RE RIGHT,  
CULLEN...

...NOW THE  
DAMN PLACE  
LOOKS DOWN  
RIGHT  
COZY.

Family can take you  
to some pretty dark  
places...

...this, for example, is the  
largest prison in the  
western hemisphere, and  
one of the worst kept.

The A.C.L.U. keeps trying  
to shut it down after  
years of systematic  
abuse and inhumane  
conditions.

Here in Gotham,  
we know that's  
not an option. We  
need this place to  
hold the scum of  
the city...

...the ones who  
lack the touch of  
insanity that  
gets you a  
one-way ticket to  
Arkham Asylum.

I can't think  
of any place in  
Gotham I'd  
like to be less  
than here.

They call it  
Blackgate  
Penitentiary...

...I call it Dad's.

SO YOU  
READ FROM  
PEOPLE'S  
DIARIES?



UM... NO. IT'S LIKE A LITERARY JOURNAL THING. LIKE A MAGAZINE? KIDS SUBMIT STORIES AND THEN ME AND THE STAFF, WE PICK WHICH ONES GO IN. IT'S CALLED "LARYNX."

I'M ACTUALLY THE YOUNGEST EDITOR THEY'VE EVER HAD.



"LARYNX."  
LIKE A WINDPIPE.  
I GET IT.

AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, HARPO?  
IT'D BE NICE TO HEAR FROM  
BOTH OF MY DAUGHTERS  
TONIGHT.



I...UM...  
NEED TO USE THE  
BATHROOM.

HARPER,  
JUST GIVE  
ME A MINUTE,  
OKAY?

ARE YOU  
SERIOUS!?

AWW HELL, I WAS MAKING  
A JOKE! IF HE'S GONNA BE  
HOW HE IS, HE NEEDS TO GET  
USED TO PEOPLE TAKING  
SHOTS. HELL, I'M DOING  
HIM A FAVOR.

YOU DO REALIZE HE'S THE  
ONLY REASON WE'RE HERE,  
RIGHT?

HE INSISTED.  
SAID YOU GETTING  
LOCKED UP IS THE  
ONLY TIME HE GETS  
TO SEE YOU.





GOTHAM NARROWS. LATER...

IT'S GOING TO BE NICE TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, HUH? PRESUMING THE WAYNE FOUNDATION KEEPS ITS WORD...

YEAH, SURE...

...I'M TOTALLY READY NOT TO BE LIVING IN A HOTEL. THOUGH THE BUZZING FROM THAT GIANT NEON "O" DOES HAVE ITS CHARMs.

LOOK, YOU WANT TO BE OUT THERE. SAME AS EVERY NIGHT. YOU KNOW IT. I KNOW IT.

STOP MAKING SMALL TALK. I'M FINE.

IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE FINE, CULLEN. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO HIM.

I WON'T SEE HIM AGAIN. THERE, YOU HAPPY?  
I DON'T WANT ANOTHER FIGHT.

I DON'T WANT ONE EITHER... LOOK... HE'S A JERK AND YOU'RE THE SWEETEST PERSON IN THE WORLD!  
YOU'RE LIKE EVILLY, HELLISSLY SWEET. AND I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU HURT! OKAY?

SO BUCK UP, AND CHECK YOUR HARD DRIVE. LEFT A COUPLE OF YOUR FAVORITE SUPERNATURAL EPs ON THERE.

I KNOW, I KNOW.

SHIRTLESS WINCHESTERS?

YOU KNOW IT, BRO.

LOVE YOU, BIG SISTER... BE SAFE.

CROSS MY HEART.

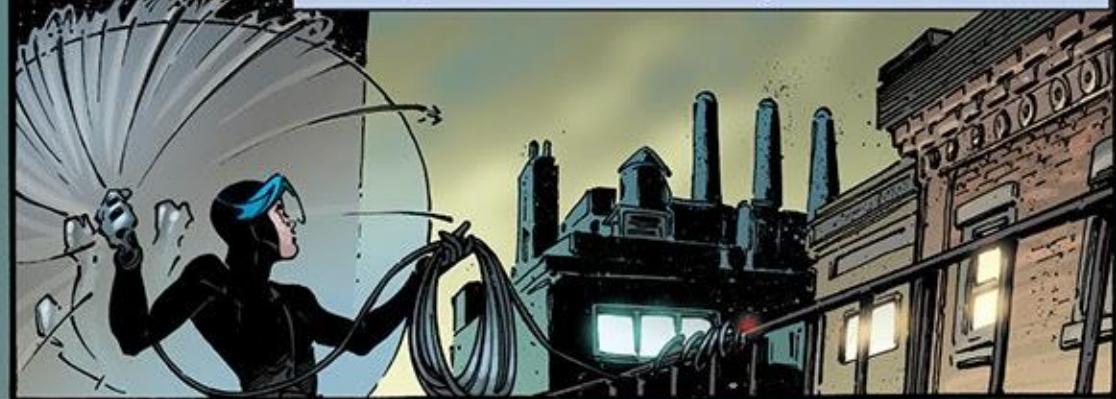


So, maybe this isn't the very definition of "safe," but I don't want to get Cullen any more upset than he already is.

I've been tracking Batman through Gotham for months. Ever since he told me in no uncertain terms to stop.

Never have been all that good about people telling me what to do, really. And how could I stop?

It doesn't matter how many times he keeps moving his black boxes or encrypting his code. If Batman's electric footprint touches Gotham's grid...I can find him.



Presuming I can get there, that is. Moving rooftop to rooftop isn't exactly the easiest thing in the world.

But these last few nights, I haven't been able to stop myself. If I'm being honest, it's because I'm worried. I've never seen him like this before.

And I'm terrified of what might happen next.

ANY MINUTE NOW...







I'M NOT  
DONE WITH YOU  
YET.



It's been like  
this for a week.

Batman with an  
unbridled ferocity he  
usually reserves for  
his greatest enemies.

Not even  
stopping with  
the sunrise.

That's right. Batman  
out during the day. I  
know, pretty crazy,  
but based on my  
tracker, he's been  
working nonstop.

I can't imagine  
he's slept since  
it all began.

There's no hint at  
what's pushed him  
here. What's making  
him this relentless  
force of nature...

...I can't help  
but find it  
familiar.



When I get close enough,  
I see it in his face. The  
pain I know all too well.

Trying to find meaning in the  
world in familiar actions.  
Pushing himself to keep going,  
long past its making any sense.

It's a pain  
that comes  
with loss.

With grief.

It's the kind of  
pain that eats away  
at you until there's  
nothing left.

HE CAN'T KEEP  
DOING THIS, CULLEN.  
HE'S GOING TO GET  
HIMSELF KILLED!

MEANWHILE...

WAIT,  
WHAT ARE  
WE TALKING  
ABOUT?

BATMAN,  
CULLEN. WE'RE  
ALWAYS TALKING  
ABOUT BATMAN.  
THIS TIME IS NO  
DIFFERENT.



WELL, I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE  
THAT YOU WATCHING HIM FOR A  
FEW MONTHS MAKES YOU  
AN EXPERT.

EVERY DAY IT'S A LITTLE  
WORSE. YESTERDAY, I SAW  
HIM GET STABBED IN THE  
LEG BY A MUGGER...

I'M BEING  
SERIOUS!

I'M SURE HE  
GETS HIT LIKE  
THAT ALL THE  
TIME.

BY NINJA  
CYBORG  
ASSASSINS!  
NOT HALF-DRUNK,  
BACK ALLEY  
MUGGERS!



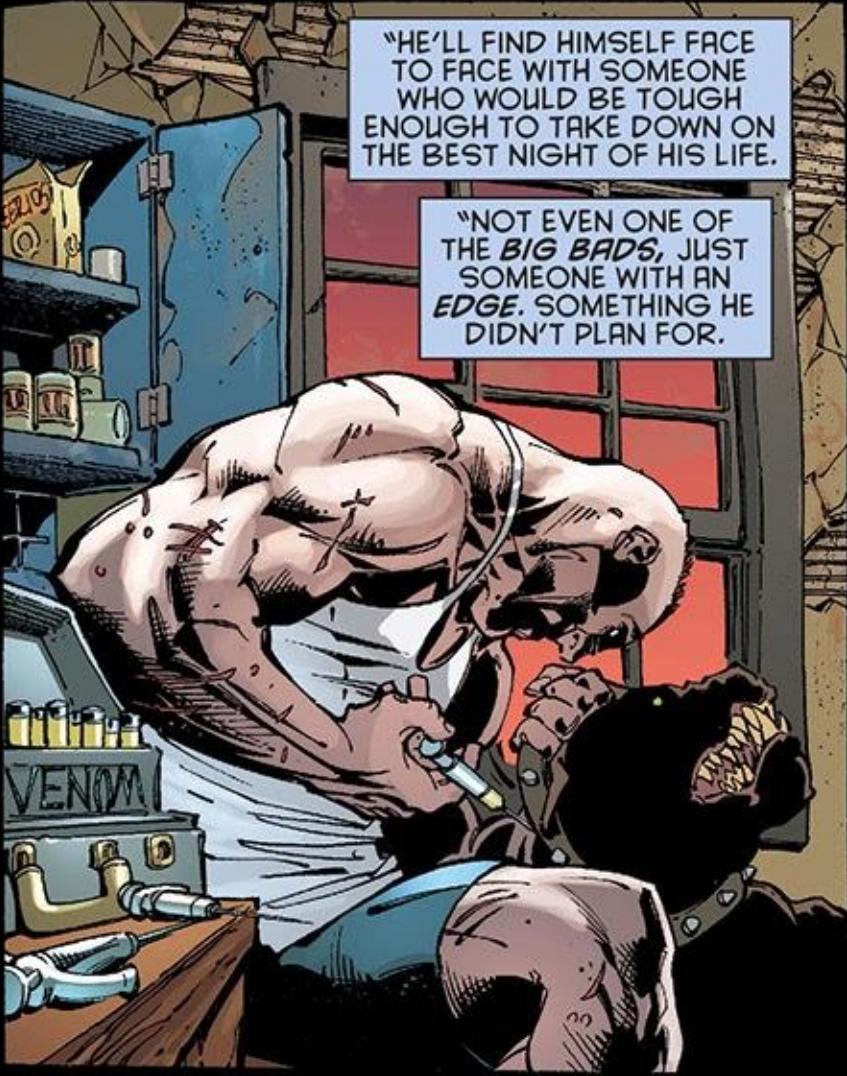
THE IDEA THAT SOME NOBODY  
COULD GET THAT CLOSE, AND  
HURT HIM... ACTUALLY HURT  
HIM... IT'S TERRIFYING.

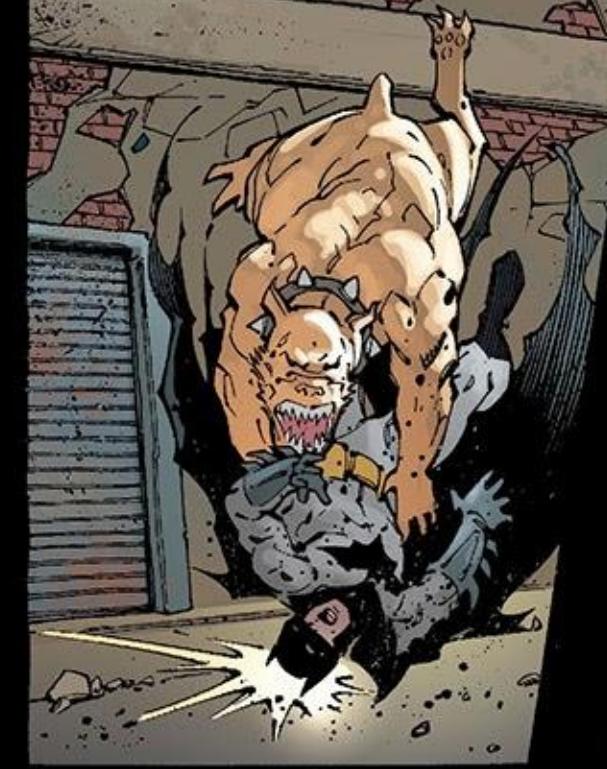
HE'S  
BATMAN!  
HE'S GOING  
TO BE FINE.



YOU HAVEN'T  
SEEN HIM, CULLEN.  
HE'S GETTING SLOWER.  
HE'S MISSING PUNCHES...  
AND SO FAR HE'S JUST  
BEEN RUNNING UP  
AGAINST LOW-RENT  
NOBODIES.

BUT  
ONE OF THESE  
NIGHTS, THAT  
WON'T BE THE  
CASE.









FOUND THAT RADIO CHANNEL A FEW MONTHS BACK. ALWAYS MAKES THE NEIGHBORS' DOGS GO CRAZY. FIGURED IF I AMPED IT UP, IT'D DO THE TRICK.

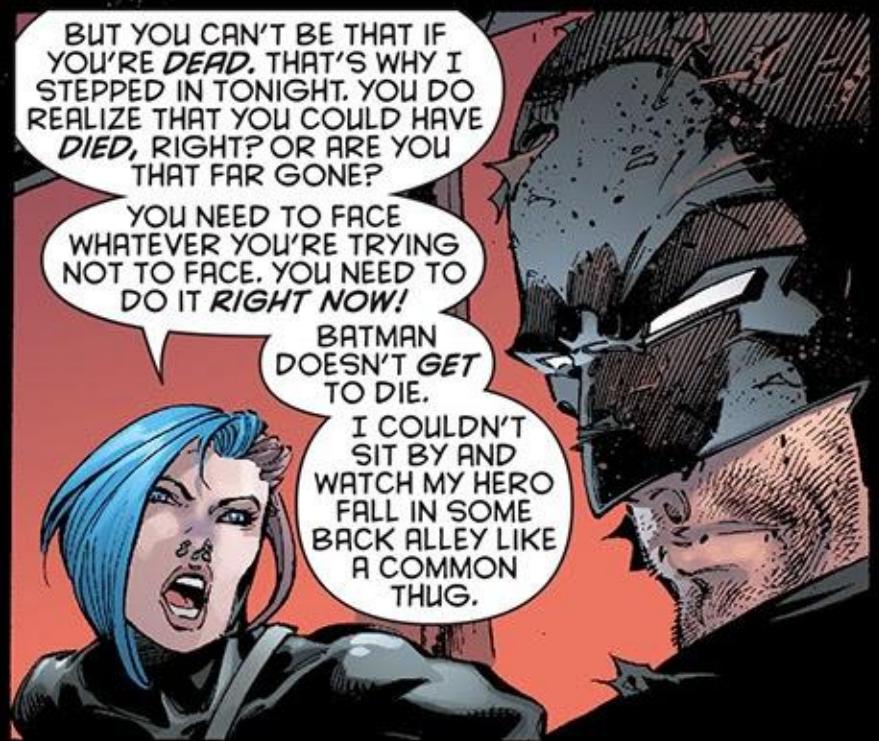
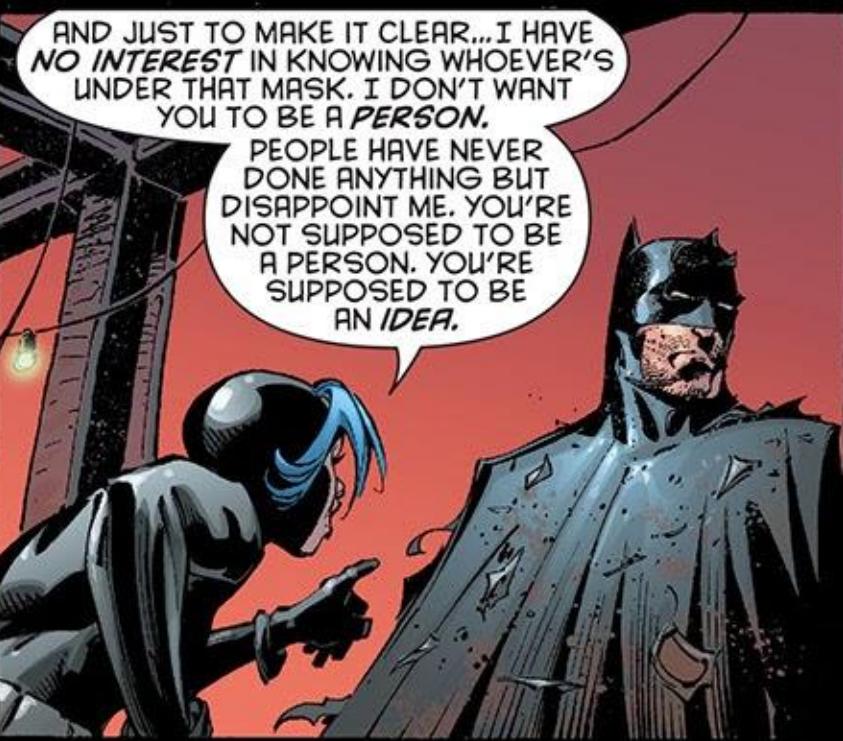
Hh.

LOOK. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY... BUT YOU'VE GOTTA ADMIT, SINCE I'VE BEEN TRAINING, I ACTUALLY DID PRETTY WELL, HUH?

IF YOU'VE BEEN TRAINING, WHY DON'T YOU BLOCK THIS?

WAIT, Whu--







THE NEXT DAY...



WAYNE TOWER...

ARE YOU CALLING FROM YOUR OFFICE, MASTER BRUCE? I HAVE TO SAY, I HARDLY RECOGNIZED THE NUMBER.

I SLEPT IN THE PENTHOUSE LAST NIGHT. LUCIUS CAUGHT ME IN BED AND PULLED ME IN FOR SOME MEETINGS. I WON'T BE HERE LONG, ALFRED.

SHOULD I EXPECT YOU HOME THIS EVENING?

I DON'T KNOW.

ARE YOU... HOW ARE YOU DOING?

MR. WAYNE?

I'LL BE IN TOUCH, ALFRED.

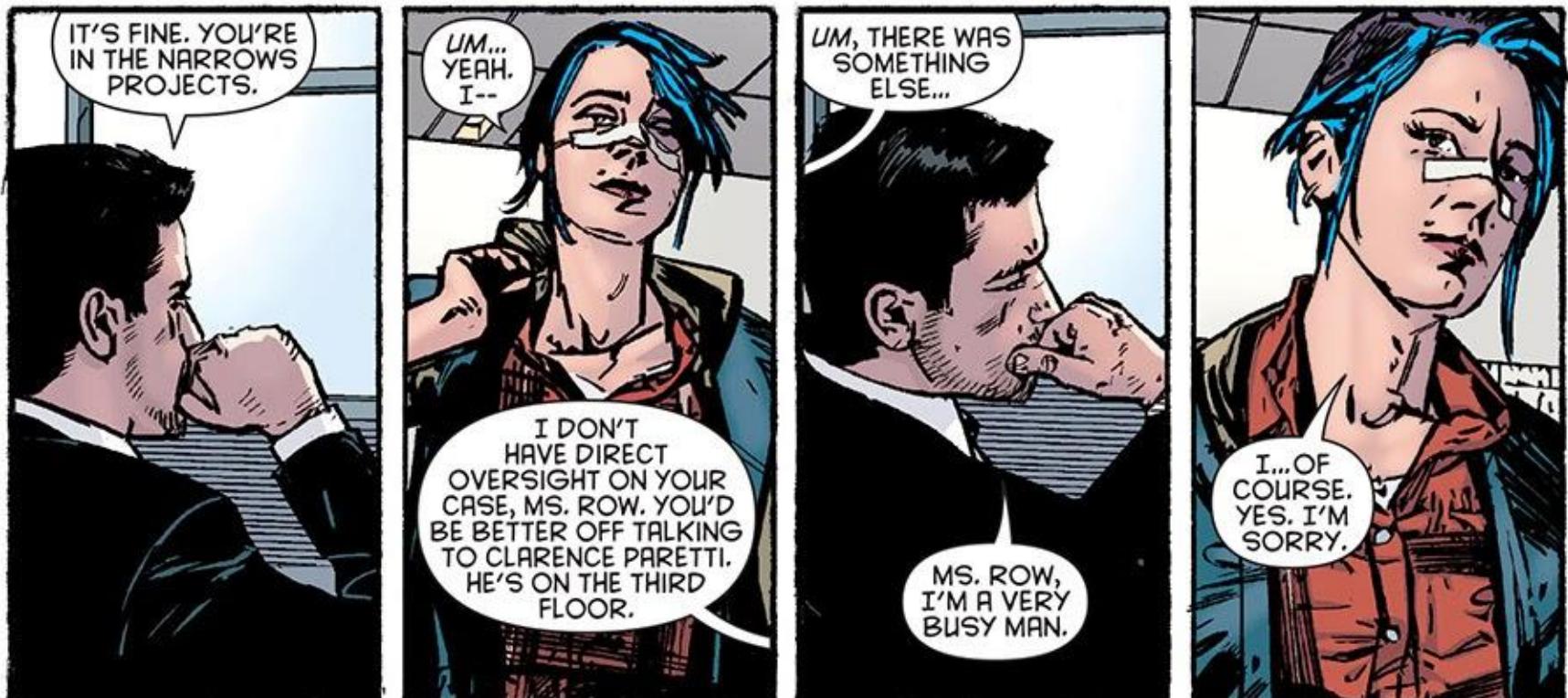
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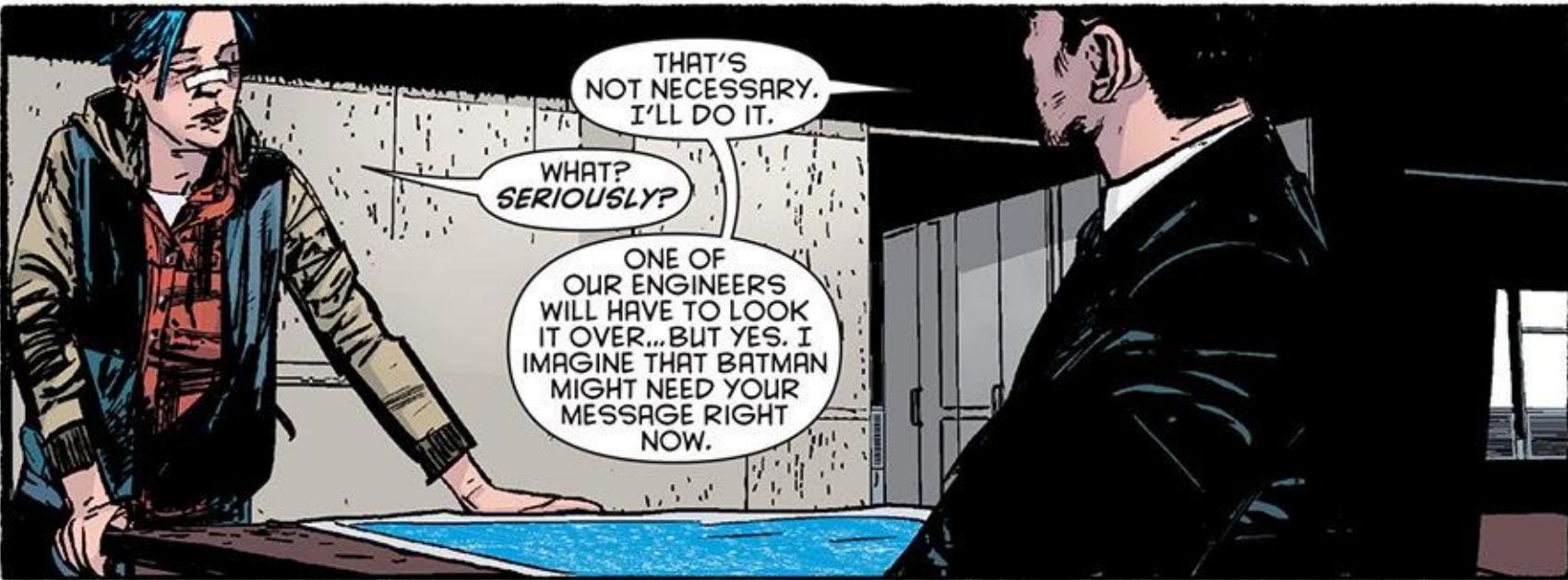
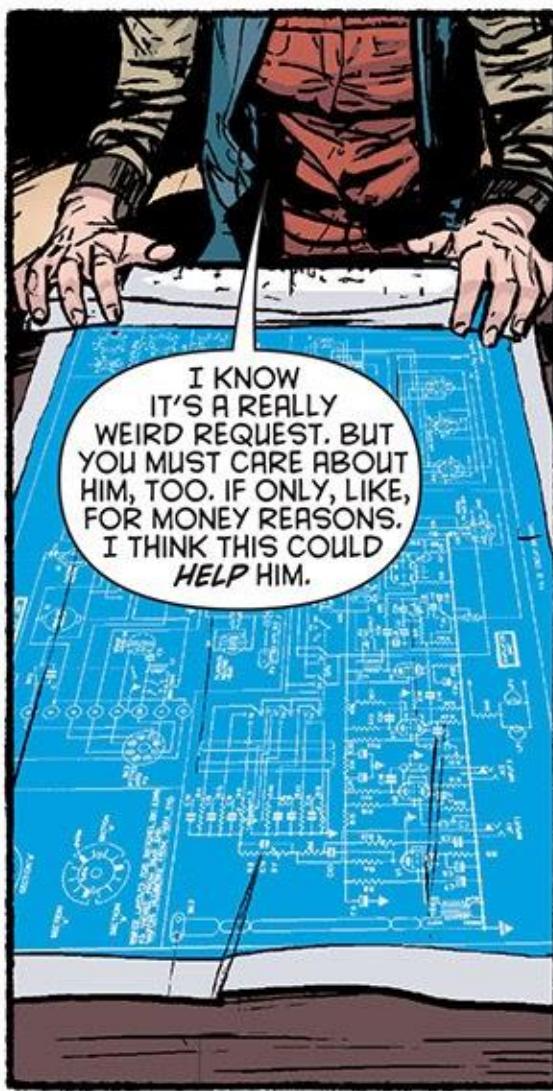
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, SIR... BUT THERE'S A RATHER INSISTENT YOUNG LADY WHO SAYS SHE WON'T LEAVE UNTIL SHE SPEAKS WITH YOU. SHE'S ONE OF THE RELOCATED TENANTS OF TH--

I KNOW WHO SHE IS.

SHOULD I CALL SECURITY?

NO. THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, WENDY. THANK YOU.







HARPER...  
THERE ARE THINGS  
HAPPENING IN MY  
LIFE RIGHT NOW YOU  
COULDN'T UNDER-  
STAND.

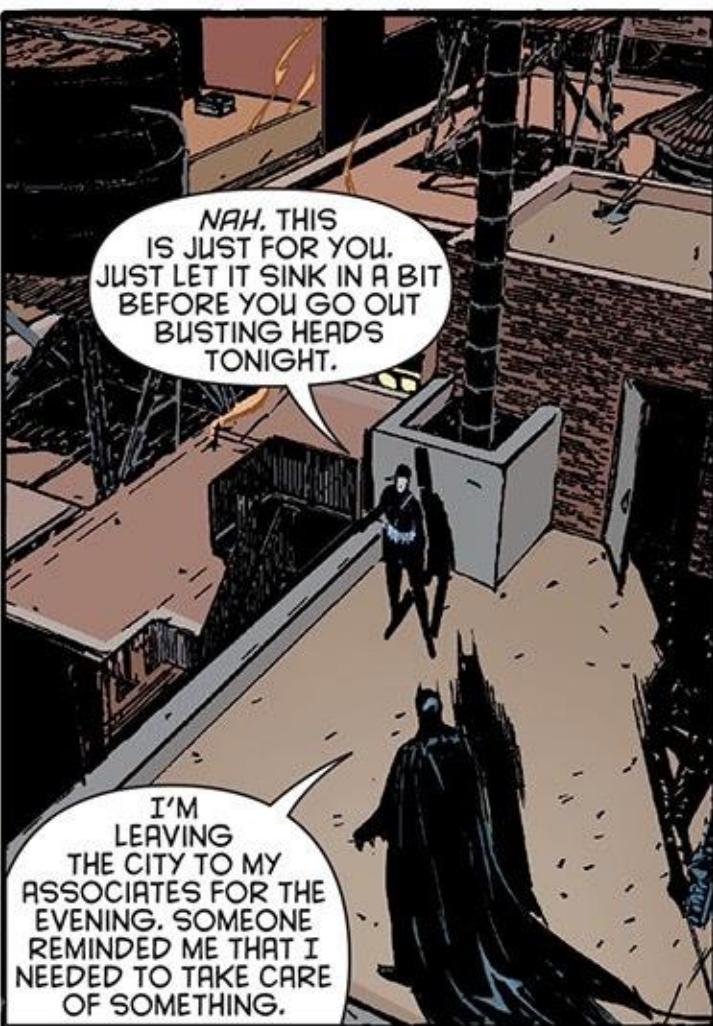
HMM.  
MAYBE NOT THE  
DETAILS, BUT I CAN SEE  
YOUR PAIN. EVEN NOW.  
AND I'VE DEFINITELY  
BEEN THERE  
BEFORE.

MY MOTHER  
WAS MURDERED  
BY... WELL, I'M SURE  
YOU READ THE PAPER.  
IT WAS QUITE THE  
SCANDAL.

I DID.

AFTER SHE DIED, I  
COULDN'T STOP PUNISHING  
MYSELF. ALL I DID WAS  
WORK. DIDN'T EAT. DIDN'T  
SLEEP. BUT IT WASN'T  
JUST ME THAT I WAS  
HURTING...





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