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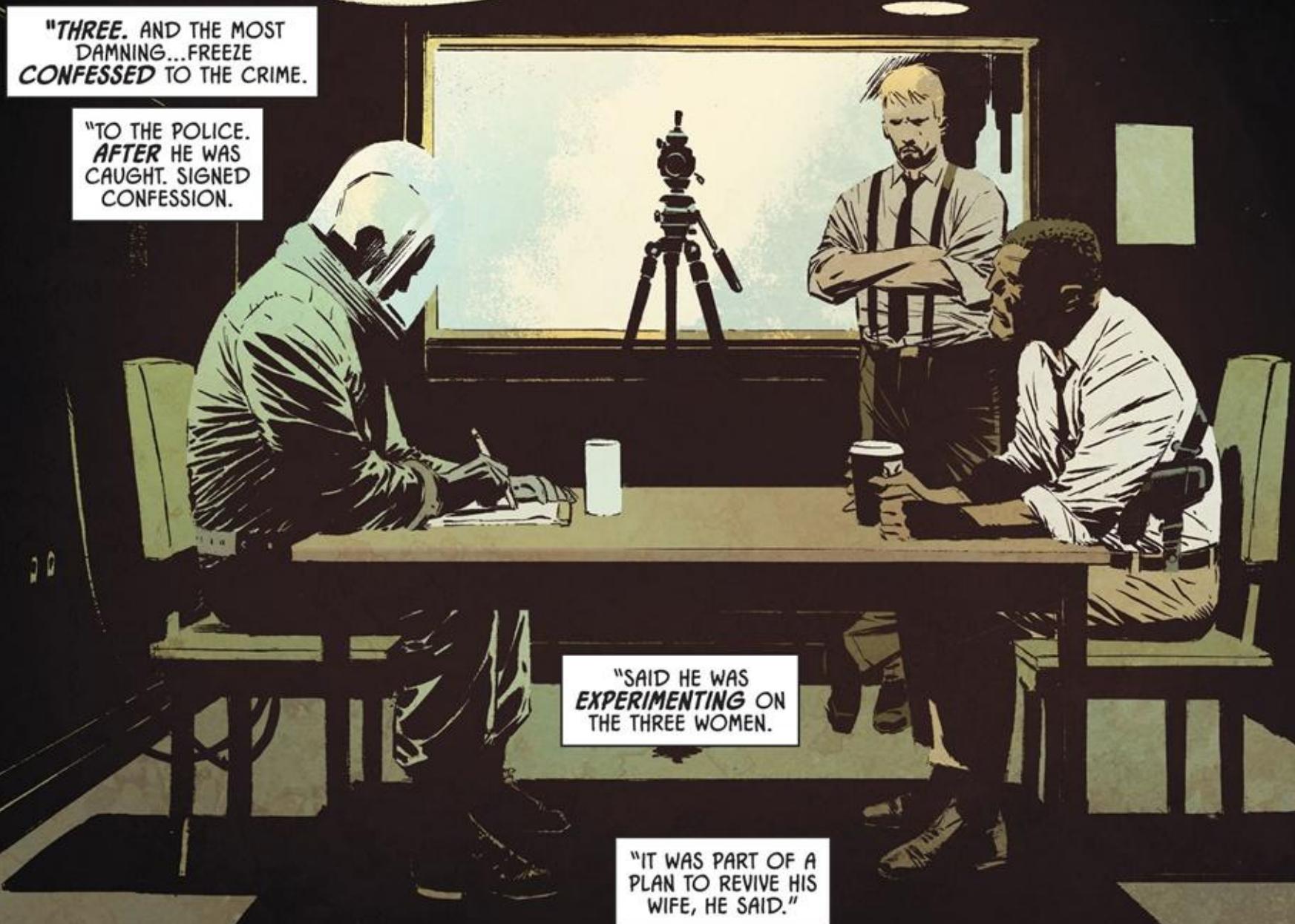
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"I'M JUAN."

"BRUCE."

"YEAH, MAN, IT'S
GOTHAM. EVERYONE
KNOWS YOU."

"YEAH."

"BUT, LIKE, I
THOUGHT YOU
LOVED BATMAN."

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"GORDON TESTIFIED THAT THE FIRST AUTOPSISES DID NOT REVEAL THE LOWER BRAIN TEMPERATURE."

"NOW, IF YOU REMEMBER, THEY PUSHED HIM ON WHY. THEY SHOULD'VE CAUGHT THAT."

"AND HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW. HE HAD GOOD PEOPLE ON IT. HIS PEOPLE."

"THEN BATMAN COMES ALONG, HOURS LATER, REEXAMINES THE BODIES."

"AT THAT POINT, BATMAN NOTICES THE TEMPERATURES, NOTICES THE PATTERN."

"THREE WOMEN, SAME PATTERN, SAME DEATH."

"WOMEN THE RIGHT AGE, THE AGE OF FREEZE'S WIFE."

"KILLED IN A MANNER THAT SUGGESTS AN EXPERIMENT OF SOME SORT."

"BATMAN MAKES HIS CONCLUSIONS, WHICH ARE NOW OUR CONCLUSIONS AND..."

"AND HE STARTS HIS HUNT."

"I THINK THE
QUESTION IS--"

"WHY DID THE GCPD
MISS SOMETHING THAT
BATMAN CAUGHT?"

SIR,
GIVEN YOUR RECENT...
DISAPPOINTMENT.

PERHAPS
TONIGHT YOU
MIGHT...

BECAUSE
HE'S
BATMAN.

HE'S...
BETTER.



RIGHT.

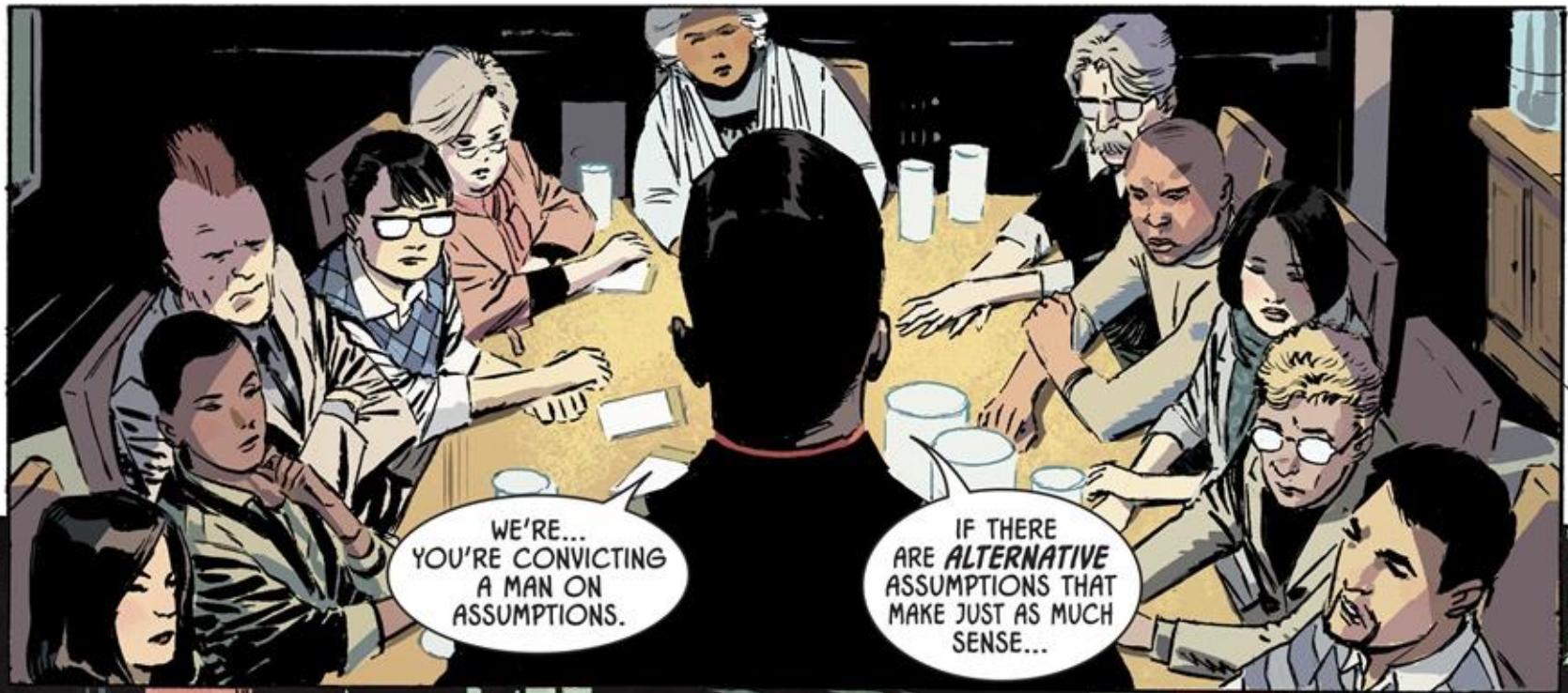


BUT...
MAYBE THERE'S
ANOTHER WAY TO
SEE THIS. NOT SAYING
IT'S **RIGHT**. JUST
ANOTHER
WAY.

THESE
WOMEN...**WHAT**
IF THEY DIED OF
THE CAUSES THEY
DIED OF.
CLOTS.

AND
SOMEONE...
LATER...CREATED
THE **REMNANTS** OF
THE DECREASE IN
TEMPERATURE.





"FRED."

"BRUCE."

"I USED TO LIVE
IN METROPOLIS."

"IT'S NICE THERE."

"IT IS. IT'S NOT
LIKE HERE."

"WELL, THE
WEATHER'S
BETTER."

"YEAH, BUT IT'S MORE LIKE
EVERYTHING'S CLEAN THERE,
MAN, I'M TELLING YOU. HERE
IT'S DIRTY AS ANYTHING."

"YEAH."

"I MEAN SOMEBODY
COMING IN AND MESSING
WITH SOME DEAD GIRLS?"

"I KNOW IT'S--"

"THAT'S NOT METROPOLIS, IS WHAT I'M
SAYING. BUT MAYBE THAT'S GOTHAM."

"YEAH."

"GOTHAM. MAN.
I'M TELLING YOU."

"THE COSTUME.

"MR. FREEZE CLAIMED ON THE STAND THAT HE WAS TOLD BY AN UNDERGROUND ASSOCIATE."

"WHOM HE REFUSES TO NAME. NO MATTER WHAT THEY'RE THREATENING HIM WITH."

"THAT HE WAS TOLD THE BATMAN WAS COMING AFTER HIM."

"HE GOT HIS COSTUME, REBUILT HIS FREEZE GUN."

"HE GOT ALL SET, RISKED VIOLATING HIS PAROLE, GOING BACK TO ARKHAM."

"HE CLAIMS."

"BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF BATMAN."

"SO HE LEAVES HIS HOUSE. WHERE HE'S UNDER HOUSE ARREST."

"TO BASICALLY FIND BATMAN BEFORE BATMAN FINDS HIM."

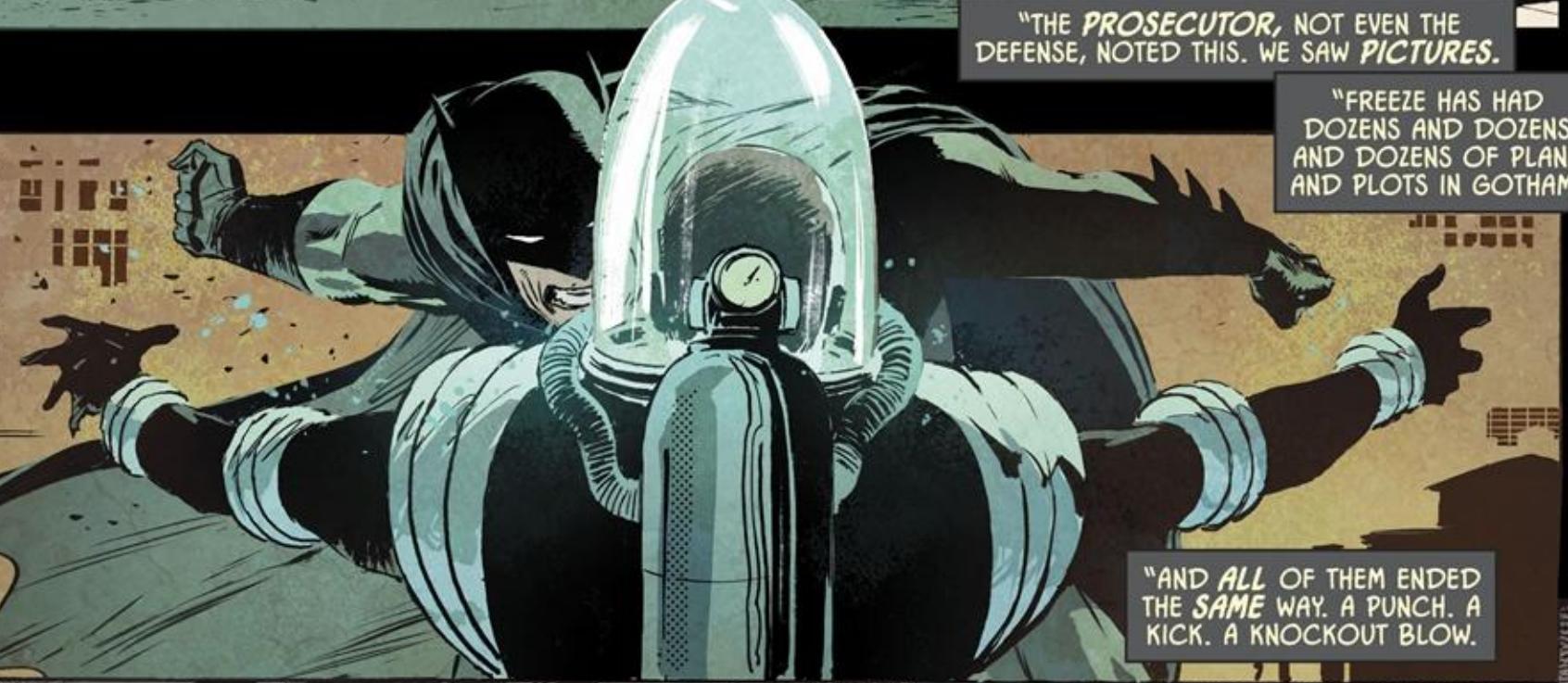
"TO DEFEND HIMSELF, OR SO HE SAYS."



"FOR YEARS.
YEARS."

"THESE TWO
HAVE BEEN
FIGHTING."

"NOT TALKING.
FIGHTING."



"NOW FREEZE GETS
INFORMATION THAT BATMAN
SUSPECTS HIM AGAIN."

"FREEZE KNOWS
THAT BATMAN WILL
COME FOR HIM."

"AND WE ASK HIM TO
DO WHAT? WE EXPECT
HIM TO DO WHAT?"

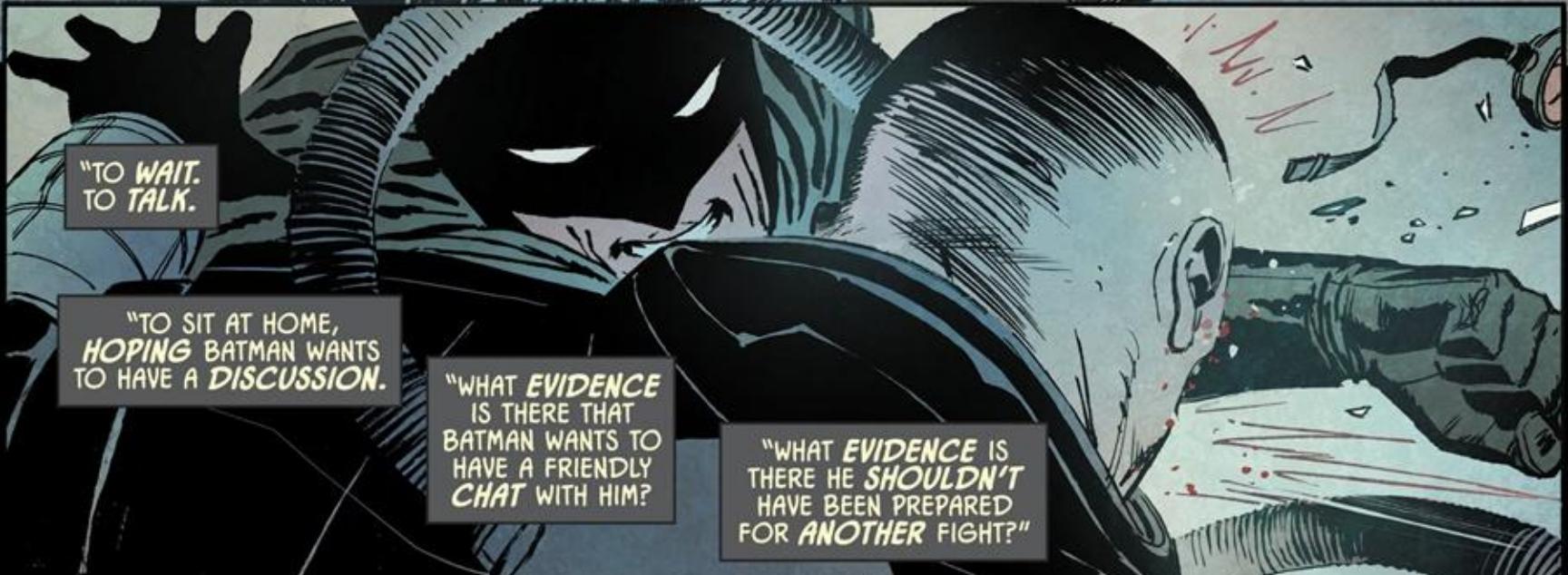


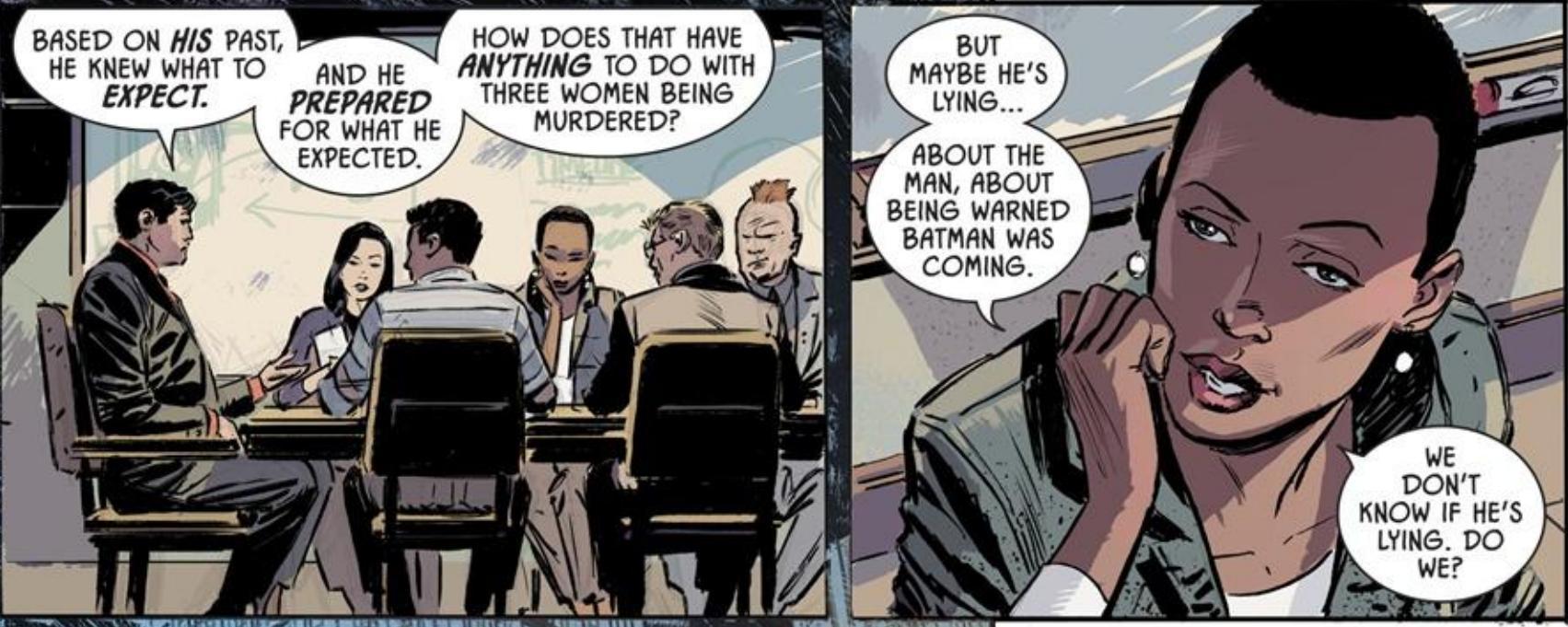
"TO WAIT.
TO TALK."

"TO SIT AT HOME,
HOPING BATMAN WANTS
TO HAVE A DISCUSSION."

"WHAT EVIDENCE
IS THERE THAT
BATMAN WANTS TO
HAVE A FRIENDLY
CHAT WITH HIM?"

"WHAT EVIDENCE IS
THERE HE SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN PREPARED
FOR ANOTHER FIGHT?"







"MR. WAYNE, I'M TAY."

"HELLO."

"MY BOY USED TO
GET INTO FIGHTS WITH
THIS OTHER BOY.
HARD FIGHTS."

"I'M SORRY."

"MY BOY IS A GOOD
BOY AND THIS BOY
WASN'T. IT HAPPENS. WHEN
YOU'RE A PARENT."

"IT DOES."

"WELL, ONE TIME THIS
BOY WAS COMING OVER,
AND WAS COMING HARD,
AND MY BOY KNEW HE
WAS COMING."

"I SEE."

"MY BOY, HE GOT A GUN,
LEGALLY, BUT HE GOT ONE.
I WAS MAD...BUT..."

"YEAH."

"I TOOK THAT GUN AWAY
FROM HIM, MADE HIM GO TO
THE COPS. AND YOU KNOW
WHAT THE COPS SAID? I
SWEAR. TO MY FACE."

"NO."

"THIS IS GOTHAM. KEEP THE GUN."

FINALLY.

THE
CONFESION.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
GOING TO SAY. SO
YOU CAN BE QUIET FOR
A SECOND, MR.
WAYNE.

"HE WAS
SO SHAKEN. HE
WAS SO FRAGILE.
HE WAS SO, SO
SCARED.

"BECAUSE
OF WHAT THE
BATMAN DID!
OH MY!"

BUT YOU'RE
FORGETTING HE
DIDN'T CONFESS
TO BATMAN, OR
WE NEVER HEARD
THAT ONE.

THE
POLICE, I
MEAN, NEVER
HEARD IT.

THEY HEARD
THE CONFESION
HE GAVE TO
THEM.

HE CHANGED
HIS STORY LATER,
BUT FOR DAYS HE'S
TELLING THE POLICE,
GORDON'S
POLICE...

...WITHOUT
ANY BATMAN
ANYWHERE
THREATENING
HIM...

...THAT
HE DID IT.
HE'S THE ONE.
MISTER DAMN
FREEZE.

YEAH.

WHY
WOULD SOMEONE
CONFESS...KEEP
CONFESSING. EVEN
LONG AFTER ANY
THREAT WAS
GONE?

WHY?
RIGHT?

WHY?

LADIES...

LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN,
WHEN I...

I...

WHEN I WAS
TEN YEARS OLD,
A MAN KILLED MY
MOTHER AND
FATHER.

"WE WERE COMING FROM THE
MOVIES, AND WE WENT DOWN
THIS ALLEY.

"HE HAD A GUN. FATHER
YELLED SOMETHING.
AND HE SHOT FATHER.

"THEN HE TRIED PULLING A
NECKLACE FROM MOTHER. HE
GOT TANGLED. HE SHOT HER.

"I WATCHED. HE RAN. I
WENT DOWN ON MY KNEES.

"I SCREAMED."

"THAT MOMENT. THAT FEAR. THAT SCREAM."

"I WAS SO SCARED. AND HE RAN. AND HE WAS GONE."

"AND THEY TOOK ME AWAY. AND I GOT OLDER. I WAS TRIED AND TESTED."

"I'VE BEEN ON THE VERY TOP. I'VE BEEN AS HAPPY AS A MAN CAN BE."

"I'VE HAD THE GREATEST JOYS. THE GREATEST FRIENDS."

"I'VE HAD VICTORIES, AND I'VE HAD...LOVE."

"AND THEN...SOMETHING HAPPENS. YOU LOSE SOMETHING OR...SOMEONE OR..."

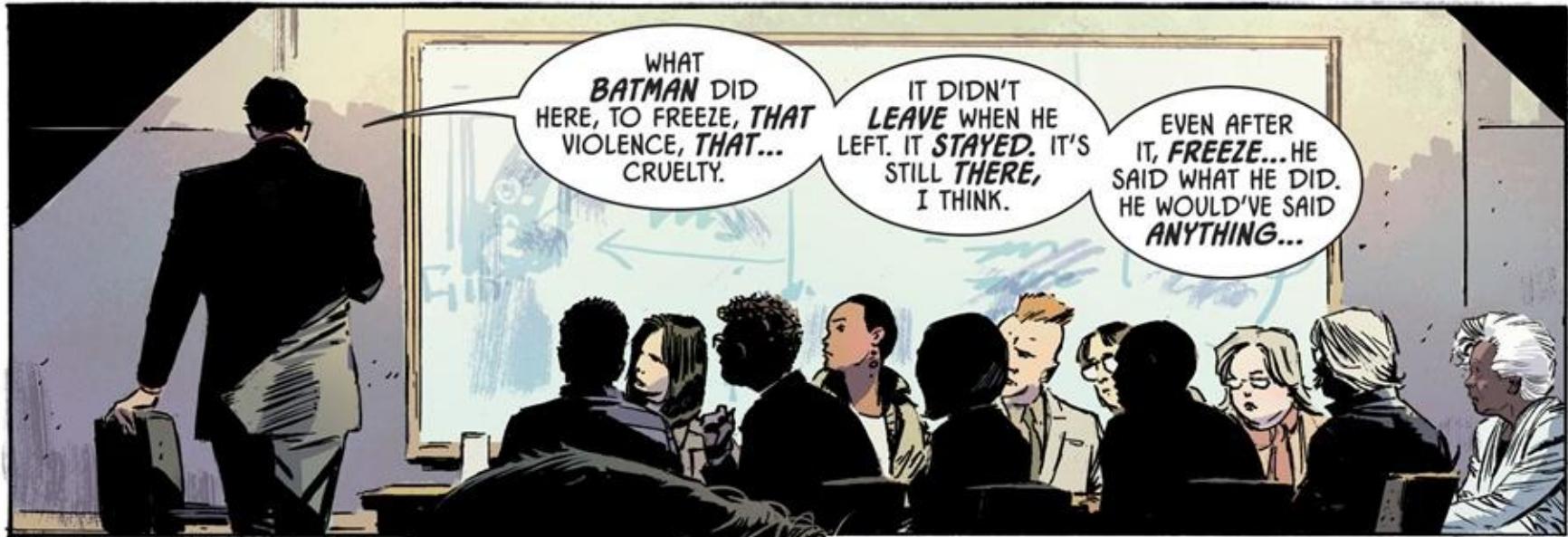
"AND THERE IT IS AGAIN. I'M THERE AGAIN. MOTHER'S TANGLED. FATHER'S YELLING."

"I'M TEN AND I'M ON MY DAMN KNEES. AND I'M SCARED OUT OF MY DAMN MIND."

"AND FEELING THAT, I SAY... I BECOME...SOMETHING, I DO THINGS..."

"I'M NOT...I AM MYSELF. BUT I'M NOT WHAT I WANT TO BE OR WHAT I SHOULD BE."

"I'M SCARED. AND I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET OUT OF THE FRIGHT."





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