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SEPTEMBER 2ND.
HA HA HA

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SEPTEMBER 25TH.

GOTHAM POUND REGULATIONS

MAN, C'MON, I CAN'T. THIS ISN'T ABOUT, LIKE, MONEY.

WHAT THAT DOG'S GONE THROUGH.

SHE'S NOT FIT, ALL RIGHT?

SHE ISN'T FIT FOR ANYTHING BUT DYING.

SIR, IF YOU PLEASE, *AFTER* YOU CASH THIS CHECK...

...YOU SHALL RECHRISTEN THIS FACILITY THE "MARTHA AND THOMAS WAYNE HUMANE SOCIETY."

THAT'S MARTHA. NOT MARSHA.

I'M TELLING YOU, I CAN'T...

OH.

OH, OKAY.

MARTHA.

"INDEED."

THAM POUND

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DECEMBER 19TH.

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-nnng-

Arroof Arroof

-rrRGGGg-

Arroof

-nnn-

Arroof

Arroof

rfff

IT'S OKAY, BOY. IT'S OKAY.

I'M FINE, I'M FINE.

rfff rfff

I'M FINE.

Hh Hh Hh Hh

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DECEMBER 25TH.

I THOUGHT ACE MIGHT LIKE IT.

FOR MAYBE HALLOWEEN. OR SOMETHING.

YES, MASTER BRUCE.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, BOY?

D'YOU WANT TO BE A *BAT-HOUND?*

YESH YOU DO, YESH YOU DO.

CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE, ALFRED.

NO GIFT FROM YOU THIS YEAR.

WASN'T I A GOOD BOY?

NO GI--

HMM.

AN OVERSIGHT, SIR. YOU HAVE MY APOLOGIES.

IN MY DEFENSE, I HAVE BEEN RATHER OCCUPIED LATELY.

WITH THE DOG.

I'M JUST TEASING YOU, ALFRED. I ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING.

WHAT MORE COULD YOU GET ME?

WELL, SIR, I SUPPOSE RIGHT NOW I COULD GET YOU SOME BREAKFAST.

WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE.

INDEED.

END

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There are 8.5 million people living in Gotham City. That's not counting commuters, tourists, conferences, out-of-town sports fans, or visitors of other types.

On average, the city systems log 5.5 emergency calls per second.

There are no silent nights.

Every emergency call is tapped and routed through the Batcomputer systems.

In the split second before 9-1-1 operators route them, a running program analyzes them.

Key phrases are juxtaposed with extant fugitive reports and flagged hotspots.

Selected calls are sent to me, with GPS coordinates.

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It's a monumental undertaking.

DINER

I SEE THAT THE BAT-SIGNAL 2.0 IS FUNCTIONING SMOOTHLY.

SO FAR SO GOOD, ALFRED. THANK YOU.

I **WAS** BEING FACETIOUS. THIS IS A **HAMSTER WHEEL** OF A PROJECT, SIR, AND YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL AB--

PING PING

SORRY, ALFRED. GOT A SYSTEM ALERT. POSSIBLE TERRORISTS, CHAMPION SQUARE.

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Nothing from Blackgate or Arkham. Every prisoner accounted for.

The usual suspects on the outside are all in their hidey-holes.

Champion Square is neutral territory for nearby gangs...

...one of the few spots that maintains the balance of peace.

LOOK!

-GASP-

Ah.

And then it happens...

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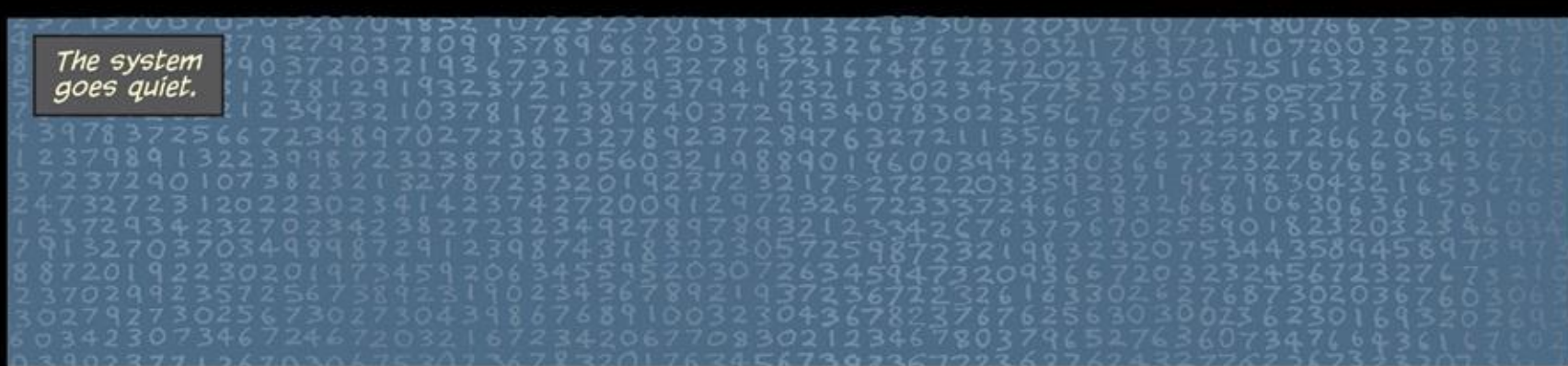

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN GOTHAM. A FRAGILE PEACE SEEMS TO BLANKET THE CITY. EVEN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE MOOD IS TRANQUIL. AT THIS HALLOWED SEASON, WOULD MAYHEM AND MADNESS DARE CREEP IN? A CERTAIN GAUDILY DRESSED FIGURE SEEMS READY TO MAKE GOOD ON THAT THREAT!

FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS, MYSTICS HAVE EXPERIENCED THE MANY MYSTERIES SURROUNDING CHRISTMAS...

UP ON THE ROOFTOP, BREAKING IN! DOWN THROUGH THE AIR VENT WITH HARLEY...

...QUINN!

BUT PERHAPS NONE SO PERPLEXING AS THIS!

NOT SO the Silent Night of the HARLEQUIN

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WELL THEN, LET'S SING SOMETHING.

I DON'T SING.

ENH! WRONG! I HEARD YOU ONCE SPENT A WHOLE CHRISTMAS EVE SINGIN' YOUR GUTS OUT WITH THE COPS.

NEVER HAPPENED.

YOU'RE A LOUSY LIAR. I'LL START...

JINGLE BELLS! BATMAN ♪ SMELLS! ROBIN LAID AN... ♫ ♪

SORRY. IT JUST POPPED OUT.

A-HEM...!

♪ TOYLAN TOYLAN ♫ ♪ I'L GIRL AN' BOY AN

WHILE YA DWELL WITHIN IT, YOU'RE EVER HAPPY THERE. ♫ ♫ ♪

TOYS FOR TYKES DROP OFF!

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THANKS FOR DUMPIN' ME IN THE BOONIES, BAT-BUM!

WELL, *ALMOST* EVERYONE'S JOYFUL!

YEAH! YOU JUST DRIVE OFF IN YOUR BIG, HEATED *BUM-MOBILE!* DON'T THINK OF *ME,* WET AN' COLD, SLOGGIN' ALL THE WAY BACK TO...

HEY! NUTBUCKETS IS BACK!

Welcome TO CONEY ISLAND

...*CONEY ISLAND?!*

HE DROVE ME HOME.

HARLEY! WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE IN GOTHAM ALL NIGHT!

YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT, BUT I GOT A RIDE FROM...

MMM! CHAWWW-CLATE!

TRIPLE SUGAR, AS YOU LIKE IT.

YES! A MERRY HAPPY *TO ALL!*

WHO'S UP FOR *CAROLING?*

IT'S FOUR IN THE MORNING!

EVERYONE'S ASLEEP.

SIII-LENT NIGHT HOL-LEEE NIGHT...

NOT FOR LONG!

STEEPLECHASE THE FUNNY PLACE

DAWN STEALS OVER THE WONDER WHEEL, AS FAINT AND AS FLEETING AS THE YULETIDE *TRUCE* BETWEEN OLD ENEMIES. WILL IT *ENDURE?* WHO CAN *SAY?* FOR NOW IT SHALL REMAIN ONE OF THE *MANY MYSTERIES* SURROUNDING *CHRISTMAS* ON THIS, THE *NOT SO SILENT* NIGHT OF THE ~~BATMAN~~ HARLEY QUINN...

MAYBE!

END

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"Okay, O'Neill. Blizzard's secure. Explain."

HE SAID HE'S THE PRIME MINISTER OF AN ICE KINGDOM. I SHOULD'VE ***LISTENED*** TO THE LETTERS. PEOPLE COULD'VE BEEN ***HURT.*** I WANTED TONIGHT TO BE ***PERFECT.***

PRIME MINISTER? FOR ALL WE KNOW, HE'S FROM BAYONNE.

YOU ***SHOULD'VE*** TOLD GCPD. BUT I GET IT. YOU DIDN'T WANT TO ***TARNISH*** THE NIGHT.

AND ***LOOK.*** LOOK AT EVERYONE, BARRY. THEY'RE OKAY. LOOK AT THE KIDS. THEIR ***FACES.*** YOU DID IT. LIKE YOU DO EVERY YEAR.

YOU GAVE THEM ***WONDER.*** FOR ONE NIGHT, THEY WEREN'T THINKING ABOUT CRIME, OR IF THEIR PARENTS HAVE JOBS, OR EVEN ***BATMAN.*** THEY GOT TO BE KIDS, SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN ***OFTEN*** IN GOTHAM.

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"You did that."

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, BRUCE?

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"Someday...

"...something comes for us all...

"...even the *best* of us."

WHAT?

NO! STAY AWAY!

DON'T-- WHAT ARE YOU--

STGH-SHLIRK

I AM AN HONEST SIGNAL.

STAG

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END? THE STAG IS COMING IN 2017...

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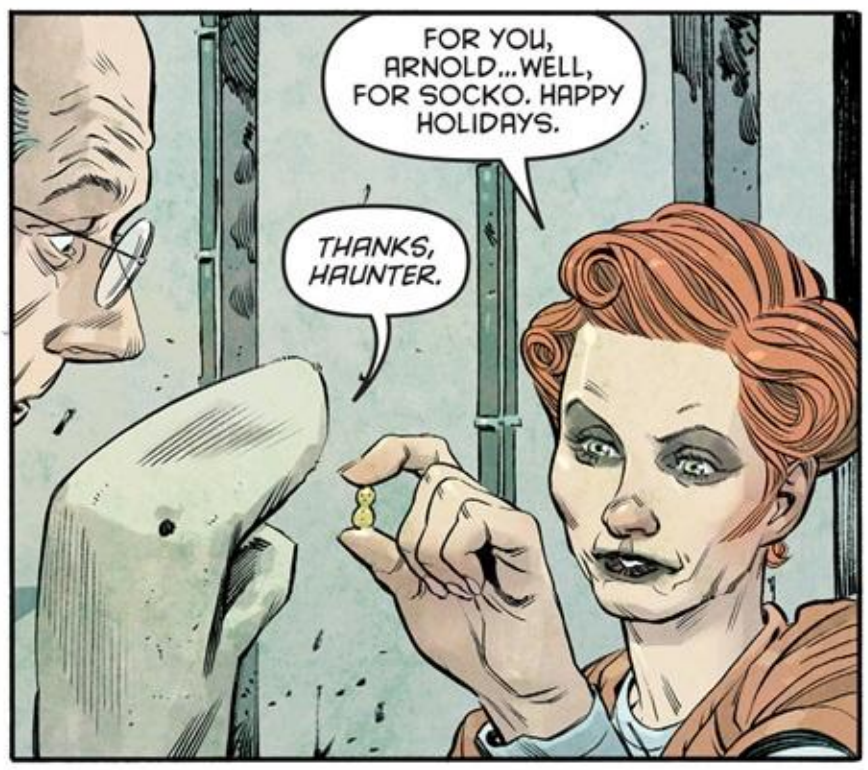

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...it's fear gas.

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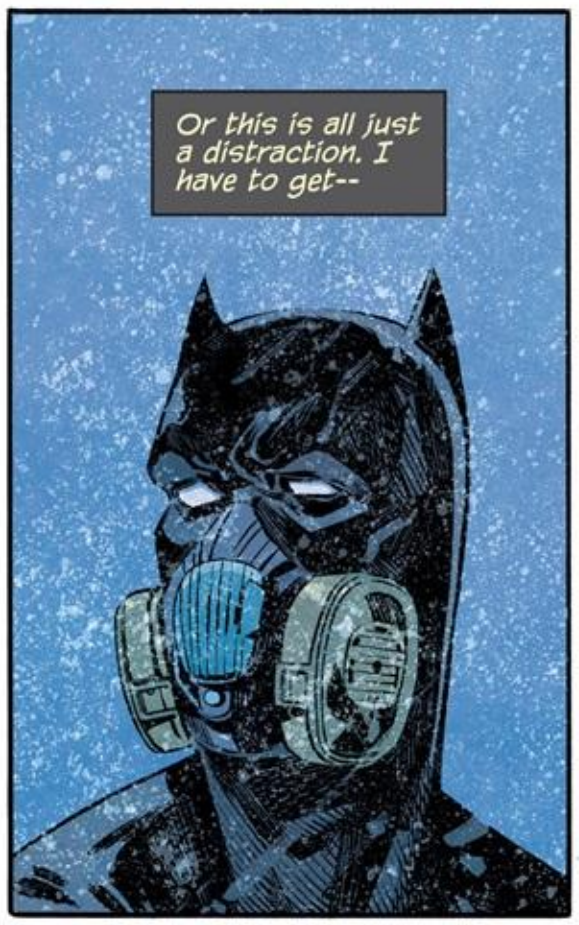

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