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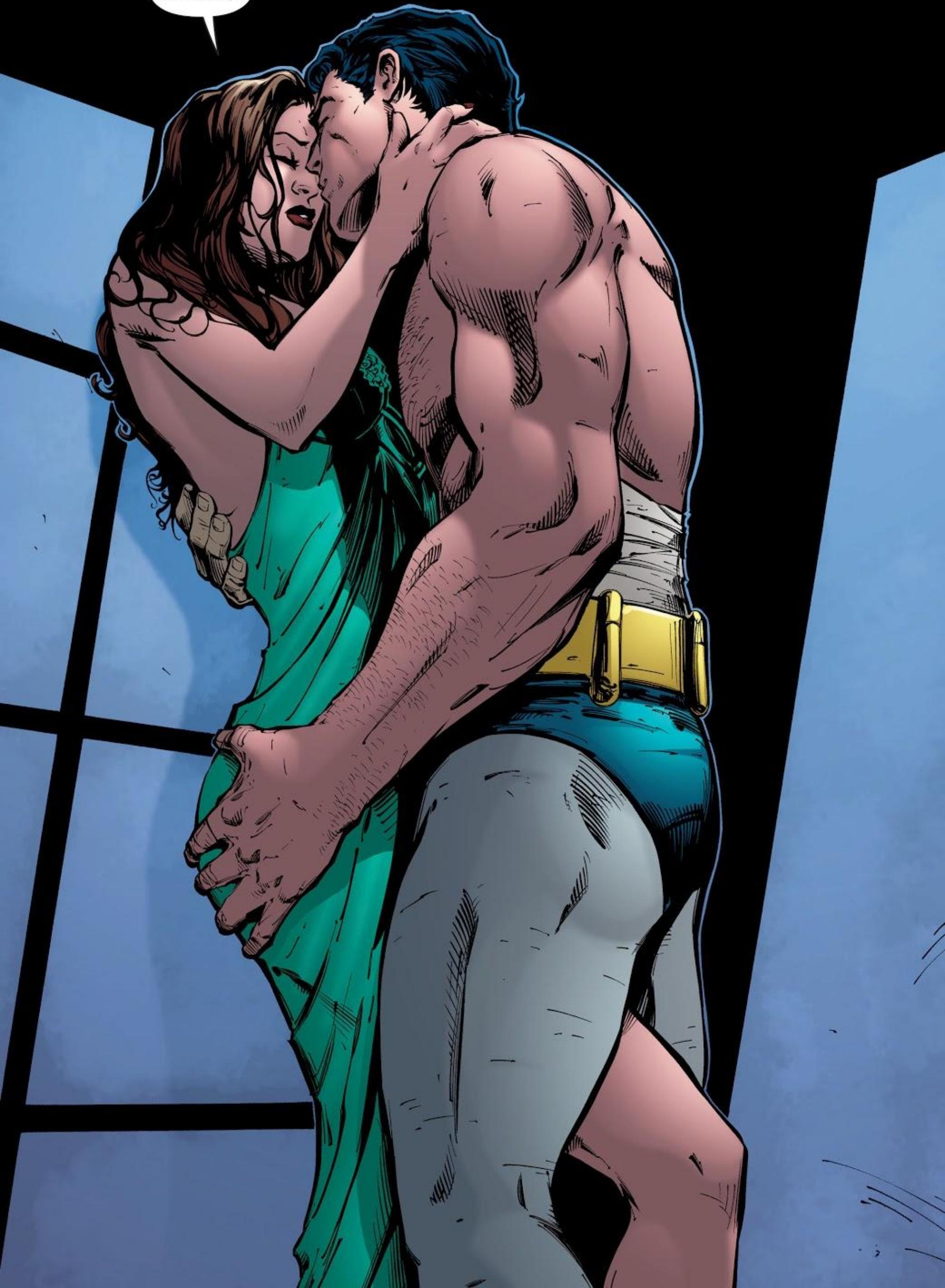
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OUR SON
WILL INHERIT
THE WORLD.





BATMAN WHAT THE BUTLER SAW

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SOMEONE EXCITING.

I LIKE TO READ, SIR-- THAT'S MY OUTLET.

MYSTERIES, UNLIKELY TALES.

BLOOD AND THUNDER, YOU MIGHT SAY.

Hh.

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU REMEMBER THAT TERRIBLE MURDER CASE, A FEW YEARS BACK?

CIRCUS BOY.

HIS PARENTS WERE ASSASSINATED BY THE CHEMICAL RACKETEERS AND HE WENT OUT ON HIS OWN TO... WELL, TO AVENGE THEM, I SUPPOSE...

THE JOKER KILLER KEPT THE BOY ALIVE IN A ROOM FOR TEN DAYS.

FILMED THE WHOLE THING.

THEY NEVER FOUND THE BODY.

VERY UNPLEASANT BUSINESS, AS I RECALL, SIR.

I STILL SAY LETHAL INJECTION WAS TOO GOOD FOR THAT GRINNING BLOODY MONSTER.

WHAT, MAY I ASK, SIR, WOULD BRING THAT TO MIND?

WELL THAT'S THE THING...

...I KEEP THINKING I COULD HAVE SAVED THE BOY SOMEHOW.

I DON'T KNOW WHY.

I CAN'T SEEM TO GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD.

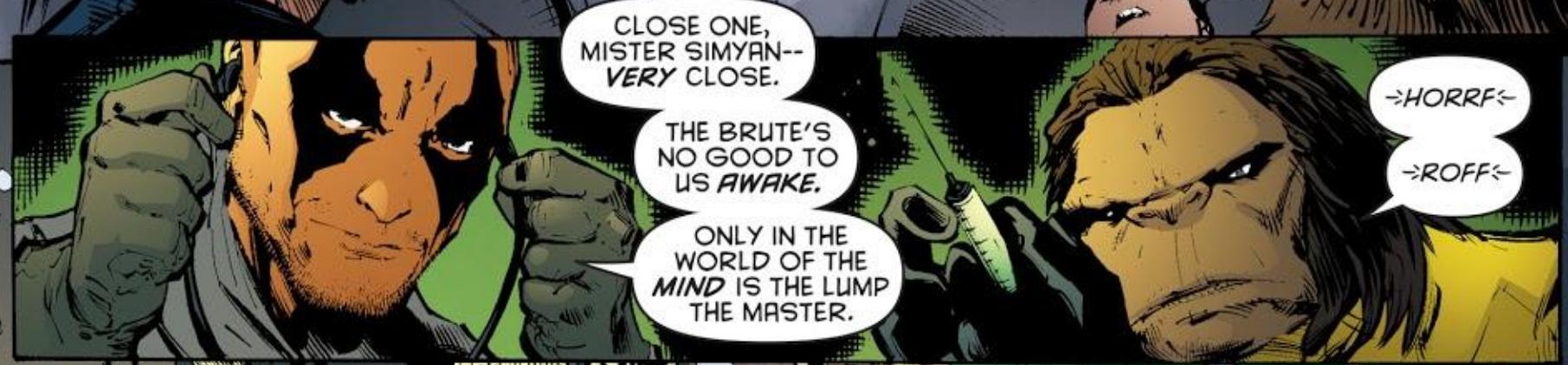
AMBULANCE













BUT THIS TIME
WAS VERY
DIFFERENT.

...AND THEN HE
LOOKS AT THE
KID, RAISES THE
CROWBAR AND
SAYS...

"YOU'RE
SCARED? I HAVE
TO GO BACK
THROUGH THESE
CREEPY WOODS
ON MY OWN!"

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
GOTTEN INTO YOU.

I'M NOT
YOUR FATHER,
JASON.

I DON'T
NEED TEENAGE
REBELLION.

WHATEVER.

...I'M STILL
HERE AT THE
REFUGEE
CAMP.

HAVE YOU
HEARD
ANYTHING
FROM
JASON?

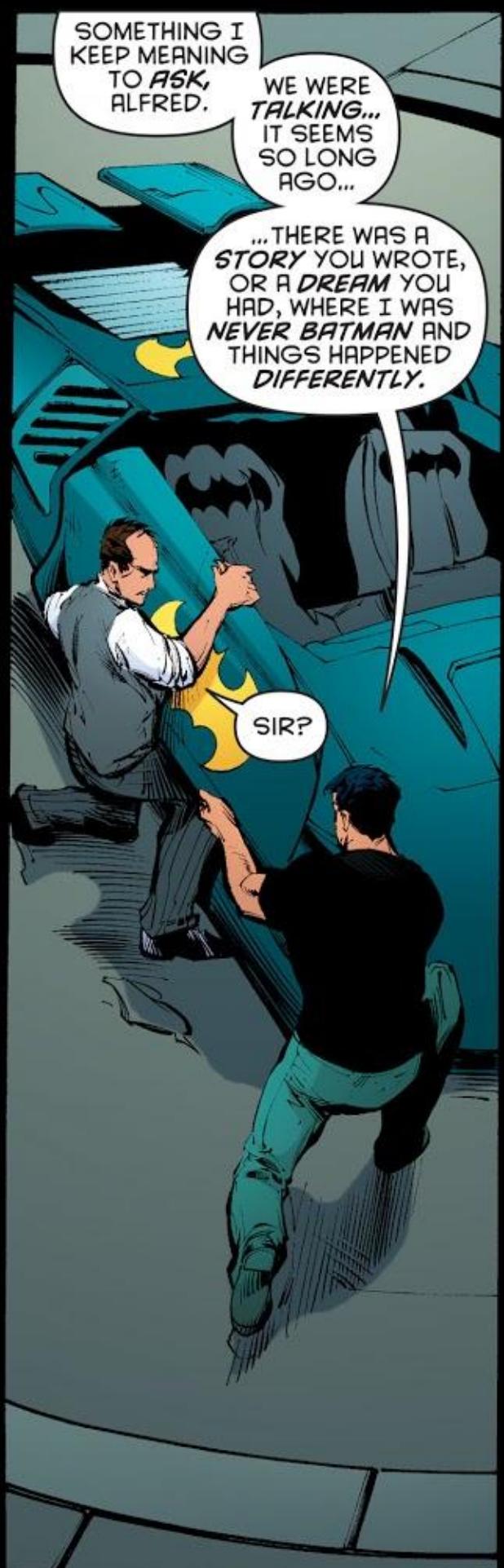
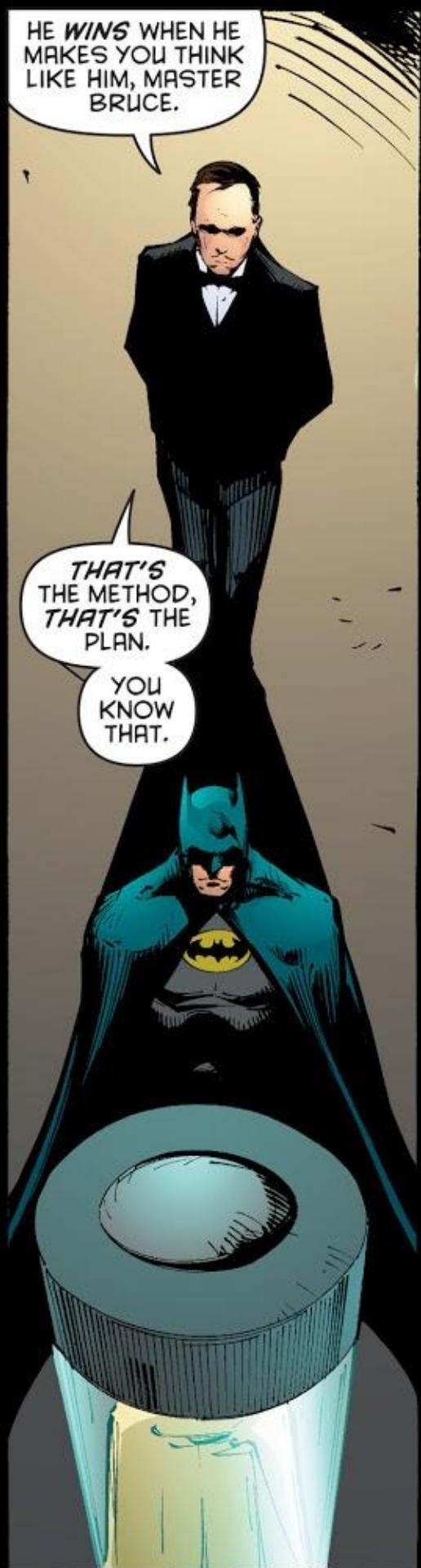
NO,
SIR, NOT
SINCE...

ODD.

MY WATCH
HAS STOPPED.



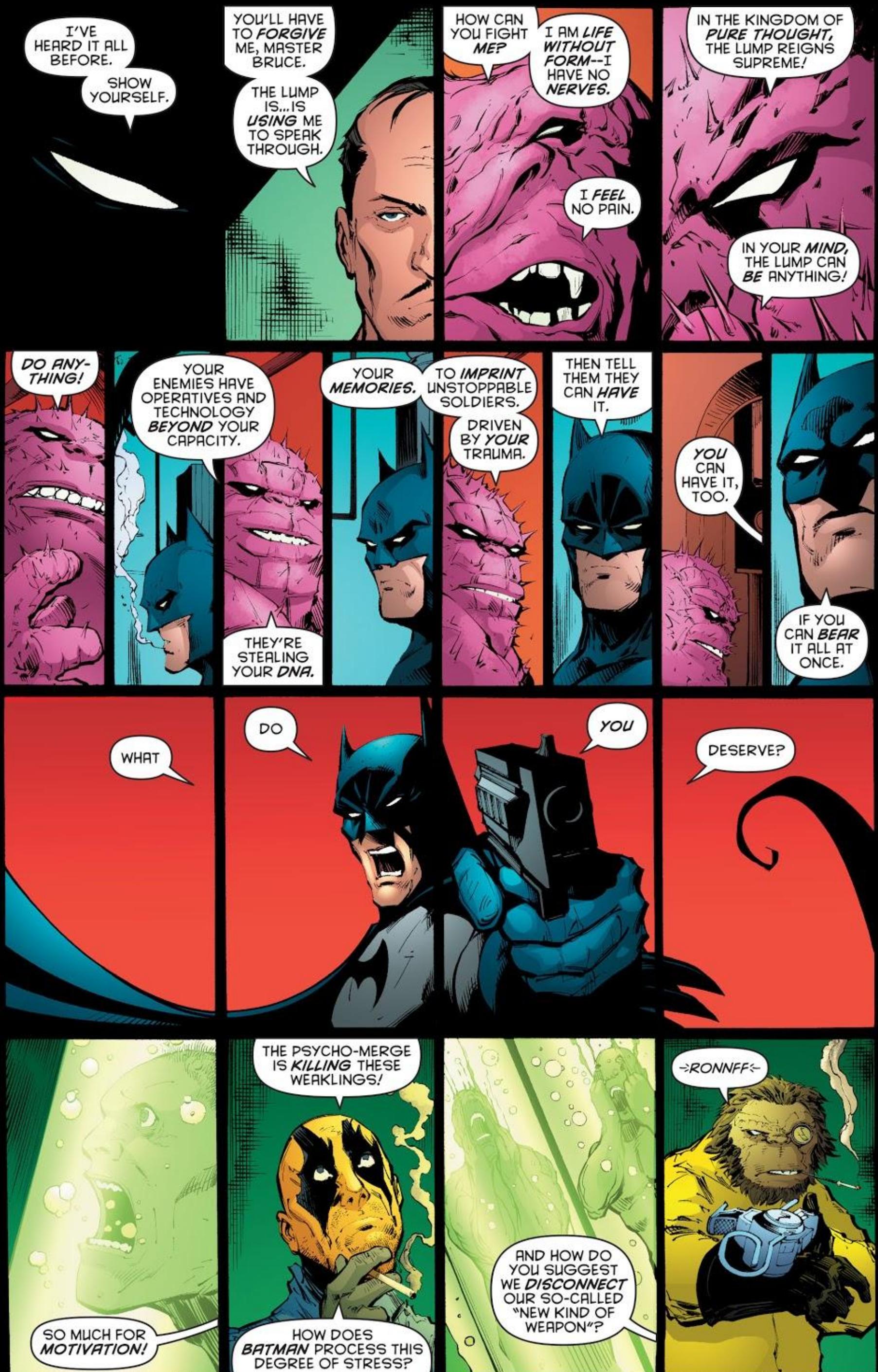


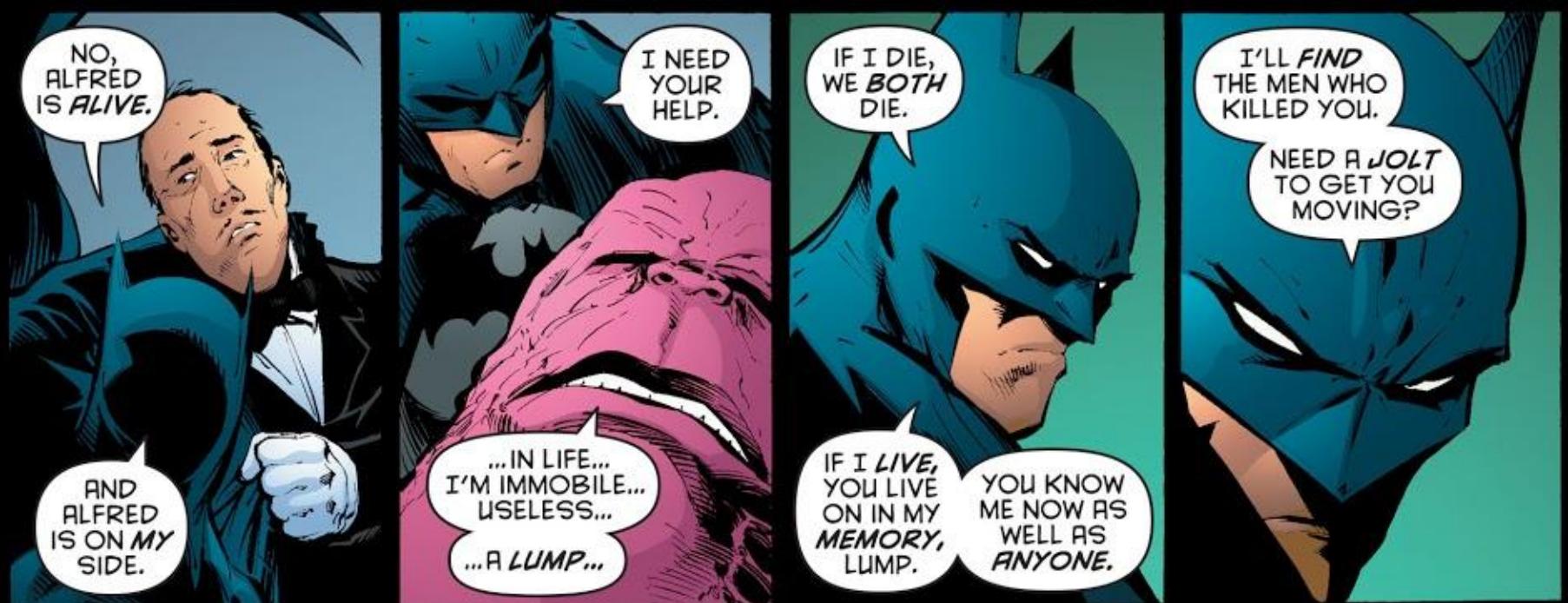














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DAY OF
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YEARS."

AND HE
STOPPED
THERE, LEAVING
THE REST
TO ME.

THE
WHEREABOUTS
OF BATMAN
REMAIN
UNKNOWN.

...I CAN
SEE HIM NOW,
IN THE GRIP OF
IMPLACABLE FORCES,
INNUMERABLE
FOES.

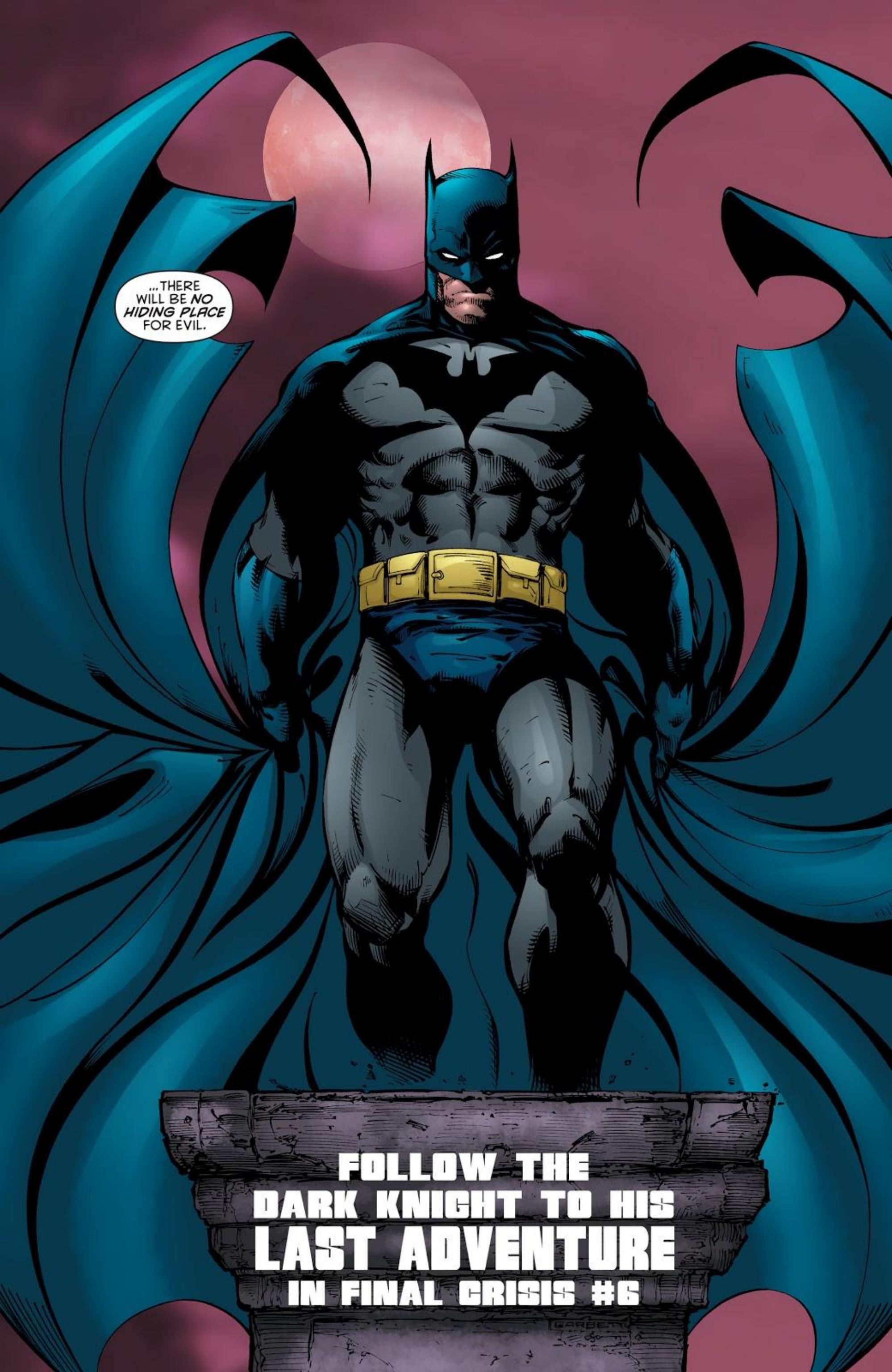
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AND I
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THE ENEMY
WILL LOOK AWAY,
FOR JUST A MOMENT,
UNDERESTIMATING
HIM FOR THAT SINGLE
FRACTION OF A
SECOND TOO
LONG.

AND NO
MATTER HOW
DARK THE
NIGHT...



...THERE
WILL BE NO
HIDING PLACE
FOR EVIL.

**FOLLOW THE
DARK KNIGHT TO HIS
LAST ADVENTURE
IN FINAL CRISIS #6**