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ZUR-ZEN-ARRM!



HSSS.

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PLEASE DON'T HURT ME!

I'M ONLY A TAILOR!

Miracle on Crime Alley

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NEW BOSS
RECRUITING
IN TOWN?

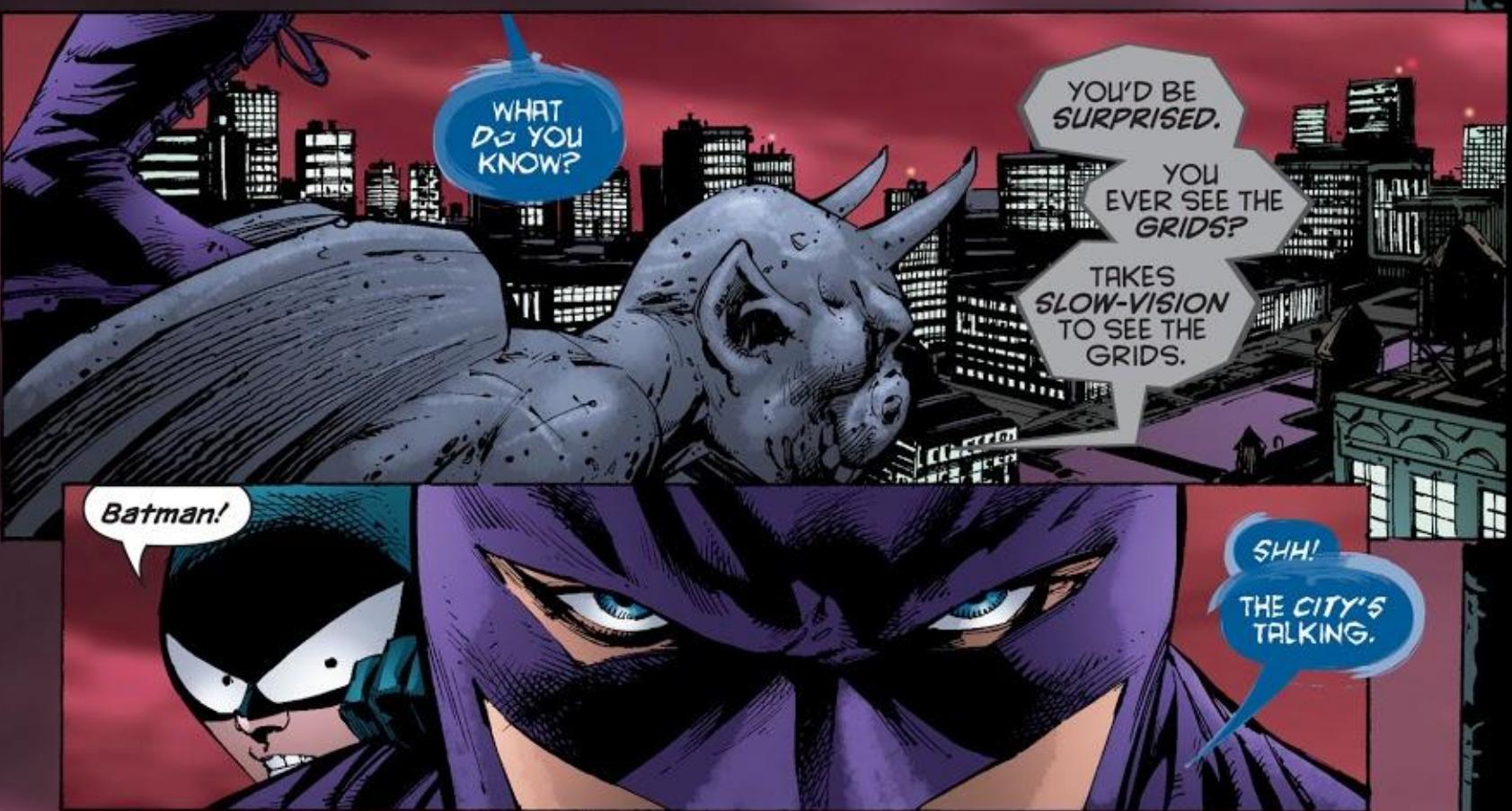
WHO'S
PAYING FOR
THESE?

B-B-BOSSU.

FRENCH
GUY.

LE
BOSSU.









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All this stuff came out during the trauma of the *space isolation experiment* you took part in for the army, remember?

which is when Doc Hurt got the idea to use "Zur-en-arrh" as a hypnotic **trigger phrase** that would give him the power to **switch off** Batman any time he wanted.

But it doesn't pay to underestimate Batman, does it?



Something... happened here a long time ago.

Call it a **miracle** on Crime Alley.

From the sad graveyard, ashes of a little boy's worst **nightmare**, something **unforeseen** arose, didn't it?



THIS WILL REMIND YOU THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE ONCE AND CAN RETURN.



Batman thinks of everything.

Batman even prepared for psychological attack with a **backup identity**, remember?

He made a **secret self** to save him.

The Batman of Zur-en-arrh.





YOU GOT MY BIKE...
...I GET YOURS.

SO WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?
ANYTHING WORTH SQUIRE AND KNIGHT'S ATTENTION?

! NEW VOICEMAIL FROM ROBIN

THAT WAS A BIT WEIRD, CYRIL.
THAT WAS ROBIN... THE ROBIN... CALLING ME AT MY MUM'S HOUSE.

HE SAID SUMMINK ABOUT BATMAN BEING IN A LOT OF TROUBLE AND...

...AND A CLUB OF VILLAINS...

CLUB OF VILLAINS?
CAN'T HAVE THAT, BERYL.

BETTER PUT IN A CALL TO THE LADS.





HMM.
WHAT
TOOK YOU
SO LONG,
ALFRED?

YOU
SOUND
HOARSE.

I NEED TO SPEAK TO
BRUCE, URGENTLY.

IT'S SERIOUS.

IS HE
AROUND?

...A-HEM.
COMMISSIONER
GORDON, SIR.

WHY, OF
COURSE.

I'M SURE
YOUNG MASTER
BRUCE WOULD
LOVE TO SEE YOU,
COMMISSIONER.

DOOR'S
OPEN.

SO HOW'S
YOUR BOY,
BILL?

HE'S TWO,
SIR.

DRIVES THE
WIFE NUTS, BUT
I'M LOVIN' IT.

HE'S SUCH
A LITTLE GUY
NOW, KNOW
WHAT I'M
SAYING?











DOCTOR DAX?

YES?

I'VE JUST BEEN
INFORMED YOU'VE
HAD THE THEATER
PREPARED FOR
SURGERY.

THAT YOU'RE
ON YOUR WAY
TO PERFORM A
RADICAL LOBOTOMY
ON OUR NEW
PATIENT.

WITHOUT
TELLING
ME?

HNN.

IT'S A
FRESH APPROACH
I PIONEERED IN
BELGIUM.

I CAN ASSURE YOU IT WILL
COMPLETELY ERASE OUR
NEWCOMER'S VIOLENT,
SOCIOPATHIC
TENDENCIES...

AS WILL
MEDICATION AND
THERAPY.

YOU COME
TO US WITH
IMPECCABLE
CREDENTIALS
BUT... WELL...

...WE TEND TO
FAVOR RATHER MORE
PROGRESSIVE METHODS HERE AT
ARKHAM ASYLUM, DOCTOR DAX.

METHODS WHICH HAVE SO FAR
FAILED TO REFORM THE JOKER,
TWO-FACE, MAD HATTER, OR
INDEED ANY OF YOUR OTHER
INFAMOUS INMATES.

I'M AFRAID YOU
ARE NO LONGER IN
CHARGE OF THIS
BUILDING, DOCTOR
ARKHAM.

IT BELONGS
NOW TO THE
BLACK
GLOVE.



he's not
here yet,
is he?

i don't
want him
to be here
yet.

my nails
are still
drying.

next in BATMAN R.I.P.

