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THREE BATMEN

ONE IMPOSSIBLE CRIME

CAN YOU CRACK THE CASE?

"TIME AND THE BATMAN"

YESTERDAY
2 RIGHT
1 LEFT
4 RIGHT
GET ME OUT OF HERE, PROFESSOR!
2 RIGHT
3 LEFT
1 RIGHT
PROFESSOR!

AUGHH!
HE-HEH! QUITE A RIDE!
BUT WE'RE THROUGH WITH THE ROAD TESTS!
THIS TIME HYPNOSIS TRICK'S THE REAL McCOY!
...UH...
1 LEFT 1 RIGHT 1 LEFT.
LEMME OUTTA THIS, I'LL CLEAN YOUR CLOCK, JOKER!
AND ALL THE REST OF YOU, TOO!
1 LEFT 1 RIGHT 1 LEFT!
YOU KNOW, I STOLE THIS ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET AT IT UNTIL NOW.
BATMAN, FORGIVE ME!
I WAS EXPECTING YOU.
I COULDN'T STOP THEM...
SHADDUP, LOSER!
GNNUH!

...OH NO PLEASE...
...PLEASE DON'T DO THIS...
THIS IS TERRIBLE.
JOKERRRRR!
YOU USED TO BE FUN!
WAS THAT BEFORE I SENT HIM IN SEARCH OF THE LOST COMBINATION FOR THE IMPENETRABLE SARCOPHAGUS OF THE CRYSTAL CAT OF KARNAK?
AND THE BRIM SIZE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT FOR THE TEDIOUSLY SANE HATTER OVER THERE!
"WHAT CAN WE BEAT BUT NEVER DEFEAT?"
DON'T WE NEED THE BESPECTACLED BOFFIN TO OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT?
WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS BAFFLING BOX CAN DO?
TOO TRUE!
SURELY THIS SPACE AGE CHAPEAU CRIES OUT FOR PRIDE OF PLACE IN MY MAD HAT COLLECTION.
YET IT'S NOT A HOMBURG, A TOPPER, A TITFER, A STETSON OR FEDORA...
IT'S A MAYBE MACHINE.
IT GENERATES VISIONS OF HOW THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN.
TRY IT--MAYBE YOU'LL SEE WHAT LIFE WOULD BE LIKE IF YOU WEREN'T SPENDING THE REST OF IT IN JAIL.
IT TAKES THE PROFESSOR THREE MINUTES TO RESET HIS EQUIPMENT.
I'LL BE OUT OF THESE RESTRAINTS IN TWO.
IT'S ALREADY ALL OVER, JOKER.
YEWWW
WHAT'S THAT, MISTAH ROOSTER?

"EVERYBODY SAYS THE JOKER'S LOSING HIS DOODLE-DOODLE DO"?

I DO DECLARE!

CHICKEN-LICKEN HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE HE CROSSED THE ROAD!

AND THE PUNCHLINE WAS ME!

DOODLE-DO! DOODLE-DO!

EEEEAAHA HAHAHAHAHA

THE JOKER'S JOKEBOOK... PAGE DAH-DUM-DAH-DUM-DAH-DUM...
...MY SCHEMES AND ROUTINES... MY GRANDEST PLOYS...
...JOKER FISH... HEH...MIGHT LOOK INTO THAT...JOKERWORLD DEATH PARKS FOR ALL THE FAMILY... WOOH...
?

-CHUCKLE-
GIVE YOUR FAVORITE CLOWN PRINCE SOME OF THAT OLD TIME FEAR GAS, SCARECROW!
MMN

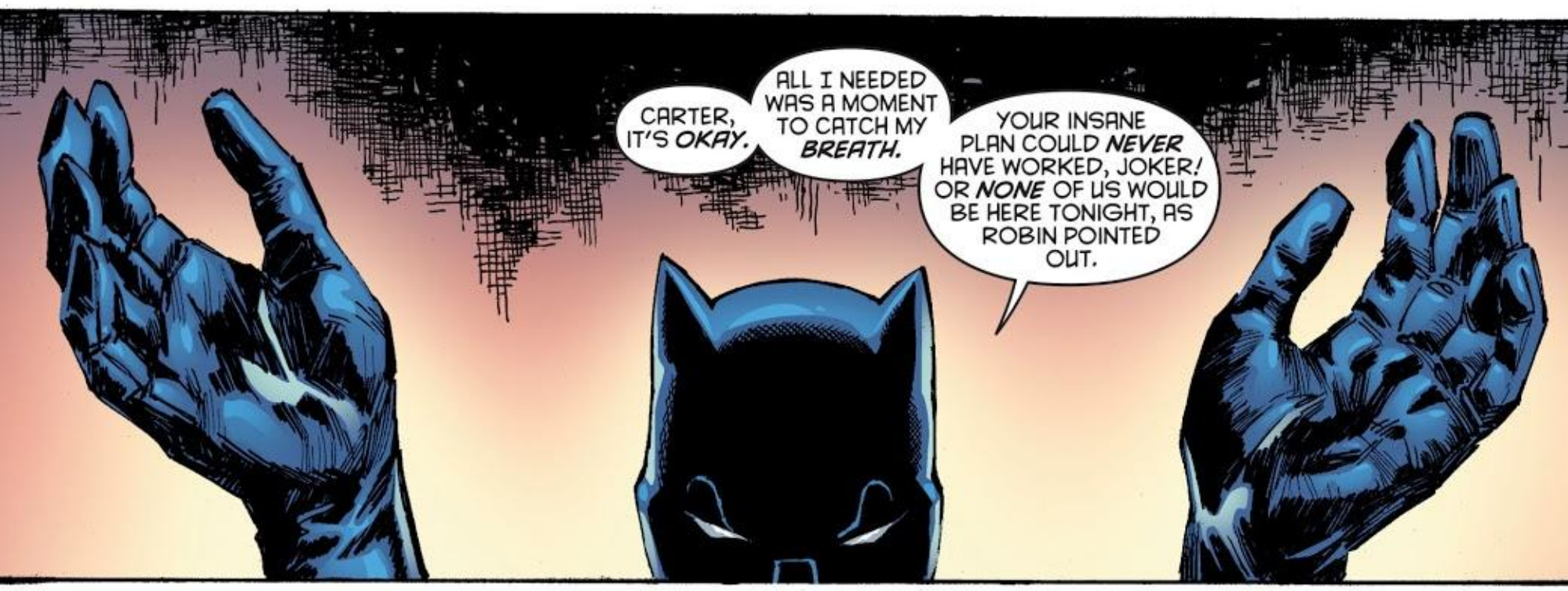
-FFFHHPP-
NO BATMAN MEANS NO ROBIN, NO JOKER, NO SCARECROW OR RIDDLER OR CATWOMAN!
NOT EVEN YOU COULD BE THAT CRAZY!

NNGGG
KK

FWWOHH!
MAYBE I'M NOT.
EVEN.
ME.

BUT I PROMISE TO PUT A BIG CHEEKY SMILE ON THAT BABY FACE JUST AS SOON AS THE RUSH LETS UP!
DO IT, DOCTOR!
AAAUGHHH!

ANOTHER SESSION COULD KILL HIM!
EVEN BATMAN HAS PHYSICAL LIMITS, AND THE TIME TRANSFER PROCESS IS...GUH-GUH-GRUELING...
THEN HE CAN EAT GUH-GUH-GRUEL.


CARTER, IT'S OKAY.
ALL I NEEDED WAS A MOMENT TO CATCH MY BREATH.
YOUR INSANE PLAN COULD NEVER HAVE WORKED, JOKER! OR NONE OF US WOULD BE HERE TONIGHT, AS ROBIN POINTED OUT.

I'LL POINT YYHAAUK
ROBIN!
HEEE-HAW!
GET THEM!
YOU MAY HAVE SNUCK UP ON JOKER, BUT YOU CAN'T HANDLE ALL OF US, CAPED CRUSADER!
RIDDLE ME TH--
*
DON'T CALL ME THAT AGAIN!
SHAKEN OFF THAT FEAR GAS YET, PAL?
JOKER BREATH WAS WORSE!
IF I'M RIGHT, WE CAN EXPECT BACKUP ANY TIME...

HOLD IT RIGHT *THERE*, JOKER!
AND *CATWOMAN*, TOO.
QUITE A *CREW*.
SSs!
GET ME *OUT* OF HERE, PROF!
THE CRUCIFIXION! THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE! VIETNAM!
JUST SEND ME SOMEWHERE FUNNY!
GNHGHNNG
BIGGEST *POPCRIME* BUST SINCE THE TWO-FACE/ CLAYFACE/ NO-FACE/FALSEFACE TEAM!
O'HARA... *PLEASE.*
...IT WAS *PROFESSOR NICHOLS* HERE WHO CALLED IN WITH THE *TIPOFF.*
STRANGE.
AFTER I *ESCAPED*, I PLANNED TO UNDERGO THE PROCESS *ONE MORE TIME*, GO BACK AN *HOUR* AND SOMEHOW *ALERT* THE POLICE.
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE *ELSE* MAKES THAT CALL.
PROFESSOR, YOU SURE YOU'RE *OKAY?*
YOU'RE SHAKING.
...I'LL BE FINE... FINE.
...YOU KNOW I...COULD *NEVER* ALLOW YOU TO ENDURE *ANOTHER* SESSION, BATMAN...
I...I'LL SET THINGS STRAIGHT AFTER YOU'VE GONE.

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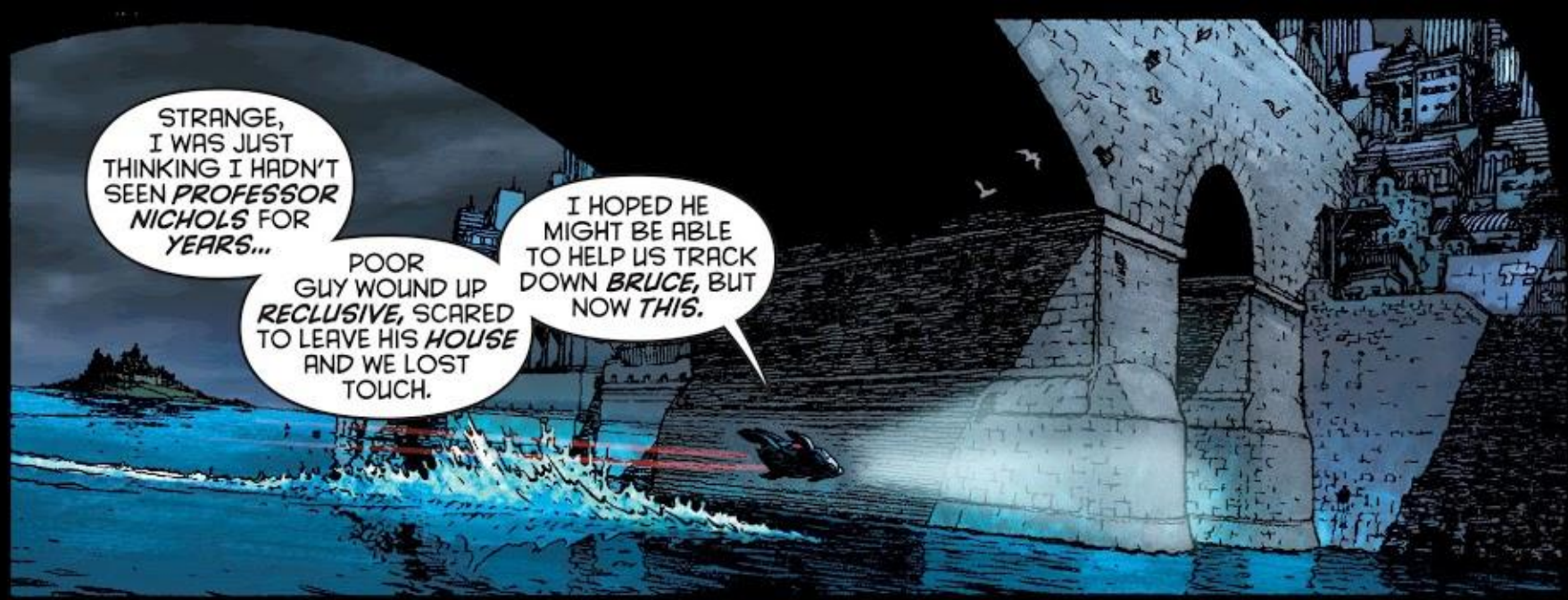
TODAY

A BASEMENT ROOM *LOCKED* FROM THE INSIDE.

THE VICTIM: *PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS.*

SHOT IN THE HEART, NO SIGN OF THE *WEAPON,* A *SMILE* ON HIS FACE AND *THIS* ON THE CHAIR BESIDE HIM.

SEEMED LIKE *YOUR* TERRITORY.



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WE'RE ON IT.
MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO GET *INDOORS.*
-TT-

IS IT OKAY IF I TAKE *PICTURES?*
HOLLY, WE'LL BE *KILLED...*
NAH, YOU WON'T GET HURT.
WE'RE HERE.

YOURS ON THE *RIGHT.*
WHY?

LIKE I SAID.
COMMUNITY CRIMEFIGHTING.

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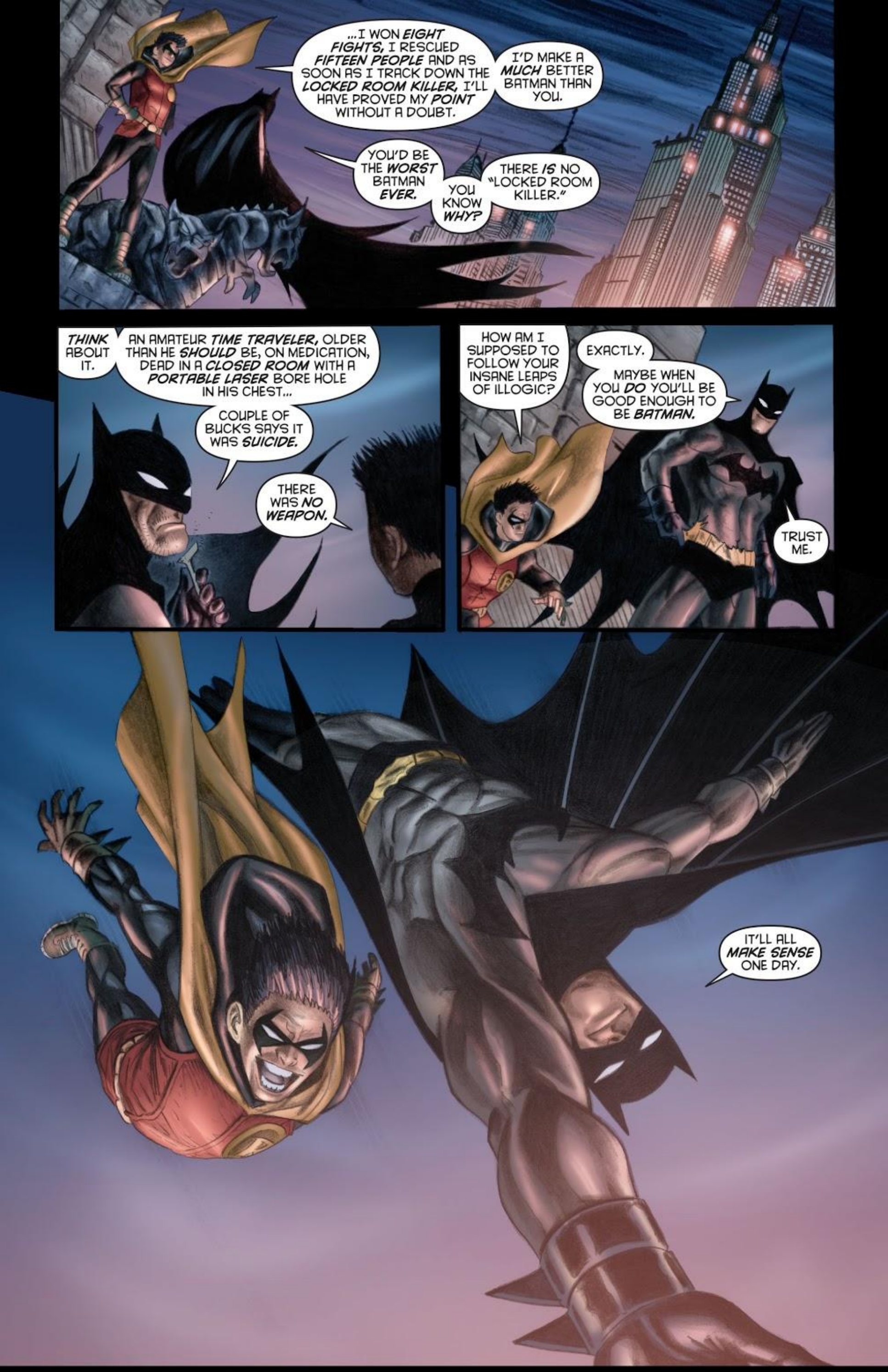
ITA
DELI

THE SUPERWEAPON AUCTION STARTS IN *NINE MINUTES.*
WE'LL HAVE THIS GUY AT *E.R.* IN *TWO,* ROBIN.
JUST KEEP HIM *ALIVE!*

...YOU'VE SEEN THE KILLER KITE COLLECTION, AND THE RED HOOD'S CUSTOM AUTOMATICS, BUT LOT 22 IS A REAL DISCOVERY!
FROM THE HIDDEN HOARD OF A MAD PROFESSOR!
THE JOKER'S LEGENDARY JOKEBOOK!

YOU LEFT OUT THE *SMALL PRINT,* HATMAN.
AND THE REASON *WHY* IT'S SO LEGENDARY...



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TOMORROW
New Year's Eve in Gotham.
20:00

aughzzz
A madman called **January** holding the city to **ransom** in return for the Joker's old **jokebook**, a countdown to **permanent mass psychosis**...

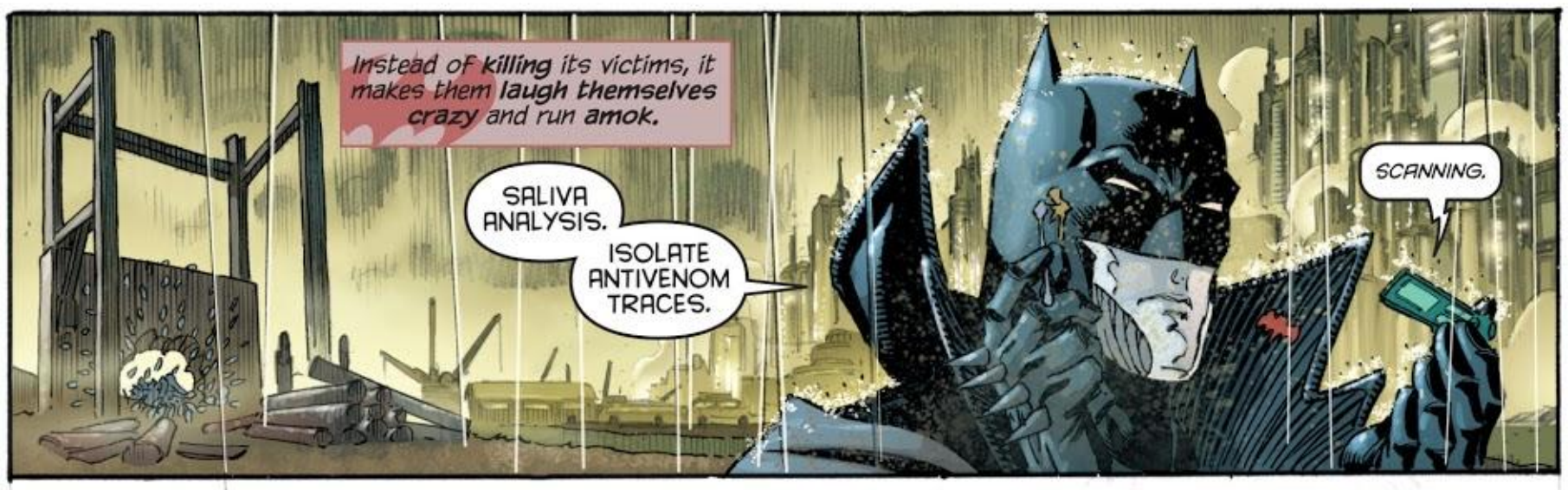
gzzkxx
I'M ALL BROKEN UP.
...all smashed inside...
AUGHH
And me.

YOU REPROGRAMMED CLIMATE CONTROL TO MAKE JOKERZOMBIES, BUT YOU PAID FOR IMMUNIZATION WITH YOUR EYE, RIGHT?
JANUARY, MAX.
TELL ME WHERE YOUR BOSS TOOK THE BABY AND THE OLD MAN AND I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK CLEAN.
...UNGGH... CAN'T MOVE... YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAN IN CLOSER...
it was.

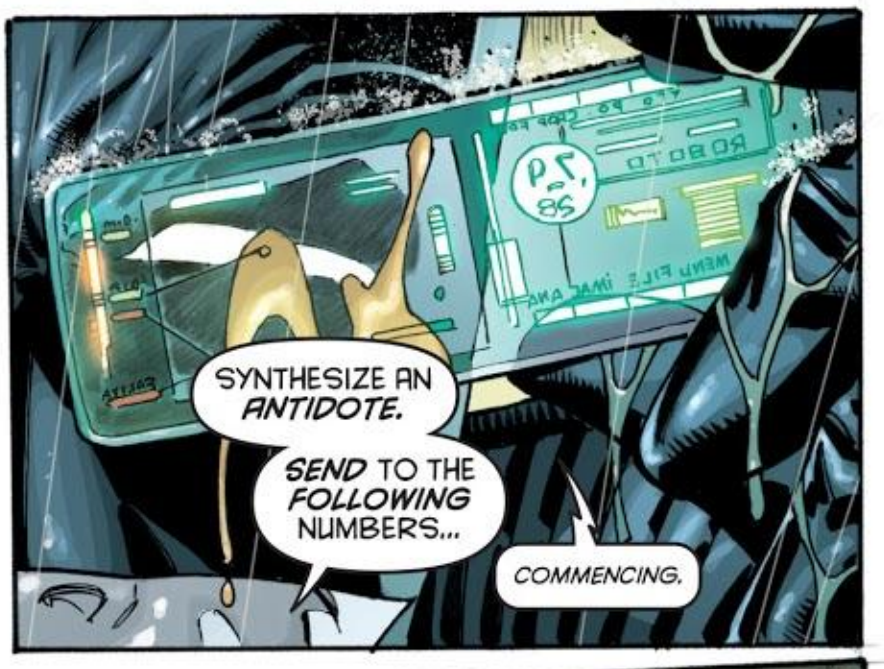
-PTTFF-

YOUR CALL, ROBOTO.
THEY SAY THE RATS DOWN HERE ARE CANNIBAL FLESH EATERS.
BUT YOU'RE ONLY ABOUT 40% RAT, RIGHT?
NO! NO! NO!
it's some place in granton!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HERE!

BATMAN, YOU BASTARD!
Weaponized Joker Venom in the form of neurotoxic rain.


Instead of killing its victims, it makes them laugh themselves crazy and run amok.
SALIVA ANALYSIS.
ISOLATE ANTIVENOM TRACES.
SCANNING.

ISOLATED.
PROCEDURE?
ROBOTO.
98.
ANALYZING...


SYNTHESIZE AN ANTIDOTE.
SEND TO THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS...
COMMENCING.

HOTLINE: BATMAN TO GORDON.
THAT NOISE IS ALL OF MIDTOWN LAUGHING.
YOU GET MY MESSAGE?

SOMEBODY HACKED YOUR PRECIOUS CLIMATE CONTROL SCHEME AND SEEDED THOSE CLOUDS WITH "LAUGHING DEATH".
TEN MINUTES TILL THE TOXIN'S IRREVERSIBLE AND THE HOSTAGES DIE AT MIDNIGHT.
MY AIR SUPPLY RUNS OUT IN EIGHT.

GOOD THING I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
10:03

Sometimes I wish it had never worked out this way.

Sometimes I wish there was no need for Batman.

Thoughts you find yourself thinking at the cold heart of the hallucination, running out of air.

05:49

MONSTER BARBECUE!

2-FACE-2.

...SO.

ROBOTO *BETRAYED* ME.

YOU BETRAYED *YOURSELF,* "JANUARY."

THE GOD *JANUS* HAS *TWO FACES:* ONE LOOKS TO THE *PAST,* THE OTHER TO THE *FUTURE.*

OLD FATHER TIME AND THE *BABY NEW YEAR...* WHO ELSE BUT *YOU?*

WE *ALL* HAVE TWO FACES.

THE OLD MAN STUDIED *TIME TRAVEL,* TOO, AND HAD A *DOUBLE* WHO DIED *RIGHT HERE* FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

THE BABY HAS A *TWIN,* LIKE TWO BARS ON A DOLLAR SIGN.

GIVE ME THE BOOK OR PAST AND FUTURE DIE TONIGHT!

TWO SILVER DOLLARS FOR A DEAD BATMAN'S EYES!

02:00

HE'S *NOT* A TWIN! HIS MOM AND DAD ARE *BLUE COLLAR WORKERS,* NOT SOFTWARE BILLIONAIRES!

YOU STOLE THE *WRONG BABY!*

I HOPE ALL THIS WAS *WORTH* IT.

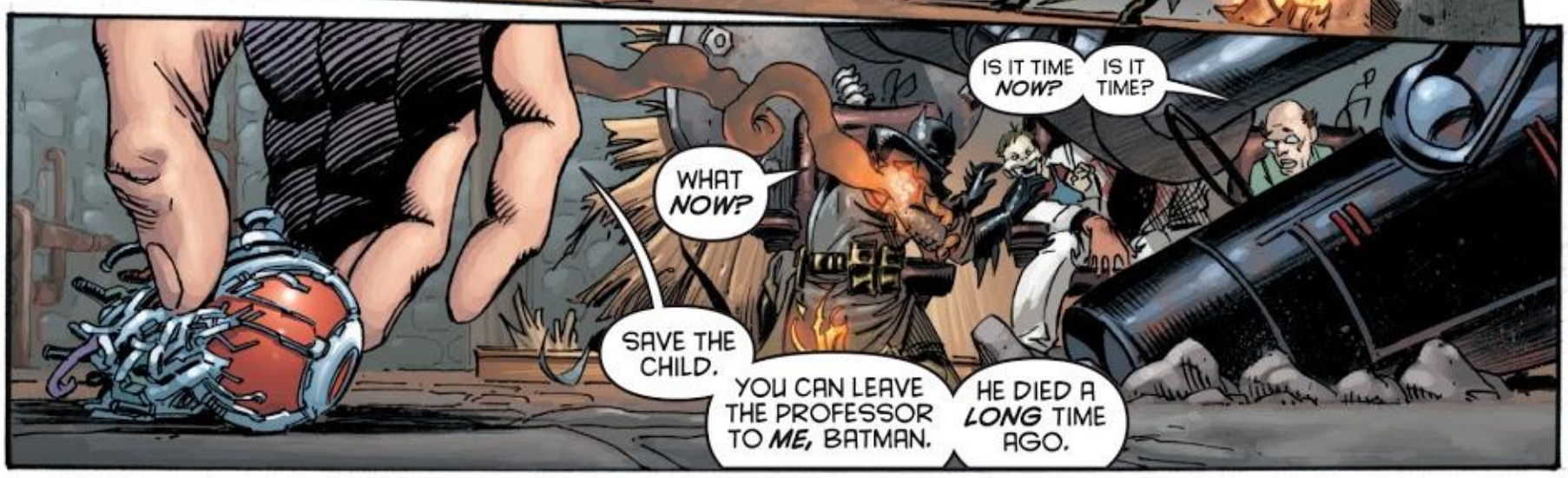
THE JOKER'S JOKEBOOK.
SO WHAT'S UP? MONSTER SERUM, JOKER VENOM, CALENDAR NAMES.
NO IDEAS OF YOUR OWN?

I DON'T INVENT.
I INNOVATE.

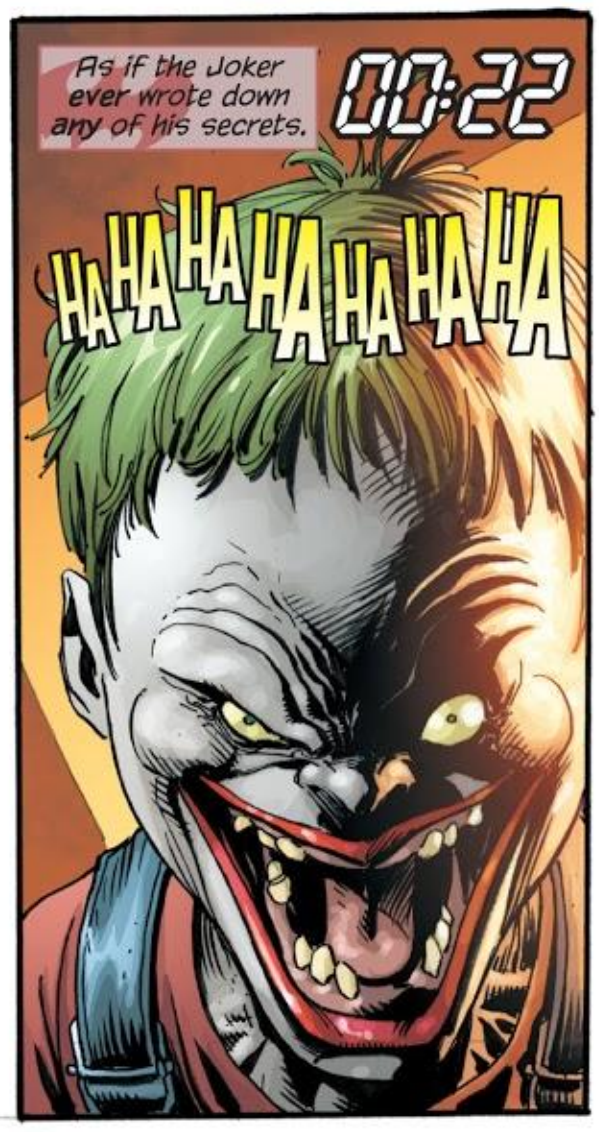
NNNA!

MISSED.
A FATAL MISS.
ROBOTO'S RIGHT EYE OF DEATH HAS YOU IN ITS SIGHTS.

NO.
IT'S LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE.


IS IT TIME NOW?
IS IT TIME?
WHAT NOW?
SAVE THE CHILD.
YOU CAN LEAVE THE PROFESSOR TO ME, BATMAN.
HE DIED A LONG TIME AGO.

THAT DOOR WAS...
...LOCKED...
I ONLY CAME TO *RESCUE* HIM FROM ALL OF THIS.
I'M *CARTER NICHOLS,* BATMAN.
A *YOUNGER* CARTER NICHOLS, BY SOME *FIFTEEN* YEARS, IT MUST BE SAID.



HAPPY NEW YEAR, COMMISSIONER.

TOMORROW BELONGS TO BATMAN.

"My Dear Batman, 'What can we beat but never defeat?' he said...

AND TOMORROW...

TOMORROW, TERRY!

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE TO **SEE** IT, YOU HAVE TO **MEAN** IT.

TO THE *LEFT!*

THAT'S BETTER.

YOU'RE LEARNING, McGINNIS.

YOU'RE *ALL* LEARNING.

WE ARE THE IRON HEEL OF FURA.
RESISTANCE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

RESISTANCE IS IMPOSSIBLE!
RESISTANCE!
IS IMPOSSIBLE!

SO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE *US*?

NUGOTHOTROPOLIS MEGURB SOCIAL WEATHER AT DUSK OCLOCK:
34% GET BY ON LESS THAN 3 DAILY MOODS WHEN MEDIPHANTS SAY 7 IS MINIMUM.
SYNTHIMOOD TUNERS MAKE YOU FEEL HUMAN AGAIN.
BELFRY ALERT: SOCIAL WEATHER DISTURBANCE INCOMING.
NU-MOOD ZXVVK
... THIS BROADCAST HAS BEEN COMMANDEERED BY THE ANTI-UTOPIAN ARMY!
NO MORE MOOD CONTROL! NO MORE DO-AS-YOU-PLEASE!
NOTHING CAN STOP THE HATE REVOLUTION!

!チコマモ!
!ミキラ!!
!ドカッ!
No matter when.

No matter where.
No matter how dark.

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BATMAN: OPERATIONAL FILES

THE BATCAVE

HALL OF TROPHIES
- Contains acquisitions from various criminal cases
- Highlights: Robotic dinosaur, giant penny, oversized Joker playing card

STAIRCASE TO WAYNE MANOR
- Connects to grandfather clock entrance in study

GARAGE LEVEL
- Currently housing Batmobiles V.22/V.23/V.12

COMMAND LEVEL
- Main operations and Batcave master control

EXIT RAMP
- Main exit route for Batmobile/Batcycle
- Connects to seldom-used Bristol Township Country road

FIREMEN'S POLES
- Provide quick access from Wayne Manor's West Library

THE BATCAVE
- Substructure of Wayne Manor
- Located in the Crest Hill Community of Bristol Township (12 miles outside of Gotham City)

COMMAND LEVEL//DETAIL

HOLOGRAPHIC EMITTER
- Projects 3-D images from Batcomputer

BATCOMPUTER
- Arguably the world's most powerful computer system
- Contains extensive criminal files, direct access to the databases of the Justice League and Oracle
- Current and archival Gotham City maps

GARAGE LEVEL// DETAIL

PARKING TURNTABLE
- Allows for quick emergency departure
- Individual hydraulic lifts for efficient repair
- Holds up to seven Batmobiles (Other models stored on Sublevel 3)

MOBILE REPAIR UNIT
- Able to interface directly with Batmobiles and implement self-diagnostic repairs
- Full fueling capabilities

ACTIVE BATWING STORAGE
Batwing V.14
(Non-active aircraft housed on Sublevel 4)

SEA LEVEL B

- Batboat mooring
- Water exit empties into Gotham River

SEA LEVEL A//DETAIL

HALL OF ARMOR
- Contains former uniforms of Batman and his allies
- Houses antique armor influential in design of Bat-suit

SUBLEVEL 1 (not pictured)
- Contains library, crime lab, guest quarters, containment cell

SUBLEVEL 2 (not pictured)
- Includes gymnasium, shooting range, training grid, JLA teleporter, weapons stockpile

SUBLEVEL 3 (not pictured)
- Contains hydrogen generator, energy distribution center

SUBLEVELS 4-6 (not pictured)
- Storage for non-operational or out-of-rotation Batmobiles and other vehicles, workshop

SUBLEVEL 7 (not pictured)
- Purpose known only to Batman

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