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HONG KONG.

THE BOOK OF CHANGES IS MORE THAN JUST A DEVICE FOR TELLING FORTUNES.

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YOU CAN HEAR IT EVERYWHERE-- THE VOICE OF THE WHOLE WORLD TALKING TO ITSELF, WORKING OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT...

IT IS A LIVING THING.



...LONG BEFORE IT ACTUALLY DOES IT!

PEOPLE RARELY LISTEN WHEN THE WORLD TALKS.



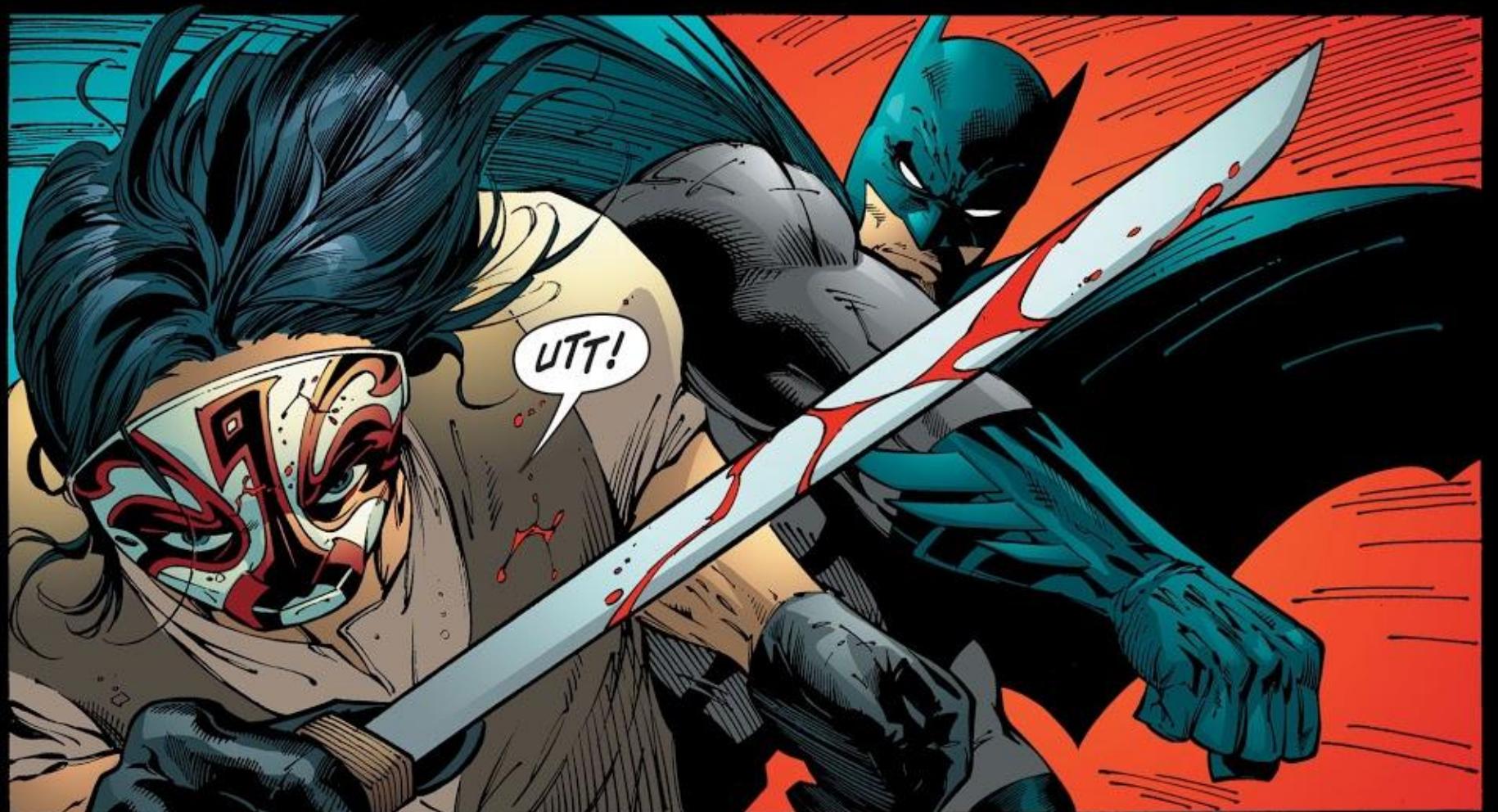
PLEASE EXCUSE MY FRIEND'S RUDENESS.

THERE IS REALLY ONLY ONE THING WE NEED FROM YOU.

AND NO ONE NEEDS TO GET HURT. Eh--?

YEAH, WELL, I COULD TALK PHILOSOPHY WITH YOU ALL NIGHT, I REALLY COULD...

YOU KNOW, IT MUST BE WEIRD BEING ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE BUT NOT THE PRESENT.



HIS POSTURE, HIS VOICE...IT CHANGED.

THESE ARE TALIA'S MEN--LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS FOOT SOLDIERS, RIGHT?

SO TELL ME, I-CHING...WHY DID THIS ONE TURN ON HIS PARTNER?

IT SEEMED AS THOUGH ANOTHER VOICE SPOKE THROUGH HIM...

...AS IF ANOTHER MAN HAD ENTERED THE ROOM.

WHAT BUSINESS WOULD TALIA HAVE WITH NANDA PARBAT?

WHAT WOULD THE BOOK OF CHANGES SAY?

"THE SUPERIOR MAN THINKS OF EVIL THAT WILL COME AND GUARDS AGAINST IT."

YOUR PATH AHEAD IS STREWN WITH THORNS AND DOUBTS.

I DON'T KNOW IF I BELIEVE THAT.

BUT YOU DO BELIEVE--DON'T YOU, BATMAN--THAT ONE MAN'S DISEMBODIED CONSCIOUSNESS CAN POSSESS ANOTHER MAN'S BODY...

...AND TAKE IT FOR A RIDE?





I WAS  
PUBLIC ENEMY  
NUMBER ONE.

YOU WERE  
TWO AND SHE  
WAS THREE.

SURE, ON  
A SERIES OF  
CAMPY POP ART  
POSTERS!

SAY  
WHAT YOU  
LIKE.  
I WAS  
NUMBER  
ONE.

WELL,  
THERE'S A  
NEW NUMBER  
ONE NOW.

ARE YOU  
READY YET?

WE'RE NOT  
BACKSTAGE IN  
VEGAS--YOU WORK  
FOR THE LEAGUE  
NOW.

AND IT'S  
TIME.

SIEG  
HEIL, MEIN  
FUHRESS!

Phff!

I'M  
READY.

I'VE BEEN  
READY FOR  
AGES.

HOW LONG DID IT  
TAKE YOU TO THROW  
TOGETHER "NAUGHTY  
SECRETARY"?

JUST DO WHAT  
YOU'VE BEEN  
PAID TO DO,  
DRAGON FLY.

KEEP BATMAN  
OCCUPIED,  
WE'LL TAKE  
CARE OF THE  
RETRIEVAL...

...AND TRY  
NOT TO COME  
ACROSS AS A  
TRIO OF DELUSED  
HAS-BEENS.

HAH!  
HAVE  
HOMICIDAL  
TENDENCIES,  
WILL TRAVEL.















THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

SINCE  
MY FATHER DIED,  
I LEAD THE ASSASSINS  
STILL LOYAL TO THE  
DEMON'S HEAD!

A FANATICAL  
SPLINTER OF THE  
LEAGUE PASSED  
INTO THE SENSEI'S  
CONTROL, BUT--

SENSEI, HE CALLS  
HIMSELF!

IGNORANT  
OLD MAN! NOTHING  
CHANGES IN THIS  
WORLD.

NOT  
HATE.

NOT  
LOVE.

I REMEMBER  
HOW I STOOD ATOP  
THE SUMMIT AND HELD  
YOU UP TO THE BRIGHT  
SKY ON THE MORNING  
YOU WERE BORN.

I THOUGHT  
I'D NEVER HOLD  
YOU AGAIN,  
DAUGHTER.

MOTHER?

I...

DAMIAN!

THIS IS THE BOY?

COME CLOSER, DAMIAN.

YOU HAVE GROWN.

AND WHO GAVE THESE CLOTHES TO YOU?

BATMAN!

FATHER! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S BEEN!

"FATHER"?

YES.

COME TO GRANDFATHER.

DAMIAN.

RA'S AL GHUL  
IS BACK?

BUT HIS BODY  
WAS BURNED,  
DESTROYED...

STRANGE  
THEN THAT  
**SAM TANG**, THE  
ACTION MOVIE  
STAR, VANISHED  
FROM HIS  
**HOSPITAL BED**  
WHILE YOU WERE  
OTHERWISE OCCUPIED.

SAM TANG,  
"THE HUMAN  
FIST"?

HE  
WORKED ON  
RA'S AL GHUL'S  
**SECURITY STAFF**  
FOR A FEW  
YEARS...

...EVEN IF  
ONE OF HIS  
**LAZARUS PITS**  
STILL EXISTED...  
RA'S COULDN'T  
BE REBORN FROM  
ASHES, COULD  
HE?

THERE ARE  
OTHER METHODS OF  
RESURRECTION.

I SPEAK NOW  
OF THE SURVIVAL OF  
THE MIND **BEYOND** THE  
DEATH OF THE BODY.

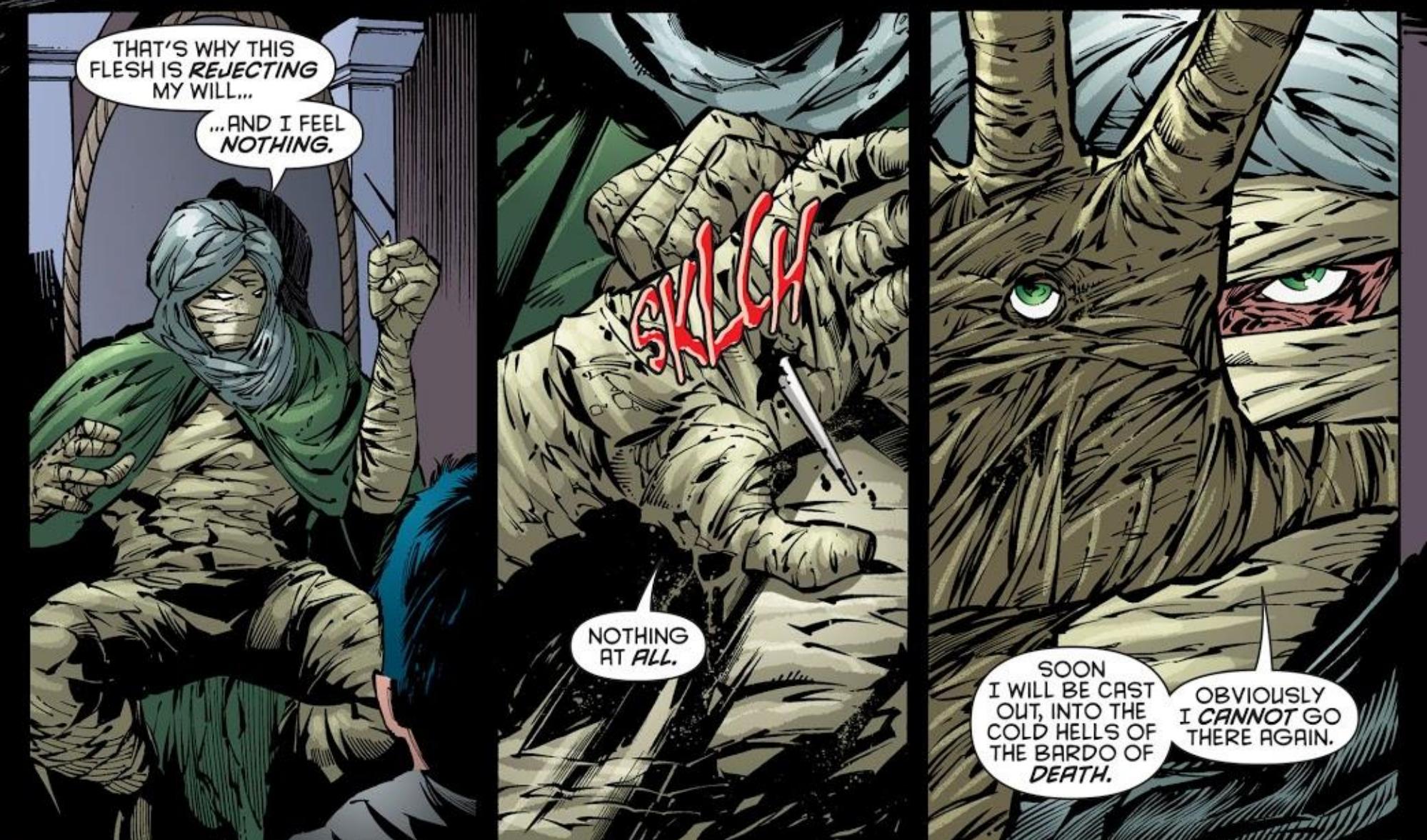
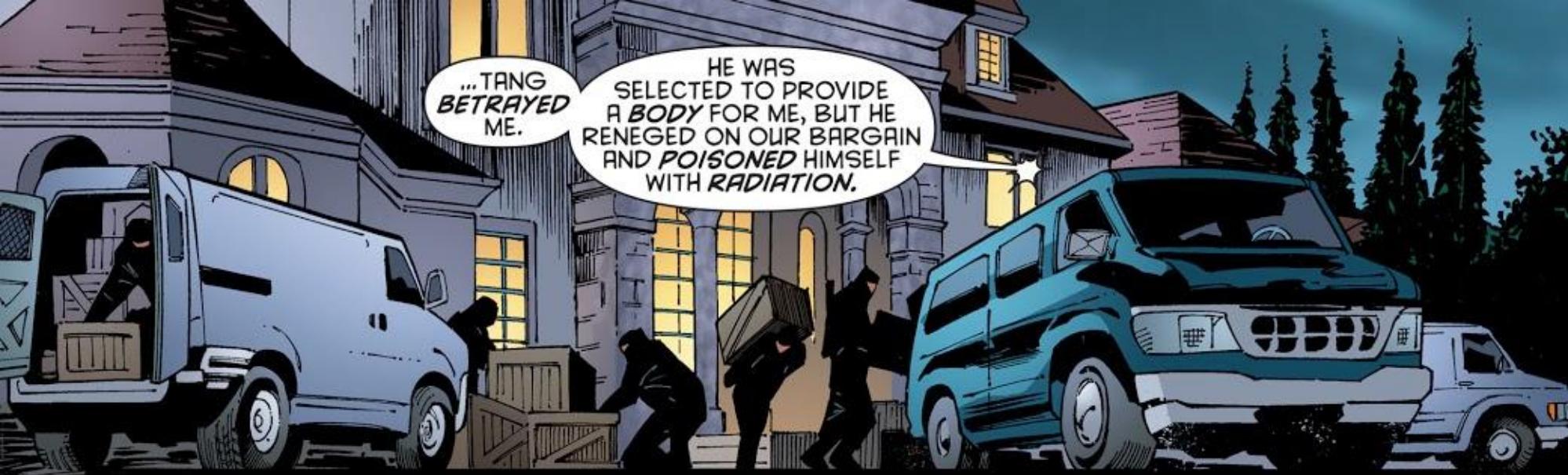
OUR ENEMY SEEKS  
THE FABLED FOUNTAIN  
OF LIFE UNCEASING IN  
THE SHIFTING CITY AT  
**NANDA PARBAT**.

HE WILL  
FIND ONLY  
**RUIN**.

MASTERS  
ALL IN HISTORY'S  
GREATEST SCHOOL OF  
MARTIAL ARTS...

...MY **SEVEN MEN**  
OF DEATH...

...HOW  
SHALL WE  
SLAY THE  
DEMON?





DAMIAN!

RUN!

?



STOP!

WHY DON'T  
THEY OBEY ME  
ANYMORE?!

**STOP!**



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