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THOMAS HOWARD

PEACEKEEPER-X
VS.
PEACEKEEPER-01



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EDEN.

LISTEN TO
ME, GOTHAM
CITY...

LISTEN TO
YOUR ORACLE.
LISTEN TO HOW YOUR
CITY IS FALLING
APART...

THE SCARECROW'S TOXINS
ARE GETTING STRONGER NOW,
STRONGER EVERY DAY. YOU CAN'T
TRUST ANYBODY ANYMORE...
THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU,
YOUR NEIGHBORS. YOUR
LOVED ONES.

THEY'RE GOING TO TRY
AND TEAR DOWN YOUR DOORS
AND THEY'RE GOING TO TRY
AND EAT YOU. REPORTS OF
CANNIBALISM ARE UP 800
PERCENT IN GOTHAM CITY.

THERE'S NOBODY
LEFT YOU CAN TRUST
OUT THERE.

DAMN,
THEY'RE ALL
GOING TO BELIEVE
THIS ,
AREN'T
THEY?

YOU'RE ANGRY
TOO, AREN'T YOU?
AT ALL OF THEM
UP THERE.

YEAH, SURE. I'M ANGRY.
NOT AT THE PEOPLE
THOUGH. I'M ANGRY
AT THE SYSTEMS
MANIPULATING THE
PEOPLE. THE ONES
MAKING THEM SO
AFRAID.

I'M ANGRY
AT MEN LIKE SAINT.
LIKE NAKANO. THE PARROTS
IN THE MEDIA WHO DON'T
EVEN REALIZE THAT THEY'RE
SAID WHAT THEIR
MASTERS WANT
THEM TO SAY.

BUT NOT
THE PEOPLE.
THEY'RE JUST TRYING
TO SURVIVE OUT
THERE.

YOU WENT BACK UP TO THE SURFACE AND BROUGHT TECHNOLOGY INTO MY EDEN.

SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY. OR QUEEN IVY, OR WHATEVER I'M SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU.

I NEEDED SOMETHING TO TINKER WITH, OR I WAS GOING TO LOSE MY MIND... FIGURE A NEW GLIDER IS GOING TO COME IN HANDY WHEN THE  HITS THE FAN.

YOU REALLY DO WANT TO FIGHT FOR THEM. DON'T YOU, MIRACLE MOLLY?

THE CORE BELIEF OF THE UNSANITY COLLECTIVE IS THAT EVERYBODY HAS BEEN TRAUMATIZED BY THE WORLD AS IT EXISTS RIGHT NOW.

THEY ALL DESERVE THE CHANCE TO BECOME WHAT THEY COULD BE WITHOUT THAT TRAUMA.

MASTER WYZE BUILT A MACHINE THAT ERASES THE TRAUMA AND THE BAGGAGE FROM YOUR PAST, TO LET IT GO WITHOUT GIVING UP YOUR MIND OR YOUR SKILLS. TO HELP YOU BECOME YOUR BEST SELF.

I MEAN, HELL, LOOK AT YOU, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO COLLAPSE THIS WHOLE CITY WITH A THOUGHT. IF YOU COULD LET GO OF ALL OF YOUR BAGGAGE, ALL YOUR ANGER...

YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE GREATEST HEROES IN THE WORLD.

YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE...BUT I THINK YOU ARE TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PEOPLE UP THERE. THEY HAVE SUCCUMBED TO THEIR FEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

TO CATER TO THEM, AFTER THEY'VE HELPED TO MAKE THIS WORLD, IS NOT SOMETHING I CAN DO. I AM NOT PREPARED TO LET GO OF MY ANGER.

MY ANGER AND MY BAGGAGE GAVE ME THE TOOLS I NEED TO SURVIVE.

I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE UP THERE FEEL THE SAME WAY. I THINK THAT'S WHY IT'S ALL SO DANGEROUS RIGHT NOW.

I JUST WISH I COULD USE THE MIND MACHINE WE BUILT ON EVERYONE AND FREE THIS ENTIRE CITY...

OH,

I THINK I JUST FIGURED OUT WHAT SCARECROW IS GOING TO TRY AND DO.

I NEED TO GET TO BATMAN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

"OKAY, MR. SAINT. WE'RE BRINGING THE AIR BASE IN OVER PEACEKEEPER-X'S LOCATION."

WE MUST HAVE COMPASSION FOR SEAN, BECAUSE HE'S A YOUNG MAN BEING MANIPULATED BY A MONSTER. WE ARE A FORCE FOR GOOD IN GOTHAM CITY.

WE WANT TO SAVE HIM, BECAUSE WE WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE, AND BRING ORDER TO THIS CITY.

BUT SHOULD THAT NOT BE POSSIBLE...

"EXCELLENT. DID YOU HEAR THAT, RICARDO? WE'RE CLOSING IN OVERHEAD, AND WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN A FINAL EXTRACTION."

"OUR HOPE HERE IS TO BRING PEACEKEEPER-01 IN, ALIVE. WE CAN STILL CONTAIN THE EFFECTS OF THIS OUTBURST, AND REPACKAGE HIM INTO THE HERO WE NEED HIM TO BE."

THE PEACEKEEPER-X ARMOR'S ADAPTIVE NANOTECHNOLOGY COST 500 MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN WHAT PEACEKEEPER-01 IS WORKING WITH.

YOUR WEAPONS WILL TEAR THROUGH SEAN'S ARMOR LIKE IT'S TISSUE PAPER. AND IF THIS GOES SOUTH, THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT I EXPECT YOU TO DO.

SIR, YES, SIR.



THERE'S...SOMETHING
WRONG WITH MY
HEAD...IT HURTS...

CAN'T...
THINK...

I KNOW, SEAN. THAT'S
WHY MR. SAINT SENT
ME HERE. I HAVE A
SEDATIVE ON HAND
THAT WILL STOP THE
PAIN YOU'RE FEELING.

SCARECROW IS IN
YOUR HEAD AND HE'S
MAKING YOU DO ALL
THESE TERRIBLE
THINGS, BUT YOU
HAVEN'T DONE
ANYTHING HE CAN'T
TAKE AWAY.

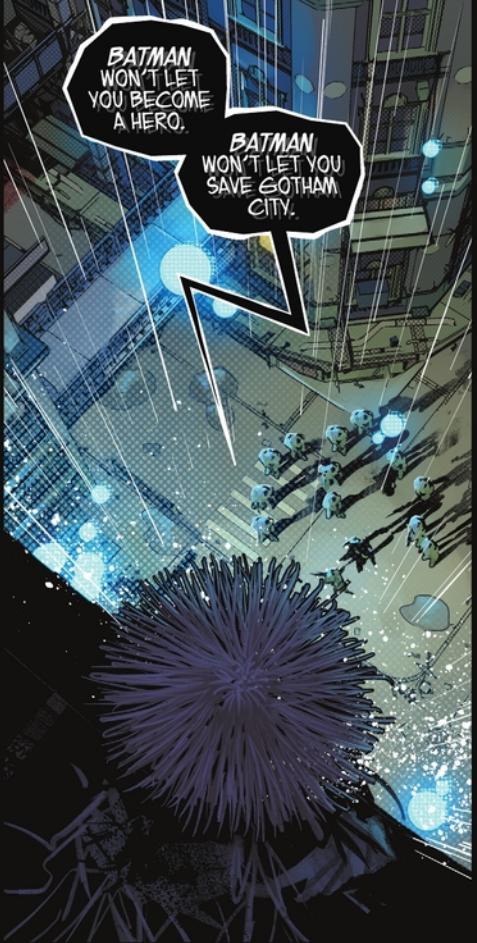
WE STILL WANT
YOU TO BE OUR
HERO, SEAN. LET
US HELP YOU...

I DON'T...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...



WHAT
ARE
YOU...

IT'S
BATMAN,
SEAN.



BATMAN
WON'T LET
YOU BECOME
A HERO.
BATMAN
WON'T LET YOU
SAVE GOTHAM
CITY.

DOESN'T THAT
FRIGHTEN
YOU, SEAN?

Y-YES...

IF YOU
WANT TO SAVE
GOTHAM CITY,
YOU ARE GOING TO
NEED TO KILL
HIM.



YES!



HE'S TAKEN
THE PEACEFUL
OPTION OFF
THE TABLE!

PEACEKEEPERS!
TAKE HIM DOWN
LIKE THE LOWLY
DOG HE IS!



TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA

TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA TATATA

TOK TOK TOK

TATATA

KRK

"MR. SAINT...
PEACEKEEPER-01 IS
SUPERHEATING HIS
ARM BLADE..."

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"OH, GOD. HE'S
TEARING THROUGH
OUR ROBOTICS."

FSSSSST!!!

DON'T
WORRY,
MR. SAINT.

HE CAN'T
TEAR THROUGH
MY SUIT.

KRANG

GIVE UP, SEAN.
I DON'T WANT
TO KILL YOU.

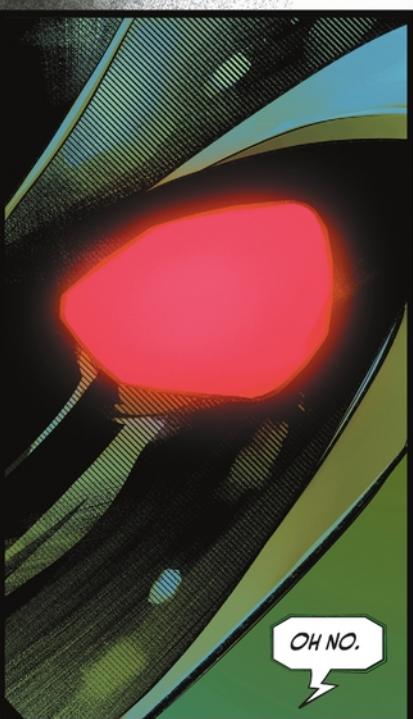
KRAK

STAND
DOWN!

SHAK!

BOOM







TRYING TO
CLEAN UP YOUR OWN
MESS, SAINT? OR JUST
TRYING TO DESTROY
THE EVIDENCE?

NO, BATMAN.
I THINK THIS IS
STILL VERY MUCH
YOUR MESS THAT
I'M CLEANING UP.
ALL OF GOTHAM
IS.

AND I WILL
NOT ALLOW YOU TO
INTERFERE.

HH.

RICARDO,
WE CAN'T AFFORD
SUBTLETY WITH BATMAN IN
THE FIELD. HE CANNOT BE
ALLOWED TO APPREHEND
PEACEKEEPER-01
BEFORE WE DO.

YOU ARE
NOW FULLY
SANCTIONED TO
USE YOUR FULL
ARTILLERY.

BUT SIR...
THIS WASN'T
DESIGNED
TO BE USED
IN URBAN
SETTINGS...

GOTHAM IS
NO LONGER AN
URBAN SETTING. IT
IS A WAR ZONE.
AND MY WORD
IS LAW.

BRING
HIM
DOWN.

HEH.
HEH.
HEH.

YOU'RE SO SCARED, AREN'T YOU, SEAN?

SCARED THAT YOUR FATHER WAS RIGHT. THAT YOUR GRANDFATHER WAS RIGHT... THAT YOU'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING.

NO...

THEY WOULDN'T LET YOU BE A POLICE OFFICER. THEY WERE GOING TO FIRE YOU FROM BEING A GUARD AT ARKHAM. AND NOW THEY WANT TO TAKE THIS AWAY FROM YOU, TOO.

YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO MEASURE UP.

I PICKED UP HIS TRAIL...

IS BATMAN OCCUPIED?

YES. HE'S NOT GOING TO INTERFERE.

SEAN...I HOPE SOMEWHERE IN THERE YOU CAN HEAR ME. AND THAT YOU CAN FORGIVE ME.

I REALLY ADMIRE YOU. THAT'S NOT A JOKE. WHAT YOU DID ON A-DAY? THAT'S REAL AMERICAN HERO STUFF.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, SEAN. DON'T LET HIM CONFUSE YOU.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GO ALL THE WAY. BE ONE OF THE GREATS. IT MAKES ME SICK WHAT THAT MASK, SCARECROW, DID TO YOU. AND WHAT HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME DO.

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.



URRRRUMMMMM



CRAP...I ONLY GOT A PARTIAL HIT. HE'S STILL STANDING.

MOST OF THAT IS SHOCK, RICARDO. HE'S A RABID ANIMAL NOW. THE SCARECROW'S PUPPET.

YOU'LL HAVE THE CHARGE FOR A SECOND BLAST IN 15 SECONDS. MAKE IT COUNT.

SIR, YES SIR.

OH, SEAN...PERHAPS I PUT TOO MUCH FAITH IN YOU.

NO...

I REALLY THOUGHT YOU COULD WORK THROUGH YOUR TERROR. THAT YOU COULD BECOME SOMETHING MORE WITH ALL THAT POWER IN YOUR HANDS.

I...I CAN...

THEN SHOW ME. SHOW ME WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF. SHOW ME WHO YOU ARE.

FIRE WHEN READY.

THIS IS
WHAT ORDER
LOOKS LIKE.







I KNOW
HOW SCARECROW IS
GETTING INTO PEOPLE'S
MINDS...I THINK I KNOW
WHAT HE'S GOING
TO DO NEXT.

AND WE'RE
RUNNING OUT
OF TIME.

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OF MIRACLES!

i just--
i mean--

--there were
supposed to be
clowns here...

YOU'RE
RUNNING
OUT OF
TIME!

GRAB
MY HAND--
NOW!

wait--
what...?

BAKOW

aaaaahhhhi

CRASH

unnngh!
YOU'RE
RUNNING
OUT OF
TIME!



...I KILL YOU,
CLOWN!

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Sorry--
that was a
little...way over-
the-top, i guess,
but--

--uhhh...
what's this
now...?

GIR AB
MY HAND

what?
whose
handz?

YOU ARE
RUNNING OUT
OF TIME!

GRAB
MY HAND!









SCARECROW--
JONATHAN CRANE--
HE POISONED YOU WITH AN
EXPERIMENTAL FEAR TOXIN--
SOMETHING EVEN I'VE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE--SO A FULL DEBRIEF
ON WHAT YOU SAW AND FELT
WOULD BE **GREAT**...WHEN
YOU'RE UP TO IT.

HE'S BEEN
MODIFYING HIS
BASE FORMULAS
FOR **MONTHS** NOW--
HE'S WORKING UP TO
SOMETHING, AND I
NEED TO KNOW
WHAT.

I'M
RED ROBIN,
BY THE
WAY.



wow.
thanks.



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BATMAN THE LONG HALLOWEEN

Writer Jeph Loeb and artist Tim Sale have teamed up for some of the most memorable and stylish Batman stories of all time, starting with the holiday-spanning murder mystery *Batman: The Long Halloween*. The pair have reunited with *Batman: The Long Halloween Special*, a brand-new story that continues their saga and uncovers long-buried Gotham City secrets.

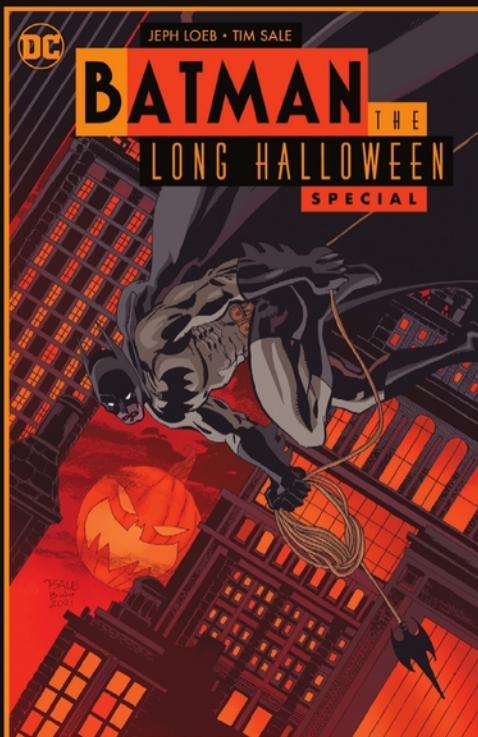
Need to catch up? Loeb and Sale's past Bat-collaborations are available as collected editions that, appropriately enough, make for engrossing reading all year round.

BATMAN: DARK VICTORY

The sequel to *The Long Halloween*, the 14-part *Dark Victory* picks up just a few months later and introduces Dick Grayson to Loeb and Sale's visionary take on Batman's world, as he takes on the mantle of Robin for the first time. *Dark Victory* finds Batman pursuing a new mysterious killer—the Hangman—as Two-Face's ascent in the crime world puts him at odds with the Falcone family.

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One of the most revered Batman epics of the past 25 years, the award-winning 13-chapter saga told the mystery of Holiday, who murders once a month—each time coinciding with a holiday. *The Long Halloween's* whodunit weaved in Loeb and Sale's distinct depictions of Batman's classic rogues gallery and Gotham City's crime families, highlighted by a surprisingly scary reinvention of Calendar Man.



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