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I STILL SEE THE TABLEAU
IN MY MIND'S EYE, THE WAY
I DREAMED IT WOULD END.

BATMAN, ONE FIST
RAISED IN A LAST
PATHETIC ACT OF
DEFIANCE, A BRAVE
OATH DYING ON HIS
LIPS AS I CRUSHED
THE LIFE OUT OF HIM.

AND ABOVE
IT ALL, MY
LAUGHTER RISING
OVER THE CRACK
OF HIS BONES.

HAHAHAHAHAAH!

I'LL
NEVER LET
YOU WIN!
NEVER!

RUINS

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GABE ELTAEB: colorist

TRAVIS LANHAM: letterer

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asst. editor

JIM CHADWICK: editor

BATMAN created by
BOB KANE

djG

BUT HE CHEATED!
USED HIS BAT-SPRAY
DYNAMITE TO BREAK
THE RULES.

NOOO!!

SPOILED MY
LOVELY PARTY
FACE, TOO.

BOOM!

MY NIGHT WAS
OVER. ARKHAM
SECURED, GOTHAM
SAVED, AND ALL
THE REST OF THAT
HEARTWARMING
CRAP.

AND IF I WAS
TAKEN BACK AGAIN,
LIKE ALWAYS.

TO REST, AND
TO PLAN FOR
NEXT TIME.

UHHH..
AGHHH!

KOUGH!
AHHK!

EXCEPT I
KNOW DAMN
WELL THERE'S
NOT GOING
TO BE A
NEXT TIME.



THE TITAN FORMULA
DID SOMETHING TO ME...
I'D BE CRAZIER THAN
USUAL TO DENY IT.

FOR SIX MONTHS I'VE
FELT IT EATING ME
AWAY AS I'VE LAIN HERE
IN SOLITUDE. THIS IS
HOW IT ENDS, THEN...

NO CITY IN FLAMES, NO
ESCALATING DEATH COUNT, NO
BATMAN BREAKING HIS PROMISE
NEVER TO KILL. HIS ANGUISH IS
SO COMPLETE THAT HE DARELY
FEELS MY HIDDEN BLADE
WHISPER INTO HIS HEART.

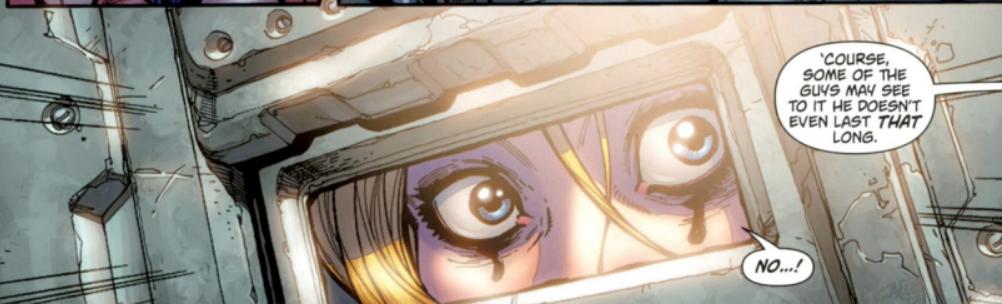
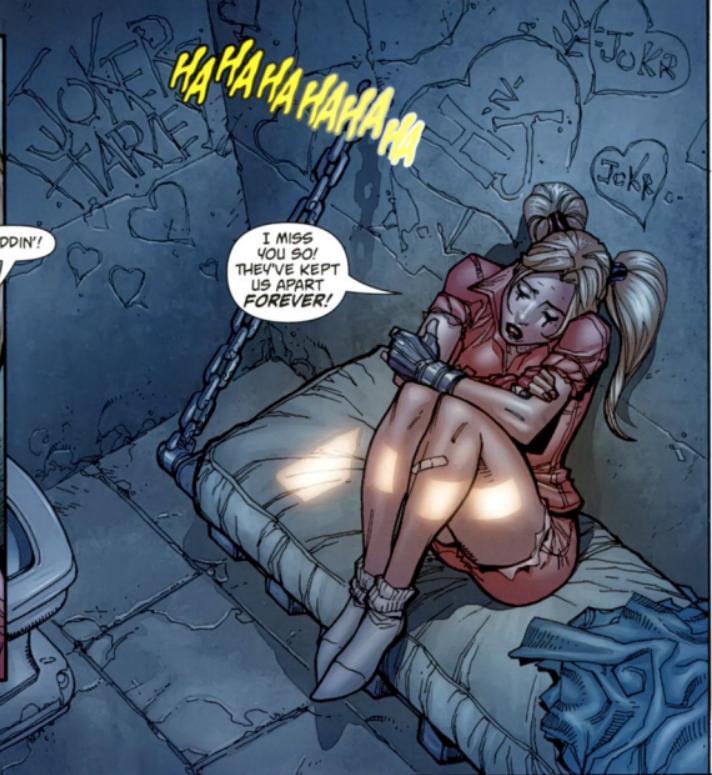


A FINAL JOKE,
OLD FRIEND, WE
TAKE OUR LAST
BOW TOGETHER.

THE RAINBOW'S
END. HAPPILY
EVER AFTER.







THEN THE RUMORS ARE TRUE! MY PUDDIN' REALLY IS SICK! MAYBE DYING, EVEN! AND THE BUZZARDS ARE CIRCLING TO FINISH HIM OFF!

BUT THEY WON'T TAKE HIM! NOT BEFORE HIS TIME!



WGTV,
CHANNEL 3.

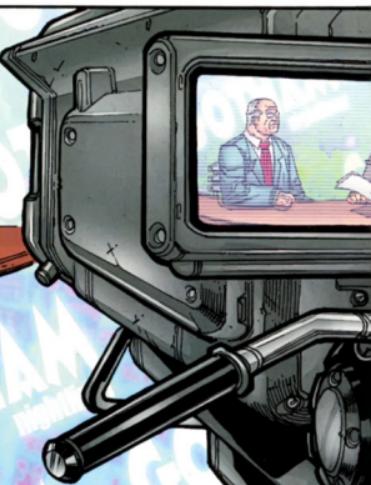
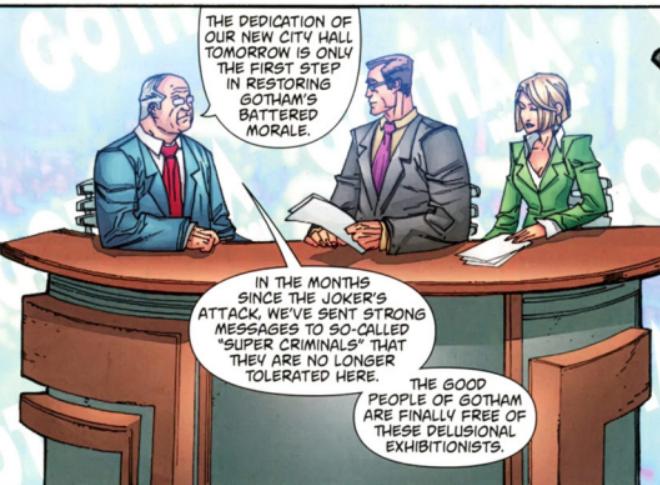
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MINUTES,
MAJOR SHARP.

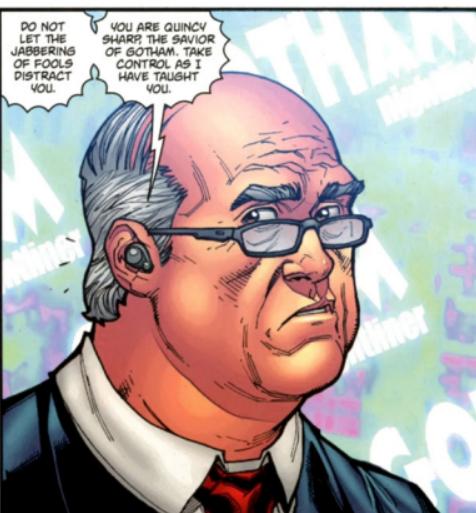
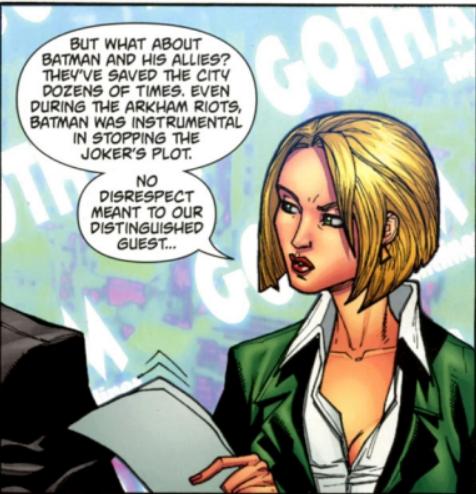
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WELL.

I HAVE A
CONFESSION
TO MAKE.

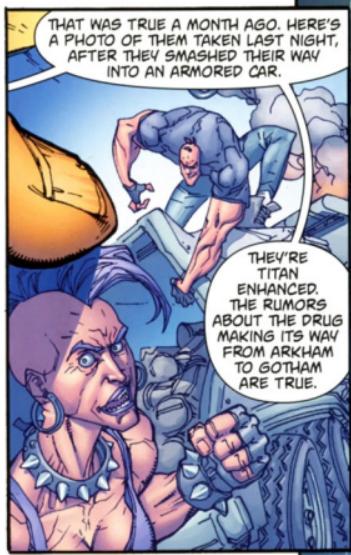
YOU
ARE TERRIFIED
OF SPEAKING IN
FRONT OF AN
AUDIENCE.





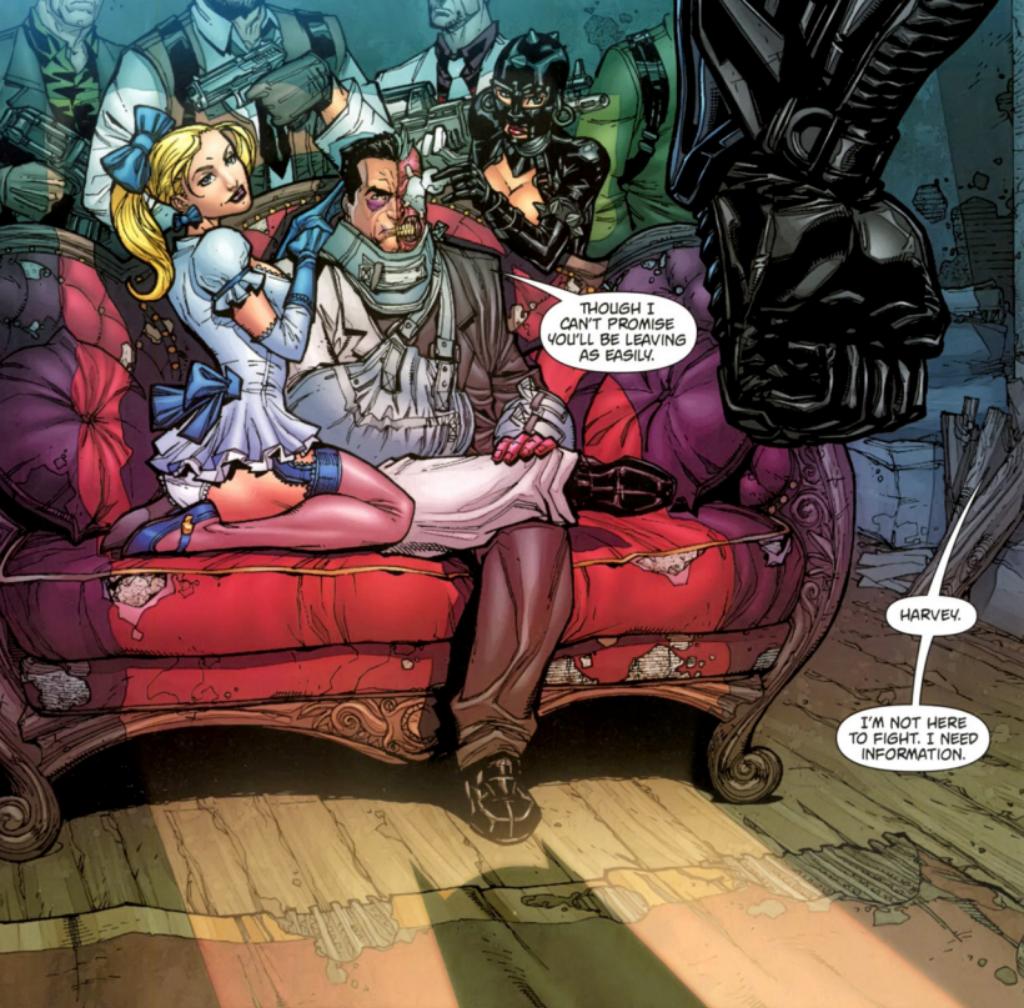






TWO-FACE IS A CREATURE OF HABIT, FOND OF RETURNING TO OLD HAUNTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT EVOKE DUALITY. I START MY SEARCH FOR HIM HERE.







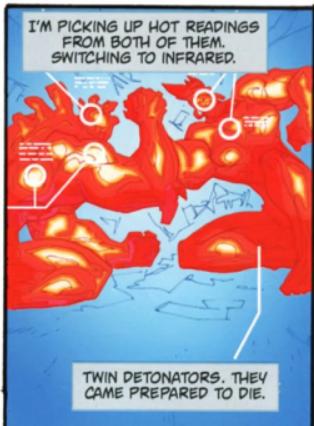
"OF COURSE I LEARNED DIFFERENT LAST MONTH, WHEN THEY TURNED ON ME AND SLAUGHTERED HALF MY MEN."

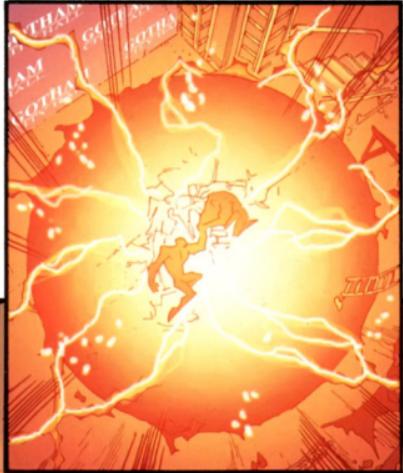
"THEY WANTED CONTROL OF YOUR GANG."



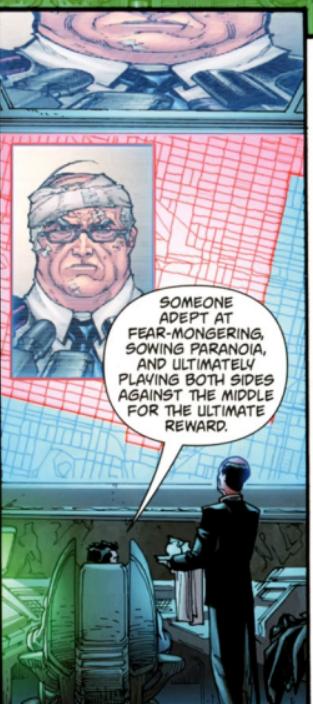
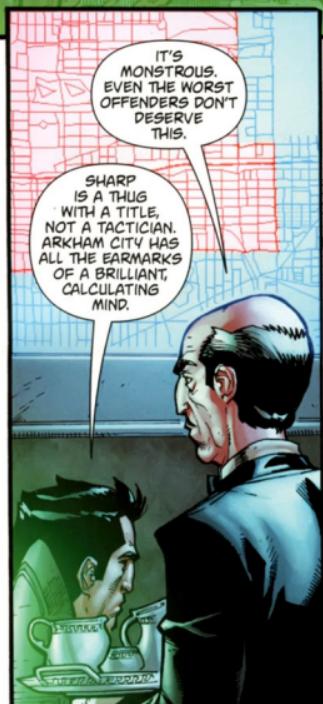
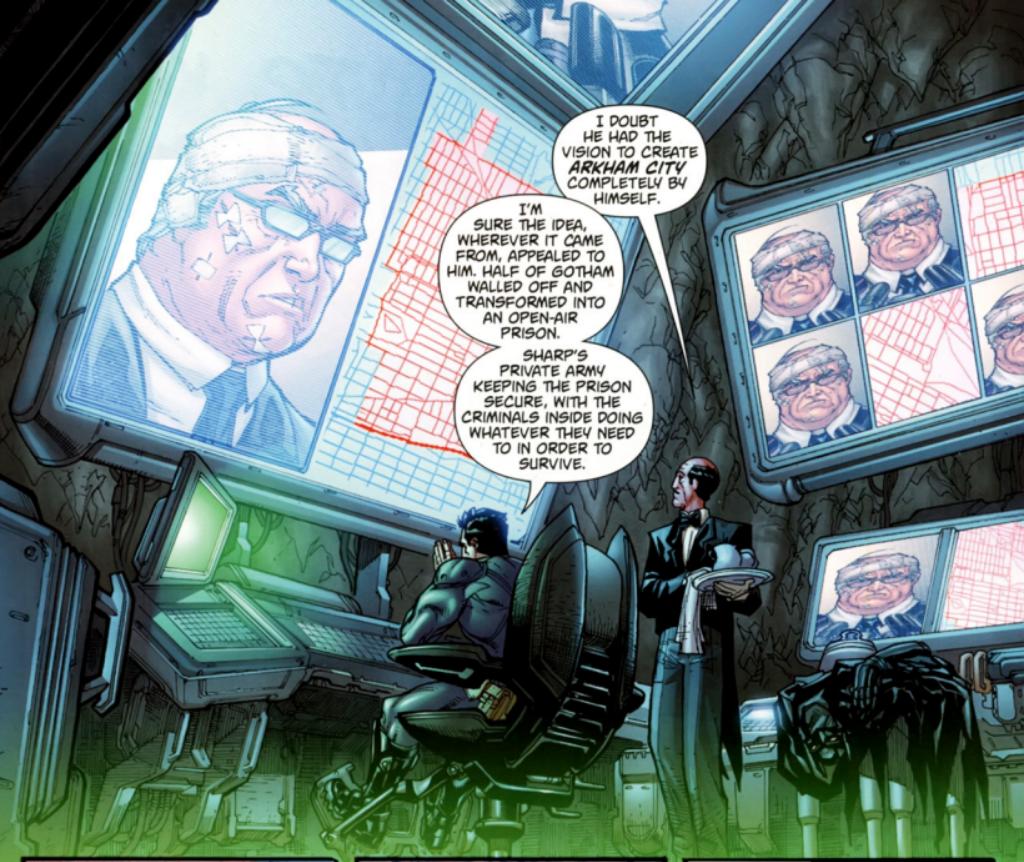












ARE YOU READY TO VISIT ARKHAM CITY?



How's it going out there, DC Nation? In our line of work we're very fortunate to work on stuff that we truly love. If you looked up "awesome" in the dictionary, the definition would read "Getting to work with Batman, Superman, Green Lantern and the entire DCU." Seriously...go look it up. That said, it's understandable that we get excited about different projects that we have coming out. And when we get excited, we want to tell the members of DC Nation about it. If you haven't been able to tell from the previews in our books and on our blog, The Source, we are REALLY excited about Batman: Arkham City – the video game AND the comic.

Batman: Arkham City is a five-issue miniseries written by Batman legend Paul Dini that serves as a bridge between the Batman: Arkham Asylum and Batman: Arkham City video games (which Dini also wrote).

Drawn by Batman: Arkham Asylum and Batman: Arkham City concept artist Carlos D'Anda, BATMAN: ARKHAM CITY picks up one year after the original game, where former Arkham warden turned newly elected Mayor of Gotham City Quincy Sharp has decided to close down the infamous institution. In its stead, he establishes "Arkham City," the new maximum security "home" for all of Gotham City's thugs, gangsters and insane criminal masterminds. Set inside the heavily fortified walls of a sprawling district in the heart of Gotham City, inmates can roam free and do whatever they want as long as they don't try to escape. To run this urban prison, Sharp has appointed Dr. Hugo Strange, a man who knows that Bruce Wayne is Batman.

Each issue of the miniseries will be available digitally worldwide on the same day the print edition arrives in-store for \$2.99 each (we refer to that as "day-and-date"). 8-page digital-first interludes that will expand on the story included in the miniseries will be available for only 99 cents and be released in between issues of the miniseries. Written by Dini and drawn by a variety of artists, these digital stories will focus on The Dark Knight's many enemies as they vie for power in this new city within a city.

I'm sure you can see why we're so thrilled for you to enter the world of Arkham City, so get your comics and your controls ready and be prepared to be blown away!

Be seeing you
—Ian Sattler, DC Comics

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