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criminal sanity

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BLACK
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THE SPINAL COLUMN DOESN'T LOOK SEVERED.

THE HEAD WASN'T REMOVED.

IT WAS CRUSHED.





OUR GUY
WAS BUSY. THE
QUESTION IS,
WHAT WAS HE
DOING?

THE YELLOW
SUBSTANCE IS
BODY FAT.

HE REMOVED
THE LIMBS, THEN
HUNG THE LEGS AND
TORSO ABOVE THESE
CANDLES TO MELT
THE BODY FAT.

REMEMBER THE
NEWS STORIES ABOUT
THE PERUVIAN GANG
SELLING HUMAN FAT ON
THE BLACK MARKET?
THEY USED THE SAME
METHOD.



THE SHARKS ALREADY SMELL BLOOD IN THE WATER. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME BEFORE THIS LEAKS. I'M SENDING OFFICERS DOOR-TO-DOOR.

IF WE GET LUCKY, MAYBE THEY'LL FIND A WITNESS.

I'LL HEAD TO THE PRECINCT AND PULL HOMICIDE CASES. THIS GUY HAS KILLED BEFORE, EXECUTING A MURDER THIS ELABORATE TAKES PRACTICE.



TELL MURPHY THE PARK BENCH KILLER IS A DISORGANIZED PSYCHOTIC WITH A HISTORY OF BEING IN AND OUT OF PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTIONS.

I'D CHECK PSYCH HOSPITALS AND B.R.S FOR ELOPEMENTS. FIND OUT IF ANY VIOLENT OFFENDERS WERE RECENTLY PAROLED AND CHECK POLICE REPORTS FOR ANY BIZARRE BEHAVIOR.

A CRIME SCENE TELLS ME A LOT ABOUT A KILLER.

THIS GUY PLANS HIS CRIMES AND BRINGS HIS OWN MATERIALS TO THE SCENES. HE MAINTAINS A CONTROLLED MOOD DURING THE CRIMES, WHICH MEANS THIS WASN'T HIS FIRST.

KILLERS EVOLVE THE MORE THEY KILL. FIGURING OUT WHERE HE STARTED COULD HELP ME CATCH HIM.

MALE
25-40 YRS OLD
INTELLIGENT
HIGHLY ORGANIZED
SOME SURGICAL SKILL
HIGH DEGREE OF PSYCHOPERTY

IN A CASE WITH NO OBVIOUS SUSPECTS, I HAVE TO ELIMINATE THE LIKELIES—GANG MEMBERS, CRIMINALS WITH MOB TIES, AND PAROLED FELONS WITH SIMILAR M.O.S.

BUT GOTHAM IS A BREEDING GROUND FOR LOWLIVES AND I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME.

THE GUY I'M LOOKING FOR ISN'T A MOB THUG OR A GANGBANGER. THEY CHOP PEOPLE UP ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT THEY DON'T SEW THEM BACK TOGETHER.

THIS KILLER IS DIFFERENT.

THERE'S ONE MORE CATEGORY I NEED TO ELIMINATE—PSYCHOTIC CRIMINALS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH A HISTORY OF PSYCHOTIC VIOLENCE.

ARKHAM

HELLO,
DR. CRANE. THIS IS
DR. HARLEY QUINN.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU,
BUT I'M CONSULTING ON
A CASE FOR THE GCPD
AND I NEED TO CONFIRM
THAT VICTOR ZSASZ IS
IN YOUR CUSTODY.

THAT IS
CORRECT.

HAS HE
LEFT THE
FACILITY
FOR ANY
REASON IN
THE LAST 72
HOURS?

LEFT
THE FACILITY?
HAVE YOU EVER
SEEN VICTOR
ZSASZ?

HIS BODY IS
COVERED WITH MARKS
HE CARVED INTO HIS OWN
FLESH--ONE FOR EVERY
PERSON HE KILLED. HE IS
NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE
ARKHAM UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES.

Run the name you gave
me through medical
records.
Check your email.

JOHN KELLY WAS ADMITTED TO THE
E.R. SEVEN TIMES AS A MINOR--
TWO CONCUSSIONS,
A DISLOCATED SHOULDER,
AND THREE BROKEN BONES.

YOU'LL GET
YOUR MONEY
WHEN I FEEL
LIKE GIVIN' IT
TO YA.

YOU
SAYING I'M
NOT GOOD
FOR IT?

WHERE DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
GOIN'?

TRICK-OR-
TREATING.

WHAT THE HELL
ARE YOU WEARING?
YOU LOOK LIKE A
FUCKING MIME.

I'M A
SCARY
CLOWN.



YOUR MOTHER
HASN'T EVEN BEEN
DEAD SIX MONTHS
AND YOU'RE
GOING TRICK-OR-
TREATING?

THINK YOU
LOOK SCARY
WITH THAT
DUMBBAG'S
SMILE?

CRAAK

YOU KNOW
WHY PEOPLE
CALL ME MEAN
MICK KELLY?

'CUZ YOU'RE
TOO MEAN
TO SMILE.





OFFICE OF THE
MEDICAL EXAMINER

YOUR SUSPECT ISN'T A SURGEON, BUT THE SUTURING TECHNIQUE DEMONSTRATES SOME SKILL. HE COULD BE A MED SCHOOL PROPOUT, A VET, A MORTICIAN, OR HE WATCHED TUTORIALS AND TAUGHT HIMSELF.

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT HIM DRAINING THE BODY. THERE'S A HOLE IN EACH ANKLE AND TWO UNDER THE SHOULDER BLADES.

I'M REVIEWING OLD CASES AND I CAME ACROSS ONE THAT'S MISSING THE LAST PAGE OF THE AUTOPSY NOTES. DO YOU KEEP HARD COPIES?



HOW OLD ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

FIVE YEARS.
MICK KELLY. HE
WAS THE JOKER'S
FIRST VICTIM.

MARTIN KADE
WAS STILL THE M.E.
BACK THEN. THIS IS IT,
BUT THERE'S ONLY
ONE PAGE OF
NOTES.

THERE SHOULD BE
TWO. IS KADE STILL
IN GOTHAM?

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HE'S IN THE
RETIREMENT
HOME.

I'M STARVING.
HOW DO YOU FEEL
ABOUT EGG ROLLS
AND DRUNKEN
CHICKEN?

I DON'T
DO CHINESE.
BUT I COULD
USE A DRINK.

SPECIALS
EAT
EGG ROLLS OUR
SPECIALTY



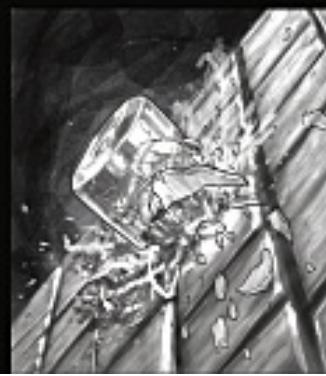








TWELVE YEARS AGO









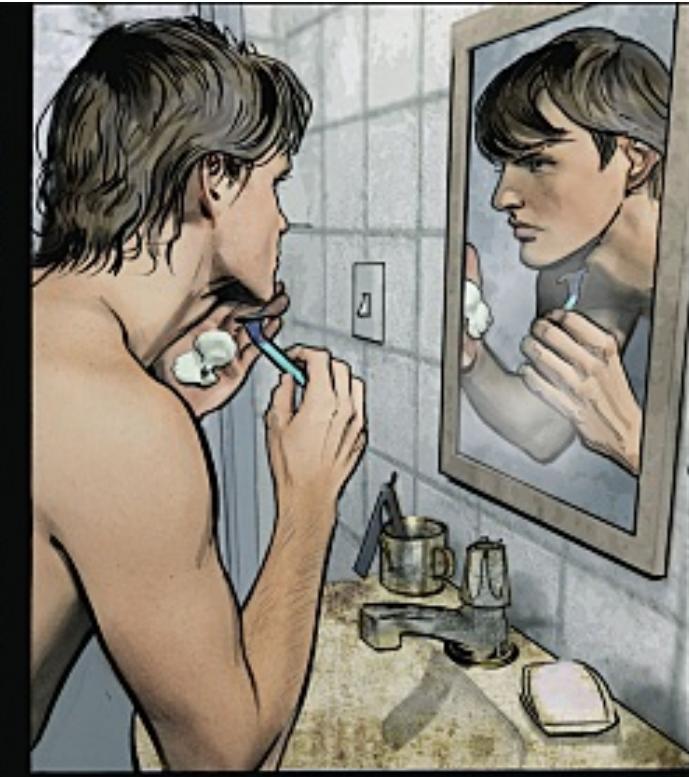
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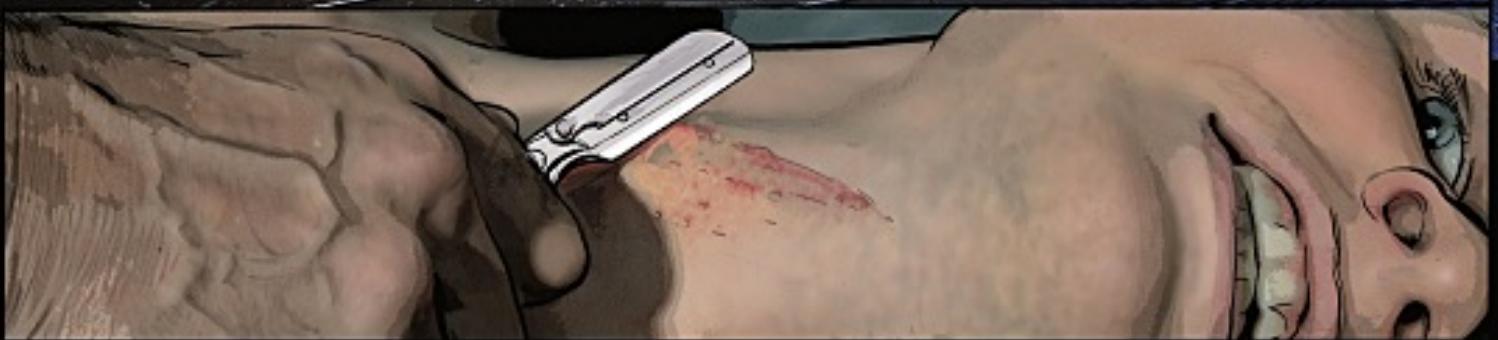
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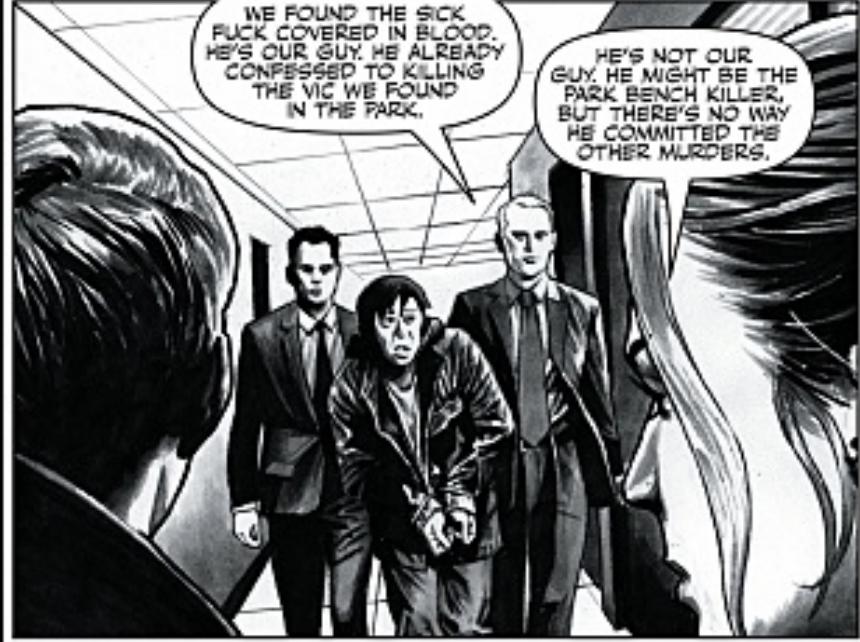
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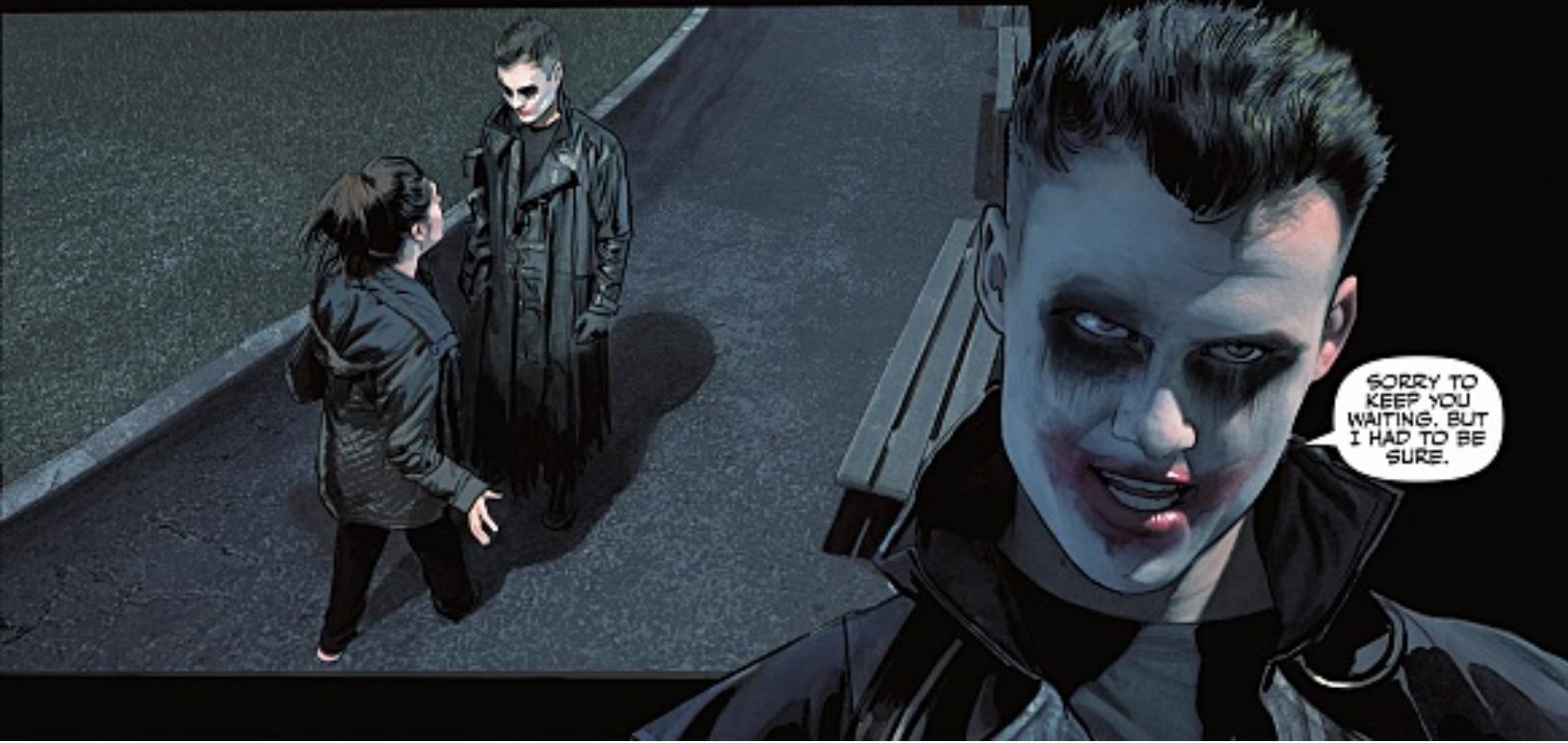












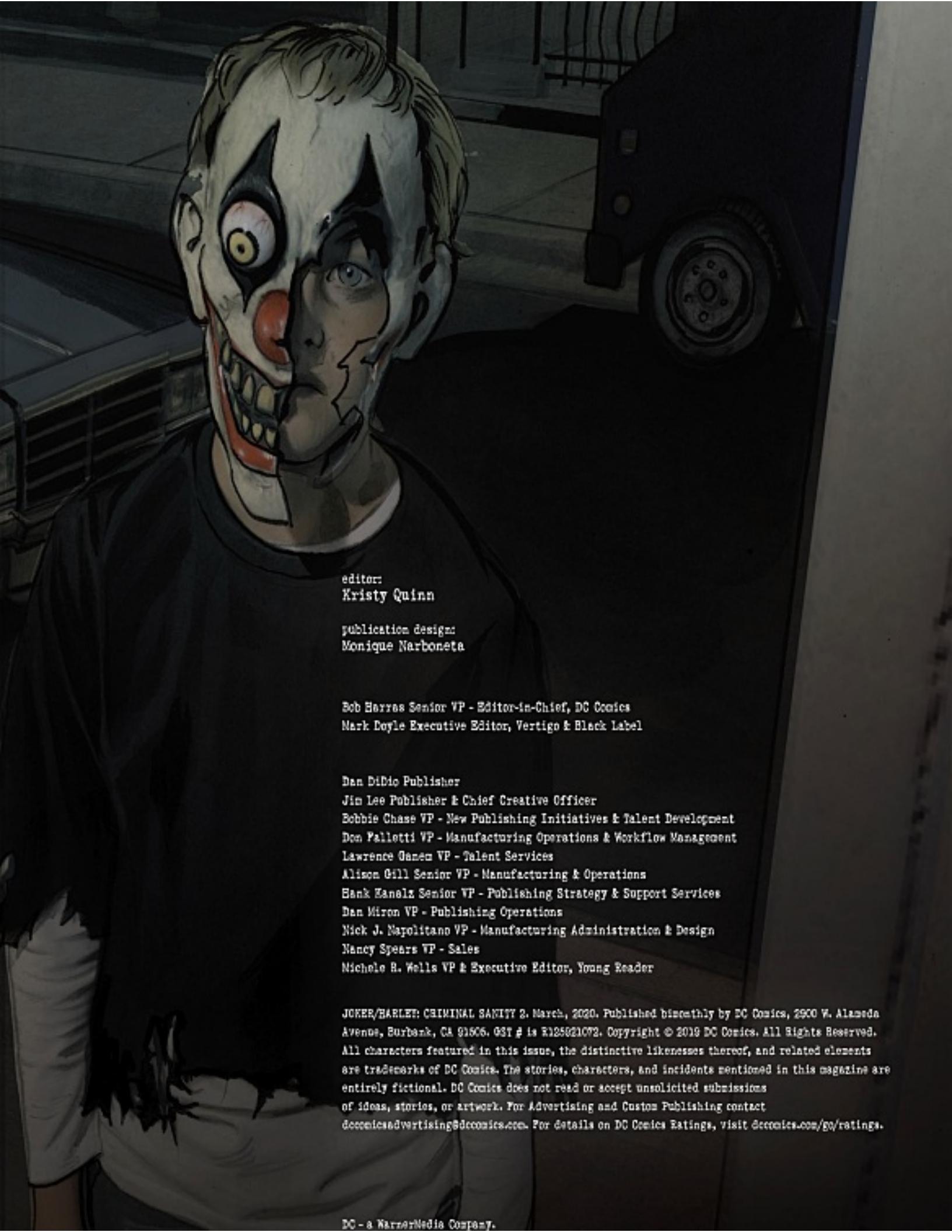


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Harley Quinn follows the evidence and it leads her to a dangerous conclusion: she might know the true identity of the serial killer she's hunting. But as Harley digs deeper into the Joker's past, he is watching her...and leaving a trail of bodies in his wake. Gotham has never needed a hero more!

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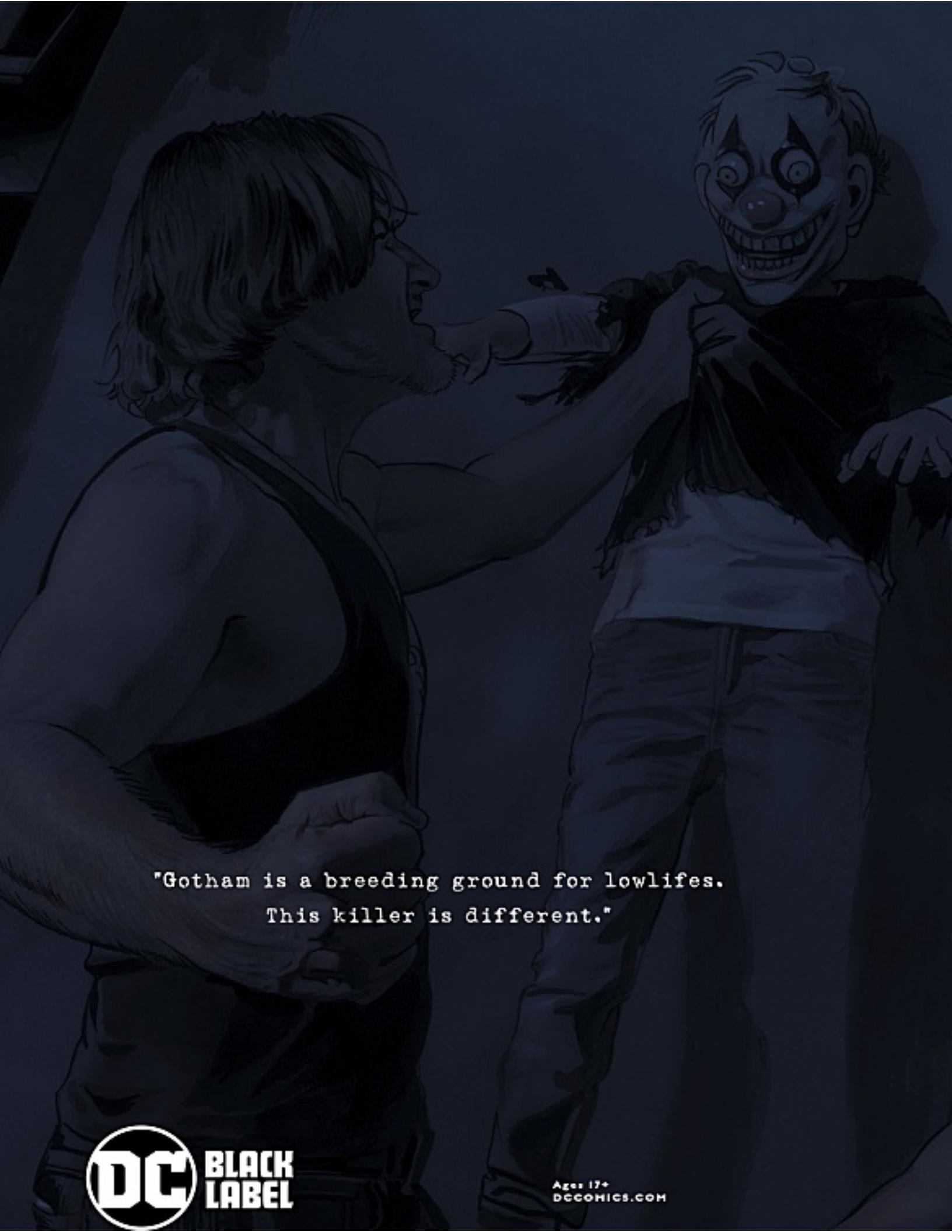
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A dark, moody illustration featuring a man in a suit on the left, seen from the side and back, looking towards a clown-like figure on the right. The clown has white face paint, large black eyes, and a wide, toothy grin. The scene is set against a dark, shadowed background.

"Gotham is a breeding ground for lowlifes.
This killer is different."



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